



Medowie Public School

Term 1 Week 8

Thursday 19th March 2020

Library Monitors

Earlier this week students were presented with their library monitor badges. Congratulations to the following students on their successful appointment to this position: Zoe, Majella, Izabel, Ebony, Jessica, Summah, Indi, Madison, Addy, Heidi, Hunter, Amber, Olivia, Jemima, Marlee, Annabel, Damon and Aidan. I am sure they will all do a wonderful job.



Whole School Primary Assembly

Last Friday our primary students attended our assembly. Little did we know at the time that it would be the last assembly for the term. Our primary students received merit awards for their efforts over the last month. 5/6R showcased 'sizzling starts' by sharing with the audience their favourite writing samples that demonstrated the five senses. They also included the weekly PBL focus by en-



couraging the audience to give them feedback. Well done 5/6R and Mrs Ross.

Social Distancing Strategy

I'd like to thank our community for acknowledging and respecting the Department's social distancing strategy that was released this week. This strategy has seen, to date:

- Introduction of enhanced hygiene procedures – every person has to wash their hands to enter any classroom and the washing of hands after blowing your nose.
- Introduction of coughing etiquette
- All assemblies cancelled
- Cessation of all excursions
- Cessation until further notice of all student external service providers as well as outside services provided by the Music Bus, Murrook Cultural activities and Scripture lessons.
- Cessation until further notice of all school and P&C events
- Cessation of P&C meetings
- Cessation of all offsite professional learning for staff
- Cessation of the uniform shop. Online ordering is still available.
- Cessation of school banking – as of the 20/03/20
- Minimal staff in the school canteen. There will only be two people working in the canteen Monday-Thursday and only three on a Friday (the canteen's busiest day). Lauren, our school's canteen coordinator, will ensure the same volunteers are maintained where possible to minimise the number of people in this area. The canteen is following strict hygiene guidelines.
- StarStruck will not be proceeding this year

I encourage our parents and carers to reduce the amount of time they spend on our school site at pick-ups and drop-offs. Please do this promptly to ensure our community stays safe and in good health. We all need to play our part

What's on at Medowie...

Fri 20th

Harmony Day

Notes in Circulation

and minimise the time we interact with each other and keep respectful distances from one another. The recommended distance between people is 1.5 metres.

Regional Swimmers

Well done to Ryan and Lucy who represented our school at the Regional swimming carnival in freestyle. You both swam extremely well and we are very proud of your efforts.



Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who supported our school and bought a book at our Book Fair. There are many reasons why reading is important and it lovely to see our community value this. I particularly enjoy reading for it's ability to help grow your imagination – you are never too old to dream! Each student who participated in the Book Fair received a raffle ticket. Six lucky children from the raffle were awarded with a \$20 voucher to purchase another book.



Harmony Day

Our school is officially celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow. This is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regard-

less of cultural or linguist background, united by a set of core Australian values. Different class groups have been exploring different countries this week. Tomorrow, students in their class group will take turns in contributing to a whole school canvas mural.



School Banking

Veronica Howarth, the Head of the School Commonwealth Banking program, advised the school earlier this week that the CBA would be temporarily pausing the School Banking Program. They intend to resume the banking program next term, however, are aware of needing to be flexible as the Covid-19 situation continues to change.

Being Prepared

There is a lot of gossip regarding forced school shut-downs across NSW. Currently, no school has been asked to shut down unless there has been a confirmed case of the virus. Health has then worked to trace all close contacts to arrange appropriate self isolations. A team has also been sent to clean these schools for them to reopen as soon as possible. Medowie Public School will continue to follow the advice given from the DoE who are working daily with NSW Health. If our state is asked to shut down schools for a period of time, our staff are prepared to continue your child's education. We are ensuring online learning is available for those households with computers. Work booklets would also be sent to households to accommodate those families who did not have technology access.

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I have been asked many times - when is the start date? Well, the challenge has begun and it's terrific to hear how eager students are. The Challenge opened on 2 March 2020 and online Reading Records must be completed by 28 August 2020 (11:59 pm). Are you still not sure what the PRC actually is, please visit this website for more information <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

The PRC is voluntary, not compulsory. It contributes to each student's enjoyment of reading and exposes them to a wider variety of books. I will be reading PRC books with K-2 students during their weekly visits to the library and will enter the reading records online for Kindergarten classes only over the coming months. Students from year 1-6 can enter their books online and I will demonstrate this for younger grades during Library lessons. Each student's PRC login is the same username/password that they use when logging into any computers at school. If your child is: reluctant to read, enjoying reading for pleasure or not yet reading widely...

...the Premier's Reading Challenge is just for them!

I would also like to thank everyone for their contribution last week at the Book Fair. Many students went home very happy with their purchase and excited to turn the first page. Many thanks to the parents who volunteered, your support was much appreciated.

Reading: It's the way to grow!

Rebecca Newton

Teacher Librarian

PLEASE NOTE

The Office can NOT receipt any payments after 12pm on a Friday due to banking procedures.

Medowie Public School P&C presents



NOW drawn: Wednesday 8 April 2020 (no spectators)

Winners announced on P&C facebook site &

by sms / phone on Wed 8 April

Prizes available to pickup from school office

from 9am Thursday 9 April 2020

Tickets \$1 each

Please return all tickets to school office by 3pm Tuesday 7 April with name and phone number written on left hand side of each ticket bought.

Prizes include baskets of easter eggs and a selected number of other prizes



Gentle Yoga Classes

(Suitable for beginners)

Held at Medowie Community Centre

44 Ferodale Road, Medowie

Thursdays at 9.30am – 11.00am

Cost: \$15

Please bring along a yoga mat, thin cushion and wear comfortable clothing

Drop ins welcome or feel free to ring for any enquiries

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