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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe it is the last week of Term 2, signally the mid-point of the 2022 school year. Students and staff are looking forward to the break, with plans to go away on holidays or spend some much needed down time at home. Our family is trying to do a bit of both. Catching up on farm jobs is something we generally enjoy doing together, along with the excitement of hitching on the van for five nights away on the coast. However you are choosing to spend your time, relax and recharge the batteries before what will be a busy Term 3 at MPS. Have a great break everyone.

Peter Harris, Acting Principal

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

When my eldest daughter was 4 she and I lived in a sleepy little beach town just out of Cairns. We lived in a bright orange house, we slept with every window open every night and often out on the deck until the unavoidable 2am rain would wake us. We never had any money. I was a single mum working and studying to make ends meet. So, we made our fun in the beautiful rivers and camp spots around Cairns. Each weekend we would shop at 'Rusty's Market' and get all the food we needed for the week. We would spend our change on a gerbera each.

The most vivid memory I have from that time is my daughter in purple gumboots, a fairy dress and a hand-me-down T-shirt standing near the gerberas trying to make her choice. Totally without inhibition, totally just beating to her own drum – happily and truly herself. Free of social expectations and construct. Not trying to be 'cool' or 'good' just being.

I have so few photos of her at that age because I could never afford to get them printed but these moments of her childhood are so vivid. If it was something that happened now, I might have snapped a photo with my phone. Then I might have been distracted by my phone sending it to my family, I might have shown her to the world on social media. I might have been distracted from the moments after, the moment where instead we snuggled on a bench seat, talked about our flowers, and nibbled on mandarins. One of the many treasured wandering moments with my biggest girl.

I hope over the break you have a chance to switch off, truly connect and take some photos in your mind.

Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

The last school council meeting for the term was held on last Tuesday evening (15th of June). The normal financial discussions were held alongside the principal reports and curriculum reports. In these we learnt of:

- Genes attendances of a disability inclusion PD at Inverloch and the Principal Conference in Melbourne
- The recent school improvements ie the calming space at the end of the hallway outside room 2
- The new bag boxes that were built outside (looking for volunteers to paint them please contact school if you are able to assist)
- New artificial turf at the front of the school (no more gravel rashes!)

CALENDAR

Current 21/6 – 12/7

24th June - PJ day – gold coin donation

24th June - Last Day Term 2
- 2.20pm dismissal

11th July - Term 3 commences

Upcoming

26th July - School Council, 7pm

28th July - Parent Teacher Meetings
(TBC)

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

All agreed that the new changes are fantastic and the school is looking so great at the moment.

Jo delivered yet another insightful power point presentation, this time on assessment and reporting. She gave us a detailed overview on how we assess at MPS. The importance of feedback and the noteworthy quote of "Students learn best when the partnership between the student, teacher and family is strong." It was acknowledged that this is such a busy time of the year for the teachers with reports and assessments. We appreciate their hard work and efforts.

The conclusion of the evening was general business. Prior to the meeting, members were given policy updates for the following :

Child safety & well-being, Child safe code of conduct, Child safe responding and reporting obligations, Child safe risk management, Child safe school action plan - Aboriginal learning and wellbeing, MPS statement of values and school philosophy. These were read and agreed to.

The next scheduled meeting is the 26th of July 2022.

Katrina Markley, School Council

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 😊 **Marcus J** for concentrating and really focussing when he has reading group work.
- 😊 **Owen C** for his consistent positive attitude towards his learning and always willing to have a go.
- 😊 **Edie S** for taking on and succeeding in the challenge to improve her reading.
- 😊 **Eliza H** for taking risks and showing 'grit' on the Giant Swing at Camp Rumbug.
- 😊 **Ryker D** for his improved attitude towards his learning. It is fabulous to see him giving his best effort.
- 😊 **Bailey N** for working extremely hard on his narrative and producing excellent computer generated images to accompany his text.
- 😊 **Oliver S** for working extremely hard on his narrative and producing some outstanding computer generated images to accompany his text.
- 😊 **Braydon P** for taking on board feedback to improve his work and being kind and inclusive.
- 😊 **Jacob Anninga** for explaining his addition and subtraction strategies in Maths



HOUSE POINTS

LAST WEEK'S WINNER

Bluegum

OVERALL WINNER

Bluegum

STAFF PROFILE OF THE WEEK

Stu Bright, Student Support



Where did you grow up? Dumbalk

One word to describe you would be.. Busy

What do you love about MPS? The way the students show pride in themselves and their school

Favourite movie? Point Break

Favourite bedtime story as a child? The Magic Faraway Tree

What are you looking forward to this year at MPS? All of us being on-site all the time!!

Something you have always wanted to try? Heli-skiing



Students at MPS have made a very special card for Jacob and Patrick's grandmother who is celebrating her 109th birthday!



Don't forget the JAT organised Pyjama Day on Friday (the last day of term). Come to school in your warm, cosy p.j's and bring a gold coin donation for a great cause.



CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS WHAT WE EXPECT AT MEENIYAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

- ❖ Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- ❖ We have zero tolerance of any abuse of children.
- ❖ We have policies and procedures in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children.
- ❖ There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with our students.
- ❖ The new Child Safe Standards go further than child protection arrangements did in the past.
- ❖ The Child Safe Standards apply to school staff, volunteers, contractors, visitors and students' family members.
- ❖ Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- ❖ To ensure you know how we are keeping your children safe at school, and how we would like you to support us.
- ❖ Unsupervised contractors will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of working with us if they work with children enrolled in the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while they are at the school).

Please see further information on Child Safe Standards on our school website.

Community members are encouraged to raise any concerns about child abuse with the Principal or report directly to Child Protection / Police.