From the Principal

I would like to thank all our families for all their support with transport to and from the Erindale Pool. Without your wonderful assistance, our students would not be able to participate in the swimming program.

During 2015, we have held 3 Focus Groups with a mix of parents attending each group. The discussion and feedback is extremely valuable and provides the school with opportunities to strengthen its key priorities in supporting our students’ education and wellbeing.

School uniform is important! We are very proud of our uniform and we need to replace tired, faded and worn uniform. It makes a difference!

As always, if you have any concerns or queries please approach the staff for clarification.

Assembly

The next assembly will be held on Thursday 12 November, 2:30. Please join us to celebrate our students achievements.

After School Programs

Week 2

Monday - Homework Club
Tuesday - Music Tuition
Wednesday - Basketball
Thursday - Dance
Friday - Swimming

Reminder: Students are required to be collected on time- 4:30

Men From Snowy River March Re-enactment

The men from Snowy River will be travelling through several towns and villages, including Michelago. They will walk along Main Street on Saturday 7 November and hope to arrive by 12:00. As a school we would like to welcome them into the village and offer our support. As a result, we are asking for all our students to be at the school by 11:45 on Saturday 7 November, dressed in full school uniform. We will welcome the marchers and sing Waltzing Matilda as they pass along.
Term 4 Swimming Lessons

Swimming sessions have been booked at the Erindale Active Leisure Centre. The sessions run for 45 minutes from 2.45 to 3.30. Seven Sessions will be held on the following dates:

Friday 16 23 30 October
Friday 13 20 27 December
Friday 4 December

Note- No swimming on Friday 6 November.

The 7 sessions cost $65 per child. Payments to the school as soon as possible would be appreciated.

As usual, we rely on parents to assist with transport to and from the pool. Parents may assist each other by carpooling or taking turns.

Students will need to depart the school for lessons by no later than 2.10 and be collected from the pool by 3.30. Students may stay at the pool after the lesson as long as they have parent supervision. It is important that all students are collected on time as teachers will have to transport some students back to school.

Please fill out the attached forms for the Leisure Centre and the permission note.

Kinder Orientation

Kinder orientation begins in Term 4. Orientation days will be held on Thursdays starting from week 4, Thursday 29 October.

The sessions last all day. Prospective enrolments are required to complete enrolment forms before beginning the program.

School Assembly- Thursday 12 November

School assembly will be held Thursday, 12 November. We look forward to your support. Students will be able to present items of learning and be acknowledged for their efforts.

Senior Class Camp

Students in the senior class will be participating in the Cooba Camp at Berridale in Term 4.

The P&C are generously providing assistance with funding the camp. As a result, each student is being charged a reasonable $140.

Parents may make part payments leading up to the camp if it easier to manage. Camp costs must be paid in full before the camp which is being held on the 4, 5 & 6 November.

Family Leave

Parents are required to complete an Exemption Form for student leave of a week or more.
**UNIFORM & HATS**

Please ensure your child wears *full school uniform to school*. The students are very proud of their uniform and it is a visible display of school pride and respect.

There are some uniform hats available at the school, as are second hand uniforms, all reasonably priced. The school policy is ‘No hat, No play!’

Students are encouraged to bring their own sunscreen to school.

The P&C is compiling an updated list of uniform requirements for 2016. Uniforms are available from 2 companies: Details of both are on our website.

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**Student Absence, Arrivals & Collection**

Students who arrive after 9:00 in the morning and are collected before 3:00 in the afternoon are required to be signed in or out on the Register kept at the front office.

As part of DEC policy all student partial absences and full absences are recorded and monitored.

Parents and carers are required to inform the teacher of an absence through word of mouth, telephone, text, email or letter.

A call from the office or a Departmental letter will be sent home requesting information if the above is not completed.

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Please note: Word of mouth from a student regarding absence is NOT LEGALLY ACCEPTABLE.

If a student is being collected by someone other than their parent and there is a change to routine, please inform the teacher prior to the collection.

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**WH&S Volunteer & Transport Requirements**

We strongly encourage all parents to apply for their *Voluntary Working with Children number* - on the RTA website site. This action supports child protection requirements. **Free to volunteers.**

Each year the school is required to fulfil legal obligations by requesting license and registration details from parents if you use your vehicle to transport students to and from excursions/events.

The Working with Children number also supports parents and carers who wish to volunteer their services at school in activities such as tutoring, driving children to excursions, sport etc.

Many thanks for your support in these matters.
Community Garage Sale: Saturday 24 October

Please support the local garage sale being held at the train station this Saturday from 10:00 till 3:00.

School Website

Our school website is updated every 2 weeks so you can check the calendar.

Knitting is the new craze at MPS

Thanks to one of our wonderful grandparents, Jo who is teaching this great skill to the children.

United Nations Visit

On Monday we had a visit from Julia from the United Nations. She gave us an insight into the UN and spoke about the programmes that they conduct all over the world.

The kids contribute through the Free Rice Game you can search this on Google and have a go.

*Swimming Sessions – Begin Friday 16 November
*Assembly – Thursday 12 November
*Kinder Orientation – Thursday 29 October
*Cooba Camp – 4 5 6 November
*Family Fun Sports Day – Thursday 19 November
*Awards Night – Friday 11 December