This Coming Week:

Fri 16th Dec
Last day for Breakfast Club

Mon 19th Dec
End of Year Picnic
at Heritage Forest
11.00 am

End of Year Assembly
1.30 pm in the PAC

Tues 20th Dec

Primary
End of Year Assembly
9.00 am in the PAC

Early Childhood
Picnic
at Heritage Forest
9.30 am

Wed 21st Dec

Year 3 - 6
Swimming Carnival
at Glen Dhu Swimming Pool

Year 5/6 End of Year
Picnic at Heritage Forest

Year 3/4 Free Swim at
Glen Dhu Pool

On Monday night we shared a very special evening with our Leavers. We had a meal together, shared some memories and danced the night away. Our Leavers were beautifully behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to our Year 6 students, every one of them a credit to their family and a credit to their school.

Class Placements
On Friday, Prep to Year 6 students will have the opportunity to meet their 2017 teacher and spend some time in their new classroom. Kindergarten students had this opportunity earlier this week. All students will bring home a 2017 Class Placement Confirmation slip this week.

Sharon
### Diary

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### Goodbye and Good Luck

**Mrs Donald** is transferring to Youngtown Primary School after 14 years as either a Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 teacher at MHPS.

Mrs Donald is an outstanding early childhood educator and is known for her ability to inspire and motivate young children. She has high expectations for learning and behaviour. Mrs Donald is extremely caring and the respectful relationships she has with families are appreciated by all.

We sincerely thank Mrs Donald for her collegiality, loyalty, and dedication to our school.

**Mrs Baker** is transferring to Punchbowl Primary School after 11 years as either a Kindergarten teacher and/or Launching into Learning teacher, and more recently as our Advanced Skills Teacher, specifically leading Early Childhood Education at MHPS.

Mrs Baker is passionate about the Early Years and is committed to providing engaging and innovative learning programs. Her partnerships with families are truly valued. Mrs Baker’s support and mentoring of staff has been unwavering. Her strong leadership, moral purpose and work ethic are exemplary.

We sincerely thank Mrs Baker for her leadership, loyalty and dedication to our school.

**Mr Geale** is heading overseas next year to teach and travel.

We wish him all the best, safe journeys and look forward to his return in 2018.

### Student Awards


### Dollarmite Award

Last week’s winner was - Max Lanham from Grade 5/6 Airey. Congratulations to all our great savers this year!

### 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).

### No Friday Sport this week
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 Teachers

End of Term DVD (3/4 and 5/6 Classes)
On Tuesday 20th 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)

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

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

Class Teachers 2017
Kindergarten A Mrs Lara Boyden
Kindergarten B Mrs Kelly Burden
Kindergarten C Mrs Rebecca Saunders
Prep Mrs Annette Wyley
Prep Miss Kelsey Adams
1/2 Mrs Nadine Holmes
1/2 Mrs Julia Ayers
1/2 Mrs Karyn Wood
2/3 Mrs Shannon Atkins
3/4 Mrs Rose Leader
3/4 Mrs Sharon Rafferty
3/4 Mrs Aimee Pridmore
3/4 Miss Claire Ashman
4/5 Miss Laine Paulsen/Mrs Trish Boon-Smith
5/6 Mrs Julie McKenzie
5/6 Mrs Marcela Glachan
5/6 Mrs Fiona Sheedy
5/6 Mrs Nicole Airey

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SRC News
Last week the SRC hosted a Crazy Colour Day to raise money for the Uniting Care Christmas Tree at Target. Everyone looked fantastic and we raised over $330.00. Well done!

The SRC executives would like to thank all the students who have represented their class at SRC meetings throughout 2016. We have had a busy and exciting year, and have really enjoyed the opportunity to be leaders in our school. We encourage Year 5 students to think about nominating for the SRC Executive Committee next year. Good luck to next year’s student leaders.

Tori Fruin, Aimee Broad, Blake Pyke and Rosella Pike - SRC Executive

Term Dates for students in 2017

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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

2017 Student Free Days
The Minister for Education and Training, Jeremy Rockliff MP, has approved the following professional learning days for staff:
Term 1  Tuesday 7th February 2017
Term 1  Thursday 13th April 2017
Term 3  Monday 24th July 2017
Term 4  Friday 3rd November 2017

Easter
Friday 14th April - Tuesday 18th April

Uniform Sales
Please note that because of the Leaver’s Assembly next Tuesday, tomorrow (15th December) is the final day of Uniform Sales for 2016.
However, any orders can be left at the school office up until the end of term.

2017 Uniform Orders
A 2017 Uniform Order information sheet and 2017 Uniform Order form was sent home last week.
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.

Please note that Eftpos sales can no longer be processed for 2016.
Thank you for your support of the Mowbray Heights Primary School Uniform Cupboard.

Jenny Broad and Belinda Howorka

After School Care 2017

Do you require After School Care for your children in 2017?
Would you like your child to be in a calm relaxing environment with low ratios and a Diploma qualified, professional carer?
Would you like your child to be cared for as an individual rather than one of the crowd?
School pick-up and afternoon tea provided, as well as great activities and outings. Child Care Benefit available.
If you are looking for that personal touch please contact Debby on 63266308 or 0438 322 721.

Spaces available for Vacation Care January/February School Holidays 2017

School Levies 2017

Kindergarten $160
Prep $175
Grade 1 $185
Grade 2 $175
Grade 3 $225
Grade 4 $215
Grade 5 $230
Grade 6 $220

This composite levy does not cover the following - Specialised activities such as the Hobart trip, Leavers’ activities, cost of school photo (optional) or any other optional activity. School Levies are due by Friday 3rd March.