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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SHARON ANDERSON

My Brilliant Future

I would like to thank all of the parents and family members who joined us for the My Brilliant Future Day on 4 August. The involvement of so many parents was one of the highlights of the day and certainly meant a lot to our students. We were fortunate to have the wisdom and experience of over 25 speakers who offered talks and workshops. Students were able to choose which speakers and workshops they attended, collecting stickers along the way in their passports. All students were provided with a special MCS folder to hold career related information for the future.

Our students conducted themselves responsibly and really engaged with the speakers. We have received some very good feedback from the presenters about the quality of our students. I would like to acknowledge the work of Kylie Barber and Brooke Lohrey who were both integral to the success of the day.

Congratulations

Charlotte Briese represented the Capricornia Region at the State Golf Championships in Toowoomba recently. Charlotte finished third and has now been invited to represent Queensland at the National Championships in Adelaide later in the year. Congratulations Charlotte – a great achievement!

NAPLAN 2017

It is with a great deal of pride that I announce our 2017 NAPLAN results. We have worked hard over the past four years to achieve improvement and we have seen some great gains. Our school vision is “Working with high expectations and pride, towards continuous improvement in teaching practices and student outcomes”. For the first time, every one of our 60 NAPLAN indicators is comparable with the national cohort. In 29 indicators, we actually scored higher than the national cohort. Our year 3s were particularly impressive with 14 out of 15 measures higher than the national cohort. This is a great achievement for our students and their teachers.

P&C Colour Fun Run

This week, students will receive information from our P&C about the upcoming Colour Fun Run. This promises to be a fantastic event and I encourage everyone to support the day. You don't have to be a student to get involved. Look out for the information – students will be bringing it home this week.



Week 6 Term 3

Dates to Remember

21 – 22 August –
CAP 10 – 18 years
Athletics

Fri 25 August –
Book Week Parade P – 6

Sun 27 August –
Opti-MINDS - Mackay

Mon 28 August –
Cyber Wiser P – 6

Mon 28 August –
Father's Day Stall

30 Aug – 1 Sep –
CH Eisteddfod

Fri 1 September –
‘We’re Going on a Bear
Hunt’ P-2 Excursion

Thu 7 September –
Stay & Play Session 3

Thu 7 September –
Year 7 Science Excursion

Mon 11 September –
P & C Meeting

Wed 13 September –
Primary Arts Showcase

Thu 14 September –
MCS Sport Gala Day
Years 3 - 6

Fri 15 September –
Last Day Term 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – CONT

Stay focussed!

We are entering the second half of term three and there will be lots of assessment coming up, particularly for secondary students. This is the time to make sure that students stay focussed on the important things and look after themselves – sleep well (turn off the phone!), eat well and be organised with regular, consistent study and homework. This is a particularly important period for senior secondary students, as the QCS Test looms and the assessment they will complete over the next few weeks will have a significant impact on final results. If students are feeling stressed or overwhelmed, it is important to seek help early; don't wait until a crisis happens. There are lots of people who can help: teachers, HOD Mrs Small; Chappy Ivan; YSO Mrs Barber; Guidance Officer Mrs Leon-Mason; Junior Coordinator Miss Davidson and Senior Coordinator Miss Marlow.

FROM THE SECONDARY DEPARTMENT – LISA SMALL

Crunch time has begun! Students have multiple assessments due in the coming weeks including the exam block in four weeks. If your student is requiring an extension due to illness or unforeseen circumstances they must collect a 'Request for Extension' form prior to the assessment due date. Extensions will not be granted on the day the assessment is due. On another note, if you know that your student is going to be absent for extended periods of time over the coming weeks or absent for the last week of school, notify the office at your earliest convenience.

Science Camp

Last week senior science students attended Cool Waters Resort in Yeppoon to fulfil the field hour requirements for Biology, Science 21 and Science in Practice. Students visited the beach and sand dunes, mangroves and rock pools around the Yeppoon area. During this experience students were performing ecological experiments and making formal observations of the environment. They explored the impacts humans have on various ecosystems including the Great Barrier Reef.

Yearbook

This term the Year 10 Art students are compiling the yearbook as part of their graphic design unit. They are experimenting with design software such as Photoshop and Indesign to create pages for the magazine. Keep an eye out for order forms which are to go home shortly.

Year 10-12 Art Excursion

Next week all senior secondary art students along with Miss Luana Davidson will be attending an excursion to Artspace Gallery in Mackay for a guided tour of various exhibitions. They will also be visiting 'redhotblue' a creative agency to discuss the world of graphic design and logo creation. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore how the skills and knowledge acquired through the subject of Art can be applied to various career opportunities.

Ambulance Visits

This Thursday the 17 of August, students from grade 7 to 12 will be participating in a session with Damien White, Acting Officer in Charge of the Middlemount Ambulance Station. Damien will cover basic first aid and CPR awareness. Thank you Damien for delivery these potentially lifesaving learning experiences.

FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – TAMARA STOLBERG

MCS Writing Journey Shared

Middlemount Community School hosted three principals from the Brigalow cluster of schools last week. These small school principals were keenly interested in gaining an insight into what MCS has been doing to improve the quality of our students' writing. Lynn Mattingley our Master Teacher led them through our writing journey explaining the successes and pitfalls we encountered during our four year journey. All three principals commented on the enthusiasm that was presented when talking about writing at MCS. This enthusiasm and success for writing is not possible without a dedicated staff who along the way test and trial new ways of teaching writing that has ensured our writing process within MCS is embedded into our daily curriculum.



Students Learn Valuable Life Saving Skills

Damien White our local Advanced Care Paramedic recently worked with all of our primary classes to provide valuable first aid knowledge that could save a person's life. Students were instructed on how to call triple zero 000 and what to say when on the line to the operator. Damien worked through a number of different scenarios with the students to demonstrate when to call triple zero 000. Students took turns at positioning a fellow classmate in the recovery position and in years 3-6 the students practised their CPR skills on dummies. The Queensland Ambulance Service provides these sessions for our students yearly and we thank Damien White for providing our students with these valuable lessons.



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 PRIMARY DEPARTMENT - CONT

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge ends this Friday 25 August. Please return all forms to your classroom teacher by Monday 28 August.

Book Week Parade

Our annual Book Week Parade will be held next Friday 25 August. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. This year's theme is: *Escape to Everywhere*.

Mathletics

Each week we celebrate the class that has achieved the highest Mathletics participation. Congratulations to 5/6B on their 100% student participation for week five.

Class	Week 4	Class	Week 5
Prep A	86%	Prep A	76%
P/1B	52%	P/1B	67%
1/2C	59%	1/2C	46%
2A	86%	2A	76%
2/3B	77%	2/3B	88%
3/4A	50%	3/4A	60%
3/4C	72%	3/4C	72%
5/6A	96%	5/6A	96%
5/6B	64%	5/6B	100%

Woolworth Earn and Learn

MCS is collecting the Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' stickers. Please encourage family and friends that do not live in Middlemount to send their stickers to you. Drop all stickers into the school office.

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

1/2C

This week during our math lessons in 1/2C, we learnt to add strings of numbers together. We used addition strategies we have learned such as counting on, making ten and doubles, to help us add 3, 4 and 5 different numbers together quickly. One activity that everyone enjoyed was rolling dice to generate different numbers for their sum. The students had to record the sum in their book and solve it using their strategies. Counters and whiteboards are just some of the other materials we used to help us add strings of numbers together.



5/6B's Brilliant Futures

It's been a busy start to term 3 for 5/6B. The students have been hard at work both in and out of the classroom with plenty more to happen this term. Here are a couple of the highlights so far.

We had a great opportunity in week 4 to be involved in a drone workshop. This workshop provided the students with a look towards the future where piloted drones will need expert handlers to carry out jobs like: research and tracking of animals, beach patrols, photography and even pizza delivery.



The following day the students were very fortunate to be a part of the My Brilliant Future Day held here at MCS. All of our 5/6 students asked probing questions to each presenter and recorded plenty of notes about the careers they are passionate about.

We've just passed the halfway point of the term which means that we will be completing subject specific assessment tasks. The Year 5s are extremely excited about their Night of the Notables presentation to be held in week 10 and are hard at work collating their research. The Year 6s are working hard preparing for their brochure assessment and will start the process very soon.

LIFE AND WORK SKILLS CLASS

EGGS! EGGS! EGGS!

Over the next term, we are getting some laying hens at school. We will need lots of clean egg cartons to store and sell the eggs. Primary students can give the cartons to their teachers. Secondary students can drop the cartons into the box in the L block Booster Room. Please contact Ms Forrest and the Life Skills class if you need any more information.



IS ANYONE HANDY WITH A HAMMER?

We are looking for a volunteer to build a small roosting frame for our hens. All materials will be supplied – we just need your building skills and a bit of your time. Please contact Ms Forrest on jforr3@eq.edu.au if you can help to make a roosting frame like this one (no drop board required - we will put straw on the bottom).

Life and work Skills class



STAR OF THE WEEK

Sophie Friend (Prep A) – For consistently putting in your best efforts in all class activities, especially reading and writing. You are a STAR Sophie!

Connor Hill (Prep A) – For putting in a Super STAR effort with reading this week and for making good choices in the classroom. Keep it up Connor!

Lauren Wilkins (Prep/1B) – For trying hard with your writing and putting in your best effort at Mini-Lit. Keep up the STAR effort Lauren!

Aiden Smith (P1/B) – For using all of your strategies during reading this week and trying your best with your writing. You're a super-STAR Aiden!

Finn Jacobsen (1/2C) – For always putting up your hand to contribute to class discussions. You have great ideas Finn. Keep up the great work, you are a STAR!

Ashton Small (1/2C) – For the improvement you have made in your writing! You have been really concentrating during writing time to achieve your writing goals. Keep it up Ashton, you are a super-STAR!

Riley Bosel (2A) – For putting in your best effort when using regrouping to solve addition and subtraction sums. Keep up the STAR effort Riley!

Piper Marlow (2A) – For an excellent use of conjunctions when creating compound and complex sentences. Keep up the STAR work Piper!

Charlotte Donald (2/3B) – For consistently putting in your best effort when completing work and helping others to achieve as well. You are a super STAR Charlotte!

Makaila Wilkinson (2/3B) – For putting in a great effort to complete your procedure this week. It has been great to see your confidence grow when writing and in class! Well done Makaila.

Grace Kenny (3/4A) - For consistently putting in a STAR effort across all learning areas. Keep up the fantastic work Grace!

Makayla Scales (3/4C) – For settling back in so well at Middlemount Community School and demonstrating all of the STAR behaviours. Well done Makayla.

Jorja Bailey (5/6A) – For continuing to put in her best effort and showing constant improvement! Keep up the STAR effort Jorja!

Peyton Jaszczyszyn (5/6A) – For consistently perceiving through difficult maths concepts. Your hard work is beginning to pay off. Keep up the STAR effort Peyton!

Bryce Bolton (5/6B) – For working hard to improve your multiplication and division knowledge. Keep it up Bryce, you're a STAR!

Secondary Stars

Tegan Evitt-Challenor (7A) - For demonstrating enthusiasm and consistent effort in class.

Jayde Laskowski (10A) - For demonstrating dedication and enthusiasm towards your studies.

P & C NEWS

Fathers' Day Stall

Please remember to bring in your child's gift into the school office for the Fathers' Day stall by Wednesday 24 August. The Stall will be held Monday 28 August.

Trivia Night

Unfortunately the Trivia Night has been postponed and a new date will be advised when it is set.

Colour Fun Run

GET EXCITED for the The Colour Fun Run. Booklets and registration information will be sent home with students today outlining all the exciting benefits of participating in our very first colour fun run. Loads of incentives, from prizes to cash. Community members are also welcome to join in the fun run and can purchase registration tickets at www.trybooking.com/RJKL. We would also love some helpers so if you would like to be involved or find out more information, please contact middlemountpandcsecretary@gmail.com or the school office.

NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme)

A short video outlining key definitions relating to the NDIS.

[Check out the reasonable and necessary support animation](#)