Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**GREETINGS FROM OUR NATIONS CAPITAL!**
This week, I have had the privilege of accompanying our Stage 3 students on an overnight excursion to Canberra. This excursion provided the students with an opportunity to complement the unit of work that they have been studying regarding Democracy, Civic and Citizenship. It is these type of experiences, that students also tend to remember for the rest of their lives as a significant part of the Primary school, and it certainly has been a privilege to be a part of that memory.

**...ON THE TOPIC OF DEMOCRACY**
This week also provide a ‘very real life’ example of democracy in practise, whereby our staff were given an opportunity to exercise their democratic right to protest for a better working future. Whether you agree or disagree with industrial action, it is every Australian’s right to stand up for what they believe in – and that’s what makes our country great! Teachers who decided to exercise their democratic right, did so to ensure that our profession, one that is unquestionably dedicated to ensuring our future generations are highly educated and continue to drive this country forward, is not jeopardized by the removal of basic industrial rights – a belief that is shared by other important professions such as nurses and emergency personnel.

I notified the community of classes that were affected on Thursday due to industrial action, not to identify staff and leave them open to criticism from parents, but to inform the community of changes in our school and ensure that appropriate supervision was provided for our students. ALL of the staff members at MPE are dedicated to ensuring that students achieve the educational, social and emotional potential, and to question the dedication of staff when they take the brave stance to stand up for what they believe in - is grossly unfair. We teach the value of respect, responsibility and democracy (among others) and on Thursday, it was our opportunity (as a community) to exercise them.

Mark Greentree
Principal

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**PSSA Highlights**

Results for PSSA Season 2

Congratulations to all of the children that participated in Season 2 PSSA.
You made all of MPE very proud!

**This Week**

**Boys Touch**
No Round due to closure of fields

**Girls Softball**
No Round due to closure of fields
**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**Dancers Go Pro!**

Next week the senior and junior dance troupes at MPE will be representing our school in a public performance at Bonnyrigg Plaza! We are so excited to perform and showcase the talents of the amazing students here at MPE. There will be chairs set up for all of MPE parents and friends to come and support us, so please do! We will be performing outside Woolworths at 1:30pm. Get there a little earlier to insure you get the best seats. Photography and video is most welcome.

Come watch us become superstars!

See you there!

Miss Zinghini

**Footy Fun Day!!**

Footy Fun Day is on Thursday 22nd September (Week 10). We have lots of exciting activities planned to make the day better than ever. On the day we encourage students to wear their football colours and any football clothing they have (AFL, League, Rugby Union and Soccer). All students need to wear appropriate footwear (eg. Joggers). There will be a best dressed K-2 and 3-6 award that will be presented on the day.

Footy Fun Day includes:
1. Supporters’ Session in the morning before school starts (8:30am). You will need your money for this session as it is part of our fundraiser. The jumping castle will be a big feature of the supporters’ session – so don’t forget your money for this one!
2. Footy Activities with special guests from the League and AFL football codes. These activities are FREE.
3. Prize Draws with the raffle, incentive prizes and prizes for the best dressed students.

This year we are aiming to raise our highest target! And we can only do this with YOUR help. So we ask you to sell, sell, sell as many raffle tickets as you can and bring your money on the day for the Supporters’ Session! Some of the activities to celebrate our wonderful Footy Fun Day include:
The Jumping Castle, Design a Footy Jersey, Buy and Sell Raffle Tickets, Teachers v Students activities, Footy Fun Day Jelly, The Lucky Dip Prize and Footy Spider Drinks.

Each child should have received a raffle book to sell. Please return all sold books and money to the office. Students may collect more books to sell.

Mrs Gavan

**Public Speaking Competition**

The grade competitions for Public Speaking are now well underway and we will be having our school finals early next week. There will be two finalists from each grade, and one winner selected from each stage to represent MPE at the Liverpool District Public Speaking Competition. Why not come down and watch us present our views on some very interesting topics, on Tuesday at 1:30pm in the Hall!

Miss Zinghini

**Canteen**

The school canteen will be closed on Tuesday 13th September. Please provide lunch, recess, snacks, fruit and drinks for your child.

Mrs Davies
Wow! It is Week 8 of Term 3. Feels good to know that the two week holidays are just around the corner. Students from 3/4P have been really busy learning new things in all Key Learning Areas.

In Literacy, the students are benefiting from the wonderful Grammar project implemented by Mrs Foord every Tuesday. Playing simple games is definitely helping the students remember the correct usage of Grammar when writing. Students also know how and why explanations are written and are employing such skills whilst writing several practice pieces. We are also focusing on our public speaking skills where students presented a 3 minute speech to their class on given topics – congratulations to Mikayla and Tasi for being the stage winners! Students are also becoming increasingly dedicated to their Home Reading, keep up the great work guys!

Learning the Multiplication Tables is the main focus for everyone in our class. The students enjoy completing their Multiplication drill in less than five minutes! Their aim is to learn all the multiplication tables and apply their knowledge when solving word problems. Remember, practice makes perfect!

Last Term the students had a wonderful time when they went for an excursion to the city. Students were eager to see where convicts lived and what their daily life was like during the early colonisation period. Our next visit was to the NSW Parliament house where students had a fantastic time role playing how important government decisions are made. We are currently learning more about how the state and local government works. The students know about the Governing Liberal Party and how the Premier of NSW - ‘Mr Barry O’ Farrell’ and his cabinet make decisions about running NSW.

In Science, we have been studying the cycles in the world and students have created their own garden in order to better understand the lifecycle of a plant – hopefully we remember to keep watering them! Other cycles which students have been investigating include frog lifecycles, how paper is made, how milk is turned to butter and how bees make honey.

In PDHPE, students learnt about a variety of ways on how to stay healthy and how to prevent bullying within the school as a part of the Healthy Harold visit.

To end on a high note, I’d like to congratulate all students in 3/4P for their outstanding week 5 assembly performance. 3/4P’s got talent!

Congratulations to all the students who represented MPE in the Green Valley Zone Athletics Carnival.

Mrs Prasad
**ONLY 14 DAYS TO GO............... UNTIL**

**Footy Fun Day**

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- Design a Footy Jersey
- Buy and Sell Raffle Tickets
- Teachers v Students activities.
- Footy Fun Day Jelly
- The Lucky Dip Prize
- Footy Spider Drink

So make sure you have your money and ‘footy colours’ ready for the day. Remember we are giving away prizes for the best dressed!

We’ve got a jumping castle just for you!

It’s going to be the BEST Footy Fun Day yet!

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

**NOT MUCH TIME LEFT**

Collect and earn points when you shop at Woolworths. **Remember to keep collecting docketS** and bring them into the office. The more we collect the more we can buy. There are lots of Maths games, interactive whiteboard games and fun science equipment we can buy with all the points we get. **We have till the 18th September, 2011.**

**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM 2011**

**KEEP ON COLLECTING!**

Collect more vouchers and get more gear. Thank you for all the vouchers collected so far. The box in the office is very full but we still have time to collect even more. **Remember to bring the vouchers into the office. The more we collect the more sports equipment we can buy. We have till the 18th October, 2011.**