REPORTING TO FAMILIES
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Our Prep to Year 6 teachers are currently working on the extensive Mid-year reports. We acknowledge that our families want useful, accurate and timely information about their children, written in plain and familiar language. Our teachers make every effort to ensure we meet the needs of our families. Reports are due to go home on Friday, 24th June 2016.

Mid-year reports will -
- indicate how well your child is performing in English, Maths and Science against the nationally agreed achievement standards outlined in the Australian Curriculum
  - A well above the standard expected
  - B above the standard expected
  - C at the standard expected
  - D approaching the standard expected
  - E well below the standard expected
  (Prep students do not receive a rating mid-year but will receive a rating at the end of the year)
- contain a written comment about your child’s progress in English, Maths and Science, and areas which are developing or needing improvement in each of the curriculum areas (Future focus)
- show a rating for your child’s behaviour and effort in each of the curriculum areas
- contain a brief general comment about your child
- include an attendance report for the first part of the year

For some students, teachers have either requested or invited families to a Parent Teacher Interview and this will appear at the bottom of the report for the students involved. Families are asked to contact class teachers to arrange a suitable time to meet.

OBSTAC-A-THON
A very successful Obstac-a-thon was held last Wednesday. Despite the soggy oval being unavailable, Miss Parsons devised an entertaining and challenging course. Many thanks to all the parents who assisted, and to the wonderful support of the House captains and Peer Support leaders who helped the Prep to Year 2 students.

EAL STAFF
We welcome Mrs Jo McGee to the EAL team for the rest of this term. Mrs McGee will be working on Monday and Thursday until 1.00 pm, and all day on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Reminder to our parents, carers, friends and staff: ‘Raising Girls’ presentation tonight 7.30 pm - 9.15 pm, Mowbray Heights Primary School Performing Arts Centre.
Diary

Wed 1st June  ‘Raising Girls’ - Steve Biddulph
7.30 pm in the PAC

Thurs 2nd June 5/6 McKenzie Excursion - Seahorse
World departing 9.15 am

Thurs 2nd June Early Childhood Assembly 2.10 pm

Thurs 2nd June P&C Meeting 7.30 pm

Tues 7th June Kindergarten B (12.00 pm) and
Kindergarten A (1.45 pm) Excursion
to Dentist

Thurs 9th June Kindergarten C (2.00 pm) Excursion
to Dentist

Thurs 9th June Whole School Assembly 2.05 pm

Fri 10th June LSSSA Cross Country Carnival

Mon 13th June Public Holiday - Long weekend

Tues 14th June Book Fair (Day 1) 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Wed 15th June Book Fair (Day 2) 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Thurs 16th June Early Childhood Assembly CANCELLED

Thurs 16th June Brooks Assembly 2.00 pm - Yrs 5 &
6 including parents

Thurs 16th June Book Fair (Day 3) 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Tues 21st June SRC Fundraiser Give Me 5 for Kids

LSSSA 5/6 Sport - 3rd June

Development Football  MHPS at Rocherlea
Football Club

Netball  East L’ton v MHPS

Development Netball  MHPS - Bye

Soccer  MHPS v Riverside

Bootcamp  City Park

Reporting to Families – Kindergarten

Parent Teacher Interviews for
Kindergarten students continue until the
9th June.

A main part of the Kindergarten Parent Teacher
discussions is sharing the progress your child has made
towards achieving the markers on the Kindergarten
Development Check in the areas of thinking, literacy and
numeracy, and health and wellbeing.

At these discussions our teachers will also let you know
how your child has settled into school life and give you the
opportunity to ask any questions or share information
about your child. I encourage everyone to attend and
celebrate your child’s learning in Kindergarten.

Student Awards

Merit Certificates: Last week’s winners were - Jayde Knott,
Mohamed Habab, Shikha Rai, Nathan Thompson, Samuel
Perkins, Leah Marshall, Jesse Busch, Callum Van Dongen,
Lucas Murray, Blake Freeman, Mohamed Mohamed, Oliver
Robinson, Blake Natoli, Olivia Hudson, Kee Ling, Tyrel
Lonergan, Junisan Thenboih, Thawng Lian, Logan Godden,
Rose Wani, Jasymn Daley, Ahmed Salamo, Tarnie Burnie,
Luke Milner, Brody Harrison, Liam Seen, Marcos Coker-
Williams, Paige Nicholas, Cherry Tahahi, Sungjoo Park, Jasen
Digney, Logan Gardiner, Estia Busch and Fitihawit Hadish
Fisahye.

Latest winners were: Lacey Ford, Safiyah
Nitschke, Samuel Perkins, Claire Tawhiti,
Blake Freeman, Cheyanne Williams, Charlotte Dickenson,
Shayla Medcraft, Makayla Shipp, Dominic Pitt, Brielle Scott,
Rylee Walker-Robertson, Brody Harrison, Aimee Barnes,
Robbie Diedrichs, Esther Leng and Tyran Gibson.

LSSSA Cross Country Carnival

When: Friday 10th June Where: Waverley Primary School

Approximate Event Times:

9.30 am Official Opening 9.35 am Grade 3 Girls 1200m 9.41 am Grade 3 Boys 1200m
9.48 am Grade 4 Girls 1600m 9.56 am Grade 4 Boys 1600m 10.00 am Grade 5 Girls 2000m
10.05 am Grade 5 Boys 200m 10.10 am Grade 6 Girls 2400m 10.20 am Grade 6 Boys 2400m
10.50 am Presentations

Clothing Requirements: sandshoes, black shorts and a school athletic top (top will be provided)

Good luck and best wishes to our Mowbray Heights Primary School Team!
National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 25th of May our school took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. We read the same book at the same time as hundreds of thousands of children all around Australia. National Simultaneous Storytime is all about encouraging young people to read and enjoy books. Each year a picture book featuring an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries and schools all around the country. Last year more than 500,000 children took part. This year’s story was *I Got This Hat*, written by Jol and Kate Temple with illustrations by Joh Foye. The book is available in our school library and we would love parents and children to come to the library and share a book like this with their children. Our school library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 8:30 am.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016

The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2016 runs for 10 weeks, from 14 June until 23 August, and includes the school holidays. All students in Prep to Year 6 are able to participate. The task is to read 10 books, record them on a reading log and get an adult to sign the log each time a book is finished. That’s just one book a week! The Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to raise community awareness about how important reading is as a life skill and encourages families and parents to read with their children every day.

Jill Merrington and Janaha Williams
Libraries Teachers

A Lesson on Hygiene

Nurse Jenna is visiting classrooms to deliver the class “A Lesson on Hygiene”. The following outlines are what she teaches to the class. The information is adapted to suit each class.

Hygiene encompasses the practices we do every day in order to keep ourselves and our environments clean, and to prevent the development and spread of illness and disease. By having good hygiene people can keep themselves healthy, and this in turn helps to keep other people healthy too.

GENERAL HYGIENE – is about keeping our environment and surroundings clean. This can include changing our bedlinen regularly, keeping our environments free of rubbish (which can harbour germs), keeping our pets and their bedding clean, cleaning up after our animals when they ‘do their business’, and keeping our lunchboxes and drink bottles clean and washed regularly.

Book Fair

Once again the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This year’s theme is a ‘Monster Book Fair!’ Friendly, imaginary monsters to encourage reading and turn our students into little creatures of habit! The dates and times for our fair are: Tuesday 14th June, Wednesday 15th June and Thursday 16th June from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the PAC.

Dollarmite Award

Last week’s winner was - Joshua Davis from Grade 5/6 McKenzie.

SRC Fundraiser Give Me 5 for Kids

On the 21st of June the SRC are holding a Pyjama Day to raise money for Give Me 5 for Kids. Everyone is invited to wear their pyjamas to school and bring a donation that will support the children’s ward of the Royal Hobart Hospital.
Obstac-a-thon Success

On Wednesday 25th May our Prep to Year 6 students took part in the annual Obstac-a-thon. Great obstacles, great activities and kind but cold weather were features of a very successful day. Many thanks to Miss Parsons for coordinating the event. Thank you to our P&C executive members for your continued dedication and collaboration, and also thank you to the helpers and families who came along to support this event.

This event is the first P&C fundraiser for the year. It is a great fundraiser for our school and a wonderful way that the students can have fun and be involved. Thank you very much to all who have gained sponsorships and donations for our school. Please return all money raised by Friday 3rd June.