Term 3 Week 2

Thursday 1st August 2019

Classroom Stars

Last week during maths, Anton was very excited to show me his ability to calculate totals. He was throwing dice with numbers on them in the 100s and 1000s. He threw three dice and added the numbers together. He got them all correct. Super calculations, Anton!



Student Spotlight



Luke from 1/2G is an Australian Champion BMX racer. During the holidays, Luke represented Australian in the World Championships in Zolder, Belgium. Luke showed true grit and resilience, competing in 43 degree heat and is now placed 9th in the world for is age. This a substantial result for such a young boy. He is a true champion and I'm sure the whole community will join our school in applauding his mammoth effort

to secure such an amazing result. Well done, Luke! We

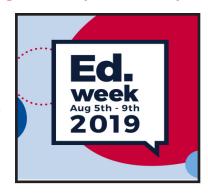
What's on at Medowie	
2nd Aug	Zone Athletics-Track
5-9th Aug	Education Week
5th Aug	Showcase Marketplace performance - 9.30am
7th Aug	AECG meeting at Dungog High 10.00am
	IHS Showcase evening performance 6.00pm
8th Aug	'Bring family to school' day
9th Aug	Bookclub orders & money due in Whole School Assembly - 2.15pm
13th Aug	Education Week Awards-Hunter River High - 3.30pm

Education Week – Bring Your Family to School Day

can't wait to see your photos and hear about your over-

Next Thursday 8th August, our school will help celebrate Education Week by having a 'Bring Your Family to School Day'. This day will begin with the staff running demonstration lessons. Parents are asked to start in their child's classroom and they will then be

seas experiences.



directed to another two classrooms before returning to their child's class for the open classroom experience. These mini lessons will give you a taste of the programs and initiatives our school is prioritising as outlined in our 2018-2020 School Plan. From 10.30am you will be invited to attend your child's classroom to join in some fun and games. From 11am to 12noon you are encouraged to have a picnic lunch with your children. Please remember to bring a rug and find a space to enjoy our lovely school environment. The school canteen will be available. Please ensure orders are placed by 9.30am. At midday students will return to their class but our families are invited to attend our school hall and be entertained by our students. The presentation aims to showcase our students' learning as well as extra-curricular performances.

Merit Awards

At our whole school assembly last Friday, our first merit awards were handed out to mark the beginning of Semester Two. Congratulations to all students who received an award. Mrs Richards and her class entertained

Notes in Circulation

Thompson's Pie Drive - orders & money due in Friday 2nd August

"Big Dreams" Musical performance - notes & money due in 23rd August Cost \$7.00

'Bring your family to school' day 8th August

5c Fundraising challenge

us during the assembly with a whole school performance. They used bucket drums and performed to 'We Will Rock You" by Queen and rock us, they certainly did!





Bunji

The much awaited arrival of Bunji the possum to Medowie Public School happened earlier this week. Bunji is our PBL mascot and he introduced himself to our morning assembly on Monday. Bunji will help support our students in achieving the school expectations of being respectful responsible and resilient as well as being a great motivator.



Community PBL

Congratulations to our wonderful students who have been recognised at Marketplace this term. Tristan was recognised for giving up his own time and patiently trying to teach someone a new skill without being asked and Amber for assisting a student who was sad and helping them get invovled in a game on the oval. She used encouraging words like 'Everyone should be included' and 'It's nice to be kind and let everyone play'. Wonderful work, Amber!

Please remember community PBL recipients should be nominated for displaying safe behaviours, trust and honesty, acting responsibly and being respectful outside of our immediate school environment. Please keep your eye out when you are out shopping or at sporting events to catch a Medowie student displaying these values. This is a prestigious award and we want to ensure students who are nominated have been noticed in the wider communi-





ty. Nominations can be made via phone or by the nomination box located at the school office.

Social Media

There has been a growing number of students in Stage 3 accessing social media and messaging groups of students within our school. Unfortunately the messages that are being sent are not polite and do not represent our school expectations of being respectful and responsible. The esafety Commissioner does not recommend that the apps that most of our students are accessing should be used until the age of 13. As a parent, I would firstly recommend that your child adheres to the guidelines and stops using these platforms until they are the correct age. In regard to messaging, parents need to be vigilant and check their child's phone to ensure they are acting responsibly. Any inappropriate activity should be reported to the eSafety Commissioner. The address is https://www.esafety.gov.au

NAIDOC Day Celebrations

Our students had an enjoyable day participating in NAIDOC celebrations last week. Thank you to the organising committee for arranging such a great day. Students throughout the day participated in a range of activities including bark painting, artefacts study, Indigenous games, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance, didgeridoo playing, weaving, story telling and cooking.

Allison Thompson Principal







Lincolnan animation expert!



Nice work Ryana great collaborator!!



Annabel- you produced a such a fantastic **Toontastic** production! **Great effort and** teamwork!



William -you were such a **Fabulous team** worker! They couldn't have done without you!



Indi-another first who worked so brilliantly! Such a fabulous effort!



were fabulous!



Great teamwork Aidan! You worked quietly & quickly to help your team



incredible animator and drawer **Fantastic team** teacher!

M.P.S. HOLIDAY FILM CLUB

Thanks for giving up your Holiday time!

July Holidays 2019

Thank you to all these students who gave up their time to join us and learn about animation, film and News Casting.



Ben! You were a terrific team nember -working so well at all times!



Jessica-you blitzed the New Casting & Film Making! You have so much potential in this craft!

Korey -you produced the best of the best Such a team worker Fantastic effort!



YOU WORKED INCREDIBLY WELL TOGETHER AND WERE MARVELLOUS FILM MAKERS



maker with Alex! He worked so quietly & quickly to help solve all his team's filming problems





Ebony is a Stop MotionPro expert What an amazing effort!

Fantastic

news reporting

Lucas!

Your efforts are

totally

wonderous!



What a fantastic all round effort Cooper. You are a brilliant Minecrafter



Hamish's work & team participation was extraordinary! A fabulous effort!

the filming gig so

quickly- well done!

Your efforts were



Even though AJ worked with us just once, his efforts were amazing!



Angus just loved animation & film. He is a wonderful story teller!



Harry is another newscaster extraordinaire. A brilliant effort!



To view some of the video creations by students please use the links below.

https://vimeo.com/351059942 https://vimeo.com/351059835 https://vimeo.com/351059414

Minecraft Club- Early Stage 1 & Stage 1

ES1 & Stage 1 Minecraft Club is held in the Hall each



During these times students access the DET supported and secure **Minecraft EDU** APP.

In order to do so, students need to know their login information.

Usually it is their name and separated by a dot and the DET address.

A small number of students also need to know which 'number' they have against their name.

While your child's teacher has access to this information AND Mrs Purvis has these with her at all times, it is important your child can write the first part of the internet address.

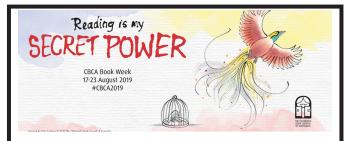
Usually their password remains as 'dog'. If this has changed, please let Mrs Purvis know.

See example below-

jimmy.potts34@education.nsw.gov.au (*all lower case* unless already previously capitalised)
Mrs Purvis can certainly help your child fill in the address.

However, to help us all out, your child needs to practise their first name.surname and **possibly** add a number in order to assist with and speed up this process of logging in.

Kind regards, Sue Purvis



Book Week is celebrated each year in mid to late August. This annual event highlights the importance of reading and draws on the joy of stories and creativity of Australian books.

Book Week is about:

- encouraging students to read
- to learn about new books
- to share favourite writers and illustrators
- to look again at old favourite books in, perhaps, a different way
- to take time to be alone and just read.

The aim for teachers during Book Week is to create an exciting environment using displays that challenge and stimulate students to enjoy the theme "READING IS MY SECRET POWER" as well as the books that are short listed for Book of the Year 2019. This year, Book Week will be celebrated in Term 3, Week 5 (August 19th – 23rd).

Book Parade

Our Book Parade will be held on Thursday the 22nd of August, in the top playground (handball courts), from 9:45am.

As usual, parents are very welcome and pre-schoolers/ siblings are encouraged to dress up and participate in the parade. To team with the Book Week theme, come to our Book Week Parade dressed as a character from a favourite book. Don't forget to carry a sign, or the book itself, telling everyone what character you are or what you are dressed as.

I look forward to celebrating Book Week with you all again this year!

Lucy Bertsos (Teacher Librarian)

DEFENCE NEWS

We had a great afternoon tea last Friday welcoming our 3 new defence kids, Ethan, Oliver and Alex. We also made some popcorn trees for national tree day! There were some pretty impressive ones I must say!! The kids had such a great time playing games and interacting with each other.

Upcoming events:

9th August - Coffee catch up at 'The Little Pantry' 1.30pm. 22^{nd} August - Terrace Buddies meeting at 'The Macadamia Farm' from 10am.







P & C News

5c Challenge



We have kicked off our 5c Challenge to raise money for the 2019 School Wish list.

Collection bottles are in the classrooms and tallies will be updated weekly.

5c pieces will be collected until a final count on 22 August with the class who collects the most 5c pieces winning a class party, a drink bottle and a Certificate courtesy of the canteen & the P&C! Great reason to start collecting 5c pieces.

Thompsons Pie Drive

A Fundraising Order Sheet was sent home last term.
Orders and money are due by this Friday, 2 August 2019.
Your order can be collected from 1.00pm on Wednesday 14
August 2019 from the school hall.

Save The Date

Girls Night Out 2019 will be held on Saturday, 7 September 2019 at Scotty's Cinema Raymond Terrace. Follow *Girls Night Out Medowie* on Facebook for updates on this popular annual fundraiser or if you would like to contact us, please do so through our email <u>girlsnightoutmedowie@hotmail.com</u>.

Do you have your RSA? We would love your assistance on the night. We are seeking volunteers both with and without an RSA to assist on the night. Please email us at girlsnightoutmedowie@hotmail.com if are available – free entry to those who help on the night!

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday, 12 August 2019 at 5.00pm in the School Library. All welcome!

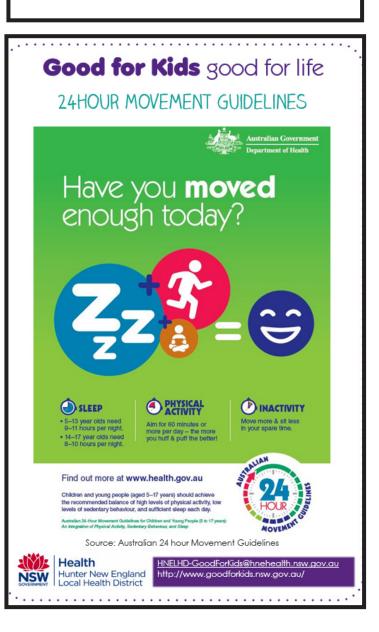
Thank you for supporting Medowie Public School through P&C events. To contact P&C, email <u>pandcmedowie@</u> hotmail.com.

Entertainment Books

Final call for those who have not returned their Entertainment Book to please do so ASAP, or purchases can be made via this link www.entbook.com.au/341e54.

Your support for this fundraiser is greatly appreciated, \$12 from every purchase goes directly to the P&C.

Thank you Kate Lord P & C Committee







DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?

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Red Knights Trivia Night



Sat 3rd August 7.15pm start

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BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES

\$10 PER HEAD

8 PER TEAM



MEDOWIE COMMUNITY HALL

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