Dear Parents and Caregivers,

EDUCATION WEEK
As I write this newsletter, we are coming the end of Education week, and what a great week it has been. Monday kicked off with our Science Fun Day, with students participating in some ‘hands on’ science activities. The students and teachers had some great fun exploring concepts such and Non Newtonian Fluids (slime) and chemical reactions (bicarb soda and vinegar volcanoes) but I think it will take a while for our poor old cleaner to recover – the rooms were a mess!!!

On Wednesday we held a special assembly, which was highlighted by FANTASTIC performances by the Senior Dance group and Choir, and the presentation of special certificates to some of our parents and students.

Today, I had the privilege of being shadowed by a number of students as they were “Principal for a Session”. They all took the job very seriously, and there are some great photos on our webpage. (In fact, a few of the students actually typed some of this newsletter and posted the photos on the webpage themselves – with a little assistance!!) Tomorrow, you are invited to come up and watch some sports sessions in action, or come and watch our students compete in PSSA sport. K-2 Sport is 10:30-11:30am and Years 3-6 is 12:15-1:30pm.

PARENT SURVEY
On Monday, a special parent survey was sent home. This survey will be used to collect data regarding Community Engagement at Mt Pritchard East. This data will be used as part of a Situational Analysis, which is a component of the National Partnership that we will be entering into with the Commonwealth Government in 2012-2015. This partnership is worth an additional $240 000 per year for our students at MPE. If you have not completed this survey, please do so and return it tomorrow (Friday 5th August). All surveys returned by tomorrow afternoon will be eligible for the draw to win either a Sandwich Press, a $25 Coles Voucher, or a $25 Woolworths voucher. The draw will be made next Monday morning.

Year 6 – Fundraiser
Year 6 will be selling delicious “Flurrys” (ice-cream with lollies) next week. The cost of a flurry is $2.00. The money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and school gift.

Mark Greentree
Principal
SCHOOL INFORMATION

Attention Parents!!!!

Teacher Talk

Stimulate children to think beyond the here-and-now (Step 2).

What the research says:-
Make comments and ask children to:

- Predict what is going to happen next.
- Project and put themselves in the shoes of other people or into situations they have never experienced.
- Take on Pretend roles and act out imaginary scenarios; and
- Problem solve.

At Home

Predict. Help your child learn to predict what might happen next by making comments like, “If you pour too much water in your cup, it will spill.”

At Home

Pretend. After reading a story, provide props so you and your child can take on the roles of the characters and act out the story.

Education Week Recognition Award Recipients

Student Award Winners

KB – Steven Fischer
KI – George Alavanja
1L – Vivian Ho
1/2G – Demren Momin
2/3H – Anna Stibinger
3/4P – Mikayla Evans
3/4M – Manu Borg-Taveveu
4/5Z – Brendan Reid
5I – Danijel Marinkovic
6G – Tai Ha

Congratulations to all of the student award winners! You have made the MPE community very proud!

Parent Award Winners

Mrs Jacob
Mrs Woods
Mrs Tautuliu
Mr Cochrane
Mr Watson
Mrs Pastuovic
Mrs Reynolds
Mrs Agnelotti

THANK YOU again to our parent helpers – Our school would not be the same without you!

Education Week

Education Week has been a huge success this year! Thank you to all of those teachers and staff who have helped to organise this wonderful week. We really are a great school here at MPE!

Assembly

Term 3

Week 4 – Spelling Bee
Week 5 – Hosted by 3/4P
Week 6 – Hosted by 2/3H
Week 8 – Hosted by MPE Prefects
Week 10 – Hosted by 1/2G

Congratulations to our PSSA Award Winners!

Girls Oztag
Annie and Mikayla

Boys Soccer
George & George
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We are very lucky this term as we are receiving some extra teaching and learning from our wonderful ESL teachers. Mrs Van der Graaf and Mrs Rios will be working with some of the students in KB everyday. Mrs Devine and Mrs Murhan will also be in our classroom to teach us more about Phonemic Awareness and to improve our Literacy skills. All of the students in KB enjoy working with these different teachers and it gives them all an opportunity to show other teachers how clever they are. KB are also very keen to show their wonderful manners and great behaviour to all of the teachers that walk into our classroom.

At the moment we are continuing to focus on our reading, writing and numeracy. All of the children are working hard in these areas and I am starting to see some great progress. These areas will continue to improve with extra practise at home so please be sure to get your child to read their home reader to you each and every night. We have started a home reading tally in our classroom and all of the children are keen to be the person in KB that reads the most books at home this year. The extra time you spend with your child at home discussing their day at school and reading with them will improve their skills in and out of the classroom.

Our school Athletics Carnival is Next Tuesday. All of the children will be able to wear their house colours on the day. This will be the Kindergarten students first Athletics Carnival so please come down to the school to support your child and to watch them run their race. All of the children always have a fantastic time at the carnival so it is a great day to be a part of the MPE community.

This week we were lucky enough to be part of our schools Science Fun Day. All of the children had a great time and were very keen to participate in the Science experiments. I think that Sarahs comment about the day sums up how much fun all of MPE had…

“Science experiments are the most fun ever!”

Thankyou to all of the teachers, staff and volunteers that helped to organise Education Week, KB and I really appreciate it.

Miss Butler
MPE Athletics Carnival

It’s that time of year again when all of our students at MPE get a chance to show off their athletic skills. Students in years 3 to 6 will be participating in their athletics carnival next Tuesday the 9th of August. The day will start at 9:20am sharp and will be finished by 3pm. We encourage parent support at our school so if you would like to come and watch please do – we would like to see you there.

Students will be completing running races, long jump, high jump, shot put, ball games and novelty games throughout the day. They are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day to support their team.

The more competitive events such as the 200m, 800m and discus, will be run on another day in school time. Student representative selections in running races will be based on race times NOT places. So if a student places first in his/her race, his time may not be the fastest time in his/her age group.

Benjamin – Red
Dobell – Yellow
Grainger – Green