



Medowie Public School

Term 3 Week 2

Thursday 30th July 2020

Behaviour and Positive Award Recipients

What a way to start this week's newsletter by congratulating our students who have received either a behaviour or a positive award. For their hard efforts, students who have received a positive award will receive an extra half of hour of play towards the end of this term. Those students who have received their behaviour award will be invited to a morning tea I host, again held towards the end of this term.



Positive Award Recipients

Education Week

The annual state-wide celebration of NSW public education will commence next week from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th August. The theme this year is 'Learning Together'. Historically we would have invited our community into our beautiful school to take part in open classrooms and view some CAPA items from our talented students. Unfortunately, COVID-19 restrictions still prevent us from having our school community on our school grounds. To still celebrate Education Week each day we will release footage to Facebook and our school webpage so that by the end of the week every class will have had the opportunity to share their talents with you. Sadly, the Lakeside Community Education Week Award ceremony can also not go ahead. I would like to acknowledge the staff and community mem-



Behaviour Award Recipients

What's on at Medowie...

30th July	Lively learners begins
31st July	Bookclub orders & money due in
13th Aug	Stage 2 & 3 Interrelate Program Online via Video Conference
19th Aug	Stage 1 Australian Reptile Display

Notes in Circulation

BookClub-Orders & money due 31st July

Interrelate Program-Notes & money due 10th August

Australian Reptile Display - Incursion-permission note due in by 17th August

Coming soon - Stage 3 Camp note

bers who were recognised for their efforts.

Excellence in student achievement – *Micaela De-guara* for outstanding effort and application across all areas of the curriculum and *Amelia Sloane* for outstanding academic achievement across all key learning areas.

Excellence in teaching – *Jason Wells* for excellence in leading and supporting staff in technology implementation, particularly through online learning as result of COVID-19 and *Darren Gould* for excellence in educational leadership, building relationships and supporting all school staff.

Outstanding contribution by a non-teaching staff member – *Renee Waterman* for outstanding commitment to promoting Aboriginal education within the school setting as well as the wider community and *Maryke Lee* for demonstrating initiative in utilising technology to support students in her role as SLSO.

Outstanding contribution by a school community member – *Kim Astin* for ongoing support of Medowie Public School through continued participation in the P&C and all their associated activities and *Angela Wilson* for outstanding support to Medowie Public school through successful coordination and implementation of fundraising initiatives

School Achievement Award – *Terri Sanson* for literacy mentoring program – improving student outcomes through mentoring staff to enhance the delivery of literacy across K-6 classrooms

Lively Learners

This afternoon has seen the first session of 'Lively Learners'. This program allows students the opportunity to participate in a high interest activity of their choice. Our students have been able to select from a diverse category including drama, dance, music, STEM, design, science reactions, gardening, French knitting, cooking and filming – enough choices to cater for any student. A huge thank you to Mr Haug for coordinating this program to allow for hours of fun to be had each Thursday afternoon this term.

Kindergarten 2021

Dates have been organised for our Kindergarten transition program that commences in Term Four. We have our fingers crossed that we will be able to run with our usual program. In the event we can not, as a result of visitor restrictions, we will create video clips for all of our parents that will provide all of the information we would usually do in person. If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2021 could you please see the office to obtain an enrolment pack.

Allison Thompson
Principal

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Lost Property

A pair of earrings have been handed into the school office, please contact the school if you think they maybe your child's.

Please label all belongings as we have accumulated an abundance of clothing and other items including two Medowie football club hoodies.

Thank you

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

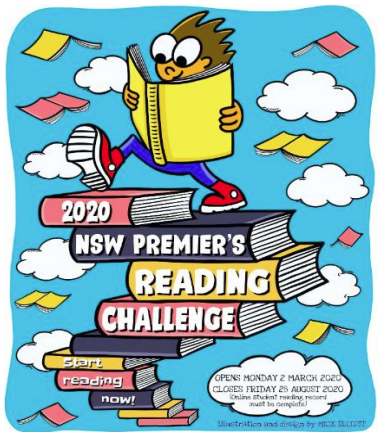
Library Matters

My name is Helen Styan and I am thrilled to be joining the Medowie Public School team as the new permanent teacher librarian. I finished my Master's degree early last year and have worked as teacher librarian at two main schools over the last two and a half years. Before that, I was a classroom and support teacher for many years.

I encourage all students to borrow on a weekly basis and bring their library bag to protect the books. Year 3-6 students can also borrow at lunch time.

Premier's Reading Challenge

NSW Premier's reading challenge closes for students on Friday 25th August. Students in K-2 have completed the challenge at school in the library with Mrs Newton and Mrs Styan. Students in year 3-6 have been encouraged



to do their own and have been given support during library lessons. Nine students have completed the challenge so far.

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club promotes quality books at a reasonable price. Issue 5 was sent home late last week and orders are due by **Friday 31st August**.

Book Club is a fabulous way of supporting our library, 20% of all sales come back to our school and allow us to purchase quality reading resources.

If you would like to place an order, you can do this online via LOOP through

scholastic's website <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/> or by filling in the form on the back of the catalogue, enclosing cash and sending it to the office.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.
Quote by Richard Steele



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

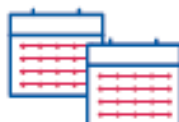
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week

= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed