PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Last Thursday our school hosted the Regional Public Speaking Competition in our hall and I am extremely proud to say that our students represented their school wonderfully. Their efforts were of a very high standard with the adjudicator commenting on their talented speeches. Kaitlyn Groves was the Winner of her section and Maddisyn Woods received a Highly Commended. Mrs Balcomb not only ran the competition here very well but also inspired our students to strive for success. Thank you.

Our Infants Carnival is on at school this Friday and we certainly hope it is as successful for our younger students as our Primary carnival was! Parents, caregivers and friends are most welcome to attend.

Our Instructional Leader, Belynda Gruden, has been studying the progress of our infants students and the data is showing very pleasing progress. This data is sent to Sydney every five weeks whilst we are part of the ‘Early Actions for Success’ Program.

Please remember to collect the stickers for our school when you shop at Woolworths. The school has a ‘bin’ in our office area as well as a ‘bin’ outside ‘Woolies’ at Lake Munmorah.

We currently have a real concern regarding attendance at school and I’d like to draw your attention to the following table:

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Please ensure you make every effort to have your children come to school each day as we could be doing them a real disservice by allowing them days off unnecessarily. The Regional average for attendance is about 92% and yet we have quite a few students well below this mark.

Of late, we have had quite a few visitors to the school for various reasons and it is really nice to hear their positive comments about the school. We are always looking to improve the facilities and programs for our students and welcome suggestions positive to assist us in maintaining this improvement.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th August in the Staff Room at 6.30pm. All parents are most welcome so please feel free to attend!

Peter Mandroules
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2

Term 3
Every Thurs: Horizons Kindy Transition - Term 3 & Term 4 9:30-11:30am
Fri 14 Aug: Infants School Athletics carnival, at school 5-7 year olds
Fri 14 Aug: Touch Football Gala Day, Stages 2 & 3 Doyalson fields

Term 4
Tue 18 Aug: Gymnastics classes start
Tue 18 Aug: P&C Meeting 6:30pm
Thurs 20 Aug: Bookweek character parade / Author visit
Sat 22 Aug: Bunning BBQ Fundraiser—Morisset
Mon 24 Aug-Fri 4 Sept: Intensive Swimming Scheme
Wed 26 Aug: Hunter Primary Maths Competition
Fri 28 Aug: Zone Athletics Carnival - Mingara
Thurs 10 September: Gibalee Day
Wed 16 Sept: 2/3V, 3/4R & 4S Excursion Laycock St Theatre
Wed 16 Sept: P&C Movie Night - Metro Lake Haven

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REMINDERS
* $2 for Library Author visit 20/08 * Keep 5/6 camp money coming in * P&C meeting 18/08 * Gymnastics starts Tues 18/08

School Athletics Carnival
On Friday, 31 July the school Athletics Carnival was held at Vales Point Power Station Oval. The weather was kind and a great day was had by all. Well done to all the students who competed on the day. A BIG thank you to all the students for their behaviour and the way they left the oval in a very tidy state. Special thanks to all the parents, families and friends who offered support on the day. Also all the helpers in the canteen who once again did a wonderful job feeding the masses. Later this week students who qualified for Wallarah Zone Athletics Carnival will be issued with a permission note. The Zone Carnival will be held at Mingara on Friday, 28 August. Congratulations to all our age champions:

Junior Girls: Jordan Oldfield
11yr Girls: Phoebe Ward
12/13yr Girls: Paige Deaves

Junior Boys: Trey Oldfield
11yr Boys: Neil Fisher
12/13yr Boys: Bailey Black & Ethan Timbrell
The House Point competition was as follows:

1st Wynn: 409    2nd Fullick: 369
3rd Vales: 348    4th Spencer: 345

As you can see it was a very close competition. Well done everyone and keep up the good work.

Andrew Rath

Ribbon Presentation
This Friday, 14 August at 2:00pm will see ribbons for the Athletics Carnival presented to the students. All families and friends are invited to attend this assembly.

ICAS Testing
Yesterday concluded the ICAS testing for 2015. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the students that participated.

Digital Technologies: Tobias Sutherland & Caige Pettit-Ingram
Science: Tobias Sutherland, Caige Pettit-Ingram & Hunter Tomkins
Writing: Isabella Sutherland, Lillien Sutherland & Caige Pettit-Ingram
Spelling: Tobias Sutherland, Mia Wilkins & Caige Pettit-Ingram
English: Tobias Sutherland, Mia Wilkins, Lillien Sutherland, Caige Pettit-Ingram, Hunter Tomkins & Riley Nightingale
Mathematics: Mia Wilkins, Caige Pettit-Ingram, Hunter Tomkins and Riley Nightingale

Students that receive a merit as their results will receive their certificate at Friday assemblies as they are returned. Any results at credit or above will be awarded at the Assembly of Excellence at the end of this term if they are returned to school by this time. Congratulations to all the participating students, we are proud of you all.

Mrs Vine

LAST CHANCE, PLEASE HURRY TO SECURE A SPOT

Intensive Swimming Scheme/Swim Survival Skills
The Intensive Swimming Scheme for Years 2-6 held at Toukley Pool is on again from Monday, 24 August – Friday, 4 September.

This is not just for non swimmers, it also is a great scheme for swimming survival skills for all students in Years 2-6.

If you would like your child to participate in this program please come in to the office and get a permission note. Unfortunately payment is due now - $65 for the 2 week program.

Keep in mind the cost of the program is for a 10 day intensive swimming program and you would find it very difficult to get lessons of equivalent value.

Skoolbag & Facebook
We now have MPPS up and running on Facebook. Please log on and like the page and you will receive all notifications, newsletters etc.

On the Skoolbag app you can also read the newsletters, alerts etc., and you are also able to send to the school your child’s absence notes.

It would be great to have all parents, carers and friends on either Facebook or Skoolbag app.

Bookweek is approaching!
Have you thought up a wonderful book character costume with your child? Our book parade will be the morning of Thursday, 20 August. This day will also host a visit by a local author, so all kids will need to bring $2 to be enthralled by this wonderful hour of laughs and literature. Please bring your $2 on the day to the Library.

Public Speaking
Congratulations to our 7 representatives at the Central Coast Public Speaking Competition. They were all a credit to our school and spoke exceptionally well. Our capable entrants were:
Kindly: Ruby Almond
Year 1: Anna-Marie Anderson

Year 2: Keira Benson
Year 3: Maddisyn Woods
Year 4: Mia Wilkins
Year 5: Tahlia Grose
Year 6: Kaitlyn Groves

Maddisyn Woods was awarded Highly Commended and Kaitlyn Groves has topped off her Public Speaking career with a win. I will endeavour to place the girls speeches on the Facebook page, so you can all appreciate their talents!

Debating
Congratulations to Jaali Douglass, Riley Gafa, Kaitlyn Groves & Abby Muddle for becoming amazing debaters…..They were unfortunate to be very narrowly defeated by Wadalba (after a very lengthy decision process). They debated the affirmative ‘that all parents should be banned from smacking their kids’. They had very strong arguments and an amazing number of rebuttals.

Well done team…..

Manno Munch News
Parents please be advised that large pieces of fruit are $1 and small pieces of are 50c. Manno Munch buy and provide fruit at minimal cost for the convenience of students and parents. The Canteen is open 5 days a week, but, unfortunately due to illness and work commitments we were unable to open on Tuesday, 4/08/15, this situation emphasises our need for more volunteers.

Please come in and give us anytime you can spare.
Thank you to Jen, Rhani, Bernice and for those who popped in to help.

Fundraising News
Bunnings BBQ
When: Saturday, 22 August
Time: Any time you can spare from 9am-4pm. (Feel free to organise groups with your friends and let me know times that suit)
We generally try to have at least 2-3 people for each shift.
3-4 people may be needed for busy times from about 11-2.
The more people we have the shorter the shifts.
Donations: another way of helping us is by donating items for the BBQ. Items may include: sausages, onions, napkins, ice, sauces or drinks.

Movie Night
We are having a movie night fundraiser at the Metro Cinemas at Lake Haven. All money raised goes towards our school.

Movie: Pixels
Date: Wed, 16 September
Time: 6pm for a 6:30pm start
Price: Discounted price $10 each

Movie tickets are available from the office.
We will have a cake stall and prizes to be won on the night.
Bring your friends and family along.

Father’s Day Stall
“Calling all crafty, creative people”! Please help (because I’m not so crafty)!
A few people have offered to get together and help make some gifts for the father’s day stall.
If you interested in coming along, or if you have some ideas of gifts that might be good to make, please leave a message for me at the office.
Thank you all for your ideas, help and support.

Jeannette
Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

All money raised goes directly to Mannering Park Public School.

Date: Saturday 22 August 2015
Where: Bunnings Warehouse – Cnr Mayfair Close, Morisset
Times: Approx 1-2hrs to help out between 9am – 4pm

What do we need help with?
1. Volunteers to cook the sausages on the BBQ, prepare the sausage sandwiches/rolls
2. Volunteers to sell the food & drink to customers

Donations
We will provide everything you need to prepare and sell the food, but we also appreciate any donations including:
- Sausages, onion, sauces, drinks, bread, gloves

If you can help – please
1. Leave a message at the office
2. Let us know your preferred time

The money raised goes directly towards our school resources.

We appreciate any help you can give.

Thank you

Mannering Park Public School

MPPS presents......

A Night at the Movies!

Date: Wednesday 16 September 2015
Time: 6pm for 6.30pm start
Where: Metro Cinemas, Lake Haven
Movie: PIXELS
Tickets: $10

Buy your tickets at the school office before the night

Bring your family and friends!

“When aliens misinterpret video feeds of classic arcade games as a declaration of war, they attack the Earth in the form of the video games.”

Starring Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Michelle Monaghan

Prizes to win & cake stalls on the night.

This is a MPPS Fundraising event.
Newsletter Item 5

Aim: To provide strategies for parents to teach their children how to respond if they are being bullied at school.

Talking with your children about being bullied

Just over 60% of children who were bullied in Australian schools reported they told someone after they were bullied. This means almost 40% of children who were bullied told no-one. Children often think that talking about a bullying incident is like ‘dobbing’ on one another.

‘Dobbing’ is when a person tries to get attention or to get someone else into trouble.

‘Asking for help’ is when someone feels the situation is out of their control and they are unable to deal with it alone. If anyone sees someone else in this situation they should also ask for help.

What are children learning to do at school if they are bullied?

Children at our school are being taught through the classroom curriculum that:

When I have a problem I can:
- Try to stand up for myself in a positive way;
- Try to talk with the person I am having a problem with;
- Walk away and ignore the person completely;
- Get help from a teacher or another person I trust;
- Ignore the situation and keep playing or working;
- Talk to a friend to get some ideas to help me make a decision; or
- Try coming to an agreement with the other person.

You can reinforce these messages by discussing them with your children at home.
Father’s Day Stall Fundraiser

Date: Wednesday 2 September, 2015
Time: 9.30am -1pm
(Students will visit the stall with their class)
Where: Community Room (MPPS OOSH room)

Looking for a Father’s Day gift?
We have gifts for fathers, grandfathers, uncles & friends

Cards & gifts from $1 - $15

Our range of gifts includes:
- Photo Frames
- Drink Bottles
- Toiletries
- Pens, notebooks
- Puzzles
- Key rings, torches
- Car care products
- Wine Bags
- Wristbands

All money raised will go towards resources for our school.

Happy Father’s Day

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...to add vegies, every day!

Eating the right amount of fruit and veg can lower your risk of cancer by 5-12 percent. Yet most adults don’t eat enough of either, particularly veg – and what adults eat affects the whole family.

Did you know legumes like baked beans are a type of vegetable?

Add legumes across your day to get some extra veg in:

- Baked beans on toast for brekky, or an easy dinner, or pack a small tin for lunch
- Add drained chickpeas to your salads
- Red Kidney beans make a tasty addition to bolognaise sauce, add towards the end of cooking.

Eating vegies doesn’t have to be complicated – aim for five serves a day, across your day.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit
After School Care provides a safe environment for children to explore and play

About the program
After School Care promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, encourages friendships and supports children to develop new skills – all while having fun.

Mannering Park Public School has partnered with Camp Australia, the leading provider of Before and After School Care in Australia. This high quality program embraces the school’s values and builds on your child’s educational experiences and individual interests.

The program combines active games with planned and unplanned play, quiet time, homework time and a healthy snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic Camp Australia staff who are on a mission to bring smiles to kid’s faces. As trained Educators, we know lots of different ways to help your child get the most out of their day and feel good about themselves.

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The information outlined above covers the most common program times and fees. For a full listing of all program details and fees for the service, please visit our website. We have over 200 Holiday Clubs. Please use the Holiday Club finder on our website to find the most convenient service for you.

Next step
visit www.campaustralia.com.au and enter your school name in the school finder.

Welcome
Let us help you find your school...
Enter your school name below to begin.

* Notes on fees and out of pocket:
- Almost all Australian residents are eligible for some form of government rebate.
- The Child Care Benefit (CCB) is income tested and scaled, resulting in a reduction of between 0% and 85% of session fees.
- The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is not income tested and is available to almost all Australian families. It provides a rebate of 50% of fees owing after the CCB has been calculated and considered.
- So that the CCB and CCR can be automatically applied to your account, you will need to provide your Centrelink Customer Reference Numbers (CRNs) during the registration process. These can be obtained from the Family Assistance Office on 1361 90.

We look forward to caring for your children.
www.campaustralia.com.au | 1300 105 343
GYMNASTIC LESSONS TERM 3/4
LAST CHANCE—STARTING TUESDAY

YES, I am interested in my child/ren having Gymnastic lessons in Term 3 and Term 4 and I understand it will be at a cost of $25 paid in full by Friday, 7 August.

Name ______________________________________
Signature ____________________________________
Child’s Name ___________________________________ Class_____
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Please find enclosed $25 being for 10 weeks Gymnastic lessons.

Office Use Only
Paid_______________ Date__________ Sig________

WHAT BOOK IS SUITABLE FOR MY CHILD?

Off to bed, Sleepyhead! is a fun rhyming book perfect for 4-6 year olds. Perfect book for growing a young vocabulary.

Evidently That’s Not Normal! Funny hardback book that tells of a household run by animals - best for ages 5-7.

Chalk and Cheese is a popular hardback book with a twist at the end and has been used by many schools to teach gender stereotyping.

How Do I Know? is a hardback for the older reader as it shows a different viewpoint on disability.

Because You’re My Grandson was written after the birth of Judy’s first grandchild and tells of the love a grandparent feels for their grandson. It won an Australian award in 2013.

Because You’re My Granddaughter is the perfect gift to give any new grandparent. Many children buy these books to read with their grandparents.