



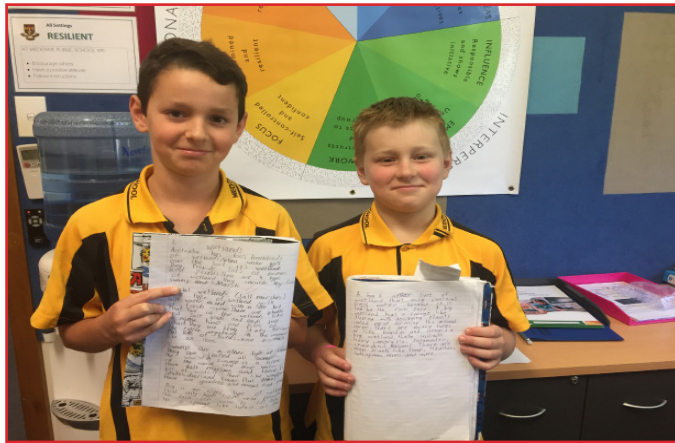
Medowie Public School

Term 3 Week 10

Thursday 26th September 2019

Writing Stars from 3/4H

3/4H have recently been writing information reports in class and learning about wetlands. Harry and Isaac were able to share some facts with me whilst they showed me their writing. Harry informed me that wetlands contain rotting vegetation and Isaac stated there were four different types of wetlands. Keep up the good work, boys!



Travel Through Time

We are currently right in the middle of our 'Travel Through Time' production. Our students have enjoyed the opportunity to perform and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm before, during and after each of their performances to date. Mr Berger has been taking a lot of video footage to produce a short film to capture these experiences which will be shared on our website next term. Our next newsletter will feature wonderful mo-

ments from our musical production. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for their support in bringing their children to the night performances and in organising their costumes. Tonight will finish with a bang with our last performance.

NAPLAN Results

Last week NAPLAN student reports arrived at our school and these have been distributed to students who participated in these assessments. NAPLAN results provide information to teachers and parents on what students know and can do. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is a point in time diagnostic test. As noted on the student reports, parents and carers should take particular care in considering 2019 results if their child experienced disruptions in taking the tests due to connectivity issues. Our school did suffer connectivity issues and these were reported after each test sitting.

Community PBL

Both of our community PBL recipients were recognised last week as a result of our night time performance this evening. Lillianah received her award for ongoing assistance to caring for the environment and Grace received her award for helping students at the Showcase concert navigate around the school site. You are both such responsible girls. Well done!



What's on at Medowie...

27th Sept	Last day of term 3
Term 4	
14th Oct	Students return to school
18th Oct	Whole School Assembly 2.15pm
24th Oct	ES1 Oakvale Farm Excursion (note to follow in week 1)
25th Oct	P&C Colour Fun Run

Notes in Circulation

P&C Colour Fun Run

Junior AECG

Our Junior AECG have had an election to replace a member who recently moved to a new school. Thank you to Sheridan Noble from Irrawang High School, who came to assist in this process and to Mrs Humphris who works with our students at school. Congratulations to the following students and their new positions:

President: Shakira

Vice President: Jack

Secretary: Tobias

Assistant Secretary: Heidi



the zone public speaking finals. They did an awesome job and gave the audience some great laughs. A number of students were also recognised with merit awards for their efforts in and outside of the classroom. Our next whole school assembly will occur on the first Friday after we return from the October holiday break.

10 Awards

There are now over 80 students who have collected 10 awards. These students will receive extra play as a result of reaching this milestone. Printed certificates have finally arrived and all students who have reached this milestone received them during our morning assemblies.



New and Leaving Enrolments

Although there is still one term left for this school year, the school has already begun planning for 2020. If you have a child who is starting Kindergarten next year or you are aware that you have neighbours in this position, could you or your neighbours please touch base with the school office to complete the enrolment process. Similarly, if you are aware that you are moving at the end of the school year it would be greatly appreciated if you could let the office know in order for student files to be forwarded to the new school.



Whole School Assembly



At the whole school assembly last week we were fortunate to be entertained by Erin and Spencer who presented the speeches they delivered during



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Break and Enter

Over the weekend a sad event happened at our school. F Block was broken into. A number of iPads and laptops were stolen. This matter has been reported to the police who assessed the block and were able to get one set of fingerprints. If you hear any information in the community regarding the break-in or people having Medowie laptops or iPads in their possession, please contact the police.

Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2021

The application website for Year 7 entry into a selective High School in 2021 opens on 8th October. Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials. Parents of students enrolled in NSW government and non-government schools, home schools, interstate and overseas schools can apply. Parents of Aboriginal students are encouraged to apply for selective high school placement. Parents who would like their child to attend a selective high school must apply on-line at:

education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7

The application website closes at 10pm, 11 November 2019. The selective placement test for students who apply will take place 12 March, 2020 with notification of successful candidates to occur on 4 July, 2020. More information is available at the school office for interested families.

End of Term Break

The upcoming school holidays will begin on Saturday 28th September. Students will return to school on Monday 14th

October. Please note there is no staff development day in Term Four. During the holiday break it would be greatly appreciated if everyone could be vigilant regarding our school and grounds. Should anyone see any suspicious activity or need to report a security incident, the School Security Unit can be contacted on 1300 88 00 21.

I wish all our families a lovely break. I am sure everyone will come back refreshed and eager to commence Term Four which always promises to be a very busy time of year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this term successful. I look forward to working with everyone again next term. Enjoy the sunshine during these holidays!

Allison Thompson

Principal

Congratulations

Emilee 5/6W and Daisy 5/6H spent four days last week competing at the Northern NSW Football State Cup at Coffs Harbour Cex International Stadium.

They were selected to represent their teams and played exceptional soccer with and against the best players of their age in the region.

Emilee's team, Newcastle SAP won the competition with no losses and Daisy's team, the Hunter Hawks SAP finished in third place.

Awesome effort girls!

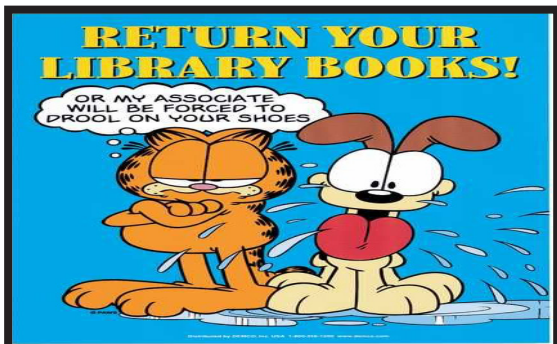
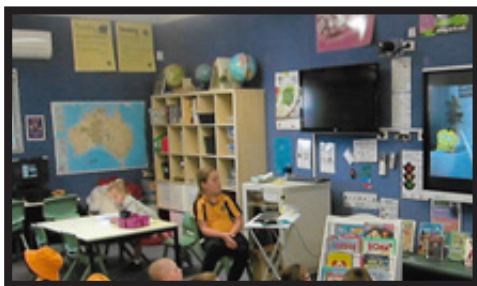


School Library News

Hello, I'm Ms Newton the relieving Teacher Librarian whilst Mrs Bertson and Ms Bull are on maternity leave. I have enjoyed meeting all the students, and they have helped and offered assistance when asked. The library monitors welcomed me with great enthusiasm and your support has been greatly appreciated. There has already been a highlight on Thursday 19th when infant classes watched the first reading of Leigh Hobbs new book 'Mr Chicken all over Australia' read by Noni Hazelhurst. After this I took the challenge to keep reading previous Mr Chicken books until the bell went. I'm also running a competition for Term 3 to the best class who increases their borrowing and returns their overdue books. Therefore, during holidays children have a chance to turn their bedroom upside down. Please return books on the first day of Term 4 before a final count is taken. The best class wins an ice-block for everyone! There is currently 164 books lost and they need to come home...please.

Have a relaxing and safe holiday, but most of all happy reading.

Rebecca Newton
Relieving 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

School Banking

As of Term 4, the school banking will be changed from Tuesdays to Thursdays.

Thank you

Bridge Building

On Thursday 12th of September Irrawang High School held an Enrichment Expo. Students from our school participated in the Bridge Building activity. Three teams worked for weeks to build their bridges, using only 100 paddle pop sticks and glue. The bridge had to span a gap of 50cm and needed to be a width of 10cm. The teams had to design and construct their own bridges. To test the strength of their bridges, a bin was hung from the bridge and weights were added. It was an enjoyable experience, with all teams displaying positive teamwork and critical thinking.

The bridge of Jemima, Zoie, Megan and Alannah broke at 51.5kg.

The bridge of Isaac, Kynan, Alex and Hamish broke at 58.2kg

The bridge of Zoe, Hayden, Dean, Elouise and Mia broke at 44kg.

Congratulations to all.

Mrs Johnson



STAGE 1 and 2 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES ACTIVITIES TERM 3

During Term 3, a number of Stage 1 and Stage 2 classes have worked together to learn about the latest Digital Technologies and STEM resource available. We have all enjoyed our sessions and look forward to learning new ideas every week. Students as well as teachers have learnt a great deal about how NSW DET resources such as Minecraft Education and VR (Virtual Reality) can be utilised in the classroom with many on and off device activities.

As well, students and their teachers explored programs such as OSMO Coding, robotics like Sphero Bolt, LEGO WeDo Edu and Dash, many VR and AR (Augmented Reality) resources as well as LittleBits and Tinkering activities. All these resources have the potential to enhance and support teaching and learning in the 21st century .

Not only have we explored all these digital devices, next term we hope to continue to discover even more new and exciting ways to use these using both off and online activities.

Sue Purvis



P&C Events scheduled for Term 4

Colour Fun Run

Friday, 25 October 2019.

Information packs being sent home before the end of this term.

Christmas Raffle

More information and raffle tickets coming soon!

Uniform Shop

Medowie PS Uniform Shop current hours are:

(Cash, EFTPOS or Direct Deposit)

Monday	8.30 - 9.00am
Monday	2.30 - 3.00pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	8.30 - 9.00am
Wednesday	2.30 - 3.00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	Closed

If you are able to volunteer in the Uniform Shop, please contact our Coordinator: Kim 0416 261 966 or email medowiepsuniformshop@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting Medowie Public School through P&C events.

To contact P&C, email pandcmedowie@hotmail.com.

We wish you all a wonderful school holidays!



You are invited to

Little Miracles Medowie

OPEN DAY!

Saturday 2 November
9.30-11.30am

Tour our brand new centre and enjoy a free morning of fun including a jumping castle, drumming show, face painting, sausage sizzle and more!



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Catholic Scripture News

The parish of St Brigids ,Raymond Terrace including mass centres of Mallabulla,Medowie and Raymond Terrace,will shortly commence a Sacramental Programme to form and prepare baptised catholic children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Preparation of baptised catholic children who are in years 2 and above for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place very soon and the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy communion will take place in mid 2020.IF you wish your child to participate, and you believe they are ready, you are invited to attend a Parent information evening on Wednesday 16th October at 7pm in St Brigids catholic church William Street Raymond Terrace.

At this gathering ,the timetable and process will be explained and the childrens names and details will be recorded.

If you have any further enquires please contact the parish office on 49871888 during office hours (Tuesday - Friday 9.30 - 2.30).

Thanks

Maryjane Malone
Sacramental coordinator

The School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.

i If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

i A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over can apply for themselves.



Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off†
- Set auto tap up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more at transportnsw.info/opal or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit transportnsw.info/opal-retailers

i Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a NSW/ACT Senior Secondary Student Concession Card, available from school offices.

* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.
† The Opal Transfer Discount doesn't apply when transferring between light rail and Sydney Ferries.

Privacy: For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal-privacy-policy and the School Pass Terms and Conditions at transportnsw.info/ssts/termsandconditions



Good for Kids good for life

CRUNCH&SIP®

Crunch&Sip® is a set time during class time for primary school students to 'refuel' on vegetables, salad or fruit, and 'rehydrate' with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. Many students are not eating enough vegetables and fruit or keeping sufficiently hydrated.

What to pack for **Crunch&Sip®**
It's simple!
Crunch&Sip means vegetables, fruit and water only.



www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunchsip.aspx



HNELHD-GoodForKids@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

KIDS free SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Monday 30th September to Friday 11th October

WEEK 1

Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October

TEAM SONIC RACING™

Take the TEAM SONIC RACING™ video game challenge!



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Special appearance by Sonic the Hedgehog on Friday 4th Oct 10am to 2pm

Gear up, race Sonic and defeat the hi speed villains – Dr. Eggman, Metal Sonic and Zavok as they team up to wreck 'havoc' on the racetrack.

HEATS: Monday to Thursday 10am to 2pm
Friday 10am to 12noon

GRAND FINAL PLAYOFF: Friday 1pm

PRIZES: The 16 highest scores will each WIN a Sonic the Hedgehog's NEW TEAM SONIC RACING™ Video Game and a place in the Grand Final Playoff. Grand Final WINNER will receive a Sonic the Hedgehog's TEAM SONIC RACING™ Video Game PLUS a Sonic Prize Pack valued at \$300.

AGES: Open to Ages: 5 to 16 years of age (as at 30th September 2019)

WEEK 2

Monday 7th October to Friday 11th October
10am to 2pm daily

KIDS IN THE GARDEN WORKSHOP

Kids can spring into spring and have some fun getting crafty in the Kids In The Garden Workshop!

MONDAY & TUESDAY
SLIME MAKING

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
TERRACOTTA POTS WITH SUCCULENTS

FRIDAY
DESIGN A BUTTERFLY DRAWSTRING BAG



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Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Cost	Age
Tue 1 Oct	10.30-11.15am	Robot Storytime	Tomaree	\$1.50	2+
Tue 1 Oct	2-4pm	Lego ® & Games Afternoon	Raymond Terrace	Free	7+
Thu 3 Oct	2-3.30pm	Family Movie Freedom Force	Tomaree	Free	All
Fri 4 Oct	2-3.30pm	Weaving Workshop	Raymond Terrace	Free	8-13
Fri 4 Oct	10.30-11.15am	Storytime & Craft	Raymond Terrace	\$1.50	2+
Fri 4 Oct	10-11am	Young Scientist Workshop	Tomaree	\$10.00	5-12
Tue 8 Oct	2-3pm	Coding BBC:Microbit Frustration Create and code your own game!	Tomaree	Free	8+
Wed 9 Oct	1-2pm	Art Workshop with Alysha Fewster from Creative Growth Collective	Raymond Terrace	\$5.00	8-12
Wed 9 Oct	3-3.45pm	Teddy Bear Storytime & Toy Sleepover	Tomaree	\$1.50	2+
Fri 11 Oct	10.30-11.15am	Storytime & Craft	Raymond Terrace	\$1.50	2+
Fri 11 Oct	10.30-11.30am	Creatures of the Deep presented by Newcastle Museum	Tomaree	\$5.00	5-12
Fri 11 Oct	1.30-2.30pm	Creatures of the Deep presented by Newcastle Museum	Raymond Terrace	\$5.00	5-12

Port Stephens Library
October 2019
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Children's programs

Bookings are essential as places are limited
 Contact the library for more information and to book your place
 Raymond Terrace 4988 0111
 Tomaree 4988 0670

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Girl Guides

School Holiday Program

Experience the fun,
friends and adventure
of Girl Guides!

Wednesday 9th October

School Holiday Fun for Girls

Fully supervised by qualified leaders

Medowie
Community Hall
9.30am to 3.30pm

\$30

for girls who are registered
members of Guides NSW/ACT
\$40 for girls who are non
members

Everyone welcome - for girls aged between 5 & 10.
 You do not need to be a member of Girl Guides.
 No pressure to join - Just a fun filled school holiday activity!

Cooking, craft, games and outdoors fun!

To secure a place please return registration sheet and make payment
to your Unit Money Matters Person. For Non Guiding girls please use
the contact information below

Email srbaas@bigpond.com or call/message Rachael on 0429449912