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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SHARON ANDERSON

MCS is Open for Business

There appears to be rumours circulating in the community about the closure of our school. Please disregard this as nonsense. We currently have 270 students. There are no plans to close the school or any part of it. Education Queensland simply does not close down schools without very significant community consultation and a complete lack of students!

My Brilliant Future

This week, all parents of students in years 5-12 will receive invitations to our My Brilliant Future Day on Friday 4 August. We would love to see parents come along and get involved. There will be a BBQ lunch provided so please RSVP for catering purposes.

A Brilliant Achievement

We recently received notification that Chris Oram has been invited to join a Queensland U15 Football Team to tour the United Kingdom in December of this year. This is a wonderful opportunity and we look forward to hearing about Chris' experiences!

Welcome

Our new secondary maths/science teacher has started with us this week. We welcome Mr William Ritchie to our staff.

Achievement Ceremony

Our annual Achievement Ceremony, at which we recognise the academic, behavioural, effort and attendance successes of students in semester one, will be held on Wednesday 2 August at 2.00pm.



WEEK 2 TERM 3

Dates to Remember

Tue 25 July –
Stay & Play Session 1

27 & 28 July –
CH Athletic Trials
10 – 18 Years
Emerald

28 & 29 July -
QMF Production

Tue 1 August –
ICAS English Test

Wed 2 August –
Achievement Ceremony
2pm

Fri 4 August -
My Brilliant Future Day

Thu 10 August –
Moranbah Careers Day

Wed 16 August –
Play & Stay Session 2

Fri 25 August –
Book Week Parade

Mon 28 August –
Father's day Stall

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Cyber Wiser P - 6

Sat 9 September –
Trivia Night

Sun 8 October –
Colour Run

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – DARRAN STUTZ-GRIMMOND

Welcome back! I trust you had a safe and refreshing winter break and are ready to go for a hugely busy Term 3. If your child is in Year 11 or 12, this term really is ‘the business end;’ the time when assessments are most meaningful and the workload at its peak. Students need plenty of: confidence, sleep, balance, healthy food and of course, study to optimise their potential.



CQ News pages...

Thanks to the CQ News who featured our Vox Pops in the June 2 edition of their newspaper. The editorial team have promised our school a regular section and we look forward to featuring our ‘My Brilliant Future’ day on August 4. Look out for its publication towards the end of September.

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Johnathon Harris

- Name: Johnathon Harris
- Grade: Year 12
- Nickname: Johno
- Goals: Finish a diesel fitting apprentice before doing marine biology as a mature-aged student.
- Actions: Passing all my subjects and building my confidence up.
- Memorable moment: Going on camp to Canberra in Year 9 – my first time interstate. The War Memorial was unforgettable.
- Life lesson: Treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Fave teacher: There are a lot I like, I'm not willing to name one.
- On MCS: Small classes allow for one-on-one support and teachers are willing to give extra support to help us pass classes.



Middlemount Community School student Johnathon Harris. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED



Middlemount Community School student Will Hite. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Will Hite

- Name: Will Hite
- Grade: Year 12
- Nickname: Will
- Goals: To work in the medical industry, as a doctor or in the lab.
- Actions: Persistence, dedication and not losing focus.
- Memorable moment: Year 12 retreat, especially paintball.
- Life lesson: Even though the school is small, the opportunities to succeed are endless.
- Fave teacher: Mrs Gaiter (Gator Nator) for the way she keeps lessons exciting and is always up for a chat.
- On MCS: MCS has helped me achieve my goals, both personal and school-related. The support from students and staff is amazing and ongoing.

Matthew Darwen

- Name: Matthew Darwen
- Grade: Year 12
- Nickname: Matty
- Goals: Work in performing arts, theatre or media.
- Actions: Undertake different enjoyable roles in the media and theatre.
- Memorable moment: Performing Waiting for Godot in a school arts event.
- Life lesson: Work hard for what you want because life isn't served on silver platters.
- Fave teacher: Miss Marlow – easily one of the best motivators to complete assessment and work to deadlines.
- On MCS: Being a small school, having the ability to have one-on-one sessions to discuss classwork is really great.



Middlemount Community School student Matthew Darwen. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED



Middlemount Community School student Jack McCarthy. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Jack McCarthy

- Name: Jack McCarthy
- Grade: Year 12
- Nickname: Jack
- Goals: Chef in the Australian Navy. Later on – a graphic designer. I want to look back and say I enjoyed life.
- Actions: Achieve good grades in Year 12 and get into the Navy.
- Memorable moment: Slicing my finger to bits in hospitality class – san choy bau has never been the same since!
- Life lesson: Tell the truth, no matter what. It's always less trouble than lies.
- Fave teacher: Mrs Small – but only when I don't make her mad!
- On MCS: Being a small school means that there is more support available and stronger friendship bonds. Being here has helped in the half a year I've been here.

Charlotte Briese

- Name: Charlotte Briese
- Grade: Year 11
- Nickname: Briese
- Goals: Be a pro golfer and promote golf to ladies all around Australia.
- Actions: Persistence, dedication and patience.
- Memorable moment: Being a leader of junior secondary allowed me to motivate others towards leadership.
- Life lesson: Work hard in silence; let success be your noise.
- Fave teacher: Mrs Gaiter for the way she always thinks of innovative ways to teach bio and her funny family stories.
- On MCS: You don't need a massive school to get a decent education. There is unreal support from teachers. They're always there when you need them.



Middlemount Community School student Charlotte Briese. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Data...

Our leadership team of Mrs Anderson as *Principal*, myself, Mrs Small, our *Secondary Head of Department*, Mrs Stolberg, our *Primary Head of Curriculum*, Mrs Forrest, our *Head of Special Education Services* and Mrs Mattingley, our *Master Teacher*, work together very soon after every report card is issued at the start of every term to celebrate successful data and case manage concerning trends in student achievement. As part of our quality assurance process, we collaborate closely with teachers to ensure that their full attention is on the data, including cooperating on plans to support students who may be at risk of failing their subjects.

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 ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – CONT

Parent / Teacher interviews...

Parents who work together with teachers and leaders at school demonstrate to their children that they are worth their efforts and therefore that they are highly valued. Although by the time you come to read this, our scheduled time slots for parent / teacher interviews will have been completed, you are still more than welcome to arrange interviews with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time. It is extremely important in both the primary and secondary sectors that parents and teachers work together in supporting our students.

Should you have any concerns about your child's learning, or should you wish to celebrate success with us, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly staff.

Yours in learning, Darran Stutz-Grimmond, Acting Deputy Principal – dstut5@eq.edu.au

FROM THE SECONDARY DEPARTMENT – LISA SMALL

Welcome to term 3! This term we welcome Mr William Ritchie, he will be teaching Junior Science, Junior Maths and Prevocational Maths. Students have started the term off nicely and we are looking forward to another great term. For our year 12 students, this marks the last and most important semester of schooling. I encourage all students to make the most of this semester and apply themselves to his/her fullest potential.

Assessment Calendars

Assessment calendars for this term will be distributed to all secondary students by the end of this week. Electronic copies will also be emailed out to parents with next week's Junior and Senior Secondary weekly email.

Semester Overviews

An overview of semester 2 will also be distributed at the same time as assessment calendars. Please keep these as a guide to the topics and skills that students will be learning over the course of the semester.

QCS Test Preparation

All OP-eligible Year 12s, sitting the *Queensland Core Skills Test* in Week 8 of this term, are reminded that practice sessions take place each **Wednesday afternoon**. Students should also be engaging in the feedback given from Mighty Minds in relation to the practice tests completed at the end of last term.

FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – TAMARA STOLBERG

Mathletics

One hundred percent participation in Mathletics. That's our goal in term 3! Please help us reach this goal by encouraging your child to complete their Mathletics tasks each week. Mathletics is your child's numeracy homework. Each week your child's teacher will assign Mathletics tasks that consolidate and reinforce concepts being taught in the classroom. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are having trouble accessing Mathletics or have any other concerns regarding Mathletics.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Has your child finished the challenge yet?

The reading period for Prep to Year 9 students commences on Monday, 15 May 2017 and finishes on Friday, 25 August 2017.

For a student to successfully complete the Premier's Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below. Experiencing a book can include classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.

Year level	Number of books
Prep - Year 2	Read or experience 20 books
Years 3 - 4	20 books
Years 5 - 9	15 books

The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 9 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.

Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. While there is no compulsory reading list for the challenge, [booklists](#) are available to help students, teachers, parents and guardians select appropriate reading material.

Up Coming Events

Book Week Parade

Our annual Book Week Parade will be held on Friday 25 August. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. This year's theme is: *Escape to Everywhere*. So your imagination can run wild when creating your costume.

FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – CONT

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

MCS will be collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers again this year.



Whilst we promote supporting our local IGA if you shop at Woolworths can you please collect the stickers. If you have family members who do not live in Middlemount could you ask them to collect the stickers and get them to send them to you. The more stickers we collect the more resources we can purchase.

From Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the collection box in the school office.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

SPORT NEWS

CQ Regional Shield 2017 – Netball

Last Thursday and Friday eight students from years five and six competed against 27 other state schools from the Central Queensland region in the CQ Netball Regional Shield in Rockhampton. The students played each and every game with enthusiasm and commitment. As the girls progressed from game to game their confidence developed and so did their teamwork and skills. Congratulations Becki, Ally, Logan, Ava, Taylor, Layla, Kaitlyn C, Kaitlin S, you displayed exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship during the two day carnival. A huge thankyou to Kim Lennane for coaching, mentoring and umpiring.



WHITSUNDAY VOICES YOUTH LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Last Friday 14 July, selected Yr3-9 students travelled to Mackay to attend this annual writers festival held at Whitsunday Anglican School. There, we met many well-known Australian authors such as *Jack Heath*, *Isobelle Carmody*, *PJ Tierney* and *Fiona Wood*. They all gave wonderful, and entertaining, advice to make our writing techniques and methods the best that they could be. Each author shared their tips and experiences in different ways, whether through comedy, storytelling, poetry or music. Rapper *Charlie Thomson* (aka The Educator) fully enthralled the Yr 7-9's and *Lucas Proudfoot* had the Yr 3-6's stomping in the aisles with their unique performances. *Shake & Stir*, a youth theatre company, gave a fantastic, funny performance to round off the day's activities.

Five lucky students were able to attend a writing workshop run by the very entertaining *Jack Heath*; he shared with them, in his very comedic style, essential ingredients for a good story – Attention, Character, Plot, Feeling, Show don't tell, and Simile. Later in the day, Angela Jackson was lucky enough to score a signed book during the Yr 9 session with *Fiona Wood* by asking the best question of the day – "When, during the writing process, do you choose your title for your books?" Congratulations Angela!

Between author sessions, students were able to relax in the lovely grounds of the school, listen to the varied festival entertainment, have their books signed by the visiting authors or just mingle with the many hundreds of other students attending that day. It was a very long, busy day but after a stop at McDonalds before we departed, we were ready for the long trip home!

Written by Jorja Hussey & Mrs Mattingley.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Charlotte Hodges (P1/B) – For amazing work using the writing process this week and for always being a cheerful and kind class member. You're a super-STAR Charlotte!

Jackson Travers (1/2C) – For working really hard in maths to partition three-digit numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. You are a STAR Jackson, keep it up!

Samuel Kenny (2A) – For working hard at practicing your times tables. You are becoming a multiplication STAR, keep it up!

Leon Lennard (2/3B) – For your extra effort and staying on task during your first week back at school. Keep up the STAR effort Leon!

Elijan (3/4A) – For putting in an amazing effort when writing your information report. Keep up the great work Ellie! You're a STAR!

Taiki Lennard (5/6A) – For consistently putting in effort towards all mathematical concepts. Keep up the STAR effort Taiki!

Talia Bosel (5/6B) – For consistently showing great effort and always aiming to improve during our writing workshops. Keep it up Talia, you're a STAR!

PREP 2018 STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

Middlemount Community School invites children who are eligible to attend prep in 2018 to attend our 'Stay and Play' sessions. Please ring the office on 4981 2333 to register your child. Children must be accompanied by a parent, carer or be visiting with C&K.

Session Times

Tuesday 25 July 9-10am

Wednesday 16 August 9-10am

Thursday 7 September 9-10am

Tuesday 17 October 8:45-10:15am

Wednesday 1 November 8:45-10:15am

Thursday 16 November 8:45 - 11am

Tuesday 28 November 8:45 - 11am

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

On Saturday 29 July Middlemount Youth Support will be holding a fundraising dinner at the Swag Motel to raise funds for my Chaplaincy & Youth Working role in town. If you are interested in attending tickets will be on sale for \$50 at the Newsagency, Sway Motel or School Office. It is shaping up to being a great night out and already a bunch of staff members have reserved their tickets. I would love to extend the invitation out to parents and hope we all have a great "One Night in Beijing!" (Please see the attached flyer for more details)