

Mundaring Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

Hello Parents and Caregivers and what a remarkably productive term it has been. Some absences due to winter flus and colds notwithstanding, attendance has generally been excellent across the school and students have worked very hard to demonstrate improvements across all areas of the curriculum.

NAPLAN has come and gone for another year as has the Senior Lightning Sports Carnival, HEC Art Exhibition, various excursions and P&C events such as Mothers' Day Stall and two fundraising raffles. We've also seen some stunning class assemblies and of course closed the term with our first Mid Year Concert. Well done to staff, students and parents for a really great term's effort.



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

On Monday 12th June, the Mundaring Arts Centre provided the school with an artist in residence, Ms Angela Rossen, to work with Year 4 Room 9.

Mrs Sarah Toohey from the Mundaring Arts Centre, Mrs Catherine Levett from EMRC and our own Mrs Bindi Jones assisted during the half day workshop.

Ms Rossen firstly gave the Year 3 & 4 students from Jacoby block a talk about exploring leaf litter and the importance of eco systems within leaf litter. She and the other adults then worked with the students in Room 9 to look more closely at soil and leaf litter using iscopes that turned our tablets into microscopes.

Students drew then painted a creature they found in the leaf litter with the fabulous final products being placed in display in the front office and on our school's website.

These artistic masterpieces were then used to create banner designs for entry into the Mundaring Environmental Art Project.

Dr Julie-Anne Ellis (Room 9 Teacher)



'TO INFINITY AND BEYOND' (OR AT LEAST TO TERM 3!)

Term 3 is already looking like being a very special time with the usual focus on the school's Sports and Performing Arts programs but also with some new initiatives around our Technologies and Waste Wise programs.

PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

Once again this term all students will be taking part in the Edu-Dance program on Mondays/Tuesdays. This has always been a highly successful part of our Performing Arts program which culminates in an Edu-Dance Concert in the last week of Term. Our School Choir will also be taking to the stage at the Crown Theatre on August 30th to perform at the annual WA Government Schools Music Society (WAGSMS) concert along with 12 other schools and numerous solo acts

SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM

The **School Cross Country** will be held on July 28th on the school oval with all primary students taking part in this event. Our champion runners from the school event will then take part in the **Interschool Cross Country** on August 11th at the Mundaring Recreation Ground. This year Mundaring PS will be coordinating this event for a total of 12 schools.

Returning to Term 3 this year, the **School Athletics Carnivals** will be held in Week 8 with Jumps & Throws on Sept 6th and the Athletics Carnival on Sept 8th.

Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be practicing for various events as part of their PE and Sports programs. Watch out also for additional new events planned for the pre-primary students.

I am very pleased to announce that as we have received sufficient interest in the **After School Sports** program for Term 3, we have applied for funding and, if successful, will announce details of the program when we get back from the break.



TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM

With the development of the new Australian Curriculum - Technologies, the school will be broadening our digital technologies program to include some excellent new initiatives across the school.

The **Bounced** On-Line Learning program will continue to be provided to all students as part of our Literacy and Numeracy support, including free 24/7 access to a variety of on-line resources and software.

New Junior and Senior **STEM Clubs** will provide additional opportunities in the Learning Studio for selected Junior and Senior students. Ms Lorantas, Mr Tonkin and I will be working with the 2 clubs of 24 students during class time as well as some lunchtimes.

The selection process for this program is based on the PEAC model which includes offers being made to students who have gained high grades (A & B) in Maths and Science and who are interested in STEM based challenges.

Initial placement offers will be sent home in Week 1 of the term with the program commencing in Week 2. A second round of offers may be put out if spaces are not filled in the first round.

EDU-DANCE will be starting again in the first week of next term for all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6. The cost is \$25 per student.

Parents are reminded that in the case of financial hardship, the school offers alternative payment arrangements with all requests handled in a strictly confidential manner.

Please see Mrs Rhodes or Mr Larkin if you wish to discuss this option.

CYBER SAFETY PROGRAM

As a response to the increasing risks associated with students' on-line access, the school will be implementing a new Cyber Safety Program for staff, parents and students throughout Semester 2.

Staff will take part in Professional Learning in building digital intelligence and understanding the key issues surrounding students' use of on-line resources such as social media (Twitter, Facebook etc). Parents will also be offered a similar course as evening sessions. More information will be disseminated to parents early in Term 3.

To support student use of on-line media, teachers will be providing a series of age appropriate lessons related to Cyber Safety to all students from Pre-primary to Year 6. In addition to this, students from Year 3 to Year 6 will take part in an on-line eSmart Digital Licence program.

The eSmart Digital Licence comprises eight modules which combine learning resources and interactive quizzes to evaluate comprehension and knowledge around key cyber safety topics. Access to this resource will be free to students and provided via the Bounced on-line learning program.



Having fun under the 'Magic Tree'.

LEAF LITTER CRITTERS IN THE MAKING



PLASTIC FREE JULY

As part of the school's Waste Wise program we have registered to become Plastic Free in July. This WA initiative is spreading worldwide as a local solution to global problems and covers a few of the sustainable global development goals that our school aspires to.



As part of the program, we will be working with the wonderful people at the Wasteless Pantry (who just happen to be parents of students at our school!) in helping raise awareness and knowledge about problems with single-use disposable plastic and the challenges we face to do something about it.

For parents interested in getting involved in this WA initiative, further information and links to register are available at:

☆ <http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

To find out more about how to live a fuller yet less wasteful life, visit the Waste Less Pantry in person or at:

☆ <http://www.wastelesspantry.com.au/>

TERM 3 DATES

Parents are reminded that students start back at school for Term 3 on **Tuesday 18th July** as per the Term 3 planner on the back of this newsletter.

Please note also any changes to these dates and/or times will be posted on the school website and parents notified via the school's App (Updat-ed) which is freely available for Apple and Android phones.

Mr Paul Larkin (Principal)

In Term 2 we ...



... made the most of our new bicycle track focussed on the Makey Makey program in the STEM Lab ...



... bought some great gifts for mum thanks to the P&C ...



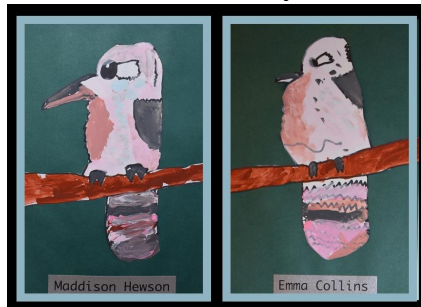
... created and played our board games at home and abroad ...



... enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea with mum in the ECC ...



... were really entertained by assemblies from Rooms 3 and 7 ...



... with the help of some wonderful parents raised well over \$600 for Graduation from the Sausage Sizzle!



... displayed some great art work at the HEC Art Exhibition and ...

COMMUNITY NEWS: Supa Club - Free 5-day Holiday Club - 1st week of the School Holidays for children PP to Year 6. Come on any day or every day to Mundaring Church of Christ 1470 Stoneville Road Mundaring from 9am to 12 noon, 3-7 July. Enquiries: Church office 9295 0339/email - info@mundaringcofc.org.au Registration on the day by parent/guardian.

MUNDARING PRIMARY SCHOOL - TERM 3 2017 PLANNER

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
1	<u>17/7/17</u> Pupil Free Day	<u>18/7/17</u> Term commences Edu-Dance commences	<u>19/7/17</u>	<u>20/7/17</u>	<u>21/7/17</u> 2018 K/PP Enrolments close.
2	<u>24/7/17</u> P&C Meeting (7:30pm)	<u>25/7/17</u>	<u>26/7/17</u>	<u>27/7/17</u>	<u>28/7/17</u> MPS X-Country Schools' Tree Day
3	<u>31/7/17</u> GCS UNAWA Student Leaders Excursion	<u>1/8/17</u>	<u>2/8/17</u>	<u>3/8/17</u> Crazy Slipper Day	<u>4/8/17</u> Assembly (Rm 2)
4	<u>7/8/17</u>	<u>8/8/17</u>	<u>9/8/17</u>	<u>10/8/17</u>	<u>11/8/17</u> Interschool X-Country P&C Disco
5	<u>14/8/17</u>	<u>15/8/17</u>	<u>16/8/17</u> HEC Science Quest	<u>17/8/17</u> School Council Meeting (3:15pm)	<u>18/8/17</u> 19/8 WACSSO Conference
6	<u>21/8/17</u> Book Week Commences	<u>22/8/17</u>	<u>23/8/17</u>	<u>24/8/17</u> P&C Fathers' Day Stall & Raffle	<u>25/8/17</u> Assembly (Rm 1) P&C Fathers' Day Stall & Raffle
7	<u>28/8/17</u> P&C Meeting (7.30pm)	<u>29/8/17</u>	<u>30/8/17</u> WAGSMS Rehearsal & Performance.	<u>31/8/17</u>	<u>1/9/17</u>
8	<u>4/9/17</u> Book Fair	<u>5/9/17</u> Book Fair	<u>6/9/17</u> Book Fair Jumps & Throws	<u>7/9/17</u>	<u>8/9/17</u> School Athletics Carnival
9	<u>11/9/17</u>	<u>12/9/17</u>	<u>13/9/17</u> Sausage Sizzle Lunch	<u>14/9/17</u>	<u>15/9/17</u> Assembly (Rm 14)
10	<u>18/9/17</u>	<u>19/9/17</u>	<u>20/9/17</u>	<u>21/9/17</u>	<u>22/9/17</u> Edu-Dance Performance (2pm) Last Day Of Term 3

N.B. Term 4 Commences for students on :

Tuesday, 10 October 2017