

# Medlow Public School

CREATIVITY RESPECT TEAMWORK



Week 9 Term 3 2017

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

Dear Parents and Students,

A very warm welcome to Georgiana Cleversley and her family – Mum and Dad, Carolyn and Toby. Georgie (as she prefers to be known) is in Kindergarten and she follows in the footsteps of her older siblings Max and Samantha who attended Medlow.

## NAPLAN Readiness Test—Tuesday

Anna, Taryn, Wren and Willow will be trialling the new NAPLAN online test. This is an exciting new form of assessment for all Australian students.

## Gymnastics Program

Our gymnastics program focuses on gymnastics for all students. The movements are based on the use of dominant movement patterns as a means of planning movement experiences and are classified as follows;

**Statics** – supports, hangs and balances

**Landings** – feet, hands, rotations

**Locomotion** – hands, feet, support and hang

**Springs** – 2 feet, 1 foot, 2 hands and 2 feet, mini tramp

**Rotation** – turns, spins, rolls, cartwheels

**Swing** – hangs and support

In a school setting we teach forward and backward rolls, handstands, cartwheels and round offs.

In a school setting we **do not** teach bridges, headstands, dive forward rolls, forward or backward somersaults, deep knee bends. Alison Launt at Valley Performing Arts Centre offers Acro Classes or there are gymnastics clubs in Coffs Harbour for those families who are interested in pursuing this further.

At Medlow each student has their own gym mat, gym ball and we have lots of hoops, ribbons and other accessories.

I am looking forward to purchasing a wedge mat, mini tramp and vaulting boxes. However, in the meantime we have lots of work to do in building up our core strength and skills in the dominant movement patterns.

## Pottery

The students have made lots of interesting clay models. The clay will need to dry out for a couple of weeks before we put them in the Kiln. It was lovely to see Wren and Willow's grandmother come in and join in with the fun. Thanks Maureen for helping out.

## Upcoming Events

### September

15th Scripture

19th Playgroup

21st School Camp

22nd Last Day of Term 3

23rd Music Day at Taylors Arm Hall

### October

9th Students/Teachers return to school for Term 4

### Save the Date

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Saturday 16th September

11—3pm.

### School Focus

- ♦ I am learning to organise my ideas in writing.
- ♦ I can miss one line to show my paragraphs.



## Attendance and School Uniform

Thank you to those students who make a real effort with their regular attendance. It has been a difficult term with illness, however it is so important to be at school every day. As part of daily PE, we will be doing gymnastics every day. Students need to be wearing correct school uniform and have appropriate footwear. Please check that joggers fit securely and have sufficient grip. If everyone is at school and dressed ready to go, it makes a tremendous difference to not only to a student's individual readiness but the flow on effect to the group is significant.

## Robotics

Mr Simpson and Marshall have been doing some great work in robotics. I overheard Mr Simpson say to Marshall "Marshall you are doing Year 6 coding to program this robot". Very impressive for a Year 1 student!!! It is so inspiring to see students "in the task" and not just "on task".



## Fridays at Medlow

A lot happens on Fridays!

Firstly, homework is handed in, secondly it is library day and thirdly it is Kelly's Canteen.

Kelly is working wonders on a Friday with our delicious lunch and keeping the canteen stocked. It is lovely to see the students sitting around a table sharing a meal and enjoying each other's company. I am really proud of the way the students are trying new foods and individually acknowledging Kelly for their lunch.

Thanks Taryn for collecting the money and writing down the names— this is a big help for your mum.

## Water

We have had ongoing water issues with tanks running dry and plumbing configurations that leave everyone shaking their heads! Last week we received a delivery of water which has given us a slight reprieve. Then on Friday the carpet cleaners turned up and I asked them how much water they expected to use and they replied about 350 litres. Luckily we were able to use the water from the residence. Many thanks to Mark and Bruce for their help in sorting out the tanks.

## Taylors Arm Music Festival—Saturdays 23rd September

Medlow are opening the festival. We look forward to seeing all our families support our students on the Big Stage at 11.00am. Please see attached flyer for further information.

Regards,  
Sarah Landers  
Principal





Our new student, Georgie Cleversley receiving her school hat from School Captain Anna Ryan.



We had a wonderful day with Miss Wren last week doing lots of pottery. We can't wait for our creations to be fired so we can see how they turn out. Thank you Miss Wren.

