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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SHARON ANDERSON

P&C

Last night, our P&C Annual General Meeting was held and we welcomed in a new executive. I would sincerely like to thank the outgoing 2016 executive for their dedication and hard work, especially in a “fete year”. I can say without reservation that our P&C members are a pleasure to work with and I greatly appreciate their support.

Our new P&C is:

President:	Leanne Robinson
Vice President:	Jane White
Treasurer:	Stephanie Marston
Secretary:	Melissa Travers
Fundraising Coordinator:	Mell Marion

Student Council

I would like to congratulate our 2017 Student council on a wonderful effort this term. They had two clear goals for the term and have achieved these very successfully. The Funky Hair Day raised \$556 dollars for Leukaemia. The school disco raised approximately \$1000 which will go to student council projects (outdoor furniture for the 5/6 area and chilled drink taps).

Attendance

Attendance is 93.9% at the moment which is better than 2016 (91.5%). This is a great improvement! Thank you to our parents and families for making sure that EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Cyclone Preparation

We have communicated our precautions to parents via email. These include:

- A plan for cancellation of events and communication to parents via email and facebook
- Plans for pick up time if inclement weather poses a threat to student safety
- Leaving bikes and scooters at home this week
- “Wet Weather” playground duty arrangements
- Revising lockdown procedures
- Securing loose items around the school
- Cautioning staff and students about staying in sheltered areas, away from tress.

It is unlikely that our school will close. If, in the unlikely event that this is necessary, parents will be informed via facebook, email and phone.



WEEK 10 TERM 1

Dates to Remember

Thu 30 March –
CH Netball 10 – 12 years

Fri 31 March –
P – 6 Easter Bonnet
Parade (8:40am)

Fri 31 March –
Year 12 Excursion
(cancelled)

Fri 31 March –
Last Day Term 1

Tue 18 April –
First Day Term 2

Wed 19 April –
Arts Council Years 4 – 9

FROM THE PRINCIPAL - CONT

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat parade will be held this Friday morning. This is always a fantastic school event and I look forward to having parents and family members join us to celebrate. It has been a very busy term and I wish all of our families a safe and restful break. School returns on Tuesday 18 April.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – CHERRYL PERRY

Fun Run – postponed

The Fun Run has been postponed due to poor weather. The new dates for the Fun Run will be advertised next Term. Thank you for your understanding.

Lost Property

A large amount of lost property is in the large steel basket outside the office. I encourage all parents to rummage through the basket items include; jumpers, shoes, socks, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

Reporting – Term 1 Interim Reports

This term we are going to be distributing reports through email. To ensure you receive your student/s report in a timely manner, please check that your email address is correct with your student/s teacher/s 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

Reports will be emailed home on Friday 21 April. Parents can book an interview with teachers via the SOBs Booking system, links will be on our website. I encourage all parents to attend.

NAPLAN

The 2017 NAPLAN for Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May. All students in these year levels will be provided with a breakfast at 8am on each day.

Distance Education and Off Campus Students

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our senior distance education and off campus students on their results from term one. These students need to show real independence and resilience when studying senior subjects by Distance education and they are doing a wonderful job. We have created a room and ICT resources dedicated to distance education student and they are making good and responsible use of the facilities.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CONT

Student ID cards

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

FROM THE SECONDARY DEPARTMENT – LISA SMALL

This week will see the completion of assessment work for this 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.

Next term will see quite a few disruptions to the normal school week, including ANZAC Day, Labour Day, Show Holiday and the possibility of a camp during week 7. Please be mindful that student absences should be kept to a minimum to reduce the impact on their learning outcomes.

Last newsletter I asked for Nominations regarding the position of Community Representatives for the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test. Thank you to those who have already nominated, however, if you are still interested please email lsmal22@eq.edu.au .

FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – TAMARA STOLBERG

Student Feedback & Success

Everyone needs to know that they are valued and working in the right direction. During the term our teachers provide feedback to students across all subject areas so that they know that their work efforts are valued and to provide constructive feedback to ensure that they are heading in the right direction to complete tasks correctly. Take the time to regularly check in with your child and ask them to share their successes with you. Small successes lead to larger successes so encourage your child to see success in all aspects of their school life.

FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – CONT

Parent Teacher Learning Conversations

Effective positive communication between parents and teachers is valuable in helping to improve a child's academic progress. A parent teacher interview allows parents the opportunity to find out about their child's academic and social progress. It also clearly highlights the importance you place on their education. Nobody knows your child like you do and you will always be their greatest role model. Working with the teacher you can discuss their strengths, areas for improvement and provide the teacher with an insight into what motivates them so classroom task engagement can increase. It is a great idea to plan a couple of questions that you wish to ask during the parent teacher interview so that you can get the most out of your time with the teacher. Communication is the key to improving a child's academic performance and working as a team (student, teacher and parent) will only benefit your child in the long term.

So how can you support your child at home? The Australian Government has a website that helps your child to develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

<http://www.learningpotential.edu.au/>

Parent Teacher Learning Conversations will occur in term 2, week 2 Wednesday 26 April and Thursday 27 April. Keep an eye out for when SOBS (the online booking program) is available.

Mathletics

Is your child completing their assigned Mathletics tasks each week?

I challenge each student in every class to complete their Mathletics assigned tasks each week to improve their class participation percentage. If you do not have access to a computer at home you can sign your child up to Homework Club and they can complete their Mathletics during this time. See the office for a permission form.

Week 8	Class Participation	Week 9	Class Participation
1B	71%	1B	64%
1/2C	67%	1/2C	75%
2A	68.%	2A	64%
2/3B	81.%	2/3B	67%
3/4A	67%	3/4A	79%
3/4C	79%	3/4C	79%
5/6A	67%	5/6A	74%
5/6B	57%	5/6B	68%

SPORT NEWS

Primary Sports

This term has been a very busy term for sport. We have had students travel away for AFL, Netball, Soccer, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Touch Football, and Cross Country. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents and staff that have travelled all over the Central Highlands to give our students these great opportunities. Below I have made special mentions of the students who have made it to representative sides.

AFL - Allies Team

Owen Norton

Netball - Peak Downs Team

Tayla Lenanne

Ava Catt

Layla Smith

Soccer - Peak Downs Team

Toby Edwards

Rugby League - Peak Downs Team

Saylor Heke

Tyler Clark

Ayden Patch

Rugby League - Central Highlands Team

Saylor Heke

Rugby League - Peak Downs Team

Connor Harris

Tyler Clark

Saylor Heke

Alastair Simon

Max Clark

Cross Country - Peak Downs Team

Murphy Catt

Laney Spannagle

Toby Edwards

Touch Football - Peak Downs Team

Toby Edwards

Tyler Clark

Peyton Jaszczyszyn

As you can see we have had a great number of students selected into the Peak Downs Teams and Saylor Heke has made it to the next level and will play Rugby League for the Central Highlands Team in Rockhampton next term.

I am looking forward to adding to this list throughout the rest of this year.



SPORT NEWS – CONT

Girls Rugby League Gala Day - Emerald

Last Friday 3 of our Secondary School girls attended a Girls Rugby League Gala Day in Emerald run by Sally Galloway from the NRL. They joined over 60 other girls from the Central Highlands and participated in skills and drills for the morning and then got to play two games against each other in the afternoon. This was a great way for our girls to get to play some Rugby League and get to meet some other girls from the area. Sally is looking to run another one of these days next term, you do not need to have any experience in League to go along and have a go. If you are interested in trying this next term please keep an eye out for the notification from your sport teachers.



Kylie Barber
Primary Sports Coordinator

Secondary Sport

It has been a busy few weeks for school sport. Several students of MCS have had success at CH and Capricornia trials. The results are as follows:-

Volleyball

Justin Anderson and Regan Clark competed in the Capricornia Trials for Volleyball and it is pleasing to announce, they were successful in making the Capricornia Team. Both boys played with skill and sportsmanship representing both CH and MCS. Justin and Regan will travel to South East Queensland for state trials and we wish them all the best. Well done Justin and Regan!

Touch Football

Following selection in the CH team from the CH touch football trials earlier this year, on 14 March Haylea Lonergan represented CH at the Capricornia trials at Emerald. Haylea played well and with sportsmanship for MCS and the CH team. Well done Haylea!

Emma Marlow
Sports Coordinator

SPORT NEWS – CONT

MCS 2017 Cross Country Carnival Results

Thank you to all students, parents and teachers for helping to make the cross country a success (despite the weather interruption). Congratulations to all who participated and attended.

Primary Age Champions and Runners Up

	Age Champions	Runners Up
9 Boys	Cash Smith	Blake Peterson
9 Girls	Kalaya Williams	Madeleine Gaiter
10 Boys	Bailey Oliffe	Nate Patch
10 Girls	Julia Collins	Jorja Bailey
11 Boys	Toby Edwards	Jack Redshaw
11 Girls	Peyton Jaszczyszyn	Layla Smith
12 Boy	Ayden Patch	Jack Brown
12 Girls	Becki Warhurst	Logan Muller



Secondary Age Champions and Runners Up

	Age Champions	Runners Up
13Boys	Decy Jones	Ethan Marion
13 Girls	Charlotte Paxton	Sophie Edwards
14 Boys	Noah Symes	Jhett Muller
14 Girls	Tanika Williams	Fiona Holmes
15 Boys	Alex Druery	Regan Clark
15 Girls	Haylea Lonergan	Taylah Spannagle
16 Boy	Jake Barber	Zach Moffatt
16 Girls	Faith Curran	Charlotte Brieese
17 Boys	Mitchell Paterson	Aidan Oram
17 Girls	Jenna Druery	Tayla Lydeamore-Walker
18 Boy	Mitchell Oliver	Liam Blades
18 Girls	Jordan Davison	Taylor Davison

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS - CONT



Overall Points and House Winner

3rd Place with a total of 142 = Isaac

Runner Up with a total of 162 = Connors

Winner of 2017 MCS Cross Country Carnival with a total of 169 = Mackenzie

IMPACT READING

This term, 14 students from Years 7-9 have been participating in the IMPACT Reading Program. This involves engaging with a virtual classroom, with a teacher based in Brisbane. The students are getting used to this virtual style of learning.

The focus of the lessons have been around identifying key information in texts, topic sentences, skimming for information and looking for deeper meaning in images and text.

Today, the students had to draw a fantasy creature, visualising it from the teacher's description. There were some very imaginative and creative creatures.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Korbin Reif (Prep A) – For always being responsible and helping to keep our school super-duper clean. Keep up the STAR effort Korbin!

Nate Bate (P/1B) – For creating an excellent persuasive story this week and always having a smile on your dial. You're a super-STAR Nate!

Sophie Harris (2A) – For excellent participation during Rapid Recall Routines. You always try your best and have a go. You're a STAR Sophie!

Jett Kelly (2/3B) – For being a friendly class member in science and using creative and innovative ways to make a lunch box. Great STAR effort Jett!

Regan Kelly (3/4A) – For being a superstar writer during writing workshops and always putting in your best effort. You're a STAR Regan!

Koby Tate (5/6A) – For consistently taking on feedback to improve his writing. Keep up the STAR effort, Koby!

Secondary School

Sarah van Zyl (7A) - For working hard to improve skills and techniques across all subjects and demonstrating exemplary behaviour.

Mia Blades (10A) - For exemplary behaviour across all subjects and always demonstrating maximum effort to complete all class and homework tasks.