

Medlow Public School

CREATIVITY RESPECT TEAMWORK



Week 5 Term 3 2017

Great teaching is explicit, engaging and enables students to experience success.

Dear Parents and Students,

Last week was a difficult time for families and staff all battling various forms of sickness. Hopefully everyone is on the mend and feeling better. It was lovely to have Mrs Hullman back in the school and we appreciate all her hard work that she puts in to preparing interesting and creative experiences for all the students.

Primary Principals Conference

Last Thursday and Friday I attended the Primary Principals Conference. It was a wonderful opportunity to be able to listen to so many inspiring global educators. The big theme of the conference was future learning and that simply relying on conventional wisdom and established practices is no longer enough. Some core competencies that we are all expected to develop include;

1. Resilience – being able to bounce back from adversity.
2. Communication – being able to communicate orally, show empathy and humility.
3. Critical Thinking – with so much information available so quickly through social media and the internet, how do we sort and use that information effectively?
4. Intrinsic Motivation – self-esteem comes from Mastery of a skill and not relying on others for rewards.
5. Creativity – willingness to make mistakes and use them as a signpost to improve.

The Keynote speakers included Michael McQueen, Mark Treadwell, Brian Annan, James Anderson and Sarah Martin from Stonefields School in New Zealand. I look forward to sharing their insights with our Medlow learning community as we move in to the important phase of planning for 2018 – 2020.

The Teaching and Learning Cycle

As it is Week 5 we will be collecting data on our students to map their progress. In Literacy, Teachers will be looking at reading, comprehension, vocabulary and the ability to hear sounds in words. In Numeracy, problem solving skills through hands on learning.

Award

Remi received his award from Mrs Hullman this week for his careful effort in his snow scene artwork and enjoying the assistance of his sister.

Thank You

A big Medlow thank you to Sylvia Laverty who donated some lovely books to the school to be used in the classroom.

Upcoming Events

August

- 19th Bunnings BBQ
- 22nd Playgroup
- 24th Special Assembly
- 25th Scripture

September

- 4th "Go Live" with new admin system
- 5th Playgroup

School Focus

**Reading every day at school
and at home**

Juniors -15 minutes
uninterrupted reading time

Seniors – 30 minutes
uninterrupted reading time

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Health and Safety

With the Fire Season rapidly approaching a reminder to all in regards to our evacuation procedure.

Emergency Area 1 – Front gate near the Flagpole

Emergency Area 2 – Back gate to the paddock - near the office

Bushfire Shelter – the Hall

Evacuation to the Pub With No Beer

Ring 000 for assistance

In the case of an emergency evacuation it is extremely important that we be able to contact parents or their emergency contacts. Please make sure your contact details are up to date and that you have an emergency contact in the Taylors Arm area we can make contact with. It is important that this contact knows your children well and knows what you expect them to do in the case of an emergency. It is not appropriate to have a Grandmother for example who lives in Gosford as your emergency contact as we may need some-one to pick your child up quickly and safely.

If your contact details have changed recently please let us know immediately and check with us if you do not know who your emergency contact is or if you need to update this information.

School Uniform Hygiene

All students need to wear correct uniform **all** the time and this includes hats and jumpers.

It is very important that students are dressed appropriately and if required, their hair is neatly tied back. Please have a chat with your child about nose blowing, hand washing and the correct disposal of tissues. I urge all families for your support in this area.

Medlow Fundraiser at Bunnings Coffs Harbour this Saturday 19th August

Preparations are well underway for the big Sausage sizzle at Bunnings. The first shift starts at 8.30 and the last shift ends at 4.30. It should be a great opportunity to raise money for reading resources. Check in with Terri Jones if you can assist in any way.

P & C Raffle

Attached to the Newsletter are raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 1st September evening at the Pub at the family night.



Remi and Marshall practising their writing skills this morning.



Don't forget when you are shopping at Woolies that we have a Earn n Learn sticker box out the front of the shop.