Dear Parents/Caregivers

Health Expo
Welcome back to term three and what promises to be a very hectic term. Excitement is building amongst the senior students for our upcoming health expo, being held next Wednesday 5 August. Our Wish Kids will be showcasing their leadership skills and coordinating the day with Mrs Black.

100 Days of School
Our junior students recently celebrated 100 Days of School. Teachers and students dressed up and participated in various activities based around the number 100. Students made 100 ants, necklaces with 100 beads and the overwhelming favourite, performed 100 gymnastic tricks on the Gymbus! Go to page 3 to see some more photos. Thanks Mrs Burke and our other junior primary teachers for organising this unique and fun filled event.

Faction Athletics & Interschool Carnival
Students and teachers are currently in the process of busily training for our upcoming Faction Athletics Carnival. Students will compete in both team and individual events. Students will be participating for both faction points and individual points going towards championship medallions. Thanks to Mrs Farmer for all of her hard work coordinating this carnival.

Selected students will then be invited to represent MPS at the upcoming interschool Athletics Carnival being held at Nollamara PS on Friday 11 September.

Our hardworking P&C will be organising healthy lunches on the day and would appreciate some help if you are available to help out. Our next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 13 August at 2pm in the school hall. Hope to see you there.

SMS Messaging System
MPS is currently transitioning to a new SMS messaging system. Parents will be notified of absences and special events by text. Please see page two for further information.

Term Calendar
The term 3 calendar is included with this newsletter. Please keep it to refer to during the term.

Anthony Middleton
PRINCIPAL
The following students have received Honour Certificates:

- Kevin Room 2
- Karma Room 5
- Jorja Room 11
- Zephsia Room 16
- Rolence Room 3
- Tiana Pre Primary
- Viktoria Room 12
- Andzelika Room 10
- Lucas Kindy
- Mazin Room 5
- Cherry Room 6
- Rahnuma Room 11
- Dante Room 3
- Sophie Pre Primary
- Sajjad Room 20
- Blair Room 12
- Nora Kindy

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!!

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS
The garden beds planted last term have all grown very well over the holidays thanks to some timely showers of rain. Our final (round) garden bed will be planted with herbs thanks to a visit from Bunnings Malaga this Thursday. It forms the centre piece of a sensory garden which will have a brick paved path leading to it (courtesy of the Education Support Centre students) later in the year.

Many of our students have tasted and enjoyed the different kinds of lettuces, and we will be using the harvest in sandwiches during our Health Expo coming up in a couple of weeks.

School Refreshment Program
Mirrabooka Primary School recently received funding from the Education Department as part of the school refreshment program. $15,000 was allocated to the school to resurface our cricket pitch and surrounding area. The new pitch has certainly proved popular, with students using the area for cricket, soccer and gymnastics activities.

SCHOOL TIMES
Start of Day - 8.40am
Morning Recess - 10.40am—11.00am
Lunch - 12.35pm—1.15pm
End of Day - 3.00pm

*Please note:
Every Thursday is late start at 8.55am and early closing at 2.30pm.

School Banking
Don't forget that Thursday, 8.30am is School Banking Day and students should bring their weekly deposit to Room 4.

Breakfast Club
Come along and have a healthy breakfast on Thursday mornings in the canteen from 7.45am. A permission note must be signed by parent/guardian before you can attend – they are available in the office.

If you are available to help out on that morning please come along.

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to those families who have already paid. This money goes towards the extra benefits our children use at school which is not covered by the school grant. The amount is $40 per child with a maximum of $100 per family. Thank you in anticipation.

SMS Communication Implementation
We are pleased to advise that we are implementing a mobile phone messaging system to communicate student unexplained absences to parents/guardians and to provide parents with updates on school programs.

An SMS will be sent to parent/guardian mobile phones when your child is absent from school or when we need to contact the whole school or individual classes with a brief message.

Commencing Monday 3rd August, if your child is absent and the school has not been notified, our computer system will automatically send parents a message.

Please reply by SMS or call 9344 8655 with student name/reason/absence date

Please place the school number 0437 418 711 in your contacts list (Note: this is a message only number).

SMS is designed to advise parents that according to school records, the student is absent and no reason has been provided to the school.

It is a legal requirement that parents contact the school regarding any student absences or reasons for lateness. If an explanation for the absence has been provided prior to 9.30am each morning, parents will not receive an SMS.

It is expected that the use of SMS communication to parents will assist in reducing the number of unexplained student absences and help inform the school and parents as to the whereabouts of every student. The SMS strategy is already being used across many WA schools as a successful initiative to improve communication to parents and to encourage students to take responsibility for their attendance at school.

We look forward to your feedback on this service.

COULD YOU PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR MOBILE PHONE DETAILS ARE CORRECT
Aziz Room12 - ‘I enjoyed the Gymbus the most and also when I made a face to show what I would be like at 100 years old.’

Natalie Room 12 - ‘I really liked making a glow stick star that said I am 100 days smarter.’

Atom Room 14 - ‘We made a necklace with 100 fruit loops and read a story about 100 hungry ants.’

Akshath Room14 - ‘We played in the Gymbus and we made how we would look when we are 100 years old.’
Child and Parent Centre Westminster

Disability Services Commission
Local Area Coordination
HOT SEAT

Local Area Coordinators will be available to provide information to parents/carers and teachers at the Child and Parent Centre – Westminster, 24 Marloo Road.

The next three sessions are on:
- Tuesday 7 July
- Tuesday 4 August
- Tuesday 1 September

Each session will run from 8.30am to 10.00am.

Free morning tea will be provided.

For more information telephone Lee Jones on 9440 4898 or speak with the staff at the Child and Parent Centre – Westminster.

In partnership with

Guildford Grammar School

Guildford Grammar School is hosting a School Tour for prospective families who wish to come and discover the opportunities available to their sons entering Senior School (Years 7-12).

Interested parents can register their attendance online at www.ggs.wa.edu.au/tour or can contact our Registrar, Mrs Tamara Laurito, on 9377 9247 or by email at registrar@ggs.wa.edu.au

Parents will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and talk to teachers and students, and comprehensive information will be available on our innovative Catalyst curriculum, designed specifically for boys in Years 7-9.

Thursday 20 August, 2015
9.00am-1.00pm
Foundation Pavilion
www.ggs.wa.edu.au

Taking 2016 Year 7 enrolments NOW!

At Mirrabooka Senior High School, we have committed ourselves to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment. This is supported by our behavioural values of calm, care and respect and our excellent staff including our; Student Services Team, School Chaplains, School Psychologist, Community Health Nurse, Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer (AIEO) and dedicated Heads of Year.

We have excellent programs for all years, such as Year 7 specialist soccer and music, Year 11&12 ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) for university entrance & VET (Vocational Education & Training) which allows Year 11 and 12 students to complete their TAFE certificate whilst at school. These programs are aided by our state-of-the-art facilities such as our gym, Hospitality Training Centre and Business Centre.

Our students are given the opportunities to achieve their potential, live out their dreams and “Strive to succeed”.

For more information on enrolments please contact Mirrabooka Senior High School:
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