

# MIDDLEMOUNT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SHARON ANDERSON

### Happy Easter

This is the last newsletter for a very busy term 1. I hope that all of the members of our school community have a wonderful break and travel safely if you are leaving The Mount. School resumes on Tuesday 17 April.

### Staff

At the end of this term, we are farewelling two of our valued staff members. Mrs Ebony McGrane leaves us to go on maternity leave. We wish her and Tom the very best for the birth of their first child. We also say goodbye to Miss Emma Marlow, who is also taking leave to travel around Australia with daughter Piper, after more than 5 years at MCS! Both Emma and Ebony will be missed!

A recruitment process is currently underway to replace Emma Marlow. Parents will be advised early next term.

### Attendance

Our attendance rate for term 1 is 92.6%. This is marginally better than the 2017 rate of 92.5%, but still short of the ideal which is 95%. Congratulations and a BIG GOLD STAR to the following students who have achieved a 100% attendance rate in term 1:



#### Primary Students

Liam Abell  
Lewis Bell  
Felicity Berzinski  
Scarlett Brown  
Kaitlyn Cain  
Levi Fielding  
Jana Humphrey  
Peyton Jaszczyszyn  
Jett Kelly  
Samuel Kenny  
Nate Patch  
Sienna Patch  
Blake Paterson  
Ianneasha Raleigh

Roxanne Raleigh  
Timbijay Raleigh  
Walter Raleigh  
Kirra Redshaw  
Korbin Reif  
Jordan Roberts  
Baylis Ryniker  
Blair Thomson  
Matthew Ward  
Elijah White  
Hamish White  
Taj White  
Nicola Wilson

#### Secondary Students

Corbin Barber  
Alex Druery  
Macey Finlay  
Luke Fox  
Mitchel Harris  
Tyler Moffatt  
Zach Moffatt  
Chris Oram  
Ayden Patch  
Samantha Spark  
Caleb Tremble



### Week 10 Term 1

#### Dates to Remember

**28 – 29 March –**  
Exam Block

**Thursday 29 March –**  
Easter Bonnet Parade  
9am

**Friday 30 March –**  
Good Friday

**Monday 16 April –**  
Student Free Day

**Tuesday 17 April –**  
School Resumes

**Wednesday 25 April –**  
Anzac Day

**15 – 17 May –**  
NAPLAN

**Friday 25 May –**  
Under 8's Day

**Wednesday 30 May –**  
Show Holiday

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL – CONT**

### **Stop Drop and Go**

Parents are reminded again that parking in the Stop, Drop and Go zone is NOT ALLOWED. We ask that parents please comply with this law. Parking in this area causes congestion and leads to frustration for other parents and carers.

When using this area, you:

- must use the area like a quick moving taxi rank
- need to move forward in the queue of vehicles to the signed area
- can get out of your vehicle to quickly help your children get in and out safely (once in the signed area)—however you must not walk away from your vehicle
- are only allowed 2 minutes in the signed area (if you take any longer you can be fined)—if your children are not ready to get straight into your vehicle at pick-up time, you will need to drive round the block and queue to enter the area again
- should only let your children out once you have pulled into the signed area (it is dangerous to let them out while waiting in a queue)
- should teach your children to look out for your vehicle and to get in quickly when you pull up
- must enter front in (never reverse).

### **Camp**

We are excited about the prospect of our senior secondary Careers Camp to Brisbane in May. We will be attending the Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo, visiting Gallipoli Barracks for a tour and talk, seeing the Art Gallery and Museum, touring Parliament House and seeing a play “the Crucible” at the Brisbane Arts Theatre – all in three days. It promises to be a great trip and will hopefully open our students’ eyes to a multitude of new career ideas and opportunities.

## **FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – SARAH QUINN**

### **Term 1 Interim Report Cards**

Term 1 interim reports will be distributed through email on **Thursday 19 April**. To ensure you receive your student/s report in a timely manner, please check that your email address is correct with the office staff before the end of this term. The report and email is generated through OneSchool and does not generate at the school level and therefore may be found in your ‘junk box’ or similar, so please check all folders once reports have been issued.

If you are unable to receive your student’s report electronically, please contact the school office and we will organise a printed copy for you.

Parent Teacher Learning Conversations will be held on **Tuesday 24 and Thursday 26 April**. Bookings will be made using the online SOBS system and instructions will be forwarded to parents closer to interview dates.

## **FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – CONT**

### **School Photos and Student ID cards**

Orders and money for “special group” photos (school captains, student leaders and student council) are due to MSP Photography by **Sunday 22 April**. These are an 8” x 12” group photo with individual portraits below and can be purchased for a cost of \$29 each. Late orders will incur a \$20 fee.

Secondary students whose SRS fees have been paid should have received their student ID cards from the office.

### **Year 7 Immunisations**

The second round of immunisations for Year 7 students will be held on **Wednesday 18 April**.

### **Lost Property**

Our Lost Property Box, located on the side of the office closest to the tuckshop, is overflowing with items. Please come and check if any of the items belong to your child/ren.

### **Attendance – End of term 1**

We are at the end of term 1 and I would like congratulate 9A who, with an attendance rate of 97.73%, is our highest attending class for the term. Well done 9A!

## **FROM THE SECONDARY DEPARTMENT – LISA SMALL**

This week will see the completion of assessment work for the term. Students should be commended for their efforts, and a huge thank you should be given to all those who have supported them throughout the term. I would like to wish you all a very safe and restful Easter Break.

### **FAREWELL AND GOODLUCK MISS MARLOW**

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Miss Emma Marlow for her years of hard work and commitment to Middlemount Community School and wish her all the very best on her travels.

### **Elevate Experience**

Last week students participated in the Elevate program which was based around knowledge retention and study habits. Student feedback from these seminars was amazing with 100 per cent of students recommending them to their peers and over 90 per cent of students saying the seminar was time well spent.

We will be following through with some of the skills presented by Elevate in our Social Emotional and Wellbeing (SEW) classes throughout next term. Students can also access the link below for a range of practice questions, presenter tips and a copy of Elevate’s best-selling study guide *The Science of Student Success*.

[www.elevateeducation.com](http://www.elevateeducation.com)

The password to access the student portal is: **rondo**.

## **FROM THE SECONDARY DEPARTMENT – CONT**

### **EOI – Chief Community Representative for the QCS Test**

If you or somebody you know are interested in becoming a community representative for the Queensland Core Skills Test that is administered to Year 12 students at the start of September, please contact the Head of Department, Lisa Small.

This is a paid position and the successful applicant is required to be available on the test administration days – 4 and 5 September. They are also required to make themselves available on two occasions prior to the test, for the delivery of the test materials. The role of the CCR is to ensure that the test is administered according to the standards and conditions set by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority, and to report to them on the test administration.

If you would like to express interest, or find out more information, please contact the Secondary Head of Department, Lisa Small by phoning the school on 4981 2333 or sending an email to [lsmal22@eq.edu.au](mailto:lsmal22@eq.edu.au).

## **FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – JEREMY CALLAGHAN**

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Just a reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in week 2 of term 2. Make sure you visit the SOBS website to book in a time to speak with your child's teachers to discuss their learning progress so far this year. It is parents, families and carers who have the most influence on their children, therefore when families are actively involved in their children's education, children usually enjoy school and achieve better results.

A useful resource that is worth a look is the Australian Curriculum parent information website. This site will give you access to a wealth of information about what your child will be learning for each year level throughout their schooling life.

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/parent-information/>

### **Vocabulary**

The school's focus this year is on spelling and vocabulary. Having a rich vocabulary improves students reading comprehension and writing abilities.

An activity over the holidays you might like to try to improve your child's vocabulary is to talk about any new words that they may hear or read. Discuss what the word means and then make a game of it. For example, who can say the word correctly in a sentence the most during the day.

Challenge your children to use words that are more complex, and descriptive synonyms of common everyday language. For example, solemn instead of sad, vast instead of big, magnificent instead of great, are best to use.

## **FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – CONT**

Fun Facts:

- 80% of words are learnt through direct explanation
- In order to learn a word a person normally needs 6-14 exposures to it, though sometimes it may take up to 40 times to learn a new word.

Watch out for next term when we are going to be introducing a “Word of the Week” for the school.

### **SPELLING - Heidi Sullivan (Master Teacher)**

The combination “ough” can be pronounced in nine different ways. The following sentence contains them all: “A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed.”

### **MATHLETICS - Kodie Hoppe (Teacher 2A)**

Well done to every student this term who has completed their mathletics homework for the week, and have contributed to their class participation. Also a big congratulations to those students that have made it into the top 5 from their class. Some students' names have been in the top 5 draw more than once!

Well done to Mr Russell's year 4 class that achieved 100% participation last week. There have been a few classes that have achieved a weekly 100% participation this term. Fantastic effort! They will be the classes to beat next term.



## **CROSS COUNTRY – ADAM RUSSELL**

On Tuesday 13 March, many dedicated students participated in the school's annual cross country. Thankfully the rain stayed away this year and students were able to enjoy slightly cooler conditions in the morning. It was great to see so many students competing and trying their best to achieve age champion.

Isaac house won the day overall, but it was close right up until the finish line.

	Female	Male
9 Years – Age Champion	Charlotte Donald	Sam Jones
Runner Up	Mikayla Stevens	Darcy Frankish
10 Years – Age Champion	Makayla Scales	Beau Tate
Runner Up	Roxanne Raleigh	Chase Cheffirs
11 Years – Age Champion	Ella Davison	Nate Patch
Runner Up	Tahlia Manley	Bailee Oliffe
12 Years – Age Champion	Peyton Jazczynszyn	Lane Monsma
Runner Up	Layla Smith	Will Jones
13 Years – Age Champion	Lainey Spannagle	Ayden Patch
Runner Up	Bianca Stebhens	Jack Brown
14 Years – Age Champion	N/A	Decy Jones
Runner Up	N/A	Kobi Donald
15 Years – Age Champion	Fiona Holmes	Jesse Delhaas
Runner Up	N/A	Mav Laskowski
16 Years – Age Champion	Taylah Spannagle	Alex Druery
Runner Up	Haylea Lonergan	Regan Clark
17 Years – Age Champion	Faith Curran	Jake Barber
Runner Up	Charlotte Briese	Zach Moffatt



## **SPORT NEWS – JEREMY CALLAGHAN**

It has been a very busy past couple of weeks for the Peak Downs sporting calendar, with four different trials taking place for the under 12 year olds.

First up we had the cross country trials in Tieri. For this event Middlemount Community School had over 20 students to race around the Tieri Golf course. The under 10's ran the 2 km track, and the under 11s and 12s ran the 3 km track. All of the students represented the school with pride. A big congratulations goes out to Nate Patch who came second in the under 11s boys race and has been selected to represent Peak Downs district at the Central Highlands Trial in the near future.

Later on that day was the touch trials, which were also held in Tieri. Twelve students from our school trialled out for this event and most were backing up from the Cross Country event! Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the Peak Downs under 12s team; Nate Patch, Nate Muller, Billy Cox, Bailee Oliffe and Peyton Jaszczyszyn (Shadow team).

Rugby union trials took place on Monday and the turn out from the Middlemount boys was exceptional. All nine of our boys who trialled out made the Peak Downs under 12s team and will be training hard together at school and home in time for the Central Highlands trials early next term. Well done to all of those boys.

Following the rugby union trials was our Peak Downs Soccer trials. Over 50 students from the district trialled out for the chance to progress further and trial for the Central Highlands team. Our school had another great turnout of keen sportsman with 14 student's trialling out on the day. Again another big congratulations to the following students for making the Peak Downs under 12s boys or girls teams; Makayla Scales, Elijah White, Chase Cheffirs, and Kane Reeks.

It has been very pleasing to see so many of our students at Middlemount Community School getting involved in sports and trialling out for the Peak Downs district teams. I wish all of those students who made the representative team's good luck and encourage those who didn't, keep practicing at home and stay involved in sport.

## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Halle Lee** (Prep A) – For consistently putting in your best efforts and approaching all tasks with a positive attitude and a smile on your face. Keep it up Halle!

**Harlan Shaw** (1A) – For working hard this week to ensure that your work is completed. Keep up the STAR effort Harlan!

**Jana Humphrey** (2A) – For your STAR effort in working independently, to create an imaginative narrative with an orientation, complication and resolution. Great writing Jana!

**Laney Brown** (3A) – For a putting in a STAR effort with writing sizzling starts in Writing Workshop. Keep up the great work Laney!

**Felicity Berzinski** (4A) – For writing a super, sizzling start that used highly descriptive language to set the scene. Keep it up Felicity, you're a STAR!

**Ella Davison** (5A) – For adding similes to her sentences to enhance her ideas. Keep up the STAR effort Ella!

## Secondary Stars

**Sarah Van Zyl** (8A) - For showing dedication to your school work and your extra-curricular activities.

**Macey Finlay** (12A) - For your positive contribution in class and engagement with your peers and teachers.

