



Term 3 Week 4

Thursday 15th August 2019

Education Week

Last week our school celebrated Education Week by holding a "Bring Your Family To School" day. The day started with 3 demonstration lessons run by all of our teaching staff. As I moved to several lessons it was clear that many family members had taken the time to attend. We appreciate it is difficult for working parents to find the time to come to these events and we thank you for your interest and attendance. We also had open classrooms followed by a picnic lunch. Our canteen did an amazing job in catering for such a large amount of people. Our celebration finished with a showcase assembly which highlighted learning in the classroom as well as creative and performing arts performances. The theme 'every student, every voice' was capsulated in all of our activities throughout the day.

To recognise outstanding students, staff and community members in Port Stephens, a special awards ceremony was held at Hunter River High School earlier this week. Congratulations to our students, Holly and Breanna for their ongoing efforts and achievement across all curriculum areas. Mrs Sanson was recognised for her mentoring of colleagues in the program Focus on Reading, Mr Berger for his integration of technology to enhance the learning of students and Mr Haug for his ongoing commitment to PBL. Mrs Kaves represented non-teaching staff for her ongoing contributions to the school office and the wider community. Community awards were represented to Mr Fisher for his ongoing support to wellbeing programs and

Mrs Pont for her many years of coordinating the Scholastic Book Club program. It was lovely to see these worthy recipients receiving their awards. Congratulations to you all!



Highly Commended

Recently we had a number of students represent our school at the zone public speaking competition. Ruby and Jaxon represented ES1, Amelia and Korey - S1, Ben and Hamish - S2 and Erin and Spencer - S3. We were fortunate to have one student's speech being recognised as 'high commended'. Congratulations, Spencer!

Erin was also successful in a multicultural public speaking completion and will be representing the zone at Belair Public School in the coming weeks. All the best, Erin!

What's on at Medowie...

19th-23rd Aug	Book Week
21st Aug	Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition - Stage 3
22nd Aug	Book Parade 9.45am
23rd Aug	Whole School Assembly 2.15pm
27th Aug	Science Saves the Day - Yrs 1 to 6 no cost to students
28th Aug	Father's Day Stall
29th Aug	Father's Day Stall



Notes in Circulation

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

5c Fundraising challenge

4C Strategies by 3/4N

3/4N recently completed a text talk to predict what a book titled 'Sunday Chutney' by Aaron Blabey was about. Text Talk requires students to collectively have a written conversation. Each member of the group has a different coloured writing tool so that their ideas can be tracked on paper. During this activity, students do not orally talk to each other although they observe normal verbal communication rules where turns are taken and no one begins writing until the previous person has finished. This learning activity requires students to work on teamwork and focus which are essential intrapersonal and interpersonal skills.

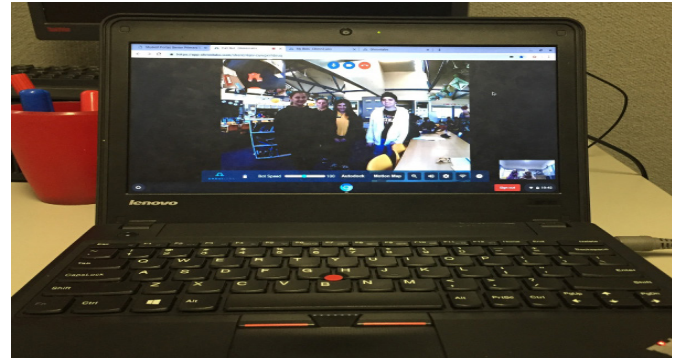


Telepresence Robot – Mindy 2.0

As many of you would be aware, Mindy from Year 6, was diagnosed with leukaemia at the end of last term. As a result she is receiving extensive medical treatment and is unable to attend school. Mr Berger investigated some technology options which has resulted in our school loaning a telepresence robot from the NSW T4L community. This robot has been affectionately named by Mindy's friends as 'Mindy 2.0'. Mindy can be at home and via a laptop, move



the robot around the classroom. She can hear and participate in everyday lessons. The robot literally is Mindy! Her classmates can talk to the screen on the robot and Mindy can reply. We are all very excited to have this technology in our school and in allowing Mindy to experience all of the same learning and social opportunities as her peers.



Positive Award – 10 tokens

Congratulations to our first students who have been awarded with 10 award cards for demonstrations of our school's expectations of being respectful, responsible and resilient. Maddison, Jane, Bowie, Harry, Ellie, Broch, Leila and Aaron truly are worthy recipients. They will receive an additional 30 minutes of play time at the end of this term. I hope there will be a number of students who reach this achievement by the end of the school term and can join them.



Merit Awards

There were many proud students and parents at last week's whole school assembly who received merit awards. The many and varied reasons students received these awards was fitting as last week saw our school alongside other NSW public schools celebrating Education Week. We were also entertained by 1/2P who sang a song for us. They did extremely well to remember all of the words as well as hold up words at the same time they were sung.

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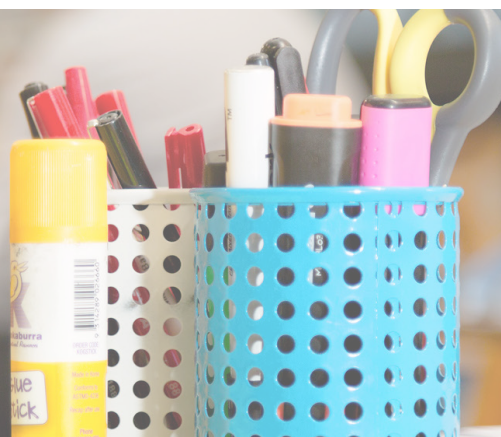
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Community PBL


Our community PBL program is continuing to go from strength to strength with many nominations being received. It is fabulous to see that our students are being wonderful citizens outside of our school environment. Congratulations to Ella and Lucas who are our two most recent recipients of this award. Ella received her award for helping an injured friend during dance lessons at the Community Hall and Lucas for staying with a child who was hurt until help arrived during the school holidays at Revolution, the indoor trampolining centre.



Allison Thompson
Principal

Reading is my
SECRET POWER

CBCA Book Week
17-23 August 2019
#CBCA2019

Artwork by Bob Graham © 2019 The Children's Book Council of Australia

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 Bertso
(Teacher Librarian)



Grandparent's Day

As part of Grandparent's Day 2019, we will be holding a special day on Wednesday 30th October, where grandparents can interact with their grandchildren through a range of classroom activities.

The morning will begin just outside the administration building at 9:40am with a short welcome. Following this, all classrooms will be open for grandparents to visit.

There will also be light refreshments available for purchase under the COLA that have been prepared by our wonderful canteen.

Our school councillors will be available to direct grandparents to the classrooms, so parents are asked to provide this information to the attending grandparents.

The day will begin at 9:45am in classrooms and conclude at about 11:00am. If grandparents are not available on the day, parents are most welcome to take their place.

Mr Wells

DEFENCE NEWS!

Technology in the classroom!! It can be tough having mum or dad away on exercise or deployment so we have organised being able to get the whole class involved and video call the parent that is away. This will be great for those who are here on exchange from another country too as we can video call their school and see what it looks like and vice versa.

We were able to set up a webcam and call Tyler's dad in Alaska from the classroom so all the kids could see where he was and ask him questions! It was pretty cool and interesting, the kids were amazed that it was 8.30pm and still light as day! They also had a bear on base!!!



Zone Athletics Report

Last week saw 35 students participate in the Port Stephens Zone Athletics Carnival held at Raymond Terrace. Students are to be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour throughout the two days. Well done on your amazing effort! Thank you to all parents and friends who came along to cheer our school along.

A special mention to Logan who has qualified to represent the Port Stephens Zone at the Hunter Region Carnival.

Mr Wells
Athletics Coordinator

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 22nd 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.

Girls Night Out 2019 | 7th September | Screening: Late Night

Girls Night Out 2019 will be held on Saturday, 7th September 2019 at Scotty's Cinema Raymond Terrace.

The movie this year is Late Night.

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 girlsnightoutmedowie@hotmail.com.

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 you are available –free entry to those who help on the night!

Fathers Day Wrap-a-thon

We are looking for Mums, Dads, Nannas, Pops and Carers to help with our Wrap-a-Thon! Please come and join us wrapping gifts for our Fathers Day Stall in the School Hall on Wednesday 21st August between 9.00am – 11.00 am. Morning Tea will be provided. For more info, contact Kim on 0416 261 966.

Fathers Day Stall

Will be held on Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th August with a huge assortment of \$6.00 and \$3.00 gifts available.

Thompsons Pie Drive

Thank you to everyone who placed an order in the Thompson Pie Drive. The fundraiser raised a total of \$658.20. Hope you all enjoy your baked goodies!

New President

At our meeting on Monday, Kate Lord was nominated for the position of President for Medowie P&C. Kate accepted the nomination and on behalf of the P&C, we welcome Kate as the new President of Medowie P&C!

New Vice President

Due to Kate accepting the position of President, her previous position as Vice President was declared vacant and Deanne Winter was nominated and she accepted her nomination as Vice President, we welcome Deanne as one of the two Vice Presidents of Medowie P&C!

Thank you for supporting Medowie Public School through P&C events. To contact P&C, email pandc-medowie@hotmail.com.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

WED 28TH & THURS 29TH AUGUST

HUGE ASSORTMENT OF \$6 & \$3 GIFTS AVAILABLE

PLEASE BYO BAG

We are looking for Mums,
Dads, Nannas, Pops and
Carers to help with our...

FATHER'S DAY

Wrap-A-Thon

Please come and join us in
wrapping gifts for our
Father's Day Stall

WED **21st** AUGUST 9am - 11am
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
MORNING TEA WILL BE PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFO CALL KIM
PH 0416 261 966

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Would you like to do athletics but aren't able to compete at Medowie
on Friday nights?

Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre

Registrations for the 2019 / 2020 season

Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre, Kangaroo Street, Raymond Terrace

Saturday August 17, 24 and 31 from 11am to 2pm.

Registrations fully paid by August 31 will receive a discount

We accept Active Kids vouchers as part of registration fees

Competition begins Saturday September 7th

Enquiries: Deidre 0418 962 185

Girls Night Out



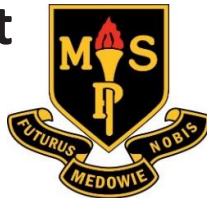
Saturday 7 September 2019
Doors Open 7^{PM}

80's theme dress up (optional) **best dressed prize**
Scotty's Cinema Raymond Terrace

Join us for a special screening of **Late Night**,
champagne on arrival, **nibblies**,
lucky door prize, 100club and **raffle prizes!**



Girls Night Out
Medowie



Over 18+ only
\$25 per ticket

Register online: <https://girlsnightoutmps.wufoo.com/forms/r1gai441x4ip80/> or via the form below

2019 Girls Night Out Registration

Please complete and return this portion with payment to Medowie Public School in an envelope labelled "Girls Night Out".

Name _____ Mobile Number _____

Email _____

Tickets will be available to collect from the Medowie Public school office. You will be notified by email when tickets are ready for collection. If you are unable to collect from the school office, please email girlsnightoutmedowie@hotmail.com to arrange collection.

Number of tickets @ \$25 each _____ Total payment due \$ _____

Payment method: Cash (enclosed) Cheque to *Medowie Public School P&C Association* (enclosed)
 Direct debit CBA, Medowie Public School P and C, BSB 062818, Account 00906043, Reference "Your

Name GNO"

Number of guests requiring non-alcoholic beverage _____ Dietary Requirements Gluten Free Dairy Free No Nuts