Class Placements for 2017

At the last two weeks of November we will begin working on class placements for next year. Placing children in classes is always carefully considered and many things are taken into account, including the educational needs of students, behaviour, gender, friendships and work habits. We also consider parent knowledge, as parents often have important information to share with us about their child, in addition to what we are already aware of, which can be very helpful. Information about the way your child learns, their work habits, strengths and challenges are significant considerations for you to share.

If you would like to communicate information that will support your child’s placement in 2017 you are welcome to write a note, phone or make a time to meet. It is important that you either write or speak to me and not discuss individual needs with class teachers. In a school as big as ours, it is important to keep track of the information.

The information you give us will be taken into account, along with the knowledge our staff has of your child. We commit a great deal of thought and time into arranging classes. Once we start placing over 500 students in classes, it is difficult to make changes, as so many factors have been considered which affect not only your child, but also the other students in their new class.

It is essential to know that requests for a particular teacher will not be considered. The opportunity to provide information supporting class placements closes on Friday 18th November.

Sharon

Kindergarten - Year 2 Athletic Carnival

Our Athletic Carnival for our Kindergarten - Year 2 students will take place on Tuesday 8th November between 9.00 am and 11.00 am on our school oval. Families are welcome to come along and be part of this fantastic event. If there is time in the program we will include a parent race, so don’t forget your sneakers.

Please make sure your child has water to drink and their jumper is clearly named. As we are a SunSmart school, please ensure that you have applied sunscreen to your child prior to leaving home. There will be sunscreen available for students to reapply.

Parents will be notified on the School App if there is a cancellation. The catch-up date is Tuesday 22nd November.
### Diary

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### Student Awards

**Merit Certificates:** Last week’s winners were - Dylan Cleaver, Jayde Knott, Shakira Walters, Nathan Thompson, Elizabeth Elizabeth, Mathilda Whitey, Callum Van Dongen, Nat Kiely-Widdowson, Blake Freeman, Aahritik Gautam, Rihanna Collins, Bryce Turner, Samuel Foot, Eloise Howorka, Taylah Barnes, Sefiti Nalu, Benjamin Seivers, Jayaweera Dalco, Le’trell Atkinson, Dinesh Kam, Krishala Rai, Regan Smith, Sachin Rai, Kaiyden Dillon, Emma Pedder, Logan Gissell, Jorja Pyke, Yacub Ali Nor, Curtis Anderson, Pheobe-Jayne Armstrong, Hayden Fakes, Jascen Digney, Cayleb Thompson and Hollie Broad.


### Music Count Us In

**Music Count Us In** is an initiative of the Music Council of Australia to promote music in schools. This Thursday (3/11), marks the day for this year’s national simultaneous singing. The 2016 song is titled *Let It Play*. On that day, at 12.30 pm, the whole school will be assembled in the PAC to participate in this great event. Schools all over Australia will assemble in their communities at the same time.

Families are most welcome to join us in song. If you would like to learn the song in preparation, it can be accessed on YouTube by searching the song title, *Let It Play*. Let’s celebrate the joy of singing!

Jenny Johnston

### P & C Monster Raffle

Thank you very much to everyone who has returned their Raffle Book. Please return all books, whether they are fully or partially sold, with the money, to the Office by Tuesday 8/11.

Extra books are available at the office.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 10th November at 2.05 pm in the Performing Arts Centre. Good luck everyone!

### Friday Sport - Friday 4th November

- **Basketball**
  - MHPS v Riverside I
- **Dev Basketball**
  - St Leonards v MHPS
- **T-Ball**
  - MHPS v Summerdale
- **Speedball**
  - Punchbowl 2 v MHPS
- **Girls Footy**
  - MHPS v Invermay @ Windsor Park

### Dollarmite Award

Last week’s winner was - Jorja Pyke from Grade 5-6 Airey.

### AGM for Mowbray Heights Primary School - School Association Inc.

**When:** Thursday 24th November at 7.00 pm

**Where:** Boardroom

There are two parent member vacancies for a two year term on our School Association. If you are interested in representing our school community on the School Association, please complete a nomination form. Nomination forms are available from the school office. Nominations must be returned to Maree Phillips (Returning Officer) by 4.00 pm on Friday 4th November 2016.

The School Association has a strong management role in our school's operation and the input of the members is appreciated and valued. The group consists of parents, community members, staff members and the Principal. If you are interested, the following parents would be happy to answer any of your questions: Priscilla Busch, Rup Koirala, Kellie Brandenburg, Meagan Potter and Jenny Broad.
**Student Assistance Scheme 2017**

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2017 application forms are available from the school office.

**STAS application forms are for NEW enrolments only, or for families who have not applied for, or been in receipt of, STAS in 2016.**

Families who were approved and received STAS in 2016 have been sent correspondence regarding STAS 2017 directly from the Department.

Completed application forms can be returned to the school office, or emailed directly to the Department of Education stas@education.tas.gov.au

If you have any queries regarding STAS applications, please contact Maree Phillips (School Business Manager).

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**Dance Party**

This year we have decided to have a Dance Party, two in fact! This event replaces the Disco which is usually held after school. Holding it during school time allows all our students to be involved.

**When:** Monday 14th November (Years 3 - 6)
**Time:** 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm
**When:** Tuesday 15th November (Kinder - Year 2)
**Time:** 9.00 am - 10.00 am
**Venue:** Performing Arts Centre
**Dress Code:** Free dress
**Cost:** Nil

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**Year 6 Leaver’s Dinner**

We are very much looking forward to celebrating with our Year 6 students at the Leaver’s Dinner. This evening is a wonderful occasion, celebrating learning, friendships and all that makes their time at MHPS memorable.

**When:** 12th December 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm
**Venue:** Aurora Stadium Function Centre
**Cost:** $30.00 to be paid by 19th November at the office

Professional photographs are an option available for families by paying an additional $30.00 at the office.

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- Tuesday 7th February 2017
- Thursday 13th April 2017
- Monday 24th July 2017
- Friday 3rd November 2017

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**Public Holiday - Monday 7th November** - No school
JAPARA BASKETBALL CLUB

Registration and Come & Try Night
DATE: WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2016
VENUE: Elphin Sports Centre
Did you play in the schools tournament and want to have another try? Already hooked on our great sport? We would love to see you down at the Elphin Sports Centre for our Registration and Come & Try Night.

Played with Japara this year or looking for a change? Please see the times below for each age group, it will be great to see you back!

Our experienced Japara coaches will be there along with some of our up and coming development players to help take you through some great drills! We would love to see you there, however if you can’t make it please make sure you head to www.japara.org.au and use the link to fill in your 2017 Japara registration form or feel free to email the club at: japarabasketballclub@hotmail.com

AGE TIME SLOTS
U10 Boys & Girls  5.00 – 6.00 pm (Court 2)
U12 Boys & Girls  5.00 – 6.00 pm (Court 2)
U14 Boys & Girls  6.00 – 7.30 pm (Courts 3 & 4)
U16/18 Boys & Girls  7.30 – 8.30 pm (Courts 3 & 4)

Japara Committee Members will be in attendance to answer any questions.

Term Dates for students in 2017

Term 1  Wednesday 8th February - Wednesday 12th April
Term 2  Monday 1st May - Friday 7th July
Term 3  Tuesday 25th July - Friday 29th September
Term 4  Monday 16th October - Thursday 21st December

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Easter
Friday 14th April - Tuesday 18th April

Mowbray Heights Primary School is a registered SunSmart School and we have a strong commitment to provide your children with high standards of care for their health and wellbeing. We recognise that inappropriate sun damage in the first 18 years of life can contribute significantly to the life time risk of developing skin cancer.

Being SunSmart is a whole of year approach. There is a balance required to ensure that we are protected from the sun’s harmful rays when the UV is above 3 (Term 1 and Term 4) and sun safe exposure for the production of Vitamin D (Term 2 and Term 3). Vitamin D is necessary for healing bones and muscles, and overall good health.

The Cancer Council of Tasmania recommends that during Term 1 and Term 4, children wear a hat that provides good shade for the face, eyes, the back of the neck and ears, and that sunblock is applied before children go outside to play.

Jenna Bayes
School Nurse

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