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Principal's Report

Staffing:

Congratulations to Mrs Nicole Tudor who has been appointed through merit selection to the newly created Assistant Principal position at our school. Mrs Tudor's portfolio will take in Learning & Engagement and Stage One supervision.

I have a reasonably concrete picture of classes and teachers for the 2016 school year. This could all change if a staff member is appointed through the department over the break. There is a substantive vacancy that I have applied to have filled through a temporary local contract.

Miss Weeks will be returning 3 days per week commencing week one next year. Miss Weeks will be taking the RFF role. I am in negotiation with my staff to determine who will take the higher duty two day Assistant principal position remaining.

Mrs Eastgate will be returning in a part time capacity during the mid to later part of Term Two.

As with every staffing decision, it will not be in stone until week 3 February.

ICT:

I read with interest today that the capacity of NSW student in IT is slipping. I would like to suggest that our school through the new Scope program is on the improve. The work I have seen the students complete is outstanding. Years 4 –6 have actually left me behind. Year Two is pretty much my comfort level now. We as a staff are so happy we made the decision to move in this direction.

2016 will see our school be the Australian trial school for the Kindergarten IT coding and robotics program.

We now have a 3D printer that will be set up next week for the children to impress you with their skills.

Bushfire Season:

MKPS is once again a Level 5 school. Therefore on days declared catastrophic, the school and all activities including OOSH, dance and the like will cease to operate. Alternative arrangements for students who need supervision will be made with surrounding schools who are at a lower level of operation.

Every week we will be having a different drill to simulate evacs to Aldi, evacs to the hall, evacs to the community hall and whole school lockdown procedures.

Thank you:

Finally, on behalf of the students and my staff, I would like to say a sincere thanks to the P&C and wider community for your support. Thank you to my staff at MKPS we are so lucky to have staff that care so greatly for the children.

Kind Regards,

Glenn O'Neill MACEL

Principal

Congratulations to the baby boomers

Congratulations to Mrs Weeks on the early arrival of her baby boy Lachlan John Gordon Gillett and Mrs Rebecca Eastgate on the safe arrival of Douglas Bainbrigge



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 18 November

P & C Annual General Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 19 November

School Captain Speeches 2.30pm –3.30pm

Friday 20 November

Star of the Month Assembly 9.30am

Kindy Kickstart 9.30-12.30

Monday 23 November

Lunch order payment due Mini Fete

Tuesday 24 November

Kindy Kickstart 9.30-12.30

Friday 27 November

Year 6 Mini Fete

Thursday 3 December

Asquith Girls High School

Asquith Boys High School Orientation Days

Kindy Kickstart 9.30-12.30

Tuesday 8 December

Celebration of Learning

Year K-2 1.00pm to 2.00pm

Years3-6 9.40am - 11.00am

Wednesday 9 December

Kindy Kickstart Special Assembly

Wednesday 16 December

Last Day of Term

Thursday 28 January 2016

First Day of Term 2016

Kindergarten 2016 to be advised

HELP NEEDED IN THE LIBRARY

The library is in urgent need of assistance. We are seeking volunteers to cover new library books so that they can be put on the shelves for students to borrow.

We know everyone is busy, however if you have some spare time on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday we also need volunteers to shelve books that have been returned.

Please see the office if you are available to help.

League Tag

During Term 3 and 4 our students from Yr 3-6 have been taking part in a series of League Tag clinics which have been run by the NRL. The students have learnt many new skills which they have then been able to apply in the League Tag Gala days that some of our students have participated in. A special mention goes to our Senior Girls League Tag Team who made it to the Semi- Finals at the Bears League Tag Carnival at Foxglove Oval earlier this month. It was very exciting watching their commitment and enthusiasm.

Special Sporting Mentions

Congratulations to Jasmin and Isabella Guthrie whose Diamond League soccer team came first in the State Cup last month. A great achievement as they had to defeat many teams from around NSW to earn the ranking of the number 1 team in the State for their age group. Well done girls!

Amber Jurotte will be competing in the National Titles for Cheerleading in Melbourne at the end of this month. We wish you the very best of luck Amber and hope you have a wonderful experience.

Netball and Soccer Clinics

Thanks to our senior PSSA netball and soccer teams who have been running clinics each Tuesday at lunch time for the year 2 and 3 students. These clinics provide a fun setting for our younger students to learn and improve on their skills in soccer and netball. The junior students have been very enthusiastic in their participation and it has been lovely to see the great leadership skills of our senior students who are doing an outstanding job in leading the activities.



Welcome to MKPS Kindy Kick Start Children 2016

We are now into our fifth session with three more fun sessions to come. All children are arriving with happy faces, ready to make new friends and eager to learn new skills.

On Wednesday 9th December we will be having a special assembly to award certificates to all children who have attended Kindy Kick Start.

We look forward to a fantastic Kindergarten grade next year. Already they are showing us that they are ready for school.



Breathe easy this bush fire season

With bush fire season well underway, we are urging parents and school staff to be extra prepared and aware of asthma signs and symptoms.

Asthma Foundation NSW CEO Michele Goldman warned wood smoke poses a serious threat to people with asthma, particularly children.

"Children, the elderly, and people with asthma and other breathing problems are usually the first to feel the effects of smoke," Ms Goldman said.

"Parents and carers of people with asthma need to be on the alert during bush fire season because wood smoke can trigger a flare-up or even a potentially fatal attack," she said.

"During this period it is absolutely vital that people keep taking their asthma medication. We are advising all people with asthma to carry their reliever medication at all times and to take their preventer medication regularly, as it can take some weeks to be fully effective.

"On days when wood smoke levels are high, people should consider the places they intend to visit and weigh up the risks carefully."

For further information visit our **bush fires** page or for asthma concerns phone our on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462).

The NSW Rural Fire Service recommends everyone in bush fire prone areas to put their bush fire plan into place. Current information on the status of bushfires can be obtained on the Rural Fire Service website at www.bushfire.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 679 737.

Tips to reduce the effects of smoke on asthma

Visit your doctor to update your written Asthma Action Plan.

Continue using your preventer medication and ensure you have reliever medication with you at all times.

When there is smoke from a fire in the area, unless you are advised to evacuate you should stay indoors, and close all windows and doors. If you have an air conditioner, switch it to recycle or recirculate.

If you are in your car, put the air conditioner onto recirculate to reduce your exposure to smoke.

If you are exposed to smoke and your reliever medication is not controlling your asthma symptoms start asthma first aid: sit upright and try to be calm, using your spacer give yourself 4 puffs, taking 4 breaths between each puff. Re-evaluate after 4 minutes. If no improvement, repeat the 4 puffs. If your situation does not improve seek medical assistance.



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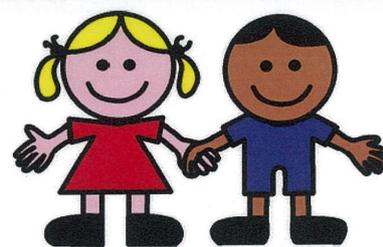
Starting school in 2017?

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO:

- ✓ Develop their social skills?
- ✓ Strengthen their hands for writing?
- ✓ Improve their coordination/balance?
- ✓ Extend their attention skills?
- ✓ Extend their capacity to learn?
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