Welcome back to Term 3!!

I hope you all had a great break, and got to spend some quality time with each other. This term is certainly going to be a busy one – and the ‘fun’ begins NEXT WEEK!

Next Tuesday we will be holding our 1st P&C meeting for the term. The meeting will commence at 2pm and finish at 3pm. During this meeting we will be hearing from a guest speaker – Mrs Maryanne Lakeman (PSP consultant) on how to help our children with their schooling. Why not come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee, and stay for what is sure to be a very informative meeting.

EDUCATION WEEK
In Week 3 (1st Aug-5th Aug) we will be celebrating Education Week. This will kick off with an Open Day on Monday 1st August. During this time, students will be participating in a variety of hands on Science activities. So mark this event in your calendars and stay tuned for more details!!!

ABORIGINAL PERFORMANCE
On Wednesday 10th August (9.30am - 10.30am) the students will be treated to a performance by Gindaja, Sean Dewar. This is a celebration of our Aboriginal heritage and we hope the students gain a deeper understanding of the Aboriginal culture through his performance. Students will be entertained with traditional islander and aboriginal dances, rap dancing and didgeridoo and beatbox performances, as well as instructed about bush foods and their medicinal properties and traditional Aboriginal costumes and artworks.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Thank you to all those families who have collected and returned their Jump Rope for Heart sponsorship forms and money. If you are yet to return your sponsorship forms and money, please do so ASAP, so this program can be finalized and the incentive prizes can be distributed to students.

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE
It’s time to start memorising your spelling words! The lists of words have been published and the champion spellers will be chosen from each class from Year 3 to 6 before Week 4. The school final will be held on Wednesday 10th August at 2.00 pm. Stay tuned for more info!!

Mark Greentree
Principal
SCHOOL INFORMATION

Attention Parents!!!!

Teacher Talk
Stimulate children to think beyond the here-and-now.

What the research says:-
Talk to children about things beyond the here-and-now so they learn to understand and use this kind of talk themselves. Encourage the children to:

- Relate their own experiences to what they are learning about.
- Consider their own emotions and how others feel in various situations
- Explain why things happen; and
- Evaluate a situation, make judgements and offer opinions.

The ability to use this kind of abstract language provides a critically important foundation for learning to read.

At Home Experiences. Give your child opportunities to draw on her previous experiences during pretend play. For example, play ‘school’ or ‘child care’ together, and pretend to be the child, while your child is the teacher.

Emotions. When reading a story with your child, ask them to think about how the characters in the book might feel. For example, “How do you think that girl felt when she couldn’t find her dog?” Give them time to answer.

Evaluate. Encourage your child to evaluate events as they happen during the day, and tell you how she reached her conclusion. For example, “Do you think it was a good idea to park the car in the shade?”

MPE Choir Performance – Opera House

The Senior Choir will attend their Preliminary Rehearsal next Tuesday, 26th July, 2011. Students need to be at school at 7.30am!! Yes, that is correct - 7.30 in the morning!! Students need to wear full school uniform - no coloured jackets, scarves etc. They will need recess, lunch, plenty to drink, their Choir books and a pencil, as well as their best MPE manners and their best singing voices.

Mrs Leo

Congratulations to our PSSA Award Winners!

Girls Oztag
Cindy and Geena

Boys Soccer
Brendan & Lincoln

Assembly
Term 3
Week 2 – Hosted by 3/4M
Week 3 – Education Week Recognition Assessmbly
The year is half over already!! The students in 1L have learnt so much this year and Mrs Leo is very proud of us! We can sing, we can dance, we can play percussion instruments, as well as lots of other things. Mrs Leo was happy to talk with many of our parents at the Parent-Teacher interviews (or on the phone) last term.

Did you know that the wool from carpets and mats once grew on a sheep's back? Or that the cotton in our T-shirts once grew as a plant? Or that the silk in a wedding dress was made by caterpillars? Incredible!! We have learnt about these fibres, and how such fibres are spun and woven into cloth. We fringed and decorated hessian mats - that was fun, and our mats are amazing! We also read and wrote about Rumpelstiltskin who spun straw into gold, and an Emperor who was fooled by some weavers and ended up wearing NO CLOTHES AT ALL!! Our Science lessons this term will be about Communication. We are also looking forward to Science Fun Day in Week 3.

Last term FitSchool Gymnastics was lots of fun, and so was Jump-Rope-for-Heart. We are currently participating in the Premier's Sporting Challenge, and each day record the activities that are keeping us fit. We are looking forward to the Athletics Carnival later this term. In our HSIE and Health lessons we will be learning about Workers in the Community who help to keep us healthy.

Last term Mrs Michelle Murhan, a Mathematics consultant, brought lots of maths games for us to play. With Mrs Leo and Mrs Devine we are currently working on counting forwards and backwards by 2s, 5s and 10s, as well as adding, subtracting and grouping things. There is so much at MPE to help us improve our Reading, Writing and Spelling each week. Mrs Devine helps us in our Reading and Writing Groups. As well, five students from 1L have been lucky enough to be part of Mrs Hawker's Reading Recovery program. Our Buddy Reading class, 4/5Z visits us each Monday. We can borrow books from Mrs Osborne's Library each Tuesday, and there is Home Reading for us every night. Some students in 1L have read more than 60 Home Readers this year already! No wonder we are becoming good readers and writers! During this term we will be learning to read and write some more traditional stories that always begin "Once upon a time....."

Here are some stories written by 1L.

**Cotton** by Kahlia
First you have to pick the cotton. Next you have to card the fibres. After that you have to spin the fibres.

**Rumpelstiltskin** by Britney
Once upon a time there was a king, a girl and Rumpelstiltskin. The king was greedy. The king locked the girl up with some straw. The girl was sad and scared. She could not spin straw into gold. Rumpelstiltskin made a promise to the girl, "Give me your baby when you grow up."

**The Emperor's New Clothes** by Trish
Once upon a time there were two men, an emperor and a little boy. The two men were trickers. The emperor had no clothes on. The little boy was laughing. He said the emperor was naked!!

Mrs Leo
SATURDAY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS FOR K-2


Minds like Mine provide enrichment workshops for curious kids. We believe that children need opportunities to work with 'like minds' - learning through the investigation and exploration of concepts and ideas, embracing a love of "finding out" and enjoying the friendships found when working together.

If your child asks lots of questions, has to know everything about one or more particular subjects, has a love of facts, and is thirsty for knowledge - then we encourage you to bring them along to one of our workshops.

Our workshop facilitators come from a wide range of backgrounds but all have qualifications and experience in education and have been screened through the working with children check.

Our Saturday Science Workshops provide a variety of different hands-on science based enrichment activities for children and an opportunity for children with "like minds" to work together in a fun and relaxed environment.

Sept. 3 - In this workshop participants will perform a variety of experiments using light and water to see what makes a rainbow. We will investigate white light, refraction, reflection and chromatography.

Sept. 17 - In this workshop participants will: learn how rocks are formed by the Earth and mimic the process to create a rock of their own; understand the processes of how fossils are formed and make their own genuine fossil cast; and investigate the properties of rocks and minerals to start their own rock collection.

Workshops run from 2pm to 4pm and are limited to 18 participants.

For more information please phone ‘Minds-like Mine’ on 0408167249.