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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SHARON ANDERSON

Fete

What a wonderful night! I would like to thank everyone in our community who came along and supported our fete – it was great to see so many people there. It would not have been possible without a great deal of help from staff and parents and I would like to thank all those who contributed for their generosity and enthusiasm!! Our P&C committee members, Jane White, Krissie Edwards and Cat Wilson, did a great job pulling the fete together in a relatively short time frame. I would also like to acknowledge Angie Hite and Tracey Keough for running the cent sale on the night and Matt Hite for being our sound guy and MC. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!



Week 9 Term 3

Dates to Remember

6 – 8 September –
CH Eisteddfod

9 September – Stay &
Play Session 11am

Tue 13 September –
Night of the Notables 5A

Wed 14 September –
P – 6 Arts Showcase

Fri 16 September –
Last Day Term 3

Mon 3 October –
Queen's Birthday

Fri 14 October – Stay
& Play Session 11am

Mon 17 October –
Student Free Day

Thu 27 October –
Secondary Arts
Showcase

Fri 28 October – Stay
& Play Session 11am

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

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tyler Clark, who has gained a place in the Capricornia team to go to the State Athletics trials for high jump. Tyler jumped 124cm, a personal best and won his event. Well done and good luck at state!!

Best Wishes

Our Deputy Principal, Sarah Quinn leaves us at the end of this term to await the arrival of her second child. We wish her, Matt and Willow all the best for the safe arrival of the new baby. Ms Cheryl Perry will take up the position of Acting Deputy Principal from next term.

Eisteddfod

Congratulations to all of the students who will compete this week at the Central Highlands Eisteddfod. You are already winners for having a go! Lots of work and preparation goes into the Eisteddfod and I would like to thank Alycia Shannon for organising our entries and parents for their continued support!

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.

Contact details

There are times when we may need to contact parents and carers. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 49812333 so we can update our records. These details include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details change.

Absence notification process

Please remember to call the school on 49812333 or email at admin@middlemountcs.eq.edu.au early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

Same day notification

Our school will contact parents as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and we don't know why. If you are advised by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by calling 49812333 to let us know where your child is. We will follow-up with parents if no response is received.

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. 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – CONT

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

This is our last newsletter for the term – the year is flying by! **School returns on Tuesday 4 October.**

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – SARAH QUINN

Eisteddfod

This week 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, Ellie Hussey, Megan Macfarlane and Kirsty Kelk, who are preparing our students for the Eisteddfod. Best of luck!

P – 6 Arts Showcase

On Wednesday 14 September we will be holding the term 3 Primary Arts showcase in the school hall at 1:30pm.

We hope to see you there!

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 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CONT

Reporting – Term 3 Interim Reports

On **Friday 14 October** the term 3 interim reports will be distributed 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

Parent Teacher Learning Conversations will be held on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 October. Bookings will be made using the online SOBS system. Instructions will be forwarded to parents closer to interview dates.

Reminders

A couple of reminders:

- **Monday 3 October** is a public holiday and, as such, Term 4 will resume on Tuesday 4 October.
- **Monday 17 October** (week 3) is a Student Free Day.
- **Friday 18 November** is the last day for Year 12. The Year 12 Leaving Ceremony will be held this day.
- **Friday 25 November** is the last day for Year 10 and Year 11.
- **Friday 9 December** is the last school day of 2016 for Prep to Year 9.

FROM THE SECONDARY DEPARTMENT – CHRIS SAVAGE

Dear Families,

With the end of Term 3 fast approaching, secondary students are preparing to undergo assessment once again. Exam Block is in Week 10 and many assignments are due at the end of Week 9. With that in mind, I'd like to remind students and parents of a few important points.

Assessment Policy Reminder

Drafts for written assessment tasks are not optional. They must be submitted by the draft due date and teachers will issue consequences to ensure that they receive draft work if students fail to do so.

Teachers must collect a student response on the final due date of an assessment task. If the response is incomplete then the teacher is to collect and mark that copy of the response. This is to ensure fairness for all students. If students require extensions for a legitimate reason, they must see the Head of Department prior to the due date and have their teacher's approval.

FROM THE SECONDARY DEPARTMENT – CONT

Exam Block

All students are required to attend school on Thursday and Friday of Week 10. Many exams are scheduled for those days, as are valuable 'catch-up' sessions for students completing VET certificate courses. This ensures that all of our students are given the opportunity to meet competence and attain their certificate.

QCS Test

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, four Year 12 students sat the *Queensland Core Skills Test*. I would like to thank the Chief Community Representatives, Mrs Bernadine Oosthuizen and Mrs Catherine Wilson, for their support in administering the tests. The ongoing support of our students by these two ladies is much appreciated, as they always go above and beyond their expected duties during the test. I would also like to extend a thank you to Mrs Lisa Small for cooking breakfast for the students on the first day of the test.

Year 12 Verification

At the end of Term 3, samples of Year 12 assessment work in Authority subjects are submitted for 'verification' purposes to a district review panel. Given that we are a small school, it is usually the case that every piece of work is sent away. The review panel will then determine whether or not the school has made appropriate judgments about our students' levels of achievement across the year. While this process is not to be feared, as there is usually quite minimal movement for our students, it is important for Year 12 students to be aware that in Authority subjects their final grade may be adjusted as a result. They are encouraged to speak to their teachers next week about where they are 'sitting' and be aware of any potential movement when their work returns from 'panel'.

Certificate III Guarantee

Did you know that all school leavers are entitled to study toward a fee-free Certificate III in high priority areas? A Cert III is often the base-level qualification needed for employment in a specific industry.

According to the guarantee, eligible individuals (school-leavers) are supported to complete a post-school qualification. To find out more, visit <https://training.qld.gov.au/providers/funded/certificate3>

FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – TAMARA STOLBERG

Book Week

Wow! What an amazing Book Week Parade. Every year the quality and creativity of our students' costumes reaches new heights. I was so impressed with the number of students who embraced the Australian theme by celebrating their favourite Australian book. Congratulations to every student who dressed up for the event and a special thank you to the parents who support this event each year. Looking forward to the 2017 Book Week Parade.



Extra-Curricular Activities

During term 3, MCS has offered a variety of extra-curricular activities to our students. Some of these activities have included Wakakirri, Oratory, Opti-MINDS, Coding Club, Science Club, Soccer, Premier's Reading Challenge, Eisteddfod and a Maths Problem Solving Challenge.

So what are the benefits of extra-curricular activities?

- Builds social skills
- Raises self esteem
- Team Work skills
- Time Management skills
- Diverse Interests
- Long term commitment

Extra-curricular activities are valuable learning opportunities. Students who participate in these activities learn a variety of valuable skills that can be used at school and in the real world. It also provides students with an opportunity to try something new that may even develop into a lifelong passion.

FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – CONT

STAR Students

Safety, responsibility, achievement and respect are the core principles we actively strive to achieve at Middlemount Community School. How can your child be a STAR Student?

Safety – Walk safely around the school.

Take Responsibility – Look after school equipment and personal belongings.

Achievement – Be persistent and work to their potential.

Respect – Be friendly, use manners and treat everyone kindly.

Prep Students – Before School Routine

Commencing in term 4 prep students who are at school before 8:20am are to wait in the undercover area with their school bag. When the 8:20am bell rings they can walk down to their prep classroom. Students will then store their bag and remove their lunch box and wait for their teacher's instructions. This could involve lining up outside or entering the classroom.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

SPORT NEWS

Capricornia Track and Field

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Capricornia Track and Field Team at our Queensland state competition. Peyton Jaszczyszyn, Abigail Jorgensen and Tyler Clark. All the best and we at MCS are very proud of each of you.

Rugby League Steven Bell Challenge

We had a strong team attend the Steven Bell U10 Rugby League Challenge over at Capella on Friday 19 August. Thank you to parents who attended and well done to the students for your sportsmanship and skills.

Sports Coming Up

MCS Sport Gala Day, at Middlemount Touch Fields, Year 3 - 6 on Thursday 15 September 2016.

Jump Rope for Heart Foundation

Congratulation and thank you to all those who participated and supported our Jump Rope for Heart Fundraising earlier this term. We raised a total of \$5,896! The prizes that student worked towards have arrived and will be handed out later this week.

SHEP MIDDLE SCHOOL - MACKAY 2016 FRIDAY 26 TO SUNDAY 28 AUGUST

Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University's State Honours Ensemble Program has grown from relatively modest beginnings in 2001 to now include more than 1800 participants in eight programs throughout Queensland. SHEP is now a firmly established aspect of music learning in Queensland, bringing together young people from all over the State, in regional centres and Brisbane to share their passion for making music.

SHEP Program gives Middle School (years 5 to 8) students the opportunity to:

- Work in an intensive environment of musical excellence, with their peers from Central Queensland offering a unique opportunity to extend and develop their musical skills.
- Work with a team of eminent conductors from Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University
- Rehearsals will run from Friday 4pm-7pm and 9am-3pm Saturday and Sunday
- Represent their Schools

Queensland Conservatorium, in partnership with Mackay North State High School, hosted this year's **State Honours Ensemble Program Middle School**. Tegan Evitt and Ryan Abell attended this year's SHEP program and had a fantastic time.

During the weekend, Tegan and myself went to Mackay for a music program. During that program, we learnt what a joy it was to work as a group to produce four wonderful pieces like The Nutcracker: Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies, Joy, Epic Venture and Twilight Falls. They improved our skills in music and we had plenty of fun during the 3 days and we made new friends from different schools.

Ryan Abell

This weekend, Ryan and I were privileged to take part in the State Honours Ensemble Program – Middle School. We were lucky enough to be 2 of the 96 participants. We were able to discover the true musician inside along with seeing other and working with outstanding musicians. Ryan and I were able to experience a sight and sound never to be seen or heard again. It was a true memory to be treasured. We were delighted to know that we were not the only clarinets, however, we both were got to play the first clarinet part! We got to work with a very inspiring conductor who carried us through each of the 4 challenging pieces. I would like to thank Miss Shannon for nominating us and Mrs Abell and Mrs Evitt for taking the time to get us there.

Tegan Evitt



ORATORY COMPETITION

On Tuesday 23 August, 13 students from years 3 - 6 participated in Middlemount Community School's fifth Oratory competition. Students planned, wrote and practised their speeches over several weeks with some help from some very generous teachers! It takes preparation, courage and confidence and I congratulate the students on taking up the opportunity to help develop themselves as persuasive speakers.

A big thank you to our mentor teachers Mrs Porter, Miss Roberts, Miss Macfarlane, Miss Dyer, Miss Craig, Mr Ellul and Mr Savage. All of the mentors were very impressed by the motivation and dedication that the students have shown towards this event.

Another big thank you goes to our judges for the afternoon Mrs Forrest and our invited judges Glenda Morrison and Bill Gray. They did a fantastic job and definitely had some tough decisions to make. Our place getters were:

Year 3-4

1st – Madeleine Gaiter

2nd – Annalyse Gaiter

3rd – Michael Johns



Years 5-6

1st – Charlotte Paxton

2nd – Alexandria Hite

3rd – Jorja Hussey



Overall Most Outstanding – Romy Edwards

Congratulations to all of our participants for 2016!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Talina Farrell (Prep A) – For always doing your very best work in class. You take your time to work neatly and follow all of our STAR rules. Well done Talina!!

Blake Toyne (Prep A) – For your fantastic effort with your recount writing this week. Well done Blake, keep up the STAR effort!!

Lachlon Beasley (Prep B) – For wonderful writing and adding lots of detail to your journal entries each day. You're a rock-star writer Lachie!

Hendrix Henderson (Prep B) – For wonderful writing and always following the STAR classroom rules. You're a STAR H!

Jaydah Farrell (1A) – For trying hard to include conjunctions in your sentences. Keep up the excellent effort, Jaydah!

Aiyah Edwards (1B) – For working hard to include interesting verbs and adverbs in your commands and procedures. You are definitely a STAR Aiyah!

Marissa Wilkins (2A) – For being a kind and helpful classmate and always offering to help your peers. Keep up the STAR effort Marissa!

Marli Farrell (2/3B) – For consistently putting in your best effort across all subject area. Keep up the STAR work, Marli!

Michael Johns (3A) – For his excellent effort researching the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Keep up the STAR effort Michael!

Jye Kidd (4B) – For putting in a huge effort in all learning especially in maths. Keep up the STAR effort, Jye!

Brock Phillips (5A) – For trying your best to construct detailed paragraphs in writing workshops. Keep up the STAR effort, Brock!

Logan Muller (5A) – For consistently working hard to complete all tasks to the best of your ability. Keep up the STAR effort, Logan!

Jack Brown (6A) – For thoroughly analysing and investigating geographical data to answer inquiry questions effectively. Keep it up Jack, you're a STAR!

Jesse Delhaas (6A) – For including terrific tension techniques in your writing. Keep it up Jesse, you're a STAR!

Secondary Stars

Jamie Wakeman (12A) - For your continual commitment to your studies and outstanding effort.

Brooke Adams (7A) - For your exemplary behaviour and applying yourself effectively to schoolwork.

POLICE NEWS

If anyone has lost a Scooter, one has been found and handed into the Police Station.