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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SHARON ANDERSON

Farewell 2016!

We have come to the end of a busy, productive and successful year at MCS! I would like to thank all of our staff and the parents and community members who have worked so hard this year to give our students so many opportunities for success. I wish everyone a restful and pleasant break and a very Merry Christmas. I look forward to working with you again in the New Year at MCS. Our best wishes go to families who are leaving our school and community.

BYOx Program for 2017

Our BYOx Charter for 2017 is attached to this newsletter. If you intend to provide your secondary student with a personal laptop in 2017, please ensure that both you and your student have read the document carefully. There is an agreement on the final page which is to be signed before students will be able to connect to the school network. Hard copies of the agreement will be provided to students in the first week of 2017.

At this stage, all of the school infrastructure is ready for the BYOx program, however, we are still waiting on the internet provider to progress the implementation. It is possible that there may be a delay at the beginning of next year before students are able to connect to the school network. Students will still be able to bring laptops and use them as stand alone devices in class until connection is available.

Please note that it is not compulsory for students to have a personal laptop. Students who do not have laptops will be accommodated by teachers during classes and they will have access to our three computer rooms at lunchtimes and after school.

Student Resource Scheme for 2017

All students have received correspondence relating to the 2017 Student Resource Scheme. If you have not returned your Participation Agreement form, we ask that you do so as soon as possible, whether you wish to participate or not. Please note that payment for SRS will not be collected until the beginning of 2017. Please be aware that if you choose not to participate in the scheme, you must provide the items on the SRS list for your student yourself.

Booklists for 2017 have also been sent home and are available on our website.



Week 10 Term 4

Dates to Remember

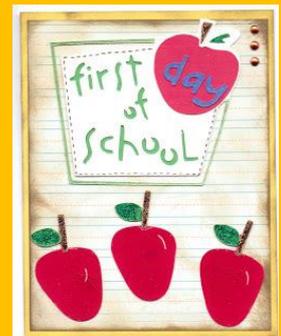
Wed 7 December –
Christmas Concert 6pm
Sausage Sizzle from 5pm

Thu 8 December –
Capella/Emerald
Fun Day – Year 6-9

Fri 9 December – Last
Day of School

Wed 18 January –
Open Day
1:30 – 3:00pm

Mon 23 January – First
Day of School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL – CONT

Friday 9 December

Please note that the tuckshop will be closed on Friday 9 December. Our daily timetable will change slightly, with one long lunch break at 11.15 – 12.30, instead of two breaks. Class parties and other organised activities will happen on this day.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas concert will be held on Wednesday 7 December at 6pm. Our P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle from 5pm. All members of our school community are welcome to attend and buy a sausage! If you are able to help out with the Sausage Sizzle please let us know.

Open Day 2017

Our school will be open to parents on Wednesday 18 January from 1.30pm -3.00pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and drop off your school books, making the first day of school a bit easier.



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – CHERRYL PERRY



Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season.

Secondary students will receive his/her timetable on the first day of school, Monday 23 January 2017.

As the year winds down, students and staff will be celebrating working hard all year by having alternative activities on the final day of school.

A quick guide. [Class teachers](#) have sent home notifications of end of year celebrations, please email class teachers and/or care teachers for more information.

Thursday 8 December

Yr. 6-9 **[Excursion to Capella Pool and Emerald Movies.](#)**

- Sun Smart Clothing & covered shoes (no short shorts, T singlets, Bikinis)
- **Bus depart at 8am sharp.**
- **Bus Returning at approximately 5pm.**

Friday 9 December: [Alterative Activities](#)

Prep – 3 Pool activities in the morning. \$2.60 (please send exact money to class teacher).
Parent volunteers welcome.

Yr. 4-6 Water Games at school

Yr. 7-9 Rotational Activities in the morning – followed by Pool. \$2.60



Please check the Lost Property Bin located outside of the office.

Items will be donated if not collected by midday - Friday 9 December.

FROM THE SECONDARY DEPARTMENT – LISA SMALL

Introduction

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Acting Head of Department for secondary school for the remainder of the year and Semester One, 2017. I look forward to working with you all next year in my new capacity as Head of Department.

Senior Secondary and Junior Secondary Coordinators

We are lucky enough to have two very dedicated teachers taking on the roles of coordinators for next year. Emma Marlow will be Senior Secondary Coordinator and Luana Davidson will be the Junior Secondary Coordinator.

Transition Program

Over the past week, Year 6 students have participated in the Middlemount Community School Junior Secondary Transition Program. This was a huge success in terms of introducing our Year 6 students into the Junior Secondary School. A huge thank you needs to be given to the teachers who taught the Year 6 students throughout the program. Students participated in a range of subjects from theory to practical subjects. I am certainly looking forward to seeing all of the Year 6 students in Junior Secondary next year and working closely with the teaching staff to support them in attaining social, academic and cultural success.

Goodbyes

This year sees the conclusion of teaching at Middlemount Community School for a number of our Secondary Staff: Cassandra Josefski, Alycia Shannon, Ben Jack and Tristan Ellul. I would personally like to thank all of you for the contributions you have made over the years and wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.



Well Wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Secondary school students and their parents a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Furthermore, I would also like to wish all MCS staff a safe and relaxing break also.

FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – TAMARA STOLBERG

Writing Folios

2016 has been a productive year. We have continued our focus on improving writing and the primary team of teachers have worked tirelessly to prepare engaging lessons for all year levels. During the year teachers collected writing samples from each student and collated these in a writing folio. Teachers and administration staff then moderated samples of students work from each class to provide feedback on the writing process taking place within the class. The writing folio is your child's writing journey for the year. These writing folios will be sent home this week. Please take the time to sit with your child to read their wonderful writing.

Writer's Notebook

Students in years 1-6 are asked to start collecting items for their 2017 writer's notebook.

A writer's notebook is a safe place to experiment with writing and collect inspiring information. For many students writing is a challenge because they struggle to come up with interesting ideas to write about. A writer's notebook is a blank book that students fill with ideas, thoughts, feelings, dreams and interesting facts. It is not a diary! It is an informal tool that helps generate ideas when students are in the pre-writing stage. Students add to their writer's notebook daily so that when they need that creative spark they can draw their ideas from their notebook.

Next year students in years one to six will create a personal writer's notebook.

So what goes into a writer's notebook?

- Daily thoughts and quotes
- Sizzling Starts
- Collection of 'wow' words
- I wonder questions
- Lists of things that are unusual, surprising, funny, scary
- Lists of favourite movies, books, food
- Pictures of favourite things, places, people
- Ticket stubs – movies, theme parks, events
- Post cards
- Brochures
- Sketches

So what can your child do over the holidays?

The school holidays are a great opportunity to start collecting mementoes that can be placed into their writer's notebook for 2017. Christmas cards, postcards, photographs, cuttings from brochures, magazine, newspapers, movie stubs, quotes from favourite books/movies. The options are limitless.

FROM THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT – CONT

Mathletics

Congratulations to the following students who received an award for earning the most Mathletics points in their respective classes.

Prep A – Kobi L

Prep B – Finn J

1A – Leon L

1B – Leah D

2A - Leonor D

2/3B – Eve C

3A – Georgia D

4A – Taiki L

4B – Julia C

5A – Rafael D

6A – Brooke S



Congratulations to 2/3B on their 100% participation rate for week 9. What a great way to finish the year.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

SPORT NEWS

Pool Excursion Prep to Year

Students are to arrive at school dressed ready to go to the pool with their togs underneath their school uniform, swimmers and swim shirt (board shorts). This includes their closed in shoes and hat.

Ensure correct money and permission note is handed to class teacher.

When: Friday 9 December 2016

Where: Middlemount Town Pool

Starting 8:30 am to 10:20 am (Session 1 and 2)

Swimming bag

Swimmers/togs	Towel	Plastic bag (for dry and wet clothes)
	swim cap (if needed)	hat and water bottle

Please note: it is the responsibility of the parent and child that they ensure to remember to bring all requirements.

SPORT NEWS – CONT

Term 4 Sport Primary News – Week 10
Sports Coming Up for 2017 10 to 12 Year Olds
 Subject to change

Sport	Middlemount	Peak Downs	Central Highlands	Capricornia
Netball	Training 30/01/17 01/02/17 06/02/17	@ Clermont 09/02/17 AM	@ Emerald 03/03/17	@ Rockhampton 26/04/17
Soccer	Training 30/01/17 01/02/17 06/02/17	@ Clermont 09/02/17 PM	@ Moranbah 10/03/17	@ Moranbah 10/03/17
Rugby League	Training 08/02/17 15/02/17 16/02/17	@ Middlemount 09/02/17 AM	@ Tieri 17/03/17 PM	@ Rockhampton 1&2/05/17
Rugby Union	Training 08/02/17 15/02/17 16/02/17	@ Middlemount 09/02/17 PM	@ Tieri 17/03/17 PM	@ Mackay 08/05/17
X-Country Mrs Evitt	Training 28/02/17 02/03/17 07/03/17 09/03/17 14/03/17	@ Tieri 09/02/17 AM	@ Tieri 05/05/17 AM	@ Mackay 30/05/17
Touch	Training 08/03/17 09/03/17 15/03/17	@ Tieri 09/02/17 PM	@ Emerald 20/04/17 AM	@ Gladstone 22/05/17
Athletics Mrs Evitt	Training AM 28/02/17 15/02/17 16/02/17	@ Clermont 09/02/17 PM	@ Emerald 27&28/06/17	@ Gladstone 21-22/08/17
Cricket Mr Russell	See Mr Russell	Paper Trial	@ Moranbah 23/08/17	
Softball			@ Dysart 23/05/17	@ Gladstone 11&12/06/17
Australian Football (AFL)		@ Emerald 17/02/17	@ Boyne Island 13/03/17	
Basketball		Paper Trial	@ Emerald 13/02/17	

STAR OF THE WEEK

Prep A – For your wonderful year in Prep. You have all worked hard and learnt so much this year. It has been great sharing a part of your school journey with you. Good luck next year, I will miss you all.

Lauren Wilkins (Prep B) – For always being a happy and kind class member and for working hard on your writing. You're a STAR Lauren!

Annabell Herbohn (Prep B) – For trying hard with your writing this term and always having a beautiful smile on your dial. You're a STAR Annabelle!

Reesey Gavin (1A) – For using adjectives and conjunctions in your writing. Keep on writing sizzling sentences, Reeseey!

Phoenix Abell (2A) – For working hard to improve your focus and effort to produce quality writing. Keep up the STAR effort Phoenix!

Kale Marion (2A) – For working hard to produce neat and quality writing this term and always putting in a consistent effort. Keep up the great work Kale!

Madeleine Gaiter (2/3B) – For consistently being an absolute STAR student all year round. Your love and dedication to learning means you will be successful in whatever you do!

Miah Shackleton (3A) – For always being a STAR student and putting in 110% with all learning tasks. Keep up the great work Miah!

Dylan Roberts (4A) – For trying your best and staying very focused during all of your learning tasks this week. Keep up the STAR effort Dylan!

Talia Bosel (4B) – For writing an in-depth and knowledgeable feature article. Keep up the STAR effort Talia!

Ruby Moss (4B) – For completing her newspaper to a very high standard. Keep up the STAR effort, Ruby!

Hayley Roche (5A) – For demonstrating excellent concentration skills when completing difficult tasks. Keep up the STAR effort, Hayley!

Secondary Stars

Jordan Heke (7A) - For working diligently on your studies and striving to achieve.

Fiona Holmes (8A) - For showing an improved work ethic and diligence to your studies.

Charlotte Briese (10A) - For showing initiative and demonstrating improved commitment to your studies.

MIDDLEMOUNT YOUTH SUPPORT NEWS

Middlemount Youth Support will be holding their annual general meeting at the Middlemount Youth Centre on Rickertt Crescent on the 30 January 2017 at 4:30pm.

My role as Chaplain/Youth Worker is supported by a committee which helps administer this service to the community. Its main focus is to meet the needs of young people when they need it most and we achieve this by employing a Chaplain at Middlemount Community School and operating a Youth Centre which provides a fun, safe and positive place for the youth of Middlemount.

We are looking for members who are interested in supporting this role and the youth of Middlemount. If you are at all interested please come along to our AMG early next year. We would love to have some new faces join our team and keep this service running successfully!

Ivan Edeling
Chaplain/Youth Worker