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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SHARON ANDERSON

Congratulations

This week, two of our primary school athletes have achieved great success at the Capricornia Athletics Trials. Peyton Jaszczyszyn in year 4 was selected to represent our region at the State Athletics trials in both shot put and long jump. Peyton set two new personal bests for herself: 7m in shot put and 3.43m in long jump. Abigail Jorgensen was also selected for the state trials in discus, setting herself a new personal best of 19.38m. Well done to both girls!!



Upcoming Events

We have lots happening in the next couple of weeks and there are lots of opportunities for parents to get involved.

26 August – Book Week Parade at 8.45am

2 September - Fete

6-8 September – Central Highlands Eisteddfod

9 September – Stay and Play Session for 2017 Prep students at 11am

13 September – 5A Night of the Notables at 6pm



Week 7 Term 3

Dates to Remember

22 – 26 August –
Book Week

Fri 26 August –
Book Week Parade

Tue 30 August –
Father's Day Stall

Fri 2 September –
MCS Fete

6 – 8 September –
CH Eisteddfod

Wed 14 September –
P – 6 Arts Showcase

Fri 16 September –
Last Day Term 3

Mon 3 October –
Queens's Birthday

Mon 17 October –
Student Free Day

Thu 27 October –
Secondary Arts
Showcase

Tue 1 November –
Secondary Awards
Evening

Mon 14 November –
Road Accident
Awareness Day Year 12

Fri 18 November –
Year 12's Finish

Tue 29 November –
Primary Awards Morning

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – CONT

Fete

Set aside Friday 2 September 4-9pm for the MCS Fete! The P&C and our staff and students are working towards making this a fabulous event. Taila Gouge will be performing along with our staff band. There will be rides and stall and food. Come along and help raise funds for our school. We can't make it happen without parent involvement. Please give us an hour of your time to assist on your child's class stalls or contact the school office if you would like to contribute in some way. We would love your help!

2017 Intentions

If you are intending to leave Middlemount before 2017 please let us know. This helps us for our planning for next year and ensures a smooth transition to 2017 classes for our students. Call the office on 49812333 – we would greatly appreciate it.

Prep 2017

Prep enrolments for 2017 are now open. Prep enrolment packs are available at the school office or Middlemount C&K. We ask that parents enrol their child by November 18 November. This helps us to organise our class structures for 2017. Parents are reminded that children may not start Prep until a birth certificate has been provided.

Key Dates for Prep 2017

August	Friday 19 August	Stay and Play Session 11am
September	Friday 9 September	Stay and Play Session 11am
October	Friday 14 October	Stay and Play Session 11am
	Friday 28 October	Stay and Play Session 11am
November	Thursday 10 November	11am OR 6pm Prep 2017 Information Session
	Monday 14 November	Enrolment Interviews
	Tuesday 15 November	Enrolment Interviews
	Friday 18 November	Stay and Play Session 11am Enrolment Forms due to the School Office
	Thursday 24 November	Enrolment Interviews
	Friday 25 November	Enrolment Interviews
	Wednesday 30 November	Enrolment Interviews
December	Tuesday 6 December	Transition Morning 8.45am-11am

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – SARAH QUINN

QCS Test

On Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 August three of our Year 12 students will be sitting the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test. The QCS Test contributes information for the calculation of Overall Positions (OPs) and Field Positions (FPs), which are used to select students for tertiary entrance. A thank you to Chris Savage and Cassie Josefski who have been providing after school preparation sessions for our students throughout the year. I wish Ben Jackson, Jamie Wakeman and Michael Dyson the best of luck.

Oratory Competition

On Tuesday 23 August, the annual MCS oratory comp was held. The competition was really high and the students presented themselves exceptionally well. A big thank you to all staff who were mentors as well as Alycia Shannon for organising the event. A special mention to the winning students:

Year 3 – 4 winner: Madeleine Gaiter

Year 5 – 6 winner: Charlotte Paxton

The most outstanding performer: Romy Edwards.

Congratulations to all participants!

Father's Day stall

The P&C will be running a Father's Day stall on Tuesday 30 August. It will be held in the rotunda between the office and the Prep A building.

Classes will visit the stall at the following times:

IME	CLASS
8:40am – 9:00am	6A
9:00am – 9:20am	5A
9:20am – 9:40am	4A
9:40am – 10:00am	4B
10:00am – 10:20am	Prep B
11:00am – 11:20am	Prep A
11:20am – 11:40am	1A
11:40am – 12:00pm	2A
12:00pm – 12:20pm	1B
12:20pm – 12:40pm	2/3B
12:40pm – 1:00pm	3A

Secondary, and primary students if they wish, can access the stall at both lunch breaks.

Eisteddfod

In week 9, our students will compete at the Central Highlands Eisteddfod. We wish them the very best as they put in their final preparations for their events. Thank you to Alycia Shannon, Megan Macfarlane and Kirsty Kelk, who are preparing our students for the Eisteddfod. Best of luck!

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CONT

Exam block

Parents and students are reminded that all secondary students are required to be at school for their exam block. This term, the exam block will take place on Thursday 15- Friday 16 June. Year 10 students will also have exam block on Wednesday 14 June.

If students are going to be absent from school on these dates, or any assessment due date, they need to notify the HOD, Chris Savage, as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made.

FROM THE SECONDARY DEPARTMENT – CHRIS SAVAGE

Dear Families,

As we head into the end of Term 3, I would like to reiterate the importance of maintaining focus on the simple things – turning up on time, being prepared for lessons, completing homework and maintaining high standards of behaviour and conduct.

Of course, for Year 12 students, Term 3 is vital. Assessment work for authority subjects is sent away to be 'verified', or externally-moderated' at the end of this term, so they should be working hard to ensure that their final piece, or pieces, of work in their folio is of a high standard.

Year 12 Retreat

As term three can be a stressful time for the Year 12's, a retreat was organised by our school chaplain, Ivan Edeling. As such, the Year 12s headed to Townsville over the weekend and participated in activities such as paintball, dining out, going to the movies and shopping. They also went to the Cowboys vs Warriors NRL match and had the opportunity to meet some of the players. With such a great opportunity to relax mid-term, the Year 12s should be refreshed to take up the challenges of the second half of the term.

QCS Test

Next week, on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 August, three of our Year 12 students will sit the *Queensland Core Skills Test*. The test comprises of four components – a Writing Task (WT), two Multiple Choice tests (MC) and a Short Response test (SR). The test contains questions that are designed to gather information about how well students have learned to apply the Common Curriculum Elements across their twelve years of schooling, and is used to scale students' subject scores when determining their Overall Position (OP) at the end of Year 12.

Please join us in wishing the best of luck to Micheal, Ben and Jamie in sitting the test.

Assessment Calendars

It is important that secondary students continually refer to their assessment calendars to ensure that they are aware of when assessment is taking place and can prioritise their workload. Assessment calendars are distributed to students on a pink sheet of paper and are also made available electronically to parents via the weekly emails. If you would like an additional copy of the assessment calendars, please contact the Head of Department by emailing csava35@eq.edu.au

FROM THE SECONDARY DEPARTMENT - CONT

Townsville Careers Camp

On the 7 to the 9 of August students in Years 9-12 at Middlemount Community School made the long trek up to Townsville for a careers expo. The eight hour bus trip was filled with singing, stories, magic tricks, lip reading and sweets. During the three days students completed a range of activities that aimed to inspire their future career paths. They attended seminars and asked questions of people in the professions they were interested in, explored the inner depths of the exclusive resort and casino 'The Ville' and went on a window tour of the Lavarack Barracks and museum. Overall, the trip was a great success and sparked a passion for students' future careers. We look forward to seeing the various paths that all students take.



Year 10 Business

This Thursday the year 10 business class will be selling themed cupcakes at school behind the tuckshop. They will be selling for \$2 a cupcake, but on the bottom of the cupcake you have a chance of finding a gold or silver sticker which will entitle you to a free or half price cupcake. So come for your chance to eat and win and make your day a little... sweeter.

Year 12 Hotdogs

Year 12 students will be selling hotdogs this Friday at the school behind the tuckshop. They will be \$3 for a hotdog, cheese and sauce, and also \$1 extra for bacon and 50c extra for onion. Year 12s will be coming around on Wednesday and Thursday morning for pre-orders in order to make sure each student gets what they want. Please help support the year 12s fundraising for their graduation.

Disco

The year 12s would like to thank everyone for attending the disco on Friday the 12th August. It was a great night for the year 12s graduation fundraising and they hope everyone enjoyed themselves.



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FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – TAMARA STOLBERG

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge ends this Friday 26 August. Please return all forms to your classroom teacher by no later than Monday 29 August.

Book Week Parade

Our annual Book Week Parade will be held this Friday 26 August. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. This year's theme is: *Australia! Story Country*. Looking forward to seeing a variety of creative costumes.

Mathletics

Each week we celebrate the class that has achieved the highest Mathletics participation. Congratulations to 2/3B on their win with 89%. This week on parade we acknowledged the top ten students for the year so far participating in Mathletics and Live Mathletics. These students are on their way to possibly winning the title of 'Mathletics Student of the Year'. It's not too late so start completing all of your Mathletics tasks and you too could move into the top ten.

Top Ten Mathletics Participators (in random order)

Julia C, Leonor D S, Georgia D, Leah D, Brody G, Mitchel H, Zoe K, Leon L, Taiki L and Byron M

Top Ten Live Mathletics Participators (in random order)

Tyler B, Jye C, Ned C, Leonor D S, Debora M, Tamika R, Noah R, Sophie T, Riley W and Kalaya W

Opti-MINDS

This Sunday two teams of students from year four to six will compete in the Opti-MINDS challenge in Mackay. The Opti-MINDS challenge is more than just solving a problem. It is an opportunity for a group of students to work on their design skills, teamwork, creative thinking and writing, organisation, prop making and performance skills. Our two teams from MCS will be competing in the Science and Engineering division. Each team has created a device to solve a problem and they have written a script that showcases their device. The students also compete in a spontaneous challenge where they must solve an unseen problem.

Best of luck to

Middlemount 1 Shanae, Michael, Jorja, Jack and Eliot and

Middlemount 2 Liam, Paige, Rafael, Brooke and Sophie.

THE WRITING CORNER

This term, our Prep classes have been working hard practising their handwriting and working on their sentence structure during Writing time. They have been learning to add some interesting detail to their sentences such as Sizzling Starts and descriptive words. Some of the texts they have been writing are Lists, Journal Writing and Weekend Recounts, as well as Animal and Character Descriptions. Well done Prep A & Prep B!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Bodie Streeter (Prep A) - For putting in a great effort with your class reading. Well done Bodie, keep up the hard work.

Rebecca Reid (Prep B) – For excellent comparing in Maths this week. You're a STAR Beccie!

Jarvis Collins (Prep B) – For excellent reading and always working independently. You're a STAR Jarvis!

Jasmyne Pieters (1A) – For working on using strategies to decode words when reading. Keep up the excellent STAR effort, Jasmyne!

Isla Shackleton (1B) – For being an enthusiastic class member who works hard and is always willing to help others. Keep up the amazing work Isla! You are a STAR!

Sianna Wilkinson (2A) – For working hard to follow instructions and stay on task. Keep up the STAR effort Sianna!

Lachlan Toyne (2A) – For taking responsibility of your learning and putting in an amazing effort to stay focused and on task. Keep up the STAR effort Lachlan!

Cailin Heke (2/3B) – For improving your effort across all subject areas this term. Keep up the STAR work, Cailin!

Georgia Dibdin (3A) – For demonstrating an excellent use of strategies when working out worded problems in maths. Keep up the STAR work Georgia!

Brody Glover (4A) – For mastering fractions and putting in 100% effort in maths this term! Keep up the STAR effort Brody!

Alex Hoad (4B) – For consistently putting in a huge effort in all learning areas. Keep up the STAR effort Alex!

Elijah White (4B) – For being an enthusiastic class member who works hard and is always contributing to class discussions. Keep up the STAR effort Elijah!

Lainey Spannagle (5A) – For constructing well thought out paragraphs using detail and WOW words when writing biographies. Keep up the STAR effort, Lainey!

Alexandria Hite (5A) – For demonstrating excellent use of WOW words and descriptive language when working in our Writing Olympics. Keep up the STAR effort, Ally!

Jaime Glover (6A) – For consistently taking responsibility for your own learning and always giving your best effort. Keep it up Jaime, you're a STAR!

Eliot Philips (6A) – For expertly experimenting with language choices during our Writing Workshop. Keep it up Eliot, you're a STAR!

Secondary Stars

Mia Blades (9A) - For working diligently in class and ensuring you make arrangements to catch up on missed work.

Loyandi De Jager (10A) - For always going above and beyond in the classroom.

SCIENCE WEEK – DANNYELLE GAITER SECONDARY SCIENCE TEACHER

This year both the Primary and Secondary School celebrated Science Week with a bang! Interactive activities were held between the 15 - 19 August, of which students were able to participate. For many students from the Primary School this was an exciting adventure into the secondary Science Laboratory. Making their own fire extinguishers, experimenting with surface tension, watching colourful precipitates form from two transparent solutions and finally discovering who spreads the disease were just a few of the exciting activities that were on offer. The week concluded with the students enjoying Tim Tams that were formed into all 118 elements of the Periodic Table. Beginning in week 7 students from grades 4 – 7 will have the opportunity to join the Middlemount Community School Science Club.

