



# Medowie Public School

**Term 1 Week 6**

**KM and K/1N**

**Thursday 5th March 2020**

Over the last two weeks I've had the pleasure of spending time in both KM and K/1N. I am very impressed with our Kindergarten students and how they have demonstrated being responsible, respectful and resilient learners. Year one students from K/1N have shown they are excellent role models. Keep up the good work!



## Merit Awards

Last week our Infant students had their first school assembly.

As per the usual custom, students were recognised during the assembly with merit awards for their wonderful contributions during the last month. Congratulations to all students who received an award.



## PBL Expectations

This week our school has been focusing on the expectation of being responsible. In every setting in our school we expect our students will move safely, are in the right place at the right time and are accountable for their actions. All classes have been participating in explicit lessons regard-



## What's on at Medowie...

<b>Mar 9th</b>	P & C Annual General Meeting
<b>Mar 10th</b>	Medowie Public School Book Fair
<b>Mar 11th</b>	Medowie Public School Book Fair
	Bookclub Orders & Money due
<b>Mar 12th</b>	Medowie Public School Book Fair
	Scripture Classes Commence

## Notes in Circulation

Athletics Carnival (Whole School)
Expression of Interest for Year 7 High School
Placement 2021 (Year 6)
Newcastle Public Library Network eLibrary
Membership (Years 5 & 6)
Bookclub Order Forms

ing moving safely. This has been particularly important as a result of the inclement weather and the pathways being slippery.

### Community PBL

Thank you to our wonderful community who have already nominated Medowie students whom they have noticed displaying the STARS expectations - Safety, Trust and Honesty, Acting responsibly, Respect and Success. Please remember to nominate students you may see in the community demonstrating these expectations. Nomination forms are available from the school office or can also be made by phoning the school office.

### Attendance

Well done to 1F, KM, 5/6R, 5W and KH for having a 95% or above attendance rate over the last two school weeks. 1F had an attendance rate of 98% and have been rewarded by being able to select our lunch bell for the next two weeks. They were very excited to have the honour of doing this and selected the Imagine Dragon song, 'Thunder'. This attendance initiative is encouraging healthy students to come to school on time, ready to learn every day. We are not, and have never encouraged or suggested sending unwell children to school. As a parent myself, I know firsthand that illness can sweep through families and school classes. In these instances, we ask a doctor's certificate is provided for any child who has three or more days of concurrent sick leave.



### NAPLAN Online

This year our Year 3 and 5 students will again sit the NAPLAN assessments online. NAPLAN online provides bet-

ter assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. The assessment will run through a real-time internet connection. NAPLAN online features 'tailored testing' which gives students questions that are more suited to their ability – resulting in better assessment and more precise results. The testing window for our students to complete NAPLAN online is between Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Year 5 will also complete the writing assessment online, however, Year 3 students will complete this on paper. Writing will be the first assessment to be completed, as it needs to be completed in the first two days of the testing window.

### Clean Up Australia Day

Last Friday our students participated in Clean Up Australia Day. I have to say this was much needed as our school had a large amount of rubbish that was gathering under a number of plants and gardens. A huge thank you to Mrs Winters for organising this event for our school it was a worthwhile project.

It has been over 30 years since the very first Clean Up Sydney Harbour event which was started by Ian Kiernan, AO in 1989. Every year in later February or early March, a range of businesses, schools and community groups take time out to clean up their own backyards and neighbourhoods.



Allison Thompson  
Principal



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## PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

The PSSA zone swimming carnival was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February at Tomaree Aquatic centre. 19 students represented the school in a range of swimming disciplines, Ryan, Lucy, Owen, Hayden, Ryah, Jayson, Bryn, Isaac, Jonte, Leah, Ethan, Addison, Alannah, Jade, Cooper, Tazminn, Samuel, Amber and Olivia.

All students displayed positive sportsmanship and supported their teammates. Each student tried their best, resulting in several students placing first, second or third in their heats.

Congratulations to Ryan, who came second in the 8 years boys 50m freestyle final and Lucy, who came third in the 9 years girls 50m Freestyle final, both will now compete at the PSSA Hunter swimming carnival.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended on the day and a special thank you to Angela Poole for all her help marshalling the students on the day.

Mrs Johnson



Medowie Public  
School

EASTER  
DISCO

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

5.00pm - 6.30pm

with a special guest  
appearance

Entry \$2.00

Please Note: Parents/Carers must stay to supervise their children

## Message from St Brigid's Parish Sacramental Coordinator

All parents of Catholic Children:- This is to advise that the Sacramental Program for those children who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation will recommence with a meeting in St Brigid's Catholic Church on Wednesday 25th March at 7pm.

This program will prepare the children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 20th May and First Holy Communion in June. This is only for children who have already completed the Sacrament of reconciliation.

Parents who would like their child to participate are invited to attend this meeting.

Enquiries please phone parish office on 49871888

## Clean up Australia Day

Last Friday all students at Medowie Public School participated in Clean Up Australia Day. With the long Christmas holiday break, there appeared to be a large amount of rubbish that was gathering under a number of plants and gardens. Students demonstrated our PBL school value "Respectful", by looking after our environment. Did you know Australians are among the highest producers of waste, per person, in the world? 80 million plastic bags are dumped in Australia each year, creating a serious threat to our precious marine life. Remember to reduce, reuse, recycle!



## Planetarium Incursion - Tuesday 3rd March

Today we entered the planetarium in the hall. Gary was our presenter and he took us on an adventure of a lifetime to space.

We felt nervous and excited when we first got there because the dome was massive and dark.

We learnt about our galaxy and all the planets in our Solar System. We found out that our sun is not the biggest star even though it is millions of times bigger than the earth.

It would be impossible to go outside of our galaxy because it is so colossal.

The movie we saw was based on two kids travelling in a toy rocket out into space. Our favourite parts were when we went to different places in space and on earth. At the end Gary made the galaxy spin until we all got dizzy.



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**goal**  
soccer academy

**Children's Soccer!**

Nelson Bay	Medowie
• Mon @ 9:00am: 2-3 yo	• Thu @ 3:45pm: 3-5 yo
• Mon @ 9:45am: 3-5 yo	• Thu @ 4:30pm: 6-8 yo
• Wed @ 3:45pm: 3-5 yo	• Thu @ 5:15pm: 8-10 yo
• Wed @ 4:30pm: 6-8 yo	• Fri @ 9:00am: 2-3 yo
• Wed @ 5:15pm: 8-10 yo	• Fri @ 9:45am: 3-5 yo

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• Sat @ 9:00am: 3-5 yo  
• Sat @ 9:45am: 6-8 yo

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## **Medowie Public School Book Fair – Week 7**

### **When:**

Before school 8:15am – 8:45am

During lunch 11:10am – 11:35am

**Dates:** 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Where:** School Library

**Cost:** Books start at \$5.00

We are holding our annual Book Fair for the library to encourage a passion for reading. There will be a multitude of genres including fantasy, classics, award-winners, humour, nonfiction and mystery. Giving students the chance to choose the books they love is a great way to ignite a reading passion as they are more likely to finish the book and start another.

If there are any parents/carers who could volunteer some time to help with selling books and being cashiers could you, please let either myself or the office ladies know which day(s) and time(s) you can help. It will be most appreciated!

**Raffle Competition** – To say thank you for your support a raffle ticket (one per transaction) will be given. Your ticket will go into the draw to win 1 of 6 books! The raffle will be drawn the following Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March during morning assembly.

Ms Newton  
Teacher Librarian

## **AGM & General Meeting**

Our P&C Association will hold its Annual General Meeting this coming Monday, 9 March at 5.00pm in the School Library. An election for the Executive positions of

President  
Vice-President x 2  
Treasurer; and  
Secretary

will be conducted and 2018/19 financial statements tabled.

All Welcome!

2019 financial members are eligible to stand for nomination and eligible to vote. Contact our current Secretary, Kelly via email [pandcmedowie@hotmail.com](mailto:pandcmedowie@hotmail.com) if you would like more information.

Please bring your \$2.00 annual membership fee with you to the meeting.

Our AGM will be immediately followed by the March general monthly meeting.

## **Welcome from the P&C!**

All our new and returning families – we'd love your feedback, comments, 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, Girls Night Out
- 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
- Comments (suggestions for fundraisers or events you would like to see the P&C arrange)

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## **Stay tuned for more details regarding our Easter Disco & Easter Raffle**

We are currently finalising the details and notes will be sent home with students and information posted onto our Facebook page shortly, stay tuned.

Thank you for supporting Medowie Public School through P&C events. To contact P&C, email [pandcmedowie@hotmail.com](mailto:pandcmedowie@hotmail.com).