



Medowie Public School

Term 1 Week 2

Thursday 6th February 2020

Welcome to 2020

Welcome to all our new and existing families to Medowie Public School. I hope everyone enjoyed the festive season and were able to stay out of the heat. It has been a very warm summer. I'd also like to officially welcome Mr Nickolas Filis and Miss Karly Dehombre to our school. Mr Filis was appointed through the graduate merit selection process in 2019 as a permanent classroom teacher. Miss Dehombre is employed three days a week to assist with executive release.

This year our school has 350 students, comfortably allowing 14 mainstream classes to be formed. The 2020 classes are:

- KH – Mrs Humphris
- KM – Mrs Murphy
- K/1N – Mrs Neal
- 1F – Mr Filis
- 1P – Miss Plummer
- 2G – Mr Gould (Early Stage One/One Supervisor)

- 2H – Mr Hopper
- 3H – Mrs Hunt
- 3/4T – Mr Thompson (Stage Two Supervisor)
- 4N – Miss Newell
- 4/5S – Mrs Sanson
- 5W – Mrs Winters
- 5/6R – Mrs Ross
- 6J – Mrs Johnson
- K/6B – Mr Berger (Multicategorical Class) and Mrs Southgate (SLSO)
- Computer Technology – Mr Wells (Stage Three Supervisor)
- Librarian – Mrs Newton
- Learning and Support Teachers – Mr Haug and Ms Richards
- Executive Release – Miss Dehombre
- School Learning Support Officers – Mrs Waterman, Mrs Beaument, Mrs Perry, Mrs Lee, Mrs Sweeney, Mrs Billet, Mrs Quinn

I'd like to take the time to remind you that the best person to talk to regarding your child is their classroom teacher. Please don't hesitate to contact them via email or ring the office to arrange an appointment. I am fortunate to work with a great team and they are committed to ensuring your child is feeling socially and emotionally supported as well as developing academically. Parent information evenings have been scheduled next week to inform you in greater detail about your child's class. I'd encourage everyone to attend, even if you have been a parent at our school for

What's on at Medowie...

11th Feb	Parent Information Evening for 4/5S, 4N, 3/4T, 3/4H & K-6B at 3.20pm; 5W, 5/6R, and 6J at 4.20pm
12th Feb	KH, KM and KN at 3.20pm 1N, 2G, 1P, 1F and 2H at 4.20pm
13th Feb	School Swimming Carnival at Tomaree Aquatic Centre. Vision screening for Kindergarten
14th Feb	Primary assembly 2.00pm
19th Feb	PSSA Zone swimming carnival for selected students at Tomaree Aquatic Centre

Notes in Circulation

- School Swimming Carnival
- Aboriginal Art & Dance
- Parent Information Evening
- Head and heart mindfulness
- Equipment packs

many years so you are aware of what your child will be learning this year as well as the class routines and structures.

2020 School Representative Council

Our school captains have officially taken up their roles this year. Congratulations once again to Ebony Astin, Spencer Merriman, Alexander Kurtz and Saraya Cockle who are the 2020 school captains.



Jessica Peck, Zoe Pettet, Amber Redman, Amelia Sloane, Indie Wilson, Micaela Deguara, Jemima Hopgood, Heidi Swan and William Symonds are our school counsellors.



This year there will also be two school counsellor representatives from each stage 2 class. Information regarding this will be provided at the parent information sessions.

Parent Information Sessions

Notes regarding the parent information sessions have already been sent home. In case some notes did not make their way home please refer to the following dates and

times.

Tuesday 11th February

3:20pm: 4/5S, 4N, 3/4T, 3H, K/6B

4.20pm: 5W, 5/6R, 6J (all held in 5/6R initially. Year 5 parents from 4/5S are asked to attend)

Wednesday 12th February

3:20pm: KH, KM, Kinder component of K/1N

4.20pm: Year one component of K/1N, 2G, 1P, 1F, 2H

Anaphylaxis

Our school is a nut aware zone and asks all parents to not send food items that contain nuts to school. We have a number of students with peanut allergies. In cases where students have severe allergies, classrooms will also have specific procedures including routine hand washing after each school break. Thank you in advance for understanding the needs of all our students by not sending peanut products in school lunch boxes.

Parent Volunteers

Our school values the assistance parents provide our school through volunteering. Please remember a hundred point ID check is required before being able to volunteer. The appropriate forms are available from the school office. This form only needs to be completed once – it does not need to be updated each year.

School Photos

School photos are scheduled for Thursday 5th March. Envelopes will come home later this term. These envelopes are returned to school on the day of the photos. This assists in money not being held on our premises and allows your child to directly hand the envelope to MSP photographers. Please ensure your child is wearing their school uniform on this day including black shoes.

Drop-Box

To comply with auditing regulations we are reminding all our students to hand in their notes and money directly to the office. Our office has a drop-box (a letterbox slot) which securely stores notes and money on the inside of our office. It is checked each day by our administration staff.

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The best time for students to post their notes and money is before entering the playground in the morning.

Early/Late Arrivals and Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick, or having infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances (e.g. attending a funeral)

If your child is late to school they should be accompanied to the school office to receive a late slip. This slip is then given to the class teacher when they enter their classroom. Similarly, if you need to pick up your child early from school you need to come into the office to sign them out. You will be issued with an early leaver's slip. This slip is then handed to your child's teacher who will then release your child into your care. These systems are in place to ensure every child is safe and allows for up to date attendance records in the case of an emergency.

In addition, families taking their children out of school for 10 or more days are required to complete an 'Application for Extended Leave – Travel'. These are available from the school office.

School Assemblies

We are excited to announce a change to our assembly structures this year. School assemblies will once again be held every fortnight, however, one fortnight only primary students will attend with the alternate fortnight only having Infants students. This change is going to allow our parents to be able to sit in our school hall and watch performances without an obstructed view. Our assemblies will also be able to have their content varied according to the age of the students allowing for a more enjoyable experience for all. Next Friday the 14th February will mark our first primary assembly for the year and Friday 28th February will be our first Infants one. A larger amount of merit awards be awarded at these assemblies to account for each stage only

attending an assembly each month. An annual timetable will be released by Mr Thompson in the coming weeks to allow parents to organise time off work should they wish to attend an assembly when their child's class is performing.

Again, welcome back to Medowie Public School in 2020. My staff and I are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you and your child/children throughout this school year. It is always amazing at the end of each school year to reflect on how far each student has developed either academically and/or socially. We are in a privileged position to be able to share your child's progress with you which makes our job one of the best in the world!

Allison Thompson
Principal



Part-Time Work

1x Permanent Part-Time position – Medowie Public School – 30007KCL

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require 10 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.15am-9.15am and 2.30pm-3.30pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit workfor.nsw.gov.au to apply today!

Applications close: Sunday 9th February 2020

Farewell Medowie Public School.



To the wonderful students and school community, I didn't get a chance to say goodbye in person and for that I apologise. I found out at the very end of last year I was successful obtaining a permanent position at Kahibah Public School as Teacher Librarian.

After much consideration I accepted, as I believe I needed to do what was best for myself and Patrick (my son) going forward. As some of you may know I live in Newcastle so to get to work meant a 45-minute drive (1.5 hour round trip). I now travel a round trip of 20 mins per day, which means I get to spend more time with my son and doing what I need to get done rather than being stuck in traffic, in the car. Medowie was my first permanent position and I will never forget the amazing staff, students and families that welcomed me with open arms and helped me through two floods!!! Thank you for always being so helpful and caring. I will never forget your generosity and kindness. I will miss you all very much, but know I am only an email away and I will come to visit when I can. So, it is not goodbye, merely see you all soon. I know you will be in great hands with Rebecca Newton.

Until we see each other again, keep reading!

Miss Bull

Road Safety - The Early Years of School

Starting school means lots of changes for you and your child. It is crucial to plan and talk about safe travel to and from school with your child.

Starting school probably means your child will see themselves as a "big kid". They may even want to travel to school by themselves, with friends or siblings. However, your young child is still developing many of the skills they need to be safe in a road traffic environment.

Until your child is **at least 8 years old**, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road

Up until **at least 10 years old**, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road. If a hand isn't available they should hold an arm, bag, clothes or the pram.

In the early years of your child's schooling, there are many road safety considerations for you to think about.

The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box .

Does packing lunch boxes feel like a chore? We are here to help you kick start the year easily, packing healthy lunch boxes your kids will enjoy.

Healthy lunch boxes don't have to be boring.



We are very excited to bring you our new look [healthy lunch box website](#) that has been improved with new features and functions based on feedback provided by you! You can now search for gluten free and vegetarian recipes, as well as **easy to freeze** and **quick and easy** recipes because as parents, we know how important it is to pack lunches quickly.

You can sign up to the [Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter](#) for ideas, updates and recipes delivered to your inbox throughout the year.

[Check out the new website now!](#)

healthylunchbox.com.au

Medowie Netball Club



2020

Registrations

Online Registrations are Open - Registration links are on the Medowie Netball Facebook or Webpage

Medowie Netball Club Accepts Active Kids Vouchers and they must be redeemed at time of online registration

Registration Information Days at the Medowie Courts

(Uniforms available to try on for sizing & 2nd hand uniforms available)

Wednesday 29th January between 4-7pm

Saturday 1st February between 9-12pm

For those new players aged 8yrs + wanting to play Saturday Competition

Come Try Netball Morning at the Medowie Netball Courts

Saturday 8th February 9 to 10.30am

Register your interest for the come try netball day: registrar@medowienetball.com

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE : **Saturday 15th February** - Registration after this date will be accepted subject to team availability

Saturday 2nd May Round One Saturday Competition Commences

All registration enquiries to registrar@medowienetball.com

Net Set Go Registration Link

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=6&id=86591&entityid=42995>

Junior and Senior Player Registration Link

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=1&id=29774&entityid=42995>

Welcome from the P&C

Medowie Public School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) welcomes our new and returning families. P&C is made up of parent volunteers operating under the banner of the NSW Federation of Parents & Citizens Associations (www.pandc.org.au). We actively support our school by providing practical service and fundraising for facilities and equipment, as well as operating the Healthy Kids Canteen and Uniform Shop. In 2018/9 we raised over \$24,000.00 which funded a raft of new items for the students both inside and outside the classrooms and also presentation day and year 6 farewell.

If you would like to get involved, please complete the form below and return it to the school office or contact our P&C Secretary, Kelly, on 0404 002 044 or email pandcmedowie@hotmail.com

First P&C Meeting for 2020

Monday, 10 February 2020

5.00 in the School Library.

We would love to see you there, all welcome.

We'd love to hear from you!

Please complete and return to the school office. Thank you.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- I'm interested in helping in Canteen
- I'm interested in helping in the Uniform Shop
- I'm interested in helping with fundraising activities like discos, Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls
- I'm part of an organisation that may be able to donate to P&C fundraising events
- Please let me know when the next P&C meeting is on

Other comments/questions
