Principal’s Report

Our fabulous new School readiness program “Junior Kookaburras” is now in its 4th week and has proven to be a big winner with parents as well as little ones enrolling at MHPS in 2015. Mrs Tuck reports that all 18 kids are busily enjoying a whole range of exciting new adventures which will prepare them for ‘Big School’. In fact, demand for this program has been so high that we will be starting a second Junior Kookaburras class on the same day (Wednesday) from 12.15pm to 2.15pm. If you have a child commencing school in 2015 and would like to be a part of our fabulous school readiness program, give the school a call for more details.

Due to popular demand, EXTRA Junior Kookaburras School Readiness Program will be starting soon! Book Now! 49488085

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations. Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php

NAPLAN feedback

Well done to our year 3 and 5 students who took part in the National Assessment tests last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. High levels of commitment, application and enthusiasm were evident in students across the three days. It is not easy for students to maintain focus for this length of time and so I congratulate them on their efforts. I would also like to acknowledge our dedicated teaching and support staff who put a massive amount of time and energy into getting the best out of our kids every day of the year. NAPLAN results will be made available in late term 3. Our staff will then use this data to identify areas in which we can improve outcomes for all students across all aspects of literacy and numeracy. It is important to remember, as I mentioned last week, that NAPLAN is just one of many tools that schools use to assess student outcomes and improve teaching and learning.

Like our school?..... Tell your neighbours & friends we are enrolling now K-6 for 2015.
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 3/4/5P.

**Bike Safety Awareness**
On Monday 19 May 47 eager Year 4, 5 and 6 students travelled to Palmdale near Wyong to attend the Community and Road Education Scheme. Students worked through practical activities gaining skills and knowledge in bike safety checks, correctly fitting bike helmets and road safety rules. Students then put theory into practice by completing a set obstacle course on a bike or trike demonstrating their knowledge of the road rules. To finish the day all students were issued with a “bike licence” and 10 points and given time on a mock road complete with round about, traffic lights, pedestrian crossing and t intersections. Points were deducted from students licences for failing to follow some very tricky road rules. All students participated enthusiastically demonstrating cooperation and manners throughout the day.

**Year 5 & 6 Drama Workshop**
Next Tuesday Year 5 and Year 6 students will travel to Hunter Sports High School to participate in a one hour drama workshop. Students in these classes have received notes which need to be returned by Monday.

**Head Lice**
There has been another outbreak of head lice. Please check your child/children’s hair and treat if necessary.

**Finding head lice**
Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them. Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

**Step 1**
Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

**Step 2**
Comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

**Step 3**
Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a tissue.

**Step 4**
Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

**Step 5**
Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.

**Notice**
- P&C Meeting tonight 6.45 in the Library
- School Fees ($20 per child) are due now, payments can be made at the office.
- Walk Safely to School Day this Friday 23 May
- Sydney Excursion Year 4, 5 & 6, on Thursday 19 June. Money ($40) and note need to be returned by Monday 16 June.

**Donate Cars**
Thank you so much to the lovely families of Evie E, Braedan D, Jake F and Cory L who have all donated cars. The students are having a great time playing with them.

**Thank You**
Thank you to Jocef S’s Omah from Your Manufacturing Jeweller at Belmont for her wonderful and continued support of our school. Whenever a raffle prize is needed she very generously donates something dazzling from the wonderful collection at her store.