Dear Parents and Friends,

Today marks the halfway point of the term. Once again it has been amazing how quickly this term has gone! I’ve had the privilege of spending time in classrooms this week and I am very impressed with some of the learning and dispositions our students are showing. I look forward to discussing more learning with students over the next few weeks.

Farewell

Last week was the last week for Angel, Lucy and Jessie Dekoning. We wish them well at their new school and for the future.

Parent Club

Father’s Day Raffle

Just a reminder that raffle tickets need to be returned to school by Wednesday 31st August. The raffle will be drawn at the Assembly on the 2nd September.

Father’s Day Stall

The annual Father’s Day stall will be held this Friday 2nd September in the gym, with all gifts $5. Students will have the opportunity to select a gift from the huge range and have it expertly gift wrapped by the very talented parent helpers. If any parents are able to help out, please let Mardi (04 1986 1789) or Kerry know.

NAPLAN

Earlier this week, NAPLAN results for students in Year 3, 5 and 7 were sent home. There were some really positive aspects as well as some areas to work on, both now and into the future.

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Key aspects:
- Good results in Numeracy for all year levels
- Sound improvement in Year 5 writing
- 100% students made the National Minimum Standard in writing
- General decrease from compared to Australian mean in Year 5 results.
- Year 7 numeracy mean over 40 points above Australian mean
It is important to remember that NAPLAN is only one measure of student progress. These assessments do not measure a child’s ability to be creative or collaborative, persistent or resilient, their sporting or artistic abilities or how they can be empathetic and compassionate. As a school we strive to ensure our students have all these qualities that best prepare them for their future.

Book Week
This week was the official Book Week with the theme “Australia: Story Country.” Whilst we have been sharing some of the books this week, we will be celebrating our Book Week in two weeks’ time. Our Book Week Assembly will be on Friday 9th September at 9:00am.

SAPSASA
Well done to our footballers and netballers who represented MSE last week. The teams finished 4th and 1st respectively.
A few weeks ago, we played off in the MSE basketball tournament in Millicent. Well done to our Year 6/7 girls’ team who qualified for the regional finals, which were held today.

Canteen
Thanks to everyone who placed an order for the sausage special last week. We will be having another special again soon. Keep an eye out!
Don’t forget for 50c we can heat your leftovers or toast your sandwich. Just place food with the 50c in the lunch box and it will be kept in the fridge until serving time.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who help out and allow our canteen to operate.

Rosters for the next few weeks:
Munchies Roster
Tuesday 30th Aug
Jo & Darren Skeer
Kate McDonald
Angela Lythgo
Tuesday 6th September
Kinta Wilson
Cindy Hutchesson
Ange Winter
Canteen Roster
Friday 2nd September
Angela Tongue
Friday 9th September
Kinta Wilson

Spelling and Grammar Strategy of the Week

The letter ‘q’

The letter q is a consonant and it has two sounds: /q/ for queen and /k/ for quiche

The letter q is always followed by a ‘u’

quick - ‘q’
quest—‘q’
unique—k

This strategy helps when reading and spelling words that use q.

(Sourced from www.learningmadeeasier.com.au)

Okonomiyaki (Japanese Cabbage Pancake)
Year 2/3 Holberton/Walters

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