Principal’s Report

Welcome new Families

We have had a number of new families enroll their children at MHPS over the past few weeks. Thanks for choosing our fabulous school! Along with our pleasing 2015 Kindergarten enrolments, our numbers are looking strong for next year. If you know of any families who have moved, or will be moving into our area, ask them to contact the school for an enrolment package.

Amazing PBL Results!

Last Friday MHPS was visited by the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) School Evaluation Team. These four highly experienced PBL teachers visited our school to undertake an independent audit of our systems, practices and infrastructure around PBL. Students and staff were randomly interviewed and data was taken in areas of student behaviour, signage, management and student recognition. As a new PBL school in 2014, it was expected that we would still have a lot of things yet to put in place in order to score a high ranking from this whole school evaluation. However, the report findings showed that Mount Hutton scored 96.8%, one of the highest ratings ever recorded for a new PBL school. This amazing result will be recognised tomorrow at the annual PBL expo, which will be attended by over 100 schools, with our school receiving a Bronze medal. Well done to our staff and students on this fabulous result! We will continue to build on the gains we have made in PBL for 2015.

Santa Photos

At last year’s Carols on the Green we were fortunate enough to secure the services of our wonderful photographer Megan Neiufi to do family Santa Photos. I am pleased to announce that Megan and Santa are both available again to do photos. This year, however, rather than have families line up and miss the carols, we plan to do photos in the lead up to Carols on the Green so that they may be collected on the night. A note will come home in the next couple of days outlining dates, times and costs so that families can make a booking to get their MHPS family Christmas portraits taken.

Semester 2 Reports

Teachers are busy finalising Semester 2 Reports. Once these are completed, checked by me, signed and printed we will be hopefully getting these home to parents and carers by the end of week nine.

P&C

Ever wondered how you can have more say in what happens at our school? MHPS Parents & Citizens Association meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month in the library at 6.45. TONIGHT (Nov 19) we will be planning for our Carols On the Green evening. We would love to see you there!

PBL Award Recipients

At last Friday’s assembly PBL awards were presented to students who have demonstrated excellence in our three core areas of “Safety, Respect and Learning”. The following students received awards last week.

KHT: Haylee H, Destine B & Tanaya O
K/1S: Miles N-M & Jazmin B
2H: Isabella D & Jye A
2/3M: Kimberly B & Riley W
3/4/5P: Cody C, Brittany N & Zoran J
5/6S: Finn OMcL, Lucy M & Jackson H
K6K: Jack C

Awards Presentation Day

This special event will be held on Thursday 11 December in our school hall. Class awards for excellence will be presented to children in every year. Other awards include Dux of the School, Citizenship (Year 6), the Most Improved Student in Year 5 and Year 6 and Sport (championship awards for swimming, athletics and cross country). If a member of your family is receiving one of the above awards you will be advised beforehand.

Concert DVD and Photos

Our long awaited Concert DVD and Photos are here! All orders marked to be sent home with students were sent home yesterday. If you requested to pick up your order it is now available from the office.

Have a great week.

Steve Gately (Principal)
“The Dunkley Herald”

**Important Dates to Remember**

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**School Assembly**
The regular school assembly will take place on Friday at 11.40am. This week’s assembly item will be presented by K/1T.

**Library Stocktake**
Library borrowing will cease this week for all students K-6 so we can commence our annual stocktake. We need to account for every book in the library. If your child has any overdue books a reminder will be sent home over the next few weeks until all books are returned. If there are any problems please let Mrs Barbour know Wednesday to Friday.

**Book Sale**
The Library will continue their Book Sale of "pre-loved" books to make way for new titles. There are a variety of books and ALL BOOKS are 50c. Money will go towards purchasing new DVDs for students to enjoy at the end of the term. The Library is open every second break after eating time. They you for supporting this Book Sale.

**1 on 1 Property Mount Hutton**
For all your property needs contact Stephen Logan on 40141900.

**Canteen Roster – Week 8 Term 4**

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**Reminders**

- **Full payment ($90) for Term 4 Swimming School needs to be paid NOW.**
- **Uniform Shop will be open every Thursday from 2.15pm till 2.45pm for the rest of this year.**
- **School contributions are due, $20 per child, can be paid at the office.**
- **Hunter New England Health have free dental health clinics for children under 18. For clinic locations phone 1300651625.**
- **The next P&C meeting is on tonight Wednesday 19 November at 6.45pm in the library.**

**Asthma Update**
**Reliever Medication; how often should it be used?**
Reliever medications such as Airomir, Asmol, Bricanyl and Ventolin are used by people to provide quick relief from their asthma symptoms. They work within minutes by relaxing the muscles around the airways and last for up to four hours. If you or someone you know uses their blue puffer three times or more in a week (apart from before exercise) it could indicate that asthma is not well controlled.

Other things which can indicate poor asthma control include:
- Waking in the night coughing or wheezing
- Getting breathless or wheezy during the day
- Struggling to keep up with normal activities or getting breathless whilst exercising

These symptoms are not a normal part of well managed asthma and if they are happening, it is recommended to see a doctor to help you or someone you care for to take steps to better control the condition. Some people need to take additional medication that is prescribed by the doctor to help them control their asthma symptoms; this medication is called preventer medication and it works by making the airways less sensitive, reduces the redness and swelling inside the airways and dries up the mucus. Preventer medication takes a few weeks to reach its full effect, and has to be taken every day to work well.

Further information can also be obtained from the InfoLine at Asthma Foundation NSW 1800 645 130 or ask@asthmafoundation.org.au

**Community News**
Kahibah Netball Club are having an information night for 2015 netball season on Wednesday 19 November at 7pm at Kahibah Sports Club. For further information please contact Helen 0438 677 668.