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FROM THE PRINCIPAL . .

Hello Parents and caregivers. Here we are already halfway through the term with still plenty of fun to be had! As you can see below, the Year 1 students performed at last week’s assembly and even though we had a more select audience (the older students were at the interschool sports), I have been reliably informed that the littlies brought the house down. Let’s face it, the cute factor alone was enough to garner a standing ovation. Well done to Mrs King and her menagerie of creatures for a superb performance.

Canteen Volunteer Poster Competition

In an effort to attract more parent helpers for our canteen, the P&C asked students to design posters advertising for more volunteers. From a huge group of 51 entries the Committee managed to select two student designs which will be used to attract more help in the canteen.

Congratulations to Luis Parkinson and Shae Johnson for their great work which can now be seen around the school and as flyers sent home with this newsletter. Luis and Shae will both receive a $20 canteen voucher as their prize.

HEC Spelling Bee

Mundaring PS will once again host the Hills Education Community Spelling Bee on Wednesday 1st June. The competition involves students from HEC schools in Junior (Yr 3/4) and Senior divisions (Yr 5/6).

Following our school’s selection process, which included a whole school spelling test and a mini spelling bee, I am happy to announce that the following students will represent Mundaring PS at this very prestigious event next week:

Junior Bee - Rose Nener and Ben Phelan-Mould
Senior Bee - Jayde Doyle and Shae Johnson

Student Attendance Issues

Following an in-depth review of student attendance data for Term 1, we are seeing a number of issues developing that need to be brought to the attention of parents.

Firstly, the number of students with attendance placing them in the ‘at risk’ (below 80%) category is growing and, apart from impacting on their own education, is beginning to have an impact on the classroom teaching and learning programs for all students. Teachers are reporting numerous student absences where a parent has not provided an explanation. This not only results in these students missing out on key concepts covered while they were absent, it also creates more work for staff who are obliged to follow up on these absences.

While the school sees the educational potential of parents taking their family on vacations during the term, it can present issues if their children are already attending less than the expected 90% attendance rate, placing them more at risk of missing out on key educational concepts, knowledge and skills.

We are also seeing an increase in the number of students arriving late to school, which puts teachers under additional stress and places these students at further risk.

I ask all parents to comply with School and Department of Education policy by:

- Ensuring that their children attend a minimum of 90% (9 days per fortnight) of the time.
- Advising the school of the reason for a student absence within 2 days of that absence. This could be as simple as a phone call or e-mail to the school.
- Provide the school with a medical certificate for student absences which resulted in a doctor’s visit.
- Ensuring that their children arrive at school no later than 8:50am so that they are ready for the school day.
- Advise the school of any mid-term vacations prior to the vacation taking place.

I will also be following up on students attending less than 80% of the time on an individual basis directly with parents.

Lightning Sports Carnival

Last Friday saw the school take part in a lightning sports carnival with 5 other hills’ schools. Students from Year 4 to 6 competed in a mixture of sports including Soccer, Football, Basketball, Volleyball and Netball. The day was a complete success with all teams winning some and losing some but most importantly everyone had FUN!

I would like to thank Mr Tinniswood for his excellent coordination of this event and the classroom teachers for their support and amazing coaching/umpiring skills.

Mr Paul Larkin
Principal
ASSEMBLY - 20 May 2016

Congratulations to our Honour Certificate recipients

PP  Hugo Thierfelder  
Cody Tomlinson  
Madison Rawson

Yr 1  Madison Rawson  
Mia Kendrick  
Chaney Nienaber

Yr 2  Asha Winsor  
Isabelle Wass  
Ziyun Huang  
Holly Hill

Yr 3  Ella Parish  
Misscha Buckland  
Stella Blackman  
Kurtis Dunstan

Our next assembly (Music) will be held on Friday 3 June. Family members and friends are welcome to attend.

MPS joined in the simultaneous reading of “I Got a Hat” - much to the delight of our students.

Football at the Lightning Carnival 20 May 2016

MPS CHOIR WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE WAGSMS 2016 CONCERT - FRIDAY 26 AUGUST

Tickets are available on-line through Ticketmaster. The following ticketing procedures will apply:

1. Tickets for ALL Crown concerts will go on sale at 10.00am on Tuesday 7 June, 2016. Tickets are on a first in best seats basis with no limit to the number of tickets that can be purchased per transaction. Early ticket purchase is recommended.

2. Cost: $23.00 per ticket with no student or pensioner concession available.

3. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster online at www.ticketmaster.com.au or on 136100. A booking fee per transaction (not ticket) of $7.95 along with a 1.95% credit card charge will be charged.

4. Tickets can be purchased directly at the Box Office at Crown for $23.00 with no booking fee. Tickets at the Box Office (only) can be paid for via EFTPOS and cash with no fee involved. If paid for by credit card there will still be the 1.95% fee.

5. Wheelchair and/or special need tickets can only be purchased over the telephone on 136100. Request must be made at the time of booking.

6. Should concerts not be “sold out” tickets will be available to purchase on-line and at the box office at Crown up until the concerts commence.

Thank you everyone and we look forward to another fantastic season! Any queries contact Karina Reif-Eaves (Choir Master).

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE NEWS

😊 A BIG thank you to . . .  
★ Fulcher’s Tree Services for the donation of mulch,  
★ Nancy Boulbee (for the great tidy-up of the nature play area)  
★ Jolene Wallington (for organising the mulch),  
★ the Parish family,  
★ Rosalie Macheda and our ★ EC students for spreading the mulch.  
The play area looks great!

Early Childhood Centre Team

CROSS COUNTRY

In preparation for Cross Country next term, we will start training sessions from next week for Years 4-6. Training is optional and will be run Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-8:45am. Appropriate footwear is required.

Mr Tinniswood

2017 KINDERGARTEN & PRE-PRIMARY ENROLMENTS

Parents of students eligible to attend Kindy or Pre-Primary in 2017 are invited to submit an application to the school from now until the closing date on 22 July 2016.

Kindergarten: 4 before 01/07/2017 (DOB: 01/07/12-30/06/13)  
Pre-primary: 5 before 01/07/2017 (DOB: 01/07/11-30/06/12)

ALLERGY AWARE

No whole eggs or nut products at MPS please.

THE UNIFORM SHOP is open 8 June - 3.00 - 3.30 pm.