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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week's Cross Country running trials were a wonderful example of grit from so many of our students. Few of our students found the 2km (Year 3 and 4) or 3km (Year 5 and 6) circuit easy and most were well outside their comfort zones. But they dug in, ran their hardest and every single student who competed, finished the course. 😊

A wonderful addition to this year's trials were the staff who ran alongside the students. Thank you, Mrs Healy, Mr Bright and Mr Giliam, for encouraging so many runners and bringing out their best. Special thanks to the many parents who came along to support our runners and for helping around the course.

After the race we reflected on our Cross Country event and brainstormed how we might make it bigger and better in future years. Some great ideas included a sausage sizzle for students and their families, giant game of something on the oval afterwards and having students compete for their House's – Waratah, Wattle and Bluegum.

Several students made qualifying times for the Division Cross Country to be held at Stony Creek this Thursday. We wish them all the best.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

PREP 2023 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Our first 2023 Prep Information session for will be held in the Prep room (room 5) on Wednesday 8th June at 6.30pm.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 4 catalogues have been distributed today. Please place all orders online via the LOOP app or via the Scholastic website by 9am Monday 6th June.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 😊 **Tyler W** for always showing kindness and being thoughtful toward students and staff.
- 😊 **Olive S** for challenging and extending her learning at home. Fantastic DRIVE Olive!
- 😊 **Cole M** for leading by example and always having a go.



HOUSE POINTS This week's winner: Waratah

CALENDAR

Current 24/5 – 31/5

- 26th May** - Division Cross Country
- 27th May** - Winter Sports
- 30th May** - Curriculum Day (pupil free)

Upcoming

- 1st Jun** - Yr 3/4 Camp Rumbug
- 3rd Jun** - Winter Sports
- 6th Jun** - Book Club orders close 9am
- 8th Jun** - Parent Information session for 2023 Prep enrolments
- 13th Jun** - Queens Birthday (pupil free)
- 14th June** - School Council 7pm
- 16th Jun** - Division Winter Sports
- 24th Jun** - Last Day Term 2

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The newsletter is compiled on Monday. All items need to be submitted by 1:30pm to be included



Majeda Beatty Performance



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

The new School Council met last Tuesday evening, it was the first meeting chaired by our new President, Kate Thomas.

Things of note that were discussed were:

- Architects have completed a site visit to the school to do a measure up to build a new toilet block. Once we receive their designs we can move to the tender phase for the build, although, being Government everyone can appreciate that this is not a speedy process.
- The parent connect group is going to be holding two major fundraisers later in the year. The money being raised is going towards the building of an undercover outdoor learning area - which is desperately needed in the school.
 - One event will be an adults social night at the Meeniyah hall with a local band the date to be confirmed in October.
 - The other will be a community colour run when the weather fines up. This is an obstacle course where kids get covered by colour balloons and slime which are a lot of fun. More information around these two events will be coming but initial support has been agreed to. If you wish to help or for more information please contact the parent connect group as they will be organising.
- Jo Healy gave us a presentation of what each of the classes has been doing which is always fascinating and thank you to the contributors for such detailed presentations. Much of this work was presented in the open evening.
- Plus the normal finance discussions and that the NAPLAN testing went smoothly for all students in Years 3 & 5.

Katrina Benson, MPS School Council

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

This week National Reconciliation week starts, and it asks that we 'Be Brave and Make Change.'

My first full time teaching job was in Mutijulu, a beautiful Aboriginal community in the shadow of Uluru. My students spoke a beautiful language called 'Pitjantjatjara' as their first language, many spoke Arrernte, Luritja and Warlpiri too. On winters mornings I would arrive to school and smell the smoke of the breakfast fires around the community, and I would hear the song of the women singing in Pitjantjatjara in the aged care centre next door to school. I would hear those songs and my heart would move. It would remind me that I was a speck of dust in the story of Australia and those low deep voices would remind me that I was very fortunate to be teaching their grandchildren.

The kids were learning English at school with me and learning their country and land with their parents and grandparents. They knew their way around that land, they knew where, when and how to find all sorts of wonderful bush food out there. These kids were learning the ancient ways to manage the land – keeping the balance, using weather, fire, and movement. They were also learning how to contend with introduced animals, weeds and the fences, development and farmlands which had grown in the middle of their song lines.

These kids and their community kept coming to mind this week; First when your kids were dancing and singing in beautiful Island languages with Majeda and Jonah on Friday. Again, on the weekend when I was at Federation Square at the beginning of the Long Walk. We were welcomed to country by Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin who is a Senior Wurundjeri elder of the Kulin Nation and we were sung a song of healing in Woiwurrung language. This took my breath away and made me cry with hope for change and finally when I voted on Saturday because I need to live in a country where the wisdom and resilience of our First People is valued and heard.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following Community News articles promote community connections and communications
They are not considered school activities

LSC Year 7 Information Evening and School Tours – Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 6.00pm:

An invitation is extended to Grade 4,5 & 6 students, and their parents/carers, to attend college presentations about the programs and opportunities LSC has to offer for 2023 and beyond.

For information, contact Paul Borg, Junior School Leader

Tours – 18/5 & 24/5: 10.15 – 11am 26/5: 5.15-6pm 27/5: 10.15-11am

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