

MWPS Newsletter



Resilience

Respect

Excellence

Pride

9th February 2017

[Whole school assembly this Friday](#)

14th February

- Grade 2-6 Hockey Clinic

23rd February

- Rainbow Food Day

24th February

- Walking School Bus

28th February

- School Photos

Our Newsletter is now on
MWPS Facebook each
week for you to access.

Notes Home

- Rainbow Food Day
- Yr 6 T-Shirt order form

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From the Principal and Assistant Principal...

It's been another amazing week at West with lots of "hot learning and hot weather".

Our Preps have settled in beautifully. Please pop in to see the teachers or myself if you have any concerns, questions or even if you just want to say hello and tell us about your Preppie.



Mindfulness

Mindfulness is the ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed by what's going on around us.

At MWPS our children participate in 5 minutes of Mindfulness every day.

We are implementing Mindfulness because when we tune in to our body and our mind through mindfulness, we can improve our learning.

Mindfulness assists mental health and wellbeing and has been successfully implemented in a wide variety of government and non-government schools with positive results in classes of all sizes, backgrounds, locations and ages.

It has also been proven to help students with sleep, wellbeing, managing emotions, concentration and school behaviour including reductions in bullying.

It assists in:

- stress management,
- increased resilience,
- increased creativity,
- better decision making, and
- a sense of calm, clarity and contentment.

Please ask your child all about Mindfulness and maybe they can try it at home.



From Anne & Luke

RREP Leaders

A big congratulations to all the students who have successfully obtained a RREP leadership position for 2017. The RREP program is a fantastic asset to our school with RREP leaders giving up their lunchtime to provide activities and mediation to their peers in the 'friendship zone'. The RREP leaders will operate in two groups rotating term by term. The students are currently getting trained by Mrs Cottrell and will be ready to start next week. Thanks to all the students who applied and to Mr Hall and Mrs Cottrell for their co-ordination.

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| Hamayun Nasirie | Abbey McPhee | Kaeden Craig | Francies Naquto | Konrad Cash |
| Lachlan Meaney | Milate Miki | Jake Brown | Sara Nasirie | Bowen Maynard |
| Jayden Robertson | Olivia Stylianou | Kayd Divola | Janeti Tuyisabe | Marcus Butcher |
| Riley Barnes | Darci Lapthorne | Kalym Higgins | Lisa Banner | James Gray |
| Heidi Davis | Roza Tas | Lennox Chanboon | Taryn Clode | Murtadha Al-Rubaye |
| Ruby Webley | Eliza Ward | Coplin Rosebottom | Guilia Banner | Ruby Magno |
| Madison Francis | Solopani Miki | Harmony Brougham | Rhianna Meaney | Indiana Mann |
| Ryleigh McDonald | Jasmin Iredale | Grace Hogarth | Ashlyn Garraway | Abby Stewart |
| Lilly Croucher | Hayley Cooper | Zhoe Ditchburn | Atlanta Memery | |

Parent/Teacher Meetings

We will be having our Parent/Teacher Meetings in week 4

The meetings are an extremely important component of ongoing home-school communication and family involvement with MWPS. Years of research demonstrate that family involvement in education leads to positive benefits for children, such as increased school attendance, higher academic performance, and improved attitudes about school.

This initial meeting will be a time for you to tell the teacher about your child. It is also an opportunity to look at the Goals set at the end of 2016.

Bookings will be available on COMPASS next week, these are the times available:

Wednesday 22nd February
2.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 23rd February
3.30pm - 6.00pm

If you have forgotten your Compass password, please contact the school office. If these times do not suit, please contact your child's teacher and make an alternative arrangement.

A crèche will be available for siblings in the Library.



School Council Members Wanted

School Council Elections will take place in March.

At Mildura West Primary School, the School Council plays an important role in supporting the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. It's a great way to get involved and have a real say in what your school is doing for its students.



This year we are looking for 4 new members.

Interested parents, carers and community members can enquire at the school office. We welcome all people willing to get involved to make our school, a great school.

Drumbeat promotes social understanding and connection through a team drumming experience. It is fun, safe, creative, engaging and rewarding. Participants lift their self-esteem, learn resilience, learn to work cooperatively, deal with anger issues and are exposed to the therapeutic and recreational benefits of music. Drum beat sessions are running for 6 -8 weeks. A letter will be sent home with your child if we think this program could be of benefit to them.

For further information please contact our Welfare officers Annie or Belinda

Stars of the Week



| Class | Star of the Week | Reason |
|------------|------------------------|--|
| Prep / 1 M | Trevon Hood | For wonderful listening |
| Prep / 1 P | Leisha Branson | For her insightful thoughts about friendship |
| Prep / 1 B | Linkon Hobson | For respectful listening |
| 1 H | Faith Baxter | For her respectful listening during learning time and trying her best. |
| 1 S | Yuleerah Thorpe | For being an amazing role model in the classroom! |
| 1 / 2 L | Memphis Nunn | For being a kind and polite class member. |
| 2 N | Tyson Hall | For the positive example he has set with his listening and following instructions. |
| 2 S | Maryum Al - Saimary | For being organised and ready to learn. |
| 3 M | Kael Purdue | For always being ready to learn and demonstrating excellent work in writing. |
| 3 C | Paymana Poya | For being a thoughtful friend and hardworking team member. |
| 4 A L | Ashlyn Garraway | For demonstrating our school values and showing kindness |
| 4 A T | Ryleigh Belle McDonald | For being kind to all her new classmates. |
| 4 / 5 K | Jack Ward | For being an outstanding team member. |
| 5 O H | Evin Tas | For always showing kindness. |
| 5 P | Jamal Laurie | For being a consistently respectful and attentive listener. |
| 6 C A | Riley Barnes | For making an excellent start to the year. |
| 6 C R | Milate Miki | Being a supportive and encouraging friend to all. |

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

Apply now

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

1. \$125 for primary school students
2. \$225 for secondary school students

How to Apply:

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form



CHANGE OF DETAILS

Have you changed jobs, got a new phone number or moved house?

Please take the time to fill in your contact details below, cut out the slip and return to the front office.

Student's Name _____ Class _____

Change of Address: _____

Phone Number (home) _____

Phone Number (work) _____

Mobile _____

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone)

RAINBOW FOOD DAY



THURSDAY, 23rd Feb 2017

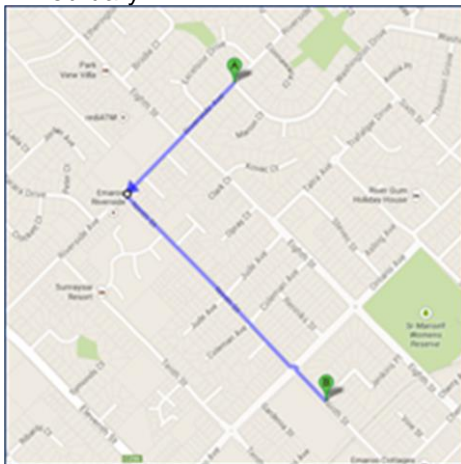
All orders must be by **Tuesday 21st Feb**

Please, no late orders.

All orders must be handed into your child's class teacher or the canteen.
Normal canteen orders will be available on this day.

Walking School Bus

The Walking Bus will continue this year. Everyone is welcome aboard with Neighbourhood Watch and local police helping. The 'Bus' will leave the corner of Washington Drive and Riverside Avenue at 8:30am on Friday 24th February.



School Banking is back!

Bring your Dollarmites bank book to school along with a few coins **every Thursday** and watch your savings grow.

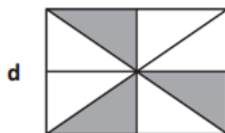
Application forms are available from the office, or please enquire at the Commonwealth Bank.



Maths Competition

Please write the correct answer, cut out and place the problem in the Maths Competition box, located next to lost property in the office. You can complete the problem as a family or individual. A winner of a \$5 canteen voucher is drawn at Friday's assembly. Good luck.

Complete the table for each shape.



| Shape | a | b | c | d | e | f |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fraction that is shaded | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Fraction that is unshaded | — | — | — | — | — | — |

NAME _____

CLASS _____