



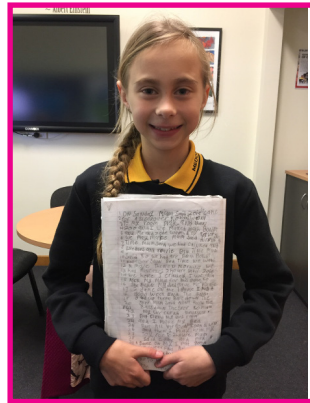
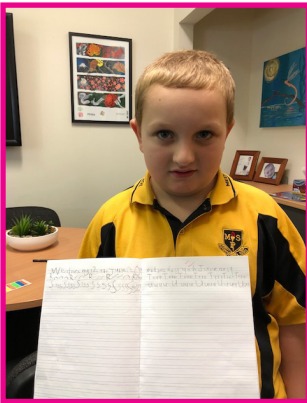
Term 2 Week 8

Thursday 20th June 2019

Wonderful Workers

This week I have had two students visit me for accomplishing personal bests. Mia wrote her longest story ever whilst Ben completed his best and neatest handwriting in class. Congratulations to you both for continuing to kick goals with your learning and demonstrating the intrapersonal skills of grit and focus.

tives were Spencer and Erin. These students did an amazing job on the day. Jaiden received a 'highly commended' certificate for his speech on refugees. A huge congratulations to Erin who won the Stage 3 competition with her speech on human rights and wrongs. We wish her all the best as she now will represent not only our school, but our region at the upcoming regional finals.



Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking

Earlier this week Mrs Bertso coordinated the interschool multicultural perspective public speaking competition. Our Stage Two representatives were Jaiden and Jemima and our Stage Three representa-



What's on at Medowie...

21st June	School reports to be sent home Marvellous musicians showcase 2pm
24th June	KW KH & K/1M Student Led Conferences
26th June	5/6H 5/6R & 5/6W Student Led Conferences
27th June	2R 3/4N & 3/4T Student Led Conferences
28th June	3/4H & 4/5S Student Led Conferences Whole School Assembly 2.15pm
1st July	P & C Meeting 5pm
2nd July	1/2G 1/2K & 1/2P Student Led Conferences
3rd July	Musica Viva Performance 9am

Star Struck

Whilst it was a long and tiring weekend for our Star Struck students, Mr Thompson and Mrs Murphy, our

Notes in Circulation

Musica Viva-Money & notes due in 21st June (Performance on Wednesday 3rd July).

Book club orders & money due in 21st June

school's performance this year was outstanding. I had the privilege of watching our students on Friday night and they all demonstrated tremendous teamwork. There was not one foot put out of place by any of our dancers. Well done to all – our students and staff are always hard at it!

PBL Cards

You will have noticed some students coming home with palm sized cards that say either, respectful, responsible or resilient. These cards are part of our second tier of PBL which recognises students who observe our school expectations every day. Students who receive 10 of these cards by the end of the term will receive extra play as an additional reward to acknowledge their hard work. They will also receive recognition at a whole school assembly.

Community PBL

This fortnight we have had another two students recognised for their community-minded spirit at Marketplace. Last week Marlie was observed showing beautiful, caring manners and empathy towards a fellow student. Hannah is being recognised tonight for giving up some of her own toys and collecting others to donate to the 'Rivergum Grandparents As Parents' support group.



Practicum Students

At the moment we have a number of practicum students in our school. KW, 1/2G, 3/4T and 5/6R all have second year students on their class. KH has a final

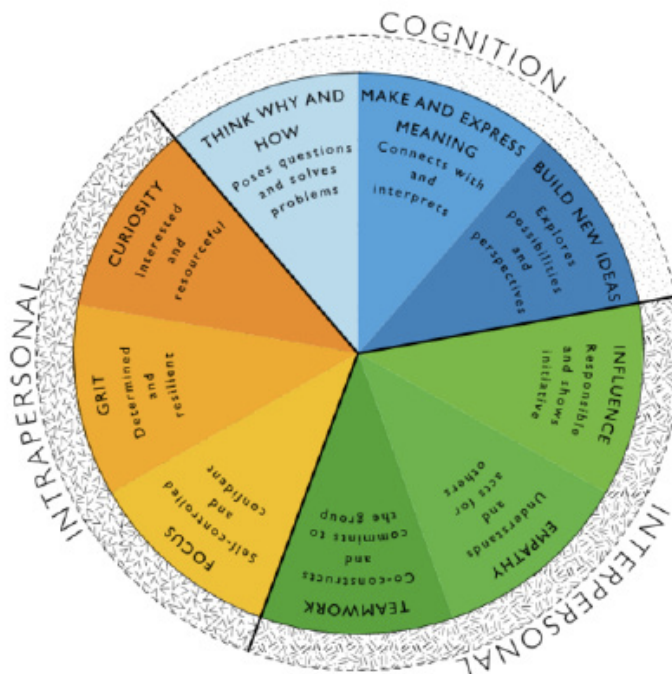
year student who will also return later in our school year. All practicum students have commented on the friendliness of our students. They too, have made a special mention that they really love being in our school as a direct result of this. We wish them all the best over the coming weeks.

Public Speaking Competition

Fresh off the back of the multicultural perspective public speaking competition, the inter-schools primary competition will commence early next term. Notes have gone out to all students earlier this week. All students K-6 will present a speech in class. Finalists will then be selected to compete against each other to determine our stage representatives. Finalists representing our school will be determined during week 10 of this term. Happy speech writing everyone!

Learning Disposition Wheel

Our school is constantly referring to the Learning Disposition Wheel. This wheel has been created after much research by educators and determines the necessary qualities everyone requires to be a successful learner as well as having a healthy well-being. The area of 'focus' from the wheel is one identified by our staff that many students struggle to maintain and regulate.



It is important to make the distinction between compliance and focus. Focus is referring to one's ability to have self-control and confidence. At home students can work on improving their focus by participating in activities like:

- Building activities – for example, with your child have a set of playing cards each and see who can build the higher house of cards before they fall.
- 3D memory games
- Puzzle games – rubik cube and snake cubes
- Board games
- Cooking - baking with your child helps them focus longer by following recipes

In general, hands on activities that foster thinking at the same time are most beneficial in improving focus. Whilst students can show great focus when using technology, it is important to avoid excessive screen time at home and encourage your child to explore more hands-on activities.

Semester One Reports

Semester One reports will be sent home with every student tomorrow. This will provide the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with them before three way conferences commence next week. Please remember to book a time if you haven't already done so. The ability to book a time closes tomorrow. Students enjoy sharing their work with you, and our staff would encourage every parent to come and celebrate their work and progress during the first part of our school year by attending.

Autism Support Group

Dianne Green, Local area coordinator of Saint Vincent de Paul in association with the National Disability Insurance Scheme is offering her services to assist parents who have students with autism. She is coordinating a parent support group in Medowie to assist parents in this position. Meetings are scheduled for this group at The Greenhouse – Pacific Dunes on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am. All parents are welcome.

Allison Thompson
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Lost Property

We are still seeing lots of jumpers/jackets coming into our lost property with no names on them. Please ensure all items of clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name so they can be returned to their owner. Lost property is situated in the office foyer, please feel free to come in and have a look through at any time.

Thank you

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will be closed Monday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning due to lack of volunteers.

If you can spare half an hour on any of these days and would like to help out in the uniform shop, please contact Kate Lord on 0411 424 815.

Thank you

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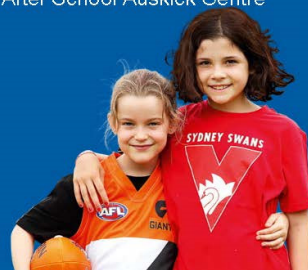
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Stage 3 Greta Excursion

Life At Migrant Camp

An exclusive talk from two former residents, Elizabeth and Alec from Greta migrant camp. Some information has also been included from 'My Memoirs' by Irene Brent who was another former resident.

"I was born in the camp" says Elizabeth "But I heard from my mother and others who came on the boat that it was a horrible experience to come by boat. There were around 50 babies and children dying per ship and there were many diseases spreading through the boats. In her book about her life, 'My Memoirs', Irene Brent "I came on the plane from Hungary. It was a converted Lancaster Bomber from the war and it was un-insulated and freezing. While we were flying some staff came around and offered us tea."

Alex Kurtz





Star Struck 2019

Last week, 30 students from Medowie Public School performed in the dance sections of Star Struck. Our featured item was “Don’t Stop Believing” by Journey and our students were frequently praised for their efforts.

During rehearsal, our section of the item was not asked to repeat rehearsal on any occasion as our students were so well rehearsed and confident that they were able to nail it the on the first attempt each time. For the finale, 1500 primary school students performed “Faith” by Stevie Wonder & Ariana Grande. More than just the performance, Star Struck are very long days for the students with some days starting at 7am and not finishing until 11pm.

Aside from their excellent performances, the behaviour of our students was regularly applauded by everyone who came into contact with them. For the teachers, it was a wonderful experience getting to know these students and a pleasure to spend time with them. It was wonderful to see their hard work and effort pay off in outstanding performances.

I would like to thank our parents for the way they supported the teachers and their children throughout the whole process, it made for a fun time had by all. I would personally like to thank Mrs Murphy for her excellent organisation and skills in making our dances ready to shine on the day.

We can’t wait to do it all again next year!

Mr Thompson





Medowie AUTISM ALIVE Group



You are welcome to a group of like-minded parents with spirited kids and teens from your community... LET'S HELP EACH OTHER.

Share ideas and turn problems into solutions. Realise and celebrate your 'normal-ness'.

Generate solutions to daily living difficulties by sharing your strengths, tips and tricks.

Expert Guest speakers including Psychologists, Therapists, to broaden your knowledge of local resources.

Activities to explore and entertain – including big screen TV/movie. Bring your own ipads, phones and headphones.

Meet in the comfortable conference room of The Greenhouse overlooking the picturesque landscaped grounds of Pacific Dunes Golf Course in Medowie.

The Greenhouse – Pacific Dunes

Championship Drive, Medowie

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month

Commencing 6th August 2019 10am – 12pm

Guest Speaker: Dianne your Local Area Co-ordinator Vinnies/NDIS

All your NDIS questions answered; Application, Assistance, Requirements

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Pottery Workshops FOR KIDS!!!

White Horse Pottery is a small, local business based in Medowie. This school holidays, we are offering our first ever **SCHOOL HOLIDAY workshop!**

The cost of the workshop is \$60 and includes clay, use of all studio equipment, individual tuition, and firing of finished work to 1000C

Workshops run for 2 hours, and we will learn about:

- where clay comes from, and how 'mud' becomes 'pottery'
- then we will get our hands dirty and make our very own succulent pot, candle holder, or soap dish.



Spaces are limited to a maximum of 5 children per workshop, and booking is essential! To book a place, please text or call me on 0405 956 787, or send me an email at Whpottery@gmail.com

For more information on our adult classes, and combined parent/child workshops, check out the website www.whpottery.com

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Port Stephens Library July 2019 School Holiday Program



DATE	TIME	VENUE	ACTIVITY	COST	AGE
Tue 9 July	10.30-11.15am	Tomaree Library	NAIDOC Storytime and Craft with guest reader	\$1.50	2-5
Thu 11 July	2.00-3.30pm	Tomaree Library	Free Family Movie – Storm Boy (original 1976 version)	Free	All
Fri 12 July	10.30-11.15am	Raymond Terrace Library	Storytime and Craft	\$1.50	2-5
Mon 15 July	10.30-11.30am	Tomaree Library	Fun with Fossils. Presented by Newcastle Museum Learn about the process of fossilisation and investigate real fossils	\$5.00	5-12
Mon 15 July	1.30-2.30pm	Raymond Terrace Library	Fun with Fossils. Presented by Newcastle Museum Learn about the process of fossilisation and investigate real fossils	\$5.00	5-12
Tue 16 July	10.30-11.15am	Tomaree Library	Sleepy Sloth Storytime and Craft	\$1.50	2-5
Tue 16 July	2.00-3.00pm	Raymond Terrace Library	Salt Dough Circuitry Learn to make salt dough and build your own salt dough light circuit	\$5.00	7-10
Wed 17 July	10.30am-12.00pm	Tomaree Library	Animal Art – Sketching Workshop	\$5.00	8-12
Fri 19 July	10.30-11.15am	Raymond Terrace Library	Storytime and Craft	\$1.50	2-5
Fri 19 July	12.00-5.00pm	Raymond Terrace Library	Free Games & Pizza Afternoon	Free	All

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Raymond Terrace Library : 4988 0111 Tomaree Library : 4988 0670



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