Dates to Remember

- May 26th River Connect Science - Year 3
- June 1st Italian Cultural Day MSC Foundation - Year 2
- June 1st Year 3-6 Solid State Circus Performance MPS
- June 2nd Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Year 4
- August 17th Pupil Free Day
- September 7th School Concert 7pm
- November 2nd Pupil Free Day

Weekly Events

- Thursdays 9.30am Playgroup
- Fridays 9.30am Mother Goose
- Mondays SSTP Ball Games
- Wednesdays SSTP Multi Sports

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

MELBOURNE ZOO
I was really pleased to spend the day at the Zoo last Friday with students from Foundation to Year 2. It was terrific to have so many parents, grandparents & family members come along and enjoy the day.

2016 YEAR 3 STUDENTS – iPADS
Thank you to those families who sent back the information slips regarding iPads for 2016 Year 3 Students. We had 16 replies, 14 of whom wanted BOYD iPads to be offered to their Year 3 child next year. As a result of this overwhelmingly positive response we will be going ahead with this program in 2016.

Any iPad, from a 16GB mini upwards will be suitable. We would recommend that if possible a 32 GB or larger be purchased. Many students will use the iPad after hours, including for entertainment, and as such if you can afford to do so then a higher capacity iPad would be advisable. The larger capacity should also ensure that the iPad will be suitable for a variety of uses and for a longer time.

An iPad would make an idea gift. For some families, this may be appropriate for birthdays or Christmas this year, in readiness for 2016.

Later this year we will be holding parent information sessions for those with students in Years 3 & 4 in 2016. There will be more information regarding the iPads and how they will be used in your child’s classroom.

MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Next month Year 4 students will have the opportunity to spend the day in the city and attend a performance by the Symphony Orchestra. The correct date for this excursion is the 2nd of June.

LIBRARY
New books are being processed at the moment and are to be added to the Library shelves. These books were bought with the points raised last year by students and their families making purchases from Book Club.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club flyers were sent home earlier in the week and at the time Scholastic had not advised the due date for orders. If you wish to order any books, please return your orders as soon as possible and hopefully by the next newsletter we will have been informed of the due date.

THE BIG WRITE
Yesterday our teaching staff attended a professional learning session held here at MPS for teachers from throughout the region. “The Big Write” focussed on Writing and Speaking and Listening. The day will further compliment professional learning our staff has undertaken with our learning coaches.

Steve Rogers

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
THIS WEEK AT ASSEMBLY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK’S BEE AWARDS WINNERS:

Year 5/6
- Katelyn Macansh for always following the Golden Rule.
- Caitlyn Glasson for always following the Golden Rule.
- Hailey Wright for always following the Golden Rule.

Year 4
- LA Calinao for continually displaying our school values.
- Scarlett Condon for writing with great enthusiasm.

Year 3
- Erin Culhane for maintaining a positive attitude during NAPLAN.
- Tahlia Newnhan for maintaining a positive attitude during NAPLAN.

Year 2
- Hunter Welch for working hard and making good choices in the classroom.

Year 1
- Max Atchison for excellent participation in our class discussions about the zoo.
- Harvey Lundberg for working hard on her zoo writing.

Foundation
- Ziva Lowden for persisting with all her tasks.
- Macayan Tuaopepe for showing great persistence with her class work.

Music
- Foundation Y for following instructions quickly.

Art
- Year 2 for being Persistent.

PEST Vs REST - YEAR 5/6

On Tuesday Year 5/6 went on an environmental excursion to Reedy Swamp. The weather was not the best, however a great day was had by all as we studied turtles, learned about Indigenous culture, bird calls and waste recycling. The highlight of the day was hunting for bugs in the environment. Screams of fear erupted as spiders were discovered and teams found insects, scorpions and other bugs.
Foundation, Year 1 - 2 News.

Last Friday May 15th saw the Foundation, Year 1 and 2 students head to the Melbourne Zoo. Students were able to explore all parts of the Zoo and take part in the Zoo's education program.

There were many highlights of the trip including the Butterfly House, watching the Zoo Keepers demonstrate how they care for the Elephants, getting hands on with a Corn Snake and the Tigers prowling around their enclosure looking for a Magpie or two, to eat.

I would like to say congratulations to the students who represented the school very well. On behalf of the Foundation, Year 1 and 2 team we would like to say thank you to all parents and grandparents who were able to help out on the day, your help really does allow the students to have a great day.

Sam Fenton