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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

A focus this year at Mulga Street Primary School is resilience. Resilience refers to one's ability to successfully manage life and to successfully adapt to change and stressful events in both healthy and constructive ways. In simplistic terms, it is our survivability and "bounce-back-ability" to life experiences and that means both the really advantageous ones as well as the really challenging, traumatic ones.

While some parents and carers try and avoid their children having negative experiences it is actually much needed. A child needs to experience disappointment, challenge, failure and a lack of boundaries to fully develop the specific interpersonal, personal and social skills that are needed for people to live in communities. They also need to learn to develop their own voice, and age-dependent moments of autonomy where they get to have a sense of control over their life. (However, too much can lead to overindulgent and unpleasantly challenging behaviour that will create conflict and distress). So, with this in mind and the aim of helping your child have some autonomy, the following is something I would encourage of all parents and carers..

As we head towards the middle of Term 1, I would like to encourage parents and carers to allow their children to develop independence. All children, at the beginning of the day, need to carry their own bag, unpack it and get themselves ready for the day. You are able to help them by prompting or asking questions but they need to do these things themselves. At the end of the day they need to pack their own bag and gather their belongings. Prompt them again and check they have everything but do not do it for them. Your children spend all day at school and are very capable of self-managing, we are very proud of the way they get from class to class, return from breaks, move around the school and pack up and tidy up when required throughout the day; personal organisation is a key for success.

Mardi McClintock
Principal

Tamarin Condon
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

8 th & 9 th March	MGHS Twilight Tours 6pm
13 th March	Adelaide Cup Holiday
15 th March	Noorla Yo Long Excursion
17 th March	8.45am Parent Club Meeting
22 nd March	Harmony Day
24 th March	Final Payment M&S Fee Due
24 th March	MP (Yrs 4/5) Assembly 2.30pm
29 th March	EY (Yrs R/1) Assembly 12pm

3rd April – 7th April

6th April

4th April – 7th April

11th April

12th April

13th April

14th April

1st May

Footsteps

R-3 Disco

Year 7 Acquatic Camp

JP (Yrs 2/3) Assembly 2pm

MS (Yrs 6/7) Assembly 2.15pm

Term 1 Ends Early Dismissal
2.15pm

Good Friday Holiday

Term 2 Begins

CATCHING UP WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Catching up with your child's teacher is important, working together is vital for all children's ongoing success. The morning period is often hectic and teachers are often unable to give you the time to have that important conversation and after school can be filled with various meetings. Organise a time suitable for both of you to meet and have those important conversations so that any concerns can be shared, discussed and resolved.

I would also ask parents to refrain from entering classrooms or learning spaces at the end of the day. These spaces are work spaces for staff and I would ask that you respect this as they would respect your work spaces. To help children develop their independence organise a spot outside of the buildings to meet them, this will also help with congestion in the corridors.

PICK UP & DROP OFF AT MULGA ST

We do not have a kiss and drop zone at Mulga Street and I would like to ask parents and carers not to pull up in the middle of the road to let children out of a vehicle, this is not safe. In an inattentive moment a driver may glance away and bump into a stopped car as a child is getting out and cause serious injury. There is plenty of parking at the side and back of the school. Please use these areas for everyone's safety.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our BBQ on Acquaintance Night. It was wonderful to see so many families. Thank you to Collins Court Butchers for the yummy sausages.



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The first Parent Club fundraiser for 2017 is Donut King. The order forms are going out today and are due back on Monday 20th March. Collection will be from 2.30pm on Wednesday 29th March in the Multi-Purpose room in the Learning Centre.

Just for your information, the Parent Club and the Breakfast Club are two different groups. We are always looking for new member for the Parent Club, but if this is too big a commitment the Breakfast Club will always welcome some assistance. This club currently runs on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays every week and we can provide breakfast for up to 80 students every day. Mr Renzi does a fantastic job keeping up with the demand for hot toast, so, we will always be grateful for help serving and washing dishes. If you think you can help on a regular basis please talk to our friendly Mums, if not and you have a few spare minutes, we will always be grateful for any assistance.

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.

BANK DETAILS

Account Name: Mulga Street Primary School Council Inc

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB: 065-504

Account Number: 10362131

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT PASSPORT WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners of the Mulga Street Primary School Acquaintance night passports. They were:

She's Apples Fruit & Veg Basket – Jackson

Collin's Court Butcher Meat Tray – Blair

MSPS School Pack – Adam & Aaliyah

We would like to thank She's Apples and Collins Court Butcher for their generous donation.



STUDENT LEADERS 2017

The election of our student leaders and class representatives for the Student Council has occurred

and it is with great pleasure that we acknowledge these students to the wider community. The senior classes were required to write an application, as they would for a job in the real world, outlining their skills and abilities against a set of criteria whilst also citing evidence to support their statements. They were then asked to attend an interview and answer 4 questions relating to the role. Class representatives were elected by their peers based on a short speech they gave to their class about why they should be elected. Classes are asked to consider the best person for the job as opposed to voting for their friend. Congratulations to the following students who are the class representatives for Student Council.

Mrs Gaynor Whitby	Yr 2/3
Charlie Attiwill / Mia Henderson	
Mr Michael Skipp	Yr 2/3
Jay Gittins/Molly Rackow	
Mrs Leesa Little/Mrs Amanda Wright	Yr 2/3
Miely Winterfield/Zari Newman	
Ms Angela Roberts	Yr 3
Miley Vivian/Amelia Roesler	
Miss Mel Beames	Yr 4/5
Sofie Morale/Jess Watson	
Mrs Gail Lewis/Miss Alison Martin	Yr 4/5
Abby Thompson/Myles Burzacott	
Mr King/Mrs Gail Lewis	Yr 4/5
Makayla Govan/Haydn Lowe	
Ms Trudi Naughton	Yr 5/6
Brandon Button-Sander/Brooke Moulden	
Mrs Sophie Adamopoulos	Yr 6/7
Jamaica Smith/Charlotte Hann	
Mr Paul Frost	Yr 6/7
Danika Picken/Jack O'Connor	
Mr Sam Richards	Yr 6/7
Jade Jennings/Chelsea Dunn	

GRIP STUDENT LEADERS' CONFERENCE 2017

Last Wednesday, I had the pleasure of attending the "GRIP" student leadership conference for 2017 with our Student Executive. The students spent the day at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre learning about and developing their understanding of what a leader is, the skills that they have to help them in their role and skills that they will develop during 2017.

Commitments to action for 2017 include :

Standing up for what I believe in- Luke (School Captain)

Getting to know more students in the school –Bonnie (School Captain)

Developing my note taking skills -Megan(Vice Captain)

Developing my creativity- Marni (Vice Captain)

Developing my personal organisation-Brydon (Principal's Rep)

Developing my public speaking skills-Landon(Waste Watch Warrior)



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Putting ideas into action-Brooke(Waste Watch Warrior)
 Helping students when they need me-Logan(Waste Watch Warrior)
 Developing my public speaking skills-Kyrah (Indigenous Rep)
 I look forward to working with both the Student Executive and Student Council during the year.
 Tamarin Condon



Student Executive 2017 at GRIP LEADERS.
 Back - Megan, Bonnie, Luke & Marni
 Front - Landon, Kyrah, Brooke, Brydon & Logan.

READING

Reading is vital to being successful in life. Why?

1. Reading is important for **daily life** whether it's reading the instructions on a medicine packet, filling in an application or reading signs in the community.
2. Good readers find **good jobs**. In the workplace, we read reports, memos, emails and good readers get these parts of their job done quickly and efficiently.
3. Reading **develops the mind**. The mind is a muscle and needs to be exercised regularly.
4. Reading leads us to **discover new things**. We learn lots of new information when we read and become more intelligent people.
5. Reading **develops imagination**. Our lives are made much simpler now with machines, computers and gadgets that do many basic tasks for us. To be successful, we need to be able to do what computers can't – be creative!
6. Reading is **closely tied to self-image**. Poor readers think less of themselves and their abilities.
7. Reading **develops language skills** so we can communicate effectively and efficiently with the people in our lives. Words, spoken and written, are the building blocks of life.

Reading benchmarking will occur from Week 8 this term and you will be notified of your child's progress through a yellow note in your child's diary or communication book. Please see your child's class teacher if you would

like any further information about how your child is progressing with their reading.

SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE CHANGE

Unfortunately due a price increase from the manufacturer we have had to increase the price of our **round necked windcheaters to \$34.20**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

We now offer online ordering and payment (LOOP), please follow the instructions, any questions please call Scholastic customer service 1800021233 Mon - Fri 8.30 - 4.30 or see Karen in the Library. Please note you can still order through the Front Office if you prefer.

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP

or  

Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.





LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking interested parents/grandparents/caregivers to volunteer in our school library. If you have some time to spare and are interested please drop in and see Karen in the Library.



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Science in L11A

Zoe is fascinated with how the Mealworm moves on her hand.



Topic: 'Watch it Grow'



This is where our Mealworms live. Inside the cups is oat bran. The Mealworms love to bury themselves in the oat bran. They eat cucumber.



Mia is using a magnifying glass to look at a Mealworm

The mealworms lay still most of the time.

The mealworms eat small amounts of food because they have small mouthparts

The pupae are white and their skins are bumpy

The mealworms come to the top of the bran to shed their skin and then bury themselves again.

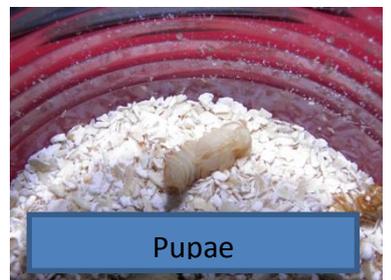
The mealworms move very slowly

The mealworms shed their skin because they have grown too big.

Three stages of life



Mealworm



Pupae



Darling Beetle



Nate is looking at his Mealworm while he is putting together the lifecycle of a Mealworm