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Hi Parents and caregivers. Cats in Spain, cats in Japan and cats in boxes - what a wonderful theme for a Pre-primary assembly! The su..purr..erb children from Room 20 presented an absolutely wonderful assembly last week, full of colour, costumes and a kitty litter tray full of fun! The assembly item itself was a huge success which had the audience rolling in the aisles.

Well done to the boys and girls of Room 20 and of course congratulations to Ms Bowlay, Mrs Rhine-Davis and Mrs Gale.

END OF YEAR CONCERT
As advised recently via a separate parent communication, this year the school will be holding our End Of Year Concert on Friday 9th December at 1:30pm. The concert will include items from all classes, with our school choir leading the community singing of Christmas Carols between class items.

If the weather is mild, we will hold the concert on the lawn as per our Term 3 Edu-Dance concert. If the weather forecast is for a hot day, then we will hold the concert in the undercover area with seating provided for parents.

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY
In a bid to gain parents’ thoughts on the programs offered by the school, we request that parents and caregivers complete a short satisfaction survey over the next two weeks.

Online versions of the survey will be made available as a link from our School App (Updat-ed) or if preferable, hard copies will be available for completion and collection from the front office.

I encourage all parents to complete this survey to assist and support our decision making in 2017 and beyond.

2017 CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS
The school has developed a draft class structure for next year and parents are invited to submit a class placement request for their child(ren). Please note that requests must be presented to Mr Larkin in writing (e-mail or letter) by 3pm on Monday 5th Dec.

The likely class structure for 2017 at this point includes:

1x Kindy/PP 1x Pre-Primary 2x Year 1
1x Year 1/2 1x Year 2/3 1x Year 3
1x Year 3/4 1x Year 4 1x Year 4/5
1x Year 5/6 1x Year 6

Parent placement requests can only be for educational (eg: split or straight grade) or social (friendships) reasons and while all efforts will be made to support parent requests, the school reserves the right to make the final placement decision.

SCULPTURE IN THE SCHOOL SUCCESS
Last week’s Sculpture was supported by a huge number of parents and for once the weather was wonderful! Thank you to all families that were able to make it along to this annual event.

The students’ take on the theme of ‘THINK BIG’ proved to be very imaginative, with a Large Lego Man competing with a Big Friendly Giant and space creatures, big birds and spiders adorning all of the nooks and crannies around the school.

The parents, students and staff from our Year 6 classes ran a wonderfully successful afternoon tea stall, raising a whopping $1,168 to go towards the Year 6 Graduation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful staff for their stellar work in coordinating and facilitating the creation of their class sculptures. Well done on an absolutely terrific effort guys.

SPECIAL GUEST VISIT
Last week I received an e-mail from Joel Weisgrau, the coordinator of the international Learning Studios project in which the school is involved. Joel was in the area (in Singapore!) and asked to visit the school on Friday 18th, which we of course agreed to.

He came out and spent the better part of the day at MPS and provided some amazing insights into the Learning Studios project and more importantly interacted with the students on their latest design challenge ‘Global Goals Local Solutions’. This challenge asks students to focus on one of the 17 UNICEF Global Goals and design solutions to address these very important ‘real world’ issues.

Joel witnessed some amazing ideas and very creative thinking from the various groups as they raced to meet the challenge deadline and present their designs to the rest of the world in the last week of term.

Mr Paul Larkin
Principal
THE UNIFORM SHOP is open 7 December - 3.00 - 3.30 pm.
Reminder! Please pre-order uniforms for 2017 by 2 December 2016 for pick up on Monday 30 January 2017 - 9:00 to 10:30 am. Eftpos available on this day only!
Martine Rohrlach - 0427 724994

ASSEMBLY - 18 November 2016
Congratulations to our Honour Certificate recipients
PP Xavi Cardona Angel Mikah Groenewald
Yr 1 Makayla Meads (2) Julian Garfield Amelia Bacon
Yr 2 Ashley Haigh Mia Houston Sam Bowers
Holly Hill
Yr 3 Sitara Sharod Mischa Buckland Hunter Wills
Yr 4 Jazmine McKeown Mason Kitchin Jessie Fountain
Emma Thompson Chloe Johnson Toby Mills
Yr 5 Jessica McHardy Ella Hall
Yr 6 Breanna Urbanek
Mrs Solig
Our next assembly on Friday 2 December will be coordinated by Room 14.

BUZ (Build Up Zone) Awards
• Oceana D’Abbs
• Hunter Wills
• Sophia Traylen

TIDY CLASS AWARD
• Room 20

URGENT! Please return Choir uniforms by Monday 28 November as a stocktake has been organised!

ALLERGY AWARE
No whole eggs or nut products at MPS please.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE NEWS
Just a reminder to please return all home readers and library books. Thank you.
Early Childhood Centre Team

REMINDER: SWIMMING TERM 4 - PP to Yr 6 students
Monday 5 December to Thursday 15 December 2016

THE UNIFORM SHOP
Monday 28 November
Rosalie
Friday 2 December
Chantel Hoesle/Amanda
Monday 5 December
Jade
Friday 9 December
Neridah/Jenny B

CANTEEN

A great time was had at the Whiteman Park Water Festival excursion by Rooms 9, 10, 14 and 15.