



Mulga Street Primary School



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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

It has been a long and cold winter with many students and staff being away ill. We stress to keep children home when they are not well. On some occasions we have not been able to replace staff and as a consequence classes need to be split. We are all hoping that the sunny weather will soon be with us to break this current cycle of illness. We thank you for your support in this matter.

In two weeks we will celebrate Book Week with the theme 'Escape to Everywhere'. Please see Karen Pink's reminder in the newsletter. We encourage all students to dress up for the parade on Friday 25th of August. We do not require any expense with costumes; just use what you have at home to represent a book character or anything that connects to reading. We welcome all parents and friends to view the parade at 9.00am on the netball court. Over the next couple of weeks, students will engage in art and craft activities as they read and explore the nominated books for this year's literary awards. I would also like to remind families to keep encouraging your children to be reading books to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge, 9 classes out of 15 have completed the reading challenge and we look forward to the remaining 6 completing their challenge in the next couple of weeks.

In the next couple of weeks the NAPLAN results will arrive at the school and be sent home to families. I encourage you to speak with your child's classroom teacher about any concerns you may have. The NAPLAN results are used for whole site planning and provide a focus, in curriculum, for training and development for staff. They are a single snapshot of a child's learning at one point in time and highlight misconceptions they may have in Mathematics and English.

Stay warm and well

Mardi McClintock
Principal

Tamarin Condon
Deputy Principal

17th August

6pm Assessment and Reporting Requirements Information Evening

21st August

Book Week Begins

25th August

9am Bookweek Parade

4th September

5pm Grounds Meeting

7th September

Music is Fun Performance

8th September

8am Canteen Meeting

11th September

6pm Finance Meeting

7pm Governing Council Mtg

13-15th September

Year 5/6 Camp Cape Bridgewater

22nd September

7pm LC Concert

26th September

10.15pm Early Years (R/1) Assembly

27th September

12pm Junior Primary (Yr2/3) Assembly

QKR! APP



Don't forget to download the Qkr! App on your phone or tablet. Search for the app in the app store, this is a new easier payment option we are making available to parents to pay for school/preschool/music fees, uniforms, excursions, incursion and pay for lunches from our canteen. For more information on how to install please contact the front office.

IMPORTANT DATES

11th August

8am Canteen Meeting

14th August

6pm Finance Meeting

7pm Governing Council Mtg

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



Last Friday twenty eight students travelled to the Icehouse competing in the 2017 SAPSASA Basketball District day. The determination and participation of our students was outstanding. Congratulations to all competitors. I would like to thank Tom Renzi, Paul Frost and Caroline Lock for coaching. The students would have learnt a lot from their vast knowledge and experience of basketball. I would also like to thank the four students who came out and scored on the day and all parents for taking time out of their day to support the teams and coaches.

At Mulga Street we run several programs which relate to our children building onto their social and emotional wellbeing, our 'Play is the Way' and 'Playful Learning' programs all promote this. We also realize how important it is to our children not only to make friends but to maintain friendships. I thought you might like to take a look and discuss with your child some skills relating to making and keeping friends.

Kids can be picky about who they play and mix with. Popularity should not be confused with sociability. A number of studies in recent decades have shown that appearance, personality type and ability impact on a child's popularity at school. Good-looking, easy-going, talented kids usually win peer popularity polls but that doesn't necessarily guarantee they will have friends. Those children and young people who develop strong friendships have a definite set of skills that help make them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with.

Here are twelve essential skills that children have identified as being important for making and keeping friends:

1. Ability to share possessions and space
2. Keeping confidences and secrets
3. Offering to help
4. Accepting other's mistakes
5. Being positive and enthusiastic
6. Starting a conversation
7. Winning and losing well
8. Listening to others
9. Starting and maintaining a conversation
10. Ignoring someone who is annoying you
11. Cooperating with others
12. Giving and receiving compliments

Friendship skills are generally developmental. That is, kids grow into these skills given exposure to different situations and with adult help. In past generations 'exposure to different situations' meant opportunities to play with each other, with siblings and with older and younger friends. They were reminded by parents about

how they should act around others. They were also 'taught' from a very young age. Thanks, Mr E

MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE

A reminder that the Materials & Services Charge (school fees) are now due.

If you have not applied for School Card and believe you may be eligible, please collect a School Card form from the Front Office. School Card must be applied for every year.

Thank you to those families who have made arrangements with the school to pay the fees by instalment.

If you wish to pay by instalment please speak to Sue Shaw (Finance Officer) ASAP. Please do not hesitate to contact Sue if you have any issues in regard to the payment of school fees.

BOOK WEEK BOOK SWAP

During Book Week we will be holding a Book Swap on Friday afternoon 25th August. Children will be able to bring in a maximum of 2 books in good condition to swap for a maximum of 2 alternate books brought by other children. They need to be given to Mrs Pink in the Library by Friday 18th August. On the day of the swap children will be given their swap tokens to exchange for other books. All books left at the end of the day will be donated to Rotary for children overseas to read.

BANK DETAILS

Account Name: Mulga Street Primary School Council Inc
Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia
BSB: 065-504
Account Number: 10362131

BOOK WEEK 21st - 25th AUGUST

Every year we celebrate Book Week, this year it will be held Monday 21st to Friday 25th August. The theme for 2017 is 'Escape to Everywhere'. Monday morning we will hold a student assembly to open Book Week and announce competition winners.



On Wednesday 23rd August there will be a Shared Reading Night in our library from 6.30 - 7.30pm with all ages welcome. Throughout the week all classes will be involved in activities with the award winning books. Book Week celebrations will culminate with a Dress Up parade at 9am on Friday 25th August.



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WANTED

The front office is looking for small sized trackie pants up to size 10 if you have any you no longer require we would be grateful of any donations. Thank you.

EARN AND LEARN

When: 26th July to 19th September

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn and Learn program. During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you. Collect your stickers at Woolworths and for every \$10 you spend (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. Your children can then place them on the special sticker sheet. Once completed, bring it to school or you drop them into your local Woolworths collection box. There is a sticker sheet included in this week's newsletter, some spare sheets are available at the front office. The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10 000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art and craft materials and much much more! We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at the school.



POSSUM MAGIC COINS

To help celebrate the Children's Book Council of Australia Children's Book Week 2017, the Royal Australian Mint, in partnership with Woolworths supermarkets, is releasing three adorable coloured \$2 coins that depict iconic moments from Possum Magic, the beloved Australian literary classic by Mem Fox.

The coins will be released through Woolworths supermarkets nationwide (each Tuesday for a three-week period from 15 August 2017) and may be found in your change when you do your shopping or even in weeks or months to come as they enter general circulation.



The coins can be stored in a collect and keep folder available from the front office. We have limited amount available. What a great way to start a coin collection. For more information on this program visit www.ramint.gov.au



COMMUNITY NEWS

Anglican Church Fair
Bay Road, Mount Gambier
(opposite Banner Mitre 10)
Saturday 12th August

8.30am – 1pm

Lots of stalls and entertainment for everyone
Stalls include – plants, craft, produce, cakes,
books, pre-loved clothing, white elephant, trash n
treasure, wine auction, BBQ, deconshire morning
tea and lucky spin

For the children – merry go round, toys and
games, mystery trail bags, face painting, lucky
dips and outdoor games. Meet Penny Panda at
10.30am

Do you have an idea for a community project?

Nobody knows your community better than you and your neighbours. That is why the State Government is inviting community groups to help improve our streets, suburbs and our neighbourhoods through the new and exciting - **Fund My Neighbourhood**.

The State Government is investing \$40 million back into the local community through **Fund My Neighbourhood**, and importantly, the community will decide where the money will be spent.

This exciting fund is one of the world's biggest community participatory budget exercises and I am inviting you and your community group to share your ideas about how we can further improve our neighbourhood.

Your ideas can be diverse as community gardens to painting and landscaping a community centre. If there is something that you think needs to be fixed or needs to be improved in Mount Gambier, I encourage you to share your ideas.

I will be hosting a community forum in Mount Gambier and look forward to meeting you and your group. I will be joined by Clare Scriven, local candidate for the Legislative Council.

FORUM DETAILS:

Location: City Hall - Main Corner, Entry via Cave Garden, Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

Date: Saturday, 12 August, 2017

Time: 10.30 am - 11.30 am

If you are unable to make it to the forum, please feel free to get in touch with your ideas at Russell.Wortley@parliament.sa.gov.au or phone my office on 08 8237 9158.

I look forward to hearing from you and your group.

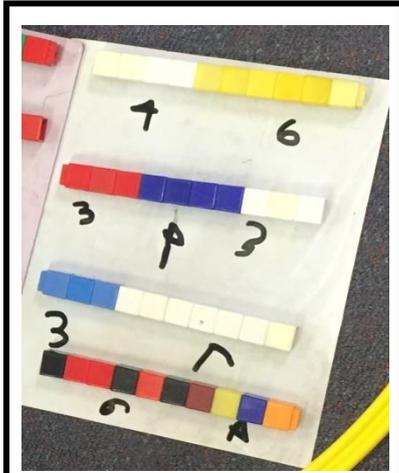


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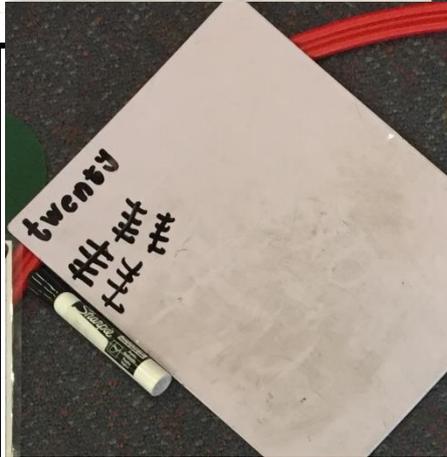
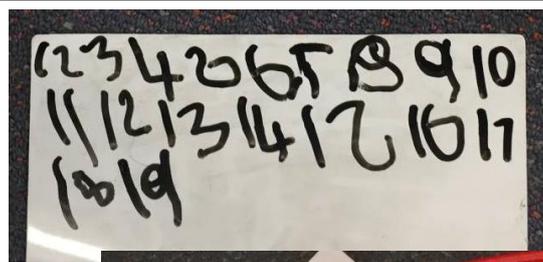


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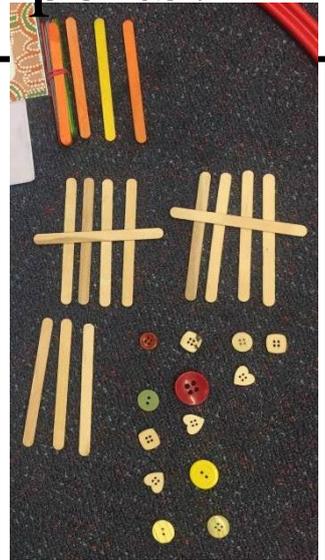
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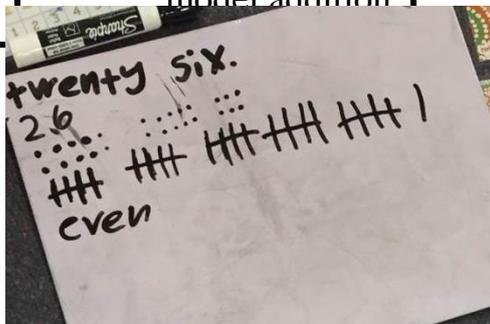
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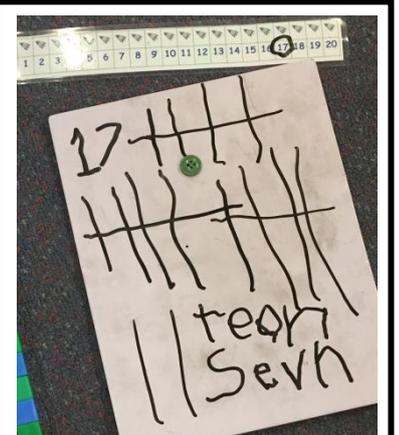
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...use popsticks to bundle tens and make tally marks



even or odd



...find numbers on number lines



...count collections and label them



...use ten frames

...use our positive mindset to be creative problem solvers!

