“PREPARING FOR TOMORROW”

THE MESSENGER

ISSUE 11 THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

ANZAC DAY
Saturday April 25th is ANZAC Day. The Mooroopna Community will commemorate ANZAC Day with a remembrance ceremony at the Cenotaph. Our school leaders will lay a wreath in memory of those who served their country in times of war. Our students have been invited to participate, provided they wear full school uniform and are accompanied by a parent. They are to meet Mrs Hill at the Mechanics Hall in McLennan Street at 8.20am to take up position at the end of the formal ranks and should march in an orderly group at the rear of the procession to the Cenotaph for an 8.50am service.

PUPIL FREE DAY
The school council has given approval for a curriculum day on Wednesday May 20th. Staff will be attending a professional learning day and no classes will be running.

EXCURSION LEVY
As part of the 2015 School Levies there is an excursion charge per student. Students in Years Foundation, One & Two were charged $40 each and those in Years Three, Four, Five & Six were charged $60 each. Families were given the option to pay this cost in advance or in individual payments at the time of each excursion.

Families were also advised at that time, that this excursion levy did not cover the cost of the Major Excursion offered to students in Years Foundation to 4, or the camp offered to students in Years 5 & 6. Families were told that they would be notified of the costs of these activities closer to the time of the event. This was done so that a very accurate cost could be passed onto our families rather than an estimate, therefore ensuring that families were charged no more than necessary.

I hope that this has not caused too much confusion. At MPS we want all our students to be able to have the experience that excursions and camps provide and families are encouraged to contact myself or our Business Manager, Jane Weston, if you have any concerns regarding payment.

MELBOURNE ZOO
The students in Foundation - Year 2 are excitedly looking forward to this major excursion. As detailed above this is the major excursion for the students in these year levels. A cost per student of $40.00 is payable as the major excursion is not covered by the excursion levy.

FOCUS GROUPS
As part of our ongoing evaluation processes our school has been involved in a number of focus groups. These were held in Term 2 and run by our School Council President, Dan Nicholson, and our Community Development Officer, Di Boulton. There will be more focus groups held later in the year. These groups are an opportunity for parents to provide feedback and suggestions on how our school operates.

The following suggestions have been actioned:

• We no longer call student names over the PA for lunchtime detentions, messages are sent to individual classrooms.
• Our Junior Leadership Team are about to begin a ‘Friends Stop’ program – which will provide activities to students to participate in during lunch time. There will be more details about this program soon.
• Our new staff car park now means there are fewer staff cars parked in the street, therefore leaving more spaces in the street for parent parking.

We will continue to work on suggestions from our focus groups and will keep you updated via the newsletter.
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Year 5/6
Breanna Edwards for a great start Term 2.
Annas Elnour for a great start to term 2.
Nicola Brown for a great start to term 2.

Year 4
Abbey Salau for being a positive and enthusiastic class member.
Tegen Cruickshanks for being a positive and enthusiastic class member.

Year 3
Caleb Kearns for completing all his work on time.
Cooper Silvey for working hard and completing all his work in maths this week.

Year 2
Bailey Poole for helping others in the classroom and for being a real leader.

Year 1
Celestine Tuaopepe for working hard at all tasks.
Tre Playford for excellent counting in Mathematics.

Foundation
Blake D’Urso for pointing to the words when reading his take home books.
Kobe Willoughby for working hard to complete tasks.

2016 ENROLMENTS

We have already begun to receive enquiries regarding enrolments for next year. New families to the school are encouraged to contact the office to organise an appointment to be shown around the school. Families with siblings attending MPS can call into the office to pick up an enrolment pack and advise the office staff of the new students details.

SCHOOL JUMPERS

As the cooler weather has arrived please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. All school jumpers need to be clearly labelled with the student’s name. If your child is out of uniform (including wearing a non-school jumper) a written note is required.

SPORTING SCHOOLS TRANSITION PROGRAM - SSTP

We are pleased to be offering this program which replaces the Active After School Communities Program. Once again limited places are available and confirmation of selection into the program will be forwarded home next week. The programs will commence on Monday 4th May & Wednesday 6th May.

Steve Rogers

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Jumping with Jets

Enjoy physical activity session with balance beams, trampolines, climbing equipment, rings and ropes
Develops amazing self confidence
Builds strength, coordination and flexibility
Improves the vestibular system – important for brain learning
Loads of Fun for kids to explore their bodies amazing capabilities
To be held at Jets Gymnastics
Midland Highway
Mooroopna

For further details and bookings contact:-
Mooroopna Education and Activity Centre, 23 Alexandra Street Mooroopna
FREE ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS.
27th April
9.15am-10.15am.
Numbers are limited.
Bookings are essential on 58 251774.