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ENROLMENTS AND CLASS STRUCTURE

As mentioned above, we were very pleasantly surprised to start the new year with more enrolments than at this time in 2014 despite losing a whole year level! This increase means that we were able to establish a 13 class structure, including 2 Kindy, 1 Pre-Primary and 10 Primary classes, 9 of which are ‘straight’ grades.

All classes also start the year under formula which allows us room for new enrolments throughout the year, thereby reducing the threat of a possible restructure mid-year.

2015 STAFFING

- Rm 19 - Kindy - Mrs Susan Bruse
- Rm 20 - Kindy - Ms Juliette Harradine
- Rm 17 - Pre-Prim - Mrs Sue Pruyn & Ms Bobbie Bowlay
- Rm 1 - Year 1 - Miss Vanessa Ardròn
- Rm 2 - Year 1 - Miss Clare Pustkuchen
- Rm 3 - Year 2 - Mrs Anne Rhine-Davis
- Rm 4 - Year 2 - Ms Praveena Mittal
- Rm 6 - Year 3 - Mrs Eleanor Radalj
- Rm 7 - Year 3 - Ms Trish Goodfield
- Rm 9 - Year 4 - Mr Barry Johnston
- Rm 10 - Year 4/5 - Miss Jonelle Lorantas
- Rm 14 - Yr 5 - Miss Bonnie Forbes
- Rm 15 - Yr 6 - Mrs Margaret Dent

LOTE (Indonesian) - Ms Lan Kong
Phys Ed - Miss Vanessa Ardròn
Science - Ms Joy Hendrie
Music - Mrs Karina Reif-Eaves

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BUNCED PROGRAM

Parents and students are advised that the BounCED on-line learning trial has now concluded and the Members Alliance Education Foundation (MAEF) are reviewing the data with the intention of updating the program and relaunching it later in the year. Currently the bounced.com.au website takes students to a holding page which will be updated soon.

In the interim, I have been informed by MAEF that our school will continue to have free access to some of the on-line learning programs pending the redevelopment of the site. Further details of this free access will be provided in the next newsletter.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

It is with disappointment that I inform parents of the demise of the After School Sports program due to Federal Government funding cuts. This means that until further notice, there will be no after school sports.

I have been advised that there will be a new program from which to access funds later in the year and as soon as I can I will be applying for funding to re-start the After School Sports program.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The Camp Australia Before and After School Care program commenced on Monday with a good number of parents signing up and utilising the service already.

The program runs out of Rooms 11 & 12 in the O’Connor Block (closest to the oval) and parents are welcome to come down to meet the coordinators to discuss enrolments. Please note however that all communications must be undertaken with Camp Australia who are managing the program. Links to the Camp Australia website are available from the front page of our school website.

GIRLPOWER AND GOODGUYS

GirlPower empowers girls from 6 to 12 years old with the skills, language and self-confidence to be better friends and develop healthier friendships. The GoodGuys Friendship program is a skills based friendship program that helps tween boys put a voice to their feelings.

Details of these programs are available at www.urstrong.com

PRINCIPAL ON LEAVE

Parents are advised that I will be taking a couple of weeks leave from Monday 9th February and Ms Hendrie will be stepping up as Principal in my absence.

Mr Paul Larkin - Principal
CLASSROOM PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS
Room 1 - Tuesday 10 February - 3:05 pm
Room 2 - Tuesday 17 February - 3:00 pm
Rooms 3&4 - Wednesday 11 February - 3:00 pm
Room 6 - Tuesday 10 February - 3:00 pm
Room 7 - Wednesday 11 February - 3:00 pm
Room 9 - Monday 16 February - 3:00 pm
Room 10 - Thursday 19 February - 3:00 pm
Room 14 - Thursday 12 February - 3:00 pm
Room 15 - Friday 20 February - 2:30 pm
Room 17 - Thursday 19 February - 3:10 pm
Rooms 19 & 20 - Wednesday 11 February - 3:00 pm

CONGRATULATIONS
Our Student Councillors for 2015 are
* Gracie Murphy  * Jackson Whitely  * Reiley King
* Jeremy Greaves  * Steven Trease  * Jordana Manuel
As an introduction to this leadership role, these students will have the opportunity to attend the GRIP Leader's Conference in March. We wish them all the best.
GRIP: Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People

GRADUATION AWARDS
Congratulations to the following winners of awards presented during the Graduation Ceremony of 2014.

ENDEAVOUR: Phoebe Butcher  Dean Manuel
CITIZENSHIP: Anna Dolling  Cory Tenardi
SPORTS: Ruby Morris  Calan Hill
Lucy Cole  Robert McGowan
LOTE: Jessica Mikucki  Nikola Whent
MUSIC: Caitlyn Merkouris  Trinity Cook
SCIENCE: Aimee Plant  Angus Heighway
Emily Hill  Bradley Dennis
DUX: Phoenix Thomson  Kynan Sander
COMMUNITY SPIRIT: Kody Bacon  Lily Valverde-Caceres

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE NEWS
😊 Welcome back! We have had a great start to the year.
😊 Rooms 17, 19 and 20 Library day: Wednesday! Please make sure your child has a library bag (available from the uniform shop).
😊 Parent/teacher meetings
   • Rooms 19 and 20: Wednesday 11 February - 3:00 pm.
   • Room 17: Thursday 19 February - 3:10 pm.
😊 The parent roster will start in Week 5. We would love you to come in and help out when you can.
😊 Ks and Ps require a small cushion for rest time. Please send in with your child. Thank you.
   Early Childhood Centre Team

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES PAYMENTS
Parents, did you know that you can deposit your child/ren's voluntary contributions or excursion charges directly into the school bank account? Our account details are:
Westpac Bank-BSB 036-075-A/c # 64-1325
Please use your child's surname and room number as the reference.
Thank you.  Dianne Rhodes (Registrar)

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

LIBRARY NEWS
Once again students will be able to order books from "Scholastic Book Club". Book Club enables students to order books from a flyer that is given out twice per term. Once the order form has been completed there are 3 ways in which to pay for the books.
Place the order with:
1 Correct money in a sealed envelope
2 A cheque made out to "Scholastic Australia" or
3 Pay online/phone with a credit card then writing the 11-digit receipt number in the box provided.
(Phone No. and web address is on the order form)
Place the order in the red letterbox in the front office, making sure the student's name and room number is on it.
When students order through Scholastic the school receives bonus coupons which enables the school to buy much needed resources for the library.
Orders are due back by Friday 13 February 2015.
Any questions see Donna Kent in the library. Thank you.
NB: There are still some outstanding library books from 2014. Please return them ASAP Thank you.

SCHOOL BANKING
Thursday, 8.30am - 8.50am outside the library.

THE UNIFORM SHOP is open 18 February - 3.00 - 3.30 pm.
Queries?  Contact Kelly Bertolini on 0439 988376.