

MWPS Newsletter



Resilience

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Pride

13th October 2016

NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY

14th October

- Prep Parent Info Session (9.30 -11am)

19th-21th October

- Grade 4 Camp - Adelaide

28th October

- MWPS "Trick or Trivia" Night Fundraiser

1st November

- Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup Day

2nd November

- 2017 Prep Orientation (9 - 10.30am)

9th November

- 2017 Prep Orientation (9 - 10.30am)

15th - 16th November

- School Concert

23rd November

- 2017 Prep Orientation (9 - 12.30pm)

30th November

- 2017 Prep Orientation (9 - 12.30pm)

Notes Home

Eldest Child

- Trick or Trivia

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From the Principal & Assistant Principal...

A great week at West

Well the last week has been a very successful week, with lots happening at West!

Sport - We had some great sporting achievements.

Our athletics team had some super results - please see report on the next page! One in particular was Imogen Morgan who was FIRST in high jump! Well done Immy!

Our softball team also won their right to go to the next level of competition in Swan Hill.

The incredible annual Book Launch

Our Annual Book Launch was amazing, with a great many parents, carers and friends in attendance. The students did a great job of planning, drafting, publishing and illustrating their books.

Well Done Prep, Grade 1 & 2 children.



Westies Sleeping Rough



Our Grade Six team did a great job last Thursday evening, raising approximately \$1000 for the Homeless.

They slept outside on the cement in their sleeping bags. Luckily the weather was mild! Congratulations Grade Six student, for making an effort to help others less fortunate.

2017 Prep Open Sessions

If you know anyone who is interested in sending their child to West, please tell them to come to one of our Open session and find out all about our school.

Thursday 13th October

6.00 - 7.30pm

Friday 14th October

9.30 - 11.00am

2017 PLANS?

If you are intending on leaving MWPS in 2017 please let the office know as we are in the process of planning. Thank you so much for this support.

SRC Action Teams

Our SRC students and teachers have organised lots of fantastic activities over the last few weeks.

We've had:

- Cup Stacking
- Yo-Yo competition
- Down Ball competition

Yesterday, Mr Jeffers and his team organised a thrilling Scooter competition! Just about the entire school was either participating or in the audience.

From Anne & Luke



Success – Bendigo Athletics

On Monday we had 16 students travel to Bendigo to compete at the SSV Regional Athletics. Again, we saw some outstanding results!! I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who dedicated their time and travelled down to support our students. (especially Fiona Loader!).

All students demonstrated amazing sportsmanship on the day, gave it 100% and did Mildura West PS very proud!

9/10 year olds

Imogen	1 st high jump
Xavier	2 nd discus, 3 rd shot put
Taz	4 th 200m sprint
Harmony	5 th 80m hurdles
Ethan	7 th 80m hurdles



11 year olds

Morna	2 nd discus, 2 nd shot put
Skye	3 rd triple jump
Jac	3 rd triple jump
Laci	6 th 200m sprint
Morna, Lili, Laci, Skye	2 nd girls relay



12/13 year olds

Sam	3 rd triple jump
Illy	4 th triple jump
Damon	5 th hurdles
Vanessa	5 th hurdles
Sam, David, Kynan, Damon	6 th boys relay

All students placing 1st or 2nd have been invited to compete in Melbourne at the State Titles. Well done to all students!



REGIONAL SOFTBALL FINALS

On Tuesday, our students competed in the Regional Finals for softball at Aerodrome Ovals. Both teams had easily won their first two games and progressed through to the Grand Final.



The boys were up against The Lake P.S. and started well, pitching them out for only two runs. West were sent in to bat, but unfortunately didn't get any home. From there, our boys made a few simple fielding blunders and let the game slide out of reach. They are to be commended for their team work and great running between bases.

The girls were up against St. Pauls and came out flying, pitching them out quickly and sending us into bat. We came out swinging and managed to get 7 home. From there, the girls were unstoppable and eventually went on to win the game 15-0. Our girls will now travel to Swan Hill on the 28th October to compete in the Northern Zone Finals.

Thank you to Mrs. Wakefield for giving up her time to coach.



5/6 PBL

This term, the grade 5/6 unit will be involved in their next Project Based Learning (PBL) where they will be learning about Asia! During this time, the students will explore the answers to these key questions:

1. Who are our Asian neighbours?
2. How are we the same?
3. How are we different?
4. What's good teaching and learning?
5. How can I manage my learning?

The PBL will be run all day each Wednesday. In pairs, students explore a country in Asia and will develop an understanding of the culture and customs of their chosen country. Students will explore effective "teaching and learning" and create a workshop to teach others about their learning. The students will teach their workshop to peers and parents in a Cultural day to conclude the PBL.



As part of the learning, each 5/6 class has the opportunity to visit Beijing, learning Chinese language and about the Asian culture through weekly virtual tours with Freddy and Mike from China.

Grade 1 & 2 PBL: AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

PBL Outline

This term, students will be learning about native Australian animals through 'Project Based Learning' (P.B.L). This means your child will be asking their own questions, exploring new ideas and researching, to increase their knowledge of Australian animals. Students will also be exploring and learning about how good pairs learn together. This is another exciting learning experience for our Grade 1/2 students!

Driving Questions

1. How do native Australian animals survive in their habitat?
2. How do we learn together?

Celebration of Learning

Students will be sharing an oral presentation with their partner on Tuesday, 29th November. *More information to follow.*



Prep Unit

Term 4 will be a busy term in the Prep Unit. We have two C.A.T.S. (Common Assessment Tasks) in Week 3. We have our Assembly Performance in Week 4 and our School Concert in Week 7.

In class, we will also be learning about 'Eggs' through 'Project Based Learning' (P.B.L.) This means your child will be asking their own questions, exploring new ideas and researching, to increase their knowledge of this topic. We have lots of interesting and fun learning experiences planned, which you will find out more about during the term.



Today we had a visitor who shared some information about eggs. We will also be hatching some of our own eggs. You can read about this in next week's newsletter.

Compass Corner

Have you logged on to Compass lately? There have been eight CAT (Common Assessment Tasks) reports so far this year. **You can use the Compass website and mobile apps to access your child's reports at any time.** You can see teacher feedback on student work and even leave a comment!

Next week children will be putting up their goals for this term! So log on and have a look at your child's progress. You can log in at www.mildurawestps.vic.jdlf.com.au or via the mobile apps available in the Android and iTunes stores – search for Compass School Manager.

Compass Support

If you need help please call! A password reset is easy! If you would like further assistance please make a time to meet with Darrel Branson or Luke Jeffers. We are here to help!

Stars of the Week



Class	Star of the Week	Reason
Prep M	Deegan Cox	For taking pride in his work
Prep P	Hayley Rae	For always trying her best in Writing
Prep B	Max Caudwell	For trying his best in Writing
1H	Cooper Williams-Black	For showing resilience during the Marshmallow challenge.
1A	Kevin Rose	Great observation with our class book and his own reading
2L	Eknex Fono	For concentrating hard ALL day during our Australian Animals rotation day and jotting down lots of facts.
1/2A	Kayla Hayes	For taking pride in her work
2S	Rainez Darragh	For being resilient in writing and trying hard to remember her capital letters and full stops.
3T	Savannah Trask	For trying her best and asking great questions during Reciprocal Reading lessons.
3C	Ashlyn Garraway	For her fantastic enthusiasm for learning when researching her state in Geography.
3/4H	Sara Nasirie	For always trying her best in everything she does.
4A	Matin Ataee	For bouncing back when work gets tough.
4K	Toby Bolt	For showing resilience with his writing.
5T	Riley Barnes	For taking not giving up and taking responsibility for his learning..
5W	Tyzeekah Thorpe	Showing the school values and taking responsibility for own learning.
6OL	Kara Alexander	For consistently working hard in all areas.
6C	Nadisha Watson	For settling in so well.
P.E Prep	Ella Kaufusi	Always trying her best
P.E 1/2	Will Laphorne	Great sportsmanship
P.E.3-6	Kalym Higgins	Always being willing to help others and showing resilience in PE.
Science 5/6	Chloe Tonkin	Persisting with your learning by exploring a wide range of ideas in forensic science.
	Akeisha Watkins	
	Chrys Moala	
Science P	Deegan Cox	Trying to do your best and not giving up.
Science 1/2	Johnpeter Banner	For showing our school values at all times
Science 3/4	Seth Closter	Great contribution to class discussions
Art	Haidee Turner	Resilience in Art. Never giving up and always doing great work.
	Isla Surgey	
Breaky Club	Harry Robertson	For consistently helping at Breakfast Club

Grade 4 Adelaide Camp

Well, the time has finally come! Grade 4 students are excitedly getting ready for Grade 4 Camp to Adelaide next week.

Please remember to be at school bright and early at 6:30am on Wednesday morning. Also don't forget to pack a snack and lunch for the first day.

All the teachers are very excited for a wonderful three days in Adelaide.

As most students and teachers will be away enjoying themselves, the Grade 4 C.A.T. will be available to view Friday of Week 4.

Thank you,

Miss Attwell, Mr. Kerridge and Mr Hall

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.

What number am I? Write the numbers described below in words:

a I am the number before 945:

b I am 1 less than 530:

c I am 7 less than 700:

d I am 100 more than 6 878:

NAME _____

CLASS _____