From the Principal’s desk …

It’s great to be back at school following an extended holiday to start the term. I enjoyed some quality family time (and sunshine) up in QLD which was wonderful. It was hard to come back to the cold, wet weather!!

Welcome back Mrs Wood! Mrs Wood had the most amazing holiday and has so many great stories to share. She also enjoyed the warmer weather and has come back looking very tanned!

Thank you to Ms Turvey for leading the school in my absence along with Mrs Watson and Mrs Vraca for getting the F/1WW classroom off to a fabulous start to term 3. Thank you all!

Principal Group – Improving Numeracy

This morning I hosted a Principal meeting at MPS as another strategy for improving Numeracy at our school. Principals who have similar foci in their Annual Implementation Plans have been aligned so that we can support each other in our endeavour to achieve our goals. My group includes Principals from: Tatura Primary School, Bourchier St. PS, Verney Rd School and Cobram Primary School. Today we spent some time observing Numeracy in all our classrooms at MPS and identified the strengths that ran across the board. The Principal group noted how well the students remained on task and their engagement in learning along with the clear instructions provided by the teachers and the great use of materials such as cards, calculators to support the learning. Well done team!!

Teddy Bears Picnic

What excitement there was today as our F/1’s all enjoyed participating in activities related to being at school 100 days and the Teddy Bear’s Picnic. Teddy bears of all shapes and sizes, old and new were amongst the children as they all sipped their drinks and ate their special biscuits.

Tree Planting Day

This Friday is Tree Planting day for schools and we are getting involved! One good thing about all this rain is that it won’t be difficult to dig holes for the shrubs, plants and trees that Mr Ford has organised for us. Thanks Mr Ford!

Jeans for Genes Day: Next Friday, August 5 the JSC has organised a fundraiser for Jeans for Genes Day. Please wear your jeans and bring a gold coin donation to support this cause.

Family Games Afternoon: On Friday August 12 we will be holding a Family Games afternoon at MPS. We are hoping that we can run our Parents/Teachers v Students footy match along with a Parents/Teachers v Students netball match during lunchtime, we just need a bit of sunshine to dry out the oval before then!

From 2:20 – 3:20 its ‘Bring a Game’ time where we’d love parents, grandparents, special friends to bring a game to play with their child in their classroom. It could be a board game, card game or whatever you have a home that would be fun and engaging for a group of students to play.

House Athletic Sports: Our Athletic House Sports aren’t far away so please pencil in Thursday August 18 as the day! Once again, it will be fingers crossed for some sunshine in the week leading up to the event. We will be looking for lots of helpers, so please let us know if you’re available for all or part of the day.

Curriculum Day: Friday August 19 will be a Curriculum Day at MPS. No school for students on this day.

Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent opinion Survey was distributed to a randomly selected group of families yesterday. The survey is an important part of every school’s parent engagement strategy and assists with future planning and improvement. Parents are randomly selected to participate in the annual survey which is confidential and anonymous. If you received the survey, please take the opportunity to provide your feedback about our school and return it to the office by this Friday July 29.

Every survey returned goes into the running to win a $50 voucher from the Murchison Bakery and this will be drawn at assembly on Monday.

Melissa Houlihan Principal
AROUND THE SCHOOL:

Keys to Success - Getting Along, Confidence, Organisation, Persistence & Resilience

“YOU CAN DO IT”

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Left to Right

Back: Kobe, Natalie & Ethan

Front: Indy & Lori

Gr F-1WW – Indy Musso – Congratulations Indy on a super confident start to the term, You ALWAYS model the green key & your manners are perfect all of the time.

Gr 1-2F – Lori Bathman – For using all the keys to success when working hard on challenging comprehension tasks in reading groups.

Gr 1-2F – Ethan Kaifa - For using all the keys to success when working hard on challenging comprehension tasks in reading groups.

Gr 2-3V – Kobe Wilson – You have made a great start to term 3 by listening, following instructions and doing wonderful learning during class. Keep it up Kobe!

Gr 5-6B – Natalie Hughes – For always being enthusiastic and ready to learn in maths and continuing to improve in your counting.

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LIBRARY AT MPS
We have so many beautiful books waiting for students to borrow from our well-resourced library! They are perfect for that bedtime read together for younger children or perhaps a shared read for you and your older child(ren). Maybe you and your child could do some research on an interesting topic borrowing from our non-fiction section. It is an expectation that all students Foundation to Grade 6 will be regular borrowers from our library. We aim to build the love of books for all students regardless of age. Please encourage your child(ren) to borrow each week.

During Term 3 each class has a dedicated library time where Teachers are give students the opportunity to borrow and teach an aspect of the curriculum. Library times for classes are as follows:

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If your child requires a library bag please contact Mrs Watson or Ms Turvey to get a replacement bag. Bags are limited and students are expected to respect (care) for them and use them from year to year. Teachers will keep library bags at school if your child does not borrow from the library.

The Community Library is still in operation for those pre-schoolers who love a good book! If you’re not a member yet come in and we’ll sign you up! Children and Parents are welcome to borrow two books at a time from our special collection for the Community Library.

Why not come into the library sometime yourself and check out the BOOKS!
*See you in the Library!* 😊

JEANS FOR GENES DAY: Jeans for Genes day is a national fundraiser to help provide research into epilepsy, cancer, birth defects and genetic diseases in children. Friday August 5 is Jeans for Genes day so we are asking students to wear jeans for a gold coin donation. School uniform shirt and jumper.

How many books have YOU read so far!
We’re now into the final stretch of the Challenge! Congratulations to everyone who is participating this year! We only have about 6 weeks to go, the PRC will close on 9 September 2016.

More than 207,000 students from 950 schools and 6,086 children from 283 early childhood services and homes have signed up. It’s great to see that thousands of children across the state are discovering new authors and getting hooked on reading. Well done to US here at MPS!

On Friday’s we draw our lucky readers at Student Assembly to go to the Bakery for morning tea the following Friday!

This week Leo, Seth, Tess, Tash & Conor will be enjoying a hot chocolate and slice! Mmmm. I wonder who’ll be having morning tea next week? Will it be YOU!

Good luck and happy reading! 😊

During Term 3 we will be having cycling at lunchtimes starting next Thursday until the end of term. This is available for grades 2 – 6. Please see Shelly if interested.
Positive Parenting
Telephone Service
This Program is offered to parents, grandparents & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years
Our ten week program aims to assist you to:
*Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
*Manage everyday behaviour problems
*Set rules & limits
*Teach new skills
*Developing behaviour strategies
Through our service you will receive a workbook and weekly phone calls with a parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

Interested?
For more information or to enroll phone
FREECALL 1800 880 660
ENROLMENTS TAKEN ALL YEAR ROUND
Start now and make a positive start last a lifetime
This service is funded by Department of Human Services Victoria

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Issue 5 is due back: Thursday July 28.
A great big thank-you to the families that have supported us so far this year, the Library has received many new books thanks to the credit you have raised for MPS. We really appreciate your support.
Issue 5 has arrived! This is the first of two issues for Term 3.
If you would like to order please go online and place your order, just follow the L.O.O.P. directions on the bottom of the club brochure or return the completed paperwork with correct payment (in an envelope labeled Book Club) to school.
If paying by cheque make it out to Scholastic Australia. Thanks! Felicity Watson and Kellie Cox

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOSTER CARER?
Childhood can be a difficult time for children who have experienced trauma, abuse, neglect or grief. They need patience, tolerance, stability and understanding to overcome the barriers to a life most of us take for granted.
Join us in becoming a Foster Carer today. To increase your awareness of foster care and learn about the fostering process, Berry Street is hosting an Information Night on Wednesday 17th August, 6.00pm at the Berry Street Office, 110 Wyndham Street, Shepparton.
All Welcome.
For more information please contact Janene or Chrissie at Berry Street t: 58228 100 or e: humefostercare@berrystreet.org.au

Murchison Primary School
Student Absence Form

Name:_____________________________________
Class:_____________ Date:_________________
Reason___________________________________
Parent’s Signature:_______________________

Please hand to your class teacher