Principal's Report

Thank you to our entire school community for yet another fantastic term. There have been many highlights including some wonderful Public Speaking performances yesterday in the hall, our ANZAC Day ceremony, launch of our fabulous Junior Kookaburras School Readiness Program, Peer Support, Mother’s Day stall, Pet Education Day, Senior Bike Safety trip, Newcastle Museum excursion, Debating, PBL reward days and much more. I remain greatly impressed by the high quality of teaching and learning which is taking place in class rooms and the professionalism of our team of dedicated teachers and support staff. As a team, in collaboration with you, we will continue to look for ways in which we can build a strong community and improve outcomes for our kids. If at any stage you wish to discuss your child’s particular educational needs, please don’t hesitate to call me.

Rugby league & Netball.

Congratulations to all of our students on another great performance in the sporting arena this term. Although we didn’t always win, we gave 100% in every contest and regularly drew favourable comments from our supporters and the opposition for the sportsmanlike manner in which we play the game. Well done kids!

Here’s some recent photos from the Netball Gala Day and Friday Football at Windale.

NAIDOC Day

MHPS will celebrate NAIDOC Day on Wednesday 16 July (week 1) next term with a fun filled afternoon of indigenous games, arts, and dance. There will also be a FREE BBQ for students and we will be learning the National Anthem in the Awabakal language. The day will culminate with a sensational performance from our special guest, well known Aboriginal dancer, comedian and educator, Sean Chullburra.

Steve Gately - Principal
**Canteen Roster – Week 1 Term 3**

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**Important Dates to Remember**

- Thu 26 June  Crazy Hair Day (gold coin donation)
- Thu 26 June  Crazy Food Day (Canteen)
- Fri 27 June  Last day of Term 2
- Tue 15 July  First Day Term 3 for Students
- Wed 16 July  NAIDOC Day
- Tue 22 July  Athletics Carnival
- Fri 1 August  Education Week PBL Launch Open Day

**School Assembly**
The regular school assembly will take place on Friday at 11.40am. This week’s assembly item will be presented by 5/6S.

**Crazy Hair Day**
*Tomorrow*, Thursday 26 June we will be having Crazy Hair Day in support of Cystic Fibrosis. For a **gold coin donation** students can come to school **out of uniform** and with their **craziest hair style**. The canteen will also be having a crazy food day to coincide with the Crazy Hair Day. Normal canteen items will still be available and we will still be doing normal food for lunches and recess. Some of the crazy items on sale will be crazy cupcakes for $1.00, Zombie Guts and Zombie Snot ice blocks for $1.50, lolly bags as well as chips.

**Public Speaking Competition**
Congratulations to all the participants at this week’s Public Speaking Competition, the winners were;
- Stage 2 - Kailin D and Kian N
- Stage 3 - Monique W and Amber H

These four students will progress to the next stage.

**Sydney Excursion Year 4, 5 & 6**
On a chilly Thursday morning students from Year 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Sydney to experience the world’s largest screen provided at the IMAX complex. Students sat back and were enthralled by the National Geographic presentation detailing the natural forces on Earth. We then enjoyed a walk through Darling Harbour marvelling at the harbour side and surroundings. Our final stop was the NSW Maritime Museum where we explored the historic naval vessel the HMAS Vampire, Australia’s largest museum vessel. At the Maritime Museum students also completed a program looking at the properties of gold, how methods of mining gold have changed since the 1850s and the effect of the gold rushes on Australia. After a busy and exciting day 47 tired students returned to Mount Hutton. Mrs Phillips

**Friday Football**
With little opportunity to train lately due to a wet oval we got off to a slow start against Floraville who scored a few tries early in the game. We managed to regroup and tighten up our defence in the second half and with some good solid tackles we were able to get our hands on the ball a bit more, we even scored a few well-earned tries! The juniors had some fun against Windale. Some great tackles and strong runs kept the game competitive and entertaining to watch! Well done everyone! Thankyou Mr McLean for taking the jumpers home this week and all our wonderful parents who drive and support us each week. It’s great to see so many parents offering to help out! No games this week unfortunately, Friday football will resume again in Term 3.

**Reminders**
- School contributions are due, $20 per child, can be paid at the office.
- **Crazy Hair Day tomorrow Thursday 26 June. Crazy clothes, crazy hair (gold coin donation for out of uniform). Crazy food at the canteen.** Extra money needed for canteen items.
- Check the OOSH Vacation Care Calendar sent home with last week’s Newsletter for fun activities to keep the kids entertained in the holidays.
- Myuna Bay Senior Camp excursion will be in Term 4, the cost will be approximately $280. Parents can start making payments now at the office.

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**P&C News**
Thank you to all the volunteers that helped pack the pie drive orders yesterday. These sort of fundraisers couldn’t go ahead without the support of the very kind people who give up their time to make these events successful. Thank you to all the families who placed orders and obtained extra orders from family and friends.

**Girls Tackle Day**
Last Tuesday we sent seven senior girls to compete in the Rebecca Young Cup at Raymond Terrace Ovals. We joined up with three students from Windale Public School for the day to compete against the other 20 schools involved. The girls played fantastically and scored some great tries, including a hat trick in one game from Amber, a length of the field try by Felicity, Chelsie bagged a few with some clever footwork and Lakota scored her first ever try! Not to be out done Alana and Jessie who were solid in defence and a few try saving tackles by Chloe out on the wing! The girls played six games, they won five and lost one, and we just missed out on making the final but came third overall on the day against some tough competition. Well done girls, your sportsmanship on the day was outstanding, several teachers from other schools commented that they were very impressed too!