A note from the Principal...

With one week to go before we finish daylight savings and two weeks before the end of term one, I would like to thank you all for a very positive first term. The students have all been enthusiastic at school with their ideas and willingness to participate. It has been a great start to the new school year.

The staff and I are very aware of the cost of bringing up and educating children. There are a numerous costs associated with the programs run at Mayrung Public School which we have to pass onto parents as the school does not attract the required funding to meet the costs. Hence we are asking that you update your payment for this year’s school contributions. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Birgit if you have any concerns regarding payment, including payment for major excursions.

NAPLAN

The dates for NAPLAN this year are as follows; Language Conventions & Writing Test will be held on 13th May, the Reading test is on 14th May and the Numeracy test will be held on 15th May. Good luck to all students.

STAFF

By now you would all have heard the news that Melissa Williams and her partner Josh are expecting their first child, later in the year. We are all thrilled for both Mel and Josh! A replacement for Melissa is being organized and as soon as I have clarification, I will let everyone know. I realize that replacing Mel is no easy task, however we will do our best!

HARMONY DAY

All the students participated in Harmony Day recently, wearing a multitude of orange coloured clothing. Special activities focusing on harmony topics were conducted in Peer Groups and it was encouraging to see the older students guiding the younger ones in their tasks. A big thank you to Ms Williams, Mrs Adamson and Ben for implementing these activities.

With the holidays fast approaching, check out the ‘Schoolatoz’ (link below), website for great ideas on stimulating children’s learning and motivation.

Have a great week!

Julie Eason

Motivating Children:

All kids are born active. Some just develop lazybone habits and need a little nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.


Homework For Little Kids:

Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much, or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with their teacher.


DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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‘For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness.’
NEWS FROM MRS ADAMSON:
Dear Parents/Guardians,
Here we are, Week 10 already. This term has gone so fast I can’t believe it. Usually by this time in the term the children are getting tired and sometimes a bit cranky, not this term they are happy and excited to be at school every day.
For Science we are learning about climate change, I have registered with the CarbonKids Program which is a school-based education program that combines the latest science with sustainability education. CarbonKids is a CSIRO initiative and its aim is to encourage schools to commit to tackling climate change through positive actions that make a direct contribution to becoming more sustainable.
I am looking forward to talking to the students this morning and sharing what they did for Earth Hour. When the children have more understanding of Climate Change we might host our own Earth Hour.
If I don’t see you before, have a great holiday.
Regards
Jenny Adamson
K-2 teacher

NEWS FROM MISS WILLIAMS:
The year six students are participating in the Creative Catchments Kids program. They will be selecting and interviewing a ‘land hero’. This ‘hero’ is to be someone in our community that is apart of a farming family who has made a difference in their community by contributing to productive agriculture as well as looking after the environment.
They will be creating a book that will be published later this year. If you have any suggestions for who our story could be on, please contact the school.

SPORT:
Congratulations to Noah McGaughey, who was successful in being chosen for the Deniliquin PSSA Soccer Rep side last week. We hope his teams’ efforts in far off Cootamundra, last week, were worth the travelling. We also wish our girls that are trying out for this week’s Netball trials, all the best!

ABSENCES:
Just a reminder re absences. When your children are absent from school we have to have an explanation. Please find attached some Absentee Notes. If you need any more please let us know.

CANTEEN:
Please remind your children to put their lunch order in by tomorrow. We have a special on for this Friday with Hotdog and a Fanta /or Coke Spider drink for $4.00.
Lynda Barclay and Tarria Moore are rostered on.

The roster for next term is:

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Please remember the change of recess and lunch times, with recess: 11 – 11.30 am and lunch: 1 – 1.45 pm.

MEETING:
There is a canteen/P&C meeting on this Friday at school starting at 12 noon re Athletics Carnival Catering etc.
If somebody would like a lift in and out of town please get in contact with Nicole Jansen.

HEALTHY HAROLD:
Thank you to the parents who have already paid their $5 contribution towards Healthy Harold. Could the rest of you do so asap? Thank you.
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION: reminder
Thank you to the parents who have already paid the contribution. The contributions this year are:
first child $65, siblings thereafter $25.
The money helps with the purchase of the basic class room material and workbooks for your children.
We would appreciate if you could send in the money asap.
If you have any difficulties with payment of school contribution or excursion fees please contact the school to arrange suitable arrangements.

NUDE FOOD DAY:
As part of our ‘healthy eating policy’ we will have a ‘Nude Food Day’ next Monday, 7\textsuperscript{th} April. We will cover the concept with the students so they are fully aware of our expectation. Nude Food is food that isn’t commercially packaged, has been as little as possible cooked or processed and/or is predominately homemade.

P&C FUNDRAISER:
Tarria Moore is offering her photographic talent as she is also a professional photographer. Tarria is offering to do a family shoot session/package for $200 with $40 donated to the P&C.
This offer is for a limited time and the session has to be booked and paid for in the next 3 months, but the shoot can be organized at a later date. If you are interested in having family shots etc. taken please give Tarria a ring on 04 1857 7085.

GILBERT BAIN FOOTY FUN DAY:
We participating again in the Gilbert Bain Footy Fun Day on the 11\textsuperscript{th} April at the Recreational Ground in Blighty. We haven’t got all the information yet, but will send a permission note out when more information is on hand.

MATH ACTIVITY FOR STAGE 2 & 3:
Working out graphs and the benefits of using them ..... 

Working out how much and how many milkshakes we will get out of ..... litres of milk .....