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Mulga Street Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Dear Families,

A continued 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.

Interviews

Mulga Street is going online to book interviews this year. Please read the flier about how to do this. The booking system will open on March 13th and close on March 23rd. You may like to consider not booking children's interviews back to back as movement around the school may impact the time you have with your child's teacher. If you would like more time with your child's teacher please contact them to organise this. Interviews are 15 mins. If you require help to navigate the portal please come in and see us we are more than happy to help.

Mardi McClintock
Principal

Tamarin Condon
Deputy Principal

PUPIL FREE DAY – 13th MARCH 2018

A reminder to all families that **Tuesday, 13th March** is a pupil free day where students do not come to school. On the day Mulga Street Staff will be participating in training and development in the area of literacy with a focus on spelling.

IMPORTANT DATES

6 th March	Parent Cub Meeting 2pm
8 th March	Payment for Noorla Yo Long excursion due
12 th March	Adelaide Cup Holiday
13 th March	Pupil Free Day
14 th March	Book Fair 2.30pm – 4pm
15 th March	Book Fair 2.30pm – 6pm
15 th March	Noorla Yo Long Excursion
16 th March	Book Fair 2.30pm – 3.30pm
21 st March	Harmony Day
22 nd March	Middle Primary Assembly 11.15am
22 nd March	Final Yr 7 Camp payment due
29 th March	Early Years Assembly 10.00am
30 th March	Good Friday Holiday
2 nd April	Easter Monday
3 rd April – 6 th April	Year 7 Acquatic Camp
4 th April	Junior Primary Assembly 12.00pm
12 th April	Middle School Assembly 2.30pm
13 th April	Term 1 Ends Early Dismissal 2.15pm
30 th April	Term 2 Begins



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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 – Jayden
Collin's Court Butcher Meat Tray – Blair
Jens Hotel \$40 Meal Voucher - Miley
MSPS School Pack – Mia

We would like to thank She's Apples, Collins Court Butcher and Jens Hotel for their generous donations.

BANK DETAILS

Account Name: Mulga Street Primary School Council Inc

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB: 065-504

Account Number: 10362131

LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

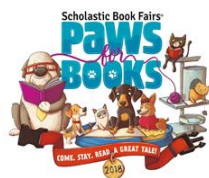
Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Prices range from \$1 to \$30 (for sets) and purchasers have a chance to win a lucky door prize. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Wed. 14th – Fri. 16th March

Shopping hours: Wed. 2.30-4.00, Thurs. 2.30-6.00, Fri. 2.30-3.30

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Karen Pink
Library Manager



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 Sarah Holloway (Finance Officer) ASAP. Please do not hesitate to contact Sarah if you have any issues in regard to the payment of school fees.

***** ATTENTION FAMILIES *****

The state government has lifted the School Card income threshold to \$57,870 for 2018.

If you believe you are eligible, we urge you to apply.

PCW NEWS

It was so lovely to meet so many families in the 'Family Hub' on acquaintance night. In week 6, Monday 5th March I will be starting the lunchtime activities. Each Monday lunchtime in the Art Room I hold craft activities for classes to come along and enjoy, some children love to come indoors and participate in activities. This coming Monday, craft will be for Reception and Year 1 classes all welcome to come.

Save the Date: Monday 19th March

Location: Family Hub

Starting: 9am

– Showing Kimochi's and sharing a little on these amazing puppets. Kimochi means 'feeling' in Japanese. We use these in class as a playful way to help children learn how to identify and express feelings. Come and see what they are learning and how this may assist you at home.

All families welcome to come along and have morning tea. We will finish by 9.30am.

Pam Young
Pastoral Care Worker

THANK YOU

Thank you to Thomson Bilt for their kind donation of 250 calico draw string bags which will be used as library bags by the Junior Primary students.



SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE CHANGE

Due to a change in suppliers we have new prices for some of our uniform items.

Hats : \$7.00 (Now available in Small, Medium & Large)

Round neck jumpers: \$22.00

School Bags: \$38.00

We are also currently organising to purchase the track pants from a new supplier. These will still need to be ordered and paid for in advance.

NEW FEATURE

Our new windcheaters come with a microchip attached. Ragtagd is a Smart Tag that tells you when your missing item is returned to the Front Office.

When you purchase the jumper, you will need to pair the Smart Tag to your phone and then you will receive a SMS. Instructions on how to do this will come with the jumper.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



Bullying, No Way

At Mulga Street we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. Listen calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

3. Visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different

bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

4. Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

5. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

CANTEEN NEWS

Gluten Free options are now available from the canteen.

For a menu please see me in the canteen or check out the new tab on the Qkr! App.

Well done to parents using the Qkr App. Please remember to update the profiles as some children are still appearing as being in last year's classroom.

Leeanne Tincknell
Canteen Manager



STUDENT LEADERS

Thank you to all the students who applied for the 2018 School Captain positions.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Captain	Charlotte Hann
Captain	Abby Tansell
Vice Captain	Tyler Smith
Vice Captain	Jasmine Creaser
Indigenous Rep	Skye Sander

PARENT CLUB

Welcome back for another year! Parent Club are looking forward to another year of fundraising. Our members for this year are –

President: Bec Radford

Secretary: Sara Hewitson

Treasure: Aimee Smith

Committee: Lana Trnovsky, Paula Williamson and we welcome new member Liz Spencer.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th of March at 2pm in the new Parents room. All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and chat.

Bec Radford
President



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Mulga Street Primary
Acquaintance Night

