

# MIDDLEMOUNT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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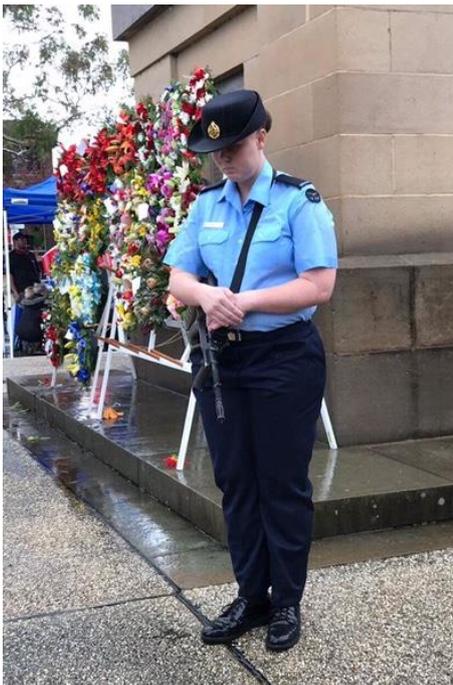


## FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SHARON ANDERSON

### Anzac Day

It was great to see so many of our students attend both the dawn and day services on Anzac Day. Thank you to everyone for your participation. I was especially proud of the way our students conducted themselves and respected the traditions of the day.

I was also proud to see the photos below of one of our past students Michelle Finch, who was a senior at MCS in 2011. Michelle is currently serving in the Air Force and training as a paramedic. She is seen here as a member of the catafalque party during the Anzac service in Sydney. The photo was taken by another of our past students, a senior in 2015, who is also serving in the armed forces. Mitchell is in training to be a combat engineer.



### Attendance

I would like to congratulate our secondary students – the secondary attendance rate is 94.45%, which is brilliant!!

Our whole school attendance is 93.2%, which is slightly down from a few weeks ago. Our worst attended day of the week is consistently Fridays. I encourage parents to continue to focus on getting students to school EVERY DAY, especially Friday.



### Week 2 Term 2

#### Dates to Remember

**26 – 27 April –**  
Parent Teacher  
Learning Conversations

**Mon 1 May –** May Day  
Public Holiday

**Tue 2 May –** Primary  
Parade 2pm

**Wed 3 May –**  
Immunisations Round 2

**Wed 3 May –**  
Theatre Trip Mackay

**Fri 5 May –** Interactive  
Forensic Workshops

**Fri 5 May –** CH Cross  
Country Trials

**Mon 8 May –** Mother's  
Day Stall

**Mon 8 May –** Parent  
Meeting for QMF  
Production 6pm

**Mon 8 May –**  
P & C Meeting 7pm

**9 – 11 May -** NAPLAN

**Tue 9 May –**  
QMF Rehearsal

**Fri 26 May –**  
Under 8's Day

**Fri 26 May –**  
Colour Run (Fundraising  
Event by P & C)

*Working together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning for life and achieving their personal best, in a supportive and caring environment.*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL – cont

### Report Cards

Report cards were issued last week via email. We encourage all parents to make appointments to attend Parent Teacher Meetings. Your involvement is so important to your child's academic success.

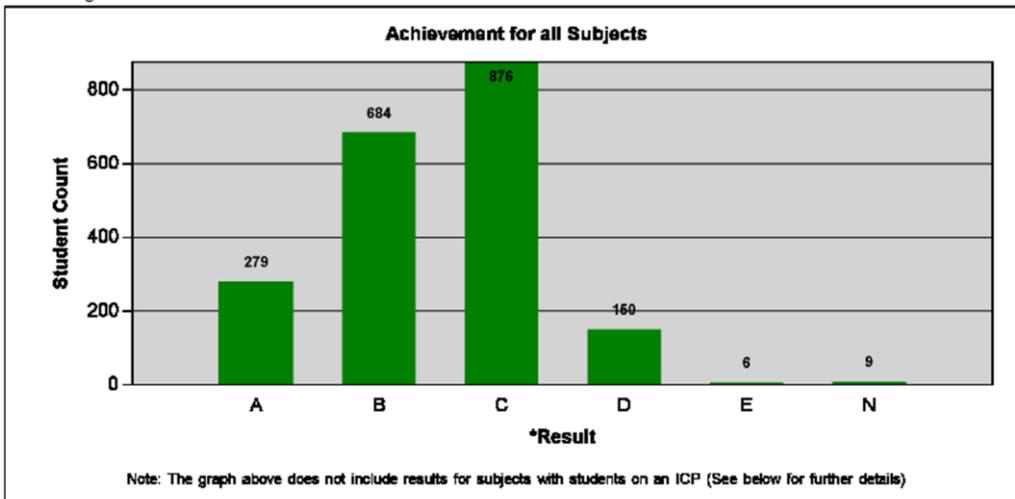
I have included some data below which shows our results from Term 1 Report Cards. At MCS, our target is 90% of students achieving a "C" or better.

- ***In term 1, we exceeded this target, with 91.7% of our students achieving a "C" or better.***
- ***48% of our students actually achieved better than a "C".***
- ***Congratulations!!***

Number of students: 307

#### Achievement Breakdown

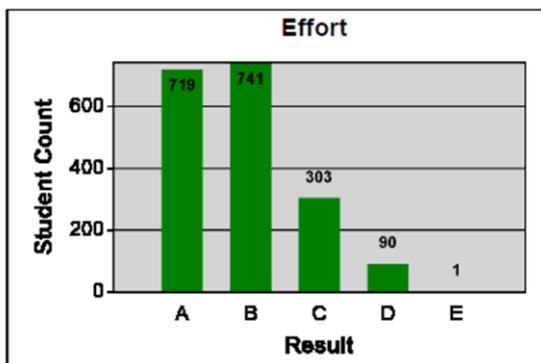
Rating	A	B	C	D	E	N
Percentage	13.9%	34.1%	43.7%	7.5%	0.3%	0.4%



It is also important to note our "Effort" results. You can see by the graph below that the vast majority of our students are trying hard in their studies. A small number of students have received "D" or "E" for effort. If this is your child, it is important for us to understand why their effort is lacking. The first step in resolving the problem is a parent teacher meeting.

#### Effort Breakdown

Rating	A	B	C	D	E
Percentage	38.8%	40%	16.3%	4.9%	0.1%



## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL – cont**

### **NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in NAPLAN testing from 9-11 May.

NAPLAN testing provides schools with an opportunity to identify any areas where students may need assistance and covers the learning areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy.

If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN testing, please contact me at school, 49812333.

NAPLAN test results will be released later this year. Visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) for more information.

### **Student Wellbeing**

Last term, our secondary students completed a Resilience Survey. The results of the survey have been used to tailor our Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEW) program for the remainder of the year. Student wellbeing is a priority for us at MCS. This term, our staff will complete two extended training sessions focussing on student mental health, engagement and motivation.

Our focus on wellbeing includes a team of support people who monitor and support students. Our wellbeing team is:

- Chaplain: Ivan Edeling
- Youth Support Officer: Kylie Barber
- Guidance Officer: Katie Churchill
- Senior Coordinator: Emma Marlow
- Junior Coordinator: Luana Davidson
- Head of Department: Lisa Small
- Head of Curriculum: Tamara Stolberg
- Deputy Principal: Cheryl Perry
- Principal: Sharon Anderson

### **Some Dates to Remember**

Tuesday 2 May – we will be following a “Monday” timetable, including primary parade at 2pm.

Wednesday 3 May – Secondary Theatre Trip to Mackay

9-11 May – NAPLAN

31 May – Show Holiday

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – CHERRYL PERRY

Once again the School held the traditional Anzac Day Ceremonies in which we commemorated those who fell in the Gallipoli Campaign.



Lower Primary students proudly wore their hand-made Poppy's. The Principal, Mrs Anderson gave her address and re-told her personal story of her own Grandma Vera's Life experiences related to War and looking after her brothers who had returned home with various injuries (both physical and mental). Mrs Anderson reminded the school population of continuing our traditions and remembering what a fortunate country we are today due to the heroism of the efforts in previous wars.

The School Captains and school leaders also spoke on the Anzac Day commemoration and the MCS school choir provided a beautiful rendition of the song 'Ode'. Wreaths were then presented by the School Captains (Senior, Junior and Primary), the wreaths symbolised the Poppy Fields of France.

On Anzac Day a large contingent of the school population marched to the Memorial and remained for the formal service. The whole school can be congratulated on their attitude to this commemoration and that they are carrying on a tradition of many years and one which makes us proud to be a member of Middlemount Community School.

### Upcoming Events



**Secondary School Camp - Deposit and Forms are Due Friday 28 April 2017.** The camp will be highlighting various career opportunities including a visit to the Brisbane Careers Expo, University of QLD, behind the scenes at Australia Zoo, Science Centre, GOMA, Griffith University and the sights and tastes of Brisbane.

The Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo is a leading careers, training, education and employment event in QLD. The event offers the opportunity for students to connect with organisations for guidance, clarity and opportunities in relation to career options.



**Mother's Day Stall: Monday 8 May 2017**

**Forensic Science Workshops: \$5.50 payment due by 2 May. Workshops are individualised to the specific age groups and is a great opportunity for students to study hands-on scientific problems and meet real scientist.**

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

Welcome back to Term 2. Students have made a fantastic start to the term!

Last term, I attended a VET cluster meeting in Capella. During this meeting, it was discussed that students are unable to articulate what they had been learning at school when asked in job interviews.

This prompted a discussion I had with the Year 12 care group. Students were able to identify key content delivered in their subjects such as, RNA/DNA, cooking skills, wood working and terminology. I explained to students that not only are they being taught content, rather they are also being taught life skills for success.

We spoke about time management, ability to follow instructions and meet deadlines, working as a team, effective communication and responsibility, all skills that any employer would gauge as necessary. I believe it is very important for all to understand that not only is school essential to gain knowledge in different subject areas but also to build employee capability. I ask that you have this conversation with your student.

### **Welcome to Mr Ruddy**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Raymond Ruddy. Mr Ruddy has joined us to teach Manual Arts and Engineering. I know that the students and community will make him feel welcome.

### **Assessment Calendars**

This week, Term 2 Assessment Calendars will be distributed to all Secondary students. These will also be emailed to parents in .pdf format. If you do not receive a copy, please ensure that you contact the Secondary Head of Department, Lisa Small, by emailing [lsmal22@eq.edu.au](mailto:lsmal22@eq.edu.au) or by phoning the school office. Please also ensure that the calendars are kept in a highly visible place so that you can keep track of the most important dates throughout the term.

### **Opportunities for Students**

- ❖ Student exchange to Japan – AIIU a registered Australian Exchange Organisation is offering exchange to Japan. Exchange offers amazing opportunities for students to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the Japanese language, whilst personally developing lifelong skills. See Lisa Small for an information booklet to find out more.
- ❖ The Premier's Anzac Prize 2018 – Submit a 3-5 minute multimedia presentation answering the following question: How relevant is the Anzac tradition to modern Australia? Applications close on Friday 15 September 2017. For further information visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/anzac-prize](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/anzac-prize)
- ❖ Literary Competition – Write a poem, short story or non-fiction prose to enter. Entries close 21 July, 2017. Full details and entry forms: [www.QIEU.ASN.AU](http://www.QIEU.ASN.AU)

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

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

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 – TAMARA STOLBERG**

### **Parent Teacher Learning Conversations**

Parent Teacher Learning Conversations occurred on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April. If you missed this opportunity to speak with your child's teacher please email your child's classroom teacher to make an alternative interview time.

### **Mathletics**

Mathletics homework will commence in week 2. Please encourage your child to complete their Mathletics. If you do not have access to Mathletics please check with the office that your Student Resource Scheme fee has been paid. If this fee has been paid ask your child's classroom teacher and they will check why access is not available.

### **Oral Language Project**

Wanted! Children aged 4 years who are not enrolled in Middlemount Community School. These children are needed to participate in an oral language project. The project aims to improve the oral language skills of children before entering formal education at MCS. If you're interested please phone the office on 4981 2333 and leave your details. An information session outlining the project will be held in the coming weeks.

### **Under 8s Morning**

We will be holding our Under Eights' Morning of fun on Friday 26 May at 8:45am. Prep to Year Two students will be participating in the activities. Siblings and children who are not yet enrolled in MCS are invited to attend. The 2017 Theme: Children are playing Country to Coast – Inspiring learning in the early years through play.

## **SPORT NEWS**

### **Secondary Sport News**

On Friday, we had four boys travel to Emerald to attend the CH Football U14-U15's trials. Mitchel Harris, Christopher Oram, Michael Bulst and Regan Clark all played and competed against other students from across the CH region. It is great to announce that all four boys were successful in selection for the CH team and will be traveling to Yeppoon to compete at the Capricornia Trials. Great work boys and best of luck for the Cap trials!



## **STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Brax Hudson** (Prep A) – For consistently being a Super-STAR and following all of the school’s STAR rules! Prep A is going to miss you Brax! Best of luck at your new school.

**Lachlon Beasley** (P/1B) – For beautiful handwriting and always putting in a STAR effort with every task we do. You’re a Super-STAR Lachie!

**Amaya Lamont** (2A) – For always giving a STAR student and always lending a helping hand in class. We are lucky to have you in 2A. You’re a STAR Amaya!

**McKenzie Parfitt** (2/3B) – For your hard work and great listening during rapid recalls. Great STAR effort McKenzie!

**Alexandra Logunov** (3/4A) – For demonstrating amazing effort and producing great results in maths this term. Keep up the STAR effort Alexandra!

**Madeleine Gaitor** (3/4C) – For putting in 100% effort and producing an extremely well written personal narrative. You are a STAR Madeleine, keep it up!

**Chase Brilley** (5/6A) – For creating an in-depth short story with an original morale. Keep up the STAR effort Chase!

**Charlotte Wilson** (5/6B) – For producing a creative and engaging short story containing a moral. Keep it up Charlotte, you’re a STAR!

## **Secondary Stars**

**Angus Smith** (7A) - For displaying excellent effort in class and being polite and respectful to peers.

**Regan Clark** (10A) - For demonstrating dedication towards your studies and showing a mature attitude to the start of term.

## **POSITION VACANT**

Relief Crossing Supervisors Required

Hours – 7:40am to 8:40am  
2:20pm to 2:50pm

Enquiries to Jenny Collins – [jcoll154@eq.edu.au](mailto:jcoll154@eq.edu.au)