Principal News

We have reached the half way mark of the school year. Tomorrow is the last day of term two. The last few weeks have been busy but lots of fun for the school community. I wish you and your families a very restful time during the break. We will see students back refreshed on Monday 11th July. During the holidays I encourage children to continue to read a variety of books as often as they can. Gaining further experience in using money, playing with coins and notes, giving and receiving change etc. would be a very valuable use of a few hours. Keeping a diary of events and activities undertaken in the holidays, also provides some stimulus for the brain and assists with the concept of time and writing skills. Most of all – keep warm and enjoy your break together!!

The disco last Friday night once again was a great success. Students had a fantastic time. A huge thank you is extended to Mr. Stuart Hattwell, our resident DJ. Stuart spent much of Thursday and Friday preparing for this great event. His excellent song choices were well received by all! Thank you also to our School Council members and parents who assisted us during the week and on the night with some of the tasks associated with the disco. It was very much appreciated. Thank you also to the many staff members who attended the night to participate in the fun with students.

STUDENT REPORTS AND PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS – Parents should have received their Semester One student reports from their child’s teacher. Most parents took the opportunity of booking an appointment with their child’s classroom teacher this week. If you were unable to do so, please contact your child’s teacher and arrange an alternative meeting time. It is very important to us that we keep a strong home-school relationship to enable us to do the very best we can for your child.

Our Tiqbiz app is now being used by most families to receive communication about whole school and specific class events. Parents are reminded that they need to join the ‘whole school’ group as well as their child’s ‘class group’ to ensure that they don’t miss important pieces of information and reminders. If you need help in setting this up, please see one of the teachers or Suzy at the office. All newsletter and other notices are coming via tiqbiz so don’t miss out!! Please remember that if you still wish to receive a hard copy of the school newsletter then you need to please collect one from the school office.

NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION ON STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES – All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the National Consistent Collection of Data on school students with a disability this year. The data collection is an annual count of the number of students with a disability receiving educational adjustments, to support their participation in education, on the same basis as students without any disability. This data collection will be conducted over the next few weeks. Families are not required to do anything. Any statistics included in the collection will not identify any of our students specifically. We are hopeful that this national data will transfer into additional funding for schools in the future.

STAFF LEAVE – Mrs. Dale Thompson will be taking two weeks long service leave at the start of term three. Mrs. Carolyn Smithett will be teaching grade 5T during this time. We hope that Dale thoroughly enjoys her holiday break. Mrs.
Nicola Weerakoon will return for three days at the start of term three before commencing her Family Leave. Mrs. Ella Friend will replace Nicola and teach 1WB on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the remainder of the year. Good luck to Nicola and her family as they await the arrival of the new baby. Miss Lucinda Truesdale will continue to teach 4L for the first week or two of term 3 until Mr. Leopold returns.

Liz Watkins – Principal
Have a terrific rest over the holidays!

**PRINCIPAL PROBLEM SOLVER**

_Last week’s problem solver was_: How many days in each month, including in a leap year?


**Congratulations to:** Bowie 4L, Olivia 5E, Yarna 3S, Samantha 4L and Cassie 4M, Vilara 4M
Hi Everyone
I can't believe we only have a couple days of term two left, time seems to have flown. Over the past couple of weeks the children explored several interesting activities, which have enabled them to work collaborate to enhance their social skills. During art and craft some children made lovely portraits of butterflies and caterpillars with collage, many children designed different shape bag tags which looked fabulous. Once again, some children were interested in pottery and they creatively designed objects of their own choice. In Science corner we did a water purifying science experiment. Paul assembled the D.I.Y kit and they were involved in the discussion, which enabled them to learn about the process of water purification. Our master chefs cooked yummy muesli bars with oats and honey. Last Thursday during the morning and afternoon sessions, we also cooked delicious pancakes which the children enjoyed eating with maple syrup and honey.

The children also enjoyed playing dodge ball, using an obstacle course, revenge, octopus, fruit salad, and musical games. Beside these activities we also loved solving puzzles, creating designs with hama beads, building with blocks, using play dough exploring, board games, such as monopoly and many more. I hope everyone will have a good relaxing break, and look forward to seeing you in term 3.

Please don't forget to take a look at our some of the exciting activities that we are offering over the Winter Holiday Period, right here in MGPS.

Kind Regards
Meena

Week 1
Monday: Woodwork incursion,
Tuesday: Science: sound waves
Wednesday: Excursion Ice Age 5
Thursday: Cooking Pancake Kebabs
Friday: Shadow Puppets

Week 2
Aboriginal Clay Prints
Excursion: Big slide
Rainbow Goo
Incursion: Zumba
Science: Boat Challenge

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We have been advised that the flying snake tails is now out of stock, and the mud splat ball, very limited stock. If you do chose the ball please tick an alternative item in case they do become unavailable. The Comm Bank do have in stock the items listed below:

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