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'Learning and Growing Together'

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Term 4, Week 3

30th October, 2018

Coming Events

Term 4 Week 3	
Wednesday 31/10	• K-2 Walking Excursion & Sausage Sizzle
Thursday 1/11	• Tucker Time – 1E and 2S hosting
Friday 2/11	• PSSA Summer
Saturday 3/11	• Family Fun Day
Term 4 Week 4	
Monday 5/11	• Golf
Friday 9/11	• Assembly – Kindergarten 2019 Visit • Sausage Sizzle • PSSA
Save the Date!	
Colour Explosion Fun Run – Thursday 15 th November	
Presentation Day – Thursday 13 th December 1pm – 3pm	



Principal's Report

Successful Students

Ryde School Spectacular

Congratulations to our students who performed beautifully at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Ryde School Spectacular. The students have spent months rehearsing as a choir and their dedication was highly evident last night. Thank you to Miss Harris and Mr Steel for ensuring that the students were thoroughly prepared for this very special event.

Family Fun Day - Artworks for Auction

Our students across K-6 have been working very hard in creating these wonderful masterpieces. Through this experience, students have been exploring paint, colour, texture and design as part of the visual arts strand. All students have made contributions to their class artwork. Some classes are still adding the final touches but we are pleased to provide our community with a sneak peek!



Birds of a Feather by KA

To be auctioned as a set

The original piece that inspired KA's artwork took inspiration from beautiful African Juju hats: traditional ceremonial headdresses made of bird feathers that bring prosperity, protection and luck to those who come in contact with them. KA hope that our artwork does indeed bring its viewers all of these things but, perhaps more importantly, that it also brings you great happiness.



Community by 1/KP

A community is made up of many different people. Each person has his or her own strengths and character and this is what makes a community special. Have a look closely at our artwork and you will find lots of interesting things. Everyone in 1KP contributed to this artwork by painting the background, designing houses, drawing people and sharing ideas. We hope you enjoy our work as much as we enjoyed making it.



Dreamer by 1E

Never let it be said that to dream is a waste of one's time, for dreams are our realities in waiting.

In dreams, we plant the seeds of our future.

Believe in your dreams. They were given to you for a reason.



Funny Faces by 2S

This mini portraits paper collage represents our individuality, values and beliefs. Each face is unique as the character, ability and creativity of their maker impacts their design. Each work is strong and colourful and gives the audience incredible happy vibes.



Cacophony by 2/30

Even while we are in class, we can't help but be aware of the many birds going about their business in our beautiful school grounds. Students worked with great concentration to carefully colour and add detail to silhouettes of some native birds using delicate brushes and acrylic paints. Together, the birds make a cheerful collage and showcase the artists' skills with the materials. Imagine what they would sound like - a cacophony!



CD Weaving by 3R

This dazzling display will delight your eyes. What you see will defy belief at what old CDs, colourful yarn and the creative minds of young artists can achieve. This artwork is a tapestry of magnificent colour and fabric that is eye-catching, decadent and fun. The artists have loved making this artwork which is definitely shown through the finesse of their weaving.



Sydney Harbour Bridge by 4L

2 separate items for auction

This jigsaw of bright, vibrant colours reflects the busy life and personalities of 4L. Each shape works together to form one amazing image, much like the artists who collaboratively created this. This collage of colour, perfectly designed, cut and positioned, reflects 4L's interpretation of Sydney's most iconic landmark.



Working toward a movement of peace by 4/5E

Against the black backdrop of war and negativity, peace can be seen flowing out. The paper crane is a symbol of hope and peace. We have used flags of the world to demonstrate the international unity that is required for peace in our lifetime. We have started with the Australian flag as we believe we need to be the central starting point for a movement of peace that will overcome the darkness.



6M Sticks To Uniqueness

The artwork, exploding with vibrant and vivacious colours helped each student unlock their creativity and empower their muse to come out and play...

- *Each student* exploring several media techniques, to dazzle you with the interwoven dancing colours and creative designs.
- *Each student* trying a different idea, celebrating their uniqueness and diversity.
- *Each student* being creative and meditative, taking the time to use their hands, minds and energy doing something they enjoy, learning new resourceful ways of solving problems in their artwork and in life.

Effective Practices

Selective High School Application

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, using specialised teaching methods and materials at the appropriate level.

Parents must apply online at the following link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> and should read the instructions carefully. Applications must be made online between 9 October and 12 November 2018.

The Selective High School Placement Test for entry to Year 7 in 2020 is held on 14 March 2019 in test centres, usually at government high schools.

Attendance

Attendance at school is compulsory. Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day.
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Give students time to greet their friends before class.
- Reduces classroom disruption

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

Connected Communities

Health and Safety – Playground Equipment

Please be aware that the school playground equipment should not be used before or after school by students or their siblings for safety reasons.

Taking Leave or Leaving MPPS in 2019

Please let the office know whether your children will not be attending Melrose Park PS in 2019. This supports us in making plans and coordinating class structures. If you are taking leave at the beginning of Term 1 in 2019, please also let the office know so that they can account for your child.

Family Fun Day – Saturday 3rd November 2pm-7pm

I look forward to seeing everyone at this great community event!

Presentation Day

This year our presentation day will be held on Thursday, 13th December from 1pm – 3pm at Marsden High School's hall.

Ms Jen Riley

R/Principal

Snapshots of Learning from our Classrooms

News from 2/30



After a wet Week 1 we were very excited to see the sun this week. We took advantage of the beautiful weather by doing some lessons outside. Year 3 did a walk around the school looking for features that may have been here thousands of years ago. Year 2 continued showing their understanding of learner qualities as they used iPads to create a story.

The whole class thoroughly enjoyed the golf lessons that began this week. We have some pro golfers in the making. 2/30 are looking forward to many more

learning experiences outside.



Tales from the Library

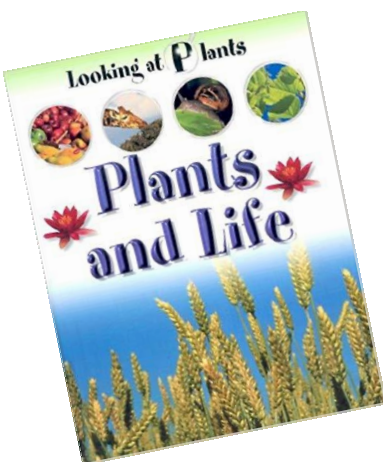
Welcome back to Term 4!

Many thanks to everyone who has returned books and have borrowed again. A reminder that all books borrowed before the holidays are now overdue.

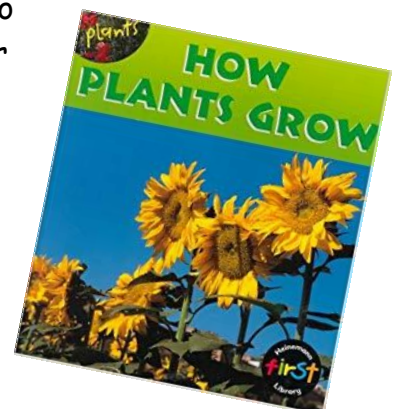
The **Premiers Reading Challenge** was completed last term. I am so proud to announce that over **68% of our students completed the challenge!** Certificates will be distributed later this term. Well done!



This term students are exploring information texts to research topics related to the environment. We look forward to seeing mini information posters created by our students to be displayed in the school.

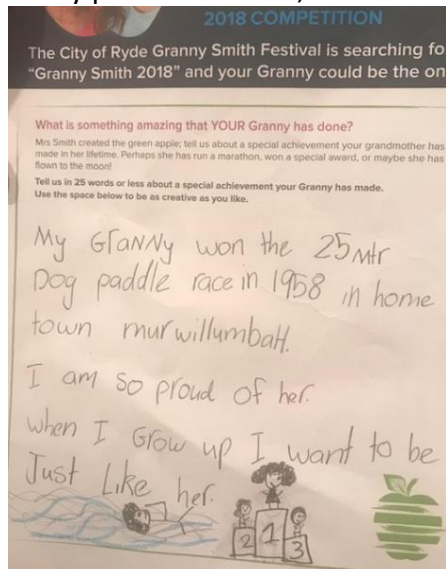


Happy reading!
Mrs Piper



Community News

Congratulations to Neve who entered the 'Who's Your Granny' Granny Smith Competition via our school. For the competition, Neve wrote about a memory that her grandmother had. Not only did Neve win a lovely prize for herself, the school also received \$200. Congratulations Neve.



NEVE'S PARADE ELATION

Competition winner draws on story of her grandmother's podium win

When seven-year-old Neve Smith is part of the Granny Smith Festival parade on Saturday she will have her own grandmother to thank. The Melrose Park girl won this year's Who's Your Granny competition and will ride in the street parade along with family and friends.

Competition organisers invited students to write about something amazing their grandmother had done.

Neve wrote: "My granny won the 25m dog-paddle race in 1958 in her hometown of Murwillumbah."

"I am so proud of her."

"When I grow up I want to be just like her."

She drew her grandmother swimming and on the winners' podium.

Neve has never been to the festival and was elated when her mother Kendall relayed the news she had won.

"I didn't think it would happen," Neve said. "I was screaming and jumping around."

Her grandmother Marilyn Shaw told her the swimming story one night over the phone from her home at Iluka on the NSW north coast.

Mrs Shaw was about six-years-old when she won the race at the Murwillumbah swimming club.

"I told Neve that's the only thing Nanny's ever won," Mrs Shaw said.

"So for her to write about it was just hysterical."

Mrs Shaw often visits Neve and her family during the school holidays.

Neve says she loves playing games such as Monopoly with her nan and also dancing for her.



P & C Report

Term 4 Week 3

Family Fun Day

Volunteering

We are less than one week to go to Family Fun Day and we still have close to 50% of shifts on the day still unfilled. Lots and lots of preparation have gone into making the day as amazing possible for our kids, but we can't run the day without help from the Melrose community.

Please be generous with your time, not only to try and win the Zoo excursion for your class, but to help raise as much money as possible to improve the school for our kids. If you can spare an hour or two even, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4ca4ab2da4fb6-mpps1>

The class with the most volunteers will be going on an excursion to Taronga Zoo.

All volunteers have a blue shirt to wear during their shift. These are sorted in sizes and will be available to pick up from the office from Monday. If you forget, we will have them available on the day. Please don't forget to sign in for your shift on the day as well. There will be a sign in sheet at each stall.

Family Fun Day Ride Bands

Prepaid ride bands are now on sale!!! Pictures of the rides available on the day can be seen on the P&C website: <https://mppspsc.com/events/family-fun-day/>. This year a new amusement ride provider has been engaged and there are some exciting rides booked. Prepaid ride bands give unlimited rides all day for \$25. Bands are \$30 on the day or \$8 each. Bands can be purchased here: <https://mppspsc.com/product/ffd-ride-bands/>

The Great Melrose Bake Off

This week families will also get their cake box to make a cake for the day. There are a number of categories and some great prizes on offer.

Adults: cupcake decorating class, movie tickets x 2

Kids: mixing bowl and utensil set, ice cream set, movie ticket

Donation Kids' Clothes and Toys – 1st and 2nd November

Please go through your cupboards this week. Our second hand clothing stall coordinator, Bel, will be accepting donations of second hand children's clothing and toys on Thursday and Friday this week.

Raffle Prizes – Tickets due 1st November

There are some amazing raffle prizes, although there is a short turnaround to sell the tickets:

- 1st: Vuly Lift 2 (large) including delivery
- 2nd: \$500 Coles Myer voucher
- 3rd: Jumbuck 4 burner BBQ + \$100 voucher
- 4th: Facial and massage at Beauty by Stephanie

Volunteers required with Working with Children Check

Two volunteers needed for Family Fun Day who have Working with Children Checks (or are willing to give 100 points of ID beforehand). Responses to familyfunday@mppspc.com please.

OSHC – Re-enrolment and Vacation Care January 2019

Re-enrolment and vacation care for December/January will be open early Term 4.

2019 Save the Date

Melrose Park Community Cup Golf Day & Dinner

Melrose Park Community Cup Golf Day & Dinner will be Thursday 14th March 2019.

More info to come with Tickets available next month. Join us for a wonderful community day of golf &/or a fun filled dinner.

Dates to Remember

Saturday 03/11	Family Fun Day
Monday 26/11	P and C Meeting
Thursday 14/03/2019	Community Golf Day

School Banking and Uniform Shop

Mon	Tues	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri
		School Banking	Uniform Shop Open	
		8:20 - 9:05am in the canteen	8.45 – 9.15	

Uniform Order details can be found here:

<https://mppspc.com/uniform-shop/>

Email orders are welcomed & will be put in your child's bag once payment has been received.

Uniform shop email is uniforms@mppspc.com



Real Estate

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL FAMILY FUN DAY SPONSORS PAYCE AND AWARD GROUP

Join Band!



Is your child interested in joining the school band? The school band is now taking enrolments for 2019 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5. No prior experience is required.

In Term 4 students will see a demonstration concert at school that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. They will receive a green School Band Program note providing introductory information.

What do you need to do? Return the expression of interest from the bottom of the green note to try a variety of instruments with trained music tutors, to help your child find the instrument to which they are best suited. The results of this instrument trial will be sent home with comprehensive enrolment information.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a quality instrumental program, with full ensemble rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

For more information on your school instrumental program, please contact TSA below.



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