School Reports

This week all our students will receive their End of Year Report and their Attendance Report. The Kindergarten Report is a celebration of learning over the whole Kindergarten year, highlighting learning and social development. The Kindergarten Development Check 2 will also form part of the reporting process. The Prep - Year 6 reports are a summary report providing information about progress and achievement. Comments are made about the progress students have made towards achieving their mid-year goals and also potential areas for improvement. Prep students will also receive their second PIPS assessment data.

All reports have been proofread many times but if you happen to find a typing error, please do not hesitate to let us know. We will fix the error and reprint. We are aware of families requiring two copies of a report, however if this is a new situation with your family, please let your child’s teacher know and we will arrange another copy. If you would like to discuss your child’s report with their class teacher, please phone to make an appointment.

I am confident that you will find your child’s report to be an accurate assessment of their academic ability, learning behaviour and social skills. I encourage you to share the report with your child and celebrate their progress.

Write4Fun

This year we had a group of talented writers enter the Write4Fun schools writing competition. MHPS was recognised for outstanding writing as less than 10% of schools showed this level of achievement. Some of our students received an Achievement Award and Chelsea Phillips (pictured) received an Excellence in Writing Award. The judges placed her short story in the top 5% of entries. Of the 9000 entries they awarded only 411 Excellence in Writing awards! The other great news is that Chelsea’s short story ‘A New Life’ will be published. Congratulations Chelsea, we look forward to reading your story in Word Zone early in the new year.

Sharon
**Diary**

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**Student Awards**

**Merit Certificates:** Latest EC winners were - Liam Ferguson, Akash Acharya, Jazmin Hampson, Tahlia Dunn, Isabel Donovan, Logan Harrison, Ruby Holmes, Erin Leedham, Byron Horton, Claire Marie Tawhiti, Sanjal Rai, Ryder Atkinson, Harry Tecle, Alyssa Seen, Sandhya Bishunkay, Ella Wheldon, Zac Barns and Liliani La’Akulu.

**Dollarmite Award**

Last week’s winner was - Jackson Bailey from Grade 1/2 Atkins.

**Year 3 and 4 End of Year Picnic**

On Monday 19th December students from 3/4 Ashman, 3/4 Leader, 3/4 Paulsen, 3/4 Quigley and Year 3’s only from Mrs Towns and Mrs Pridmore’s class will be walking to Heritage Forest for a picnic to celebrate the end of the year. We will leave school at 11.00 am and return by 3.00 pm.

Students will need to wear full school uniform and bring a packed recess, a big drink (preferably two drinks!), a hat and sunscreen.

There will be sausages provided courtesy of our P&C, but students are required to bring lunch as well. Parents are welcome to meet us at Heritage Forest and join in the fun!

Year 3/4 Teachery

**Friday Sport**

**Roster for Friday 9th December**

- Basketball: East Launceston v MHPS
- Dev Basketball: East Tamar v MHPS
- T-Ball: MHPS v Waverley
- Speedball: MHPS v Summerdale

**5/6 Excursion to Riverside Pool**

On Friday 9th December, students from Grade 5/6 classes will be attending the Riverside Pool for our end of year fun day. We will be departing school at 10.00 am and returning to school by 3.00 pm.

Students will need suitable swim wear, sun safe clothes for both in and out of the pool, school hat and two towels, sunscreen, lunch and drinks.

The canteen at the pool will be open on this day, for students to make purchases.

Students will remain in the shade for the entire day if they do not bring a T-shirt or rashie to wear in the water.

We will be in the sun for most of the day and want to minimise the risk of sunburn and heat stroke.

**Year 3 - 6 MHPS Swimming Carnival**

**Where:** Glen Dhu Swimming Pool
**Date:** Wednesday 21st December
**When:** Year 5 and 6 9.30 am - 11.00 am
          Year 3 and 4 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Events will be organised so that each child can participate in several events. These events will be a combination of swimming and non-swimming activities. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Students will need morning tea, lunch and a drink. They will also need bathers, rashie or t-shirt to wear in the water, two towels, a plastic bag and a swimming cap if they have one.

There is no expectation that families will buy a cap specifically for the carnival.

Sunscreen and a school hat are essential.

The Year 3 and 4 students will remain at the pool after the carnival for a free swim.

Ellen Parsons

**Please return all Library books and Home Readers as soon as possible.**
End of Term DVD (3/4 and 5/6 Classes)
On Friday the 16th of December, Grade 3/4 and 5/6 classes will be watching *The Secret Life Of Pets*. The movie takes place in a Manhattan apartment building. Max’s life as a favourite pet is turned upside down when his owner Katie brings home a sloppy mongrel named Duke, who was rescued from the pound.

Little do they know, they have to put their quarrels behind when an adorable white rabbit named Snowball, the leader of an army of abandoned pets — called the “Flushed Pets” — is determined to take revenge on all happily-owned pets and their owners. (Rated G)

ECE Picnic
On Tuesday 20th December, Kindergarten to Grade 2 children will be celebrating the end of a successful year. We will be leaving school at 9.30 am and walking in class groups to Heritage Forest.

Families are most welcome to join us and can walk with us or meet us at Heritage Forest at 10.00 am.

Children will need to wear school uniform and shoes suitable for physical activity. They will need morning tea, some lunch and plenty to drink. Their school hat and sunscreen are essential.

We will be participating in fun activities and a sausage sizzle will be provided by the P & C at 12.00 pm.

We will return to school at approximately 1.00 pm where icy poles will be provided by our wonderful P & C.

Early Childhood Staff

Year 5 and 6 End of Year Excursion
Following the Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 21st December, all Year 5 and 6 students will be going to Heritage Forest for lunch and play.

Students will need to bring their lunch and two drinks.

It is important that students wear full school uniform. Their school hat and sunscreen are also essential.

Year 5/6 Teachers

School Banking
The last day for School Banking for 2016 is Tuesday 13th December.

2016 Department of Education School Satisfaction Survey
Outstanding Results once again!
Our families, Year 5 students and staff were recently invited to be part of the Department of Education’s School Satisfaction Survey. We received responses from 54 parents, 49 students and 42 staff members.

Student surveys indicate particularly high ratings (above 9.0/10) in the following areas:
- Teachers expect me to do my best
- My school is well maintained
- My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things
- My teachers motivate me to learn

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- I feel safe at school
- I can talk to teachers about my concerns
- Students get help to make decisions about things like school rules and student activities
- There are a number of different ways that I can be involved in making decisions about the school

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- Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best
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- My child likes being at this school
- My child is making good progress at this school
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- The school seeks parents’ opinions about educational programs
- Parents have the opportunity to participate in decisions about their children’s education
- Parents are involved in the development of school plans

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- Teachers at this school expect students to do their best
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Year 6 Leaver’s Dinner
We are very much looking forward to joining 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

A notice indicating times for individual photos was sent home on Tuesday.

Term Dates for students in 2017

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2017 Student Free Days
The Minister for Education and Training, Jeremy Rockliff MP, has approved the following professional learning days for staff:

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Easter
Friday 14th April - Tuesday 18th April

Remade 2016 Sustainable Wearable Art Show

Date: Saturday 10th December
Venue: The Annex Inveresk
Time: 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm performances

Twelve of our Year 6 students have been working with some artists this term on recycled / remade garments and will be showcasing their creations on the catwalk. Please come along and support our students in this venture.

Book Fair

Thank you to the many families who purchased books from our Book Fair. We raised approximately $2000. A percentage of this allows us to choose some books, free of charge, to add to our Library collection.

2017 Uniform Orders

A 2017 Uniform Order information sheet and 2017 Uniform Order form is coming home with this newsletter.

Uniform orders for collection on January 31st sale day, need to be placed before the end of Term 4 with a cash deposit of $20 please.

Eftpos sales CANNOT BE PROCESSED after Friday 9th December.

Thank you for your support of the Mowbray Heights Primary School Uniform Cupboard.

Jenny Broad and Belinda Howorka

Dance Fever

Last week our Dance Fever team performed at the Door of Hope, alongside students from Glen Dhu Primary School and Exeter Primary School, local high schools and Launceston College. They also performed an item on their own. It was an amazing experience and one that they will remember for a lifetime. Great energy, teamwork and fun! Congratulations girls!