FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

Hello Parents and Caregivers and welcome back to a new school year. I trust everyone enjoyed the holidays and managed to spend some quality time with their children.

While I myself have a terrific festive season and spent an enjoyable 2 weeks in Tassie, I did come back with torn ligaments in my knee which is why I was absent for the first week. As I am writing this newsletter I will keep my fingers crossed (and my leg up) in the hope that I will be well enough to return for next week.

STAFFING NEWS

As mentioned in the final newsletter of 2015, we have a few staff members returning from leave and some new additions joining us for 2016.

I am delighted to welcome back from leave Mr and Mrs Tonkin and Mrs Rigg who return to teaching positions for the new year. We also welcome Mrs Kylie Taylor (Yr 4 Room 9), Mrs Robyn James (Science), Mr Alex Tinniswood (PE), Mrs Bindi Jones (Yr 2 Room 3) and Mrs Hannah Charlton (PP Room 17).

I am now also able to inform parents of the departure of Mrs Congdon who decided late last year to transfer to a school closer to home. We wish Marilyn all the best in her new school and thank her for her excellent work as Registrar over the years.

ENROLMENTS AND CLASS STRUCTURE

Enrolments at the school currently stand at 324 which is slightly less than expected due to some late transfers out. We may still see some late enrolments and we are hopeful that numbers stay around this figure to allow for the following class structure.

ECE
- Rm 19a - Kindy  - Mrs Anne Rhine-Davis
- Rm 19b - Kindy  - Mrs Susan Bruse
- Rm 20 - Pre-Prim - Ms Bobbie Bowlay & Mrs Anne-Rhine Davis
- Rm 17 - Pre-Prim - Mrs Sue Pruyn & Mrs Hannah Charlton

Forrest Block
- Rm 1 - Year 1  - Mrs Tanya King
- Rm 2 - Year 2  - Mrs Rosemary Tonkin
- Rm 3 - Year 2  - Mrs Lynn Rigg & Mrs Bindi Jones
- Rm 4 - Year 2/3 - Ms Praveena Mittal

Jacoby Block
- Rm 6 - Year 3/4 - Dr Julie-Anne Ellis
- Rm 7 - Year 3  - Miss Trish Goodfield
- Rm 9 - Year 4  - Mrs Kylie Taylor
- Rm 10 - Year 4/5 - Mr Richard Tonkin

O’Connor Block
- Rm 14 - Yr 5/6  - Miss Jonelle Lorantas
- Rm 15 - Yr 6  - Mrs Margaret Dent

Specialist Staff
- LOTE (Indonesian) - Ms Lan Kong
- Phys Ed  - Mr Alex Tinniswood
- Science  - Ms Robyn James
- Music    - Mrs Karina Reif-Eaves

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

As all parents will know, State Schools in WA do not charge school fees as such but do request parents to pay a one-off voluntary contribution of $60 per student which is used to provide much needed additional resources for your children.

Over recent years the rate of voluntary contributions received has fallen to less than 65%, which is starting to have a negative impact on the level of resources and support we are able to offer students. Put into dollar terms, this 35% shortfall equates to approximately $6,000 which is the amount we spend on Literacy and Numeracy resources each year.

I sincerely request all parents to pay this contribution as early as possible to ensure the continuation of key programs such as the SAER Support, ICT Program and the maintenance of key teaching and learning resources at the school.

Mr Paul Larkin - Principal

CLASSROOM PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

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CONGRATULATIONS
Our Student Councillors for 2016:
★ Haylee King ★ Taj Blackman ★ Michael Cash
★ Evie Robertson ★ Willow Thomson ★ Kade Hollett

Members of our new Multimedia Publishing Group:
★ Ebony Merkouris ★ Tilly Palmer ★ Abegail Locke
★ Jamie Huisman ★

GRADUATION AWARDS
Congratulations to the following winners of awards presented during the Graduation Ceremony of 2015.

ENDEAVOUR: Ashley Raccanello
CITIZENSHIP: Adam Cook
SPORTS: Jake Cornelius
LOTE: Narayan Szczecinski
MUSIC: Chloe Zlatnik
SCIENCE: Sophie Zlatnik
DUX: Reiley King
COMMUNITY SPIRIT: Jackson Whitely

HEALTHY EATING is encouraged from Kindy to Year 6. Students only need a simple lunch like a wrap or sandwich and a piece of fruit or yoghurt. Years 1-6 also have “Crunch’n’Sip” mid-morning consisting of fruit or vegie sticks.

ASSEMBLY
You are most welcome to attend Room 10’s assembly on Friday 12 February starting at 9:00 am.

Kiss & Drive
Making it safer for our children

A few simple rules make it easier for everyone!
1. Please do not park at the Kiss and Drive before 2:55 pm.
2. If the Kiss and Drive is full, continue around the block and rejoin the line.
3. Always keep moving towards the first two Kiss & Drive bays.
4. Ensure your vehicle is stationary before you pick up/set down children.
5. Make sure that children only enter / exit through the left side doors of the vehicle.
6. If your child is not ready, don’t stop, drive around the block and try again.
7. Leave home a little later; you may be able to drive straight up to the Kiss & Drive without waiting.
8. Children will wait in the school ground near the Kiss & Drive at the end of the school day.
9. The driver must remain in the vehicle.
10. If you need to stop to talk to a teacher or other parent, please park in one of the designated parking bays on Stevens Street or Painter Crescent.
11. Always be courteous to other road users.

Please
*do not park in the disabled bay without an ACROD sticker.
*find verge parking around the school - do not park in the staff parking area!

BANK DETAILS FOR MUNDARING PRIMARY
Parents, did you know that you can deposit your child/ren’s voluntary contributions or excursion charges directly into the school bank account?
Bendigo Bank-BSB # 633 000-A/c # 155 735616
Please use your child’s surname and Room No as the reference. Thank you.
Dianne Rhodes (Registrar)

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE NEWS
😊 Welcome back! We have had a great start to the year.
😊 Wednesday is Library Day for kindergarten students. Please make sure your child has a library bag (available from the uniform shop).
😊 This year Rooms 17 and 20 will be attending specialist classes in Library/Health, PE, Music and Science.
😊 Parent/teacher meetings
★ Room 19a: Monday 15 February - 3:10 pm.
★ Room 19b: Wednesday 10 February - 3:10 pm.
★ Rooms 17 & 20: Thursday 11 February - 3:00 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 and
★ fruit/crackers/cheese/etc to share.

Please send in with your child. Thank you.
😊 Appropriate footwear is to be worn - sandals/joggers etc.

No thongs please.
😊 Students and/or their siblings are not to play on the outdoor equipment before school due to safety issues. Thank you.
Early Childhood Centre Team

AWESOME AYPD 2016
Friday 12 February 2016
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Bouncy Castle & Giant Obstacle Course
Free icypoles for kids under 12
Drinks, icecreams & light snacks on sale at Canteen

Dear Parents
Our Chaplain Mrs Fiona Langley will be on site on Thursdays and Fridays.
Please feel free to contact Mrs Langley on either of these days if you require her support.

LIBRARY NEWS
Once again students will be able to order books from “Scholastic Book Club”. Order and pay online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP by 17 February 2016.
There are still some library books outstanding from 2015. Please return to the library ASAP. Thank you.
Donna Kent (Library Officer)

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

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

THE UNIFORM SHOP is open 17 February - 3.00 - 3.30 pm. Queries? Contact Kelly Bertolini on 0439 988376.