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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



We have had a wonderful start to Term 4! As the weather is warming up, please ensure your child is bringing their hat and plenty of water to school each day. Our students have been excited to witness the building of the new climbing frame in recent weeks, and it is proving to be a very popular choice during our break times. Thanks to

the joint effort of the School Association and Cathy Young for obtaining a school grant for funding this new climbing frame.

On the recent Professional Learning Day Shelley Millhouse and Denise Foggo from the Respectful Schools Support Team visited our school providing our teachers with information around engaging learning programs for all learners. 'Our job as parents, teachers and leaders is not to prepare students for something, our job is to help children prepare themselves for anything' John Spencer and AJ Juliani, 2017. This was a powerful quote from the day that resonated with us and will continue to inform our future teaching and learning.

As Covid restrictions begin to ease, we are currently planning a number of events and celebrations to go ahead this term, while still ensuring the safety of the whole community. To support us in working through the Covid safe guidelines, please ensure you are keeping your child home from school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Runny nose
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

Parents will be called to collect their child from school if any symptoms are noticed.

One event that has been reinstated is the Inter-Primary Athletics Carnival. We are very excited for our students, who were selected as part of our school team way back in Term 1, who will now get the opportunity to compete against students from other schools on Tuesday, Nov 17th.

Being a member of the 5/6 Collaborative Teaching Team, I have also been pleased that we have been given the green light to go ahead with planning Grade 6 end of year celebrations. Many of the events will not look the same as previous years but at least our students will be able to partake in a special luncheon, final assembly and activities out of the school.

Excursions out of the school are happening again. Our 5/6s and Preps both enjoyed trips to Richmond and the Marine Discovery Centre this week. Last week we also had amazing Book Week parades with the students looking fantastic in their costumes. And of course we had Day for Daniel today with all the students looking great in red as they walked to school. Check out photos of these events on our school Facebook page if you haven't already.

Two other events we are looking forward to this Term are the Disco Day our SRC have organised for next week to raise money for BCC Africa and our students have started rehearsing songs ready to perform in our modified Christmas concerts in December. A friendly reminder to RSVP through SchoolZine so the school can plan accordingly.

2020 has been a challenging year but it so exciting for school life to be feeling a bit more normal as we progress through Term 4 and move towards Christmas and the summer holiday break.

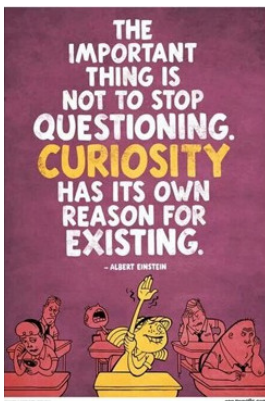
Jodie Davis

Strength focus for weeks 4 and 5 is curiosity

Curiosity is the state of being curious: being inquisitive, expressing wonder, and being ready to poke around and figure something out. Having the strength of curiosity is to take an interest in experiences; the ability to find subjects and topics fascinating; and to explore and discover.

Students who demonstrate the strength of curiosity are always asking questions, reading books and going out to try to learn about the world.

At MBPS all students have the opportunity to practice their strength of curiosity – by learning through questioning, wondering and exploring.



End of Year Christmas Concert

Our Children have been working hard on a song for you and we'd love you to join us so they can perform for you. If you haven't seen the link that was sent last week, please read below for more information.

Important Information: **Only 2 guests per child.** RSVPS essential, we will not have the capacity to accept 'walk ins'. You are able to sit next to the person you are attending with, but we have to maintain 1.5 metres between groups. Your seats will be reserved and named.

Entry and exit only through the front door to the hall, **Health Screens must be completed at this entry point** (Please allow time to do this) and hand sanitiser used.

To ensure we have the space for our audience, classes will perform and then leave the hall

RSVP by [Friday 30th November](#) using the link below

Day for Daniel – Tomorrow (30th October)

Tomorrow, 30th October we are hosting a Day for Daniel and students are invited to **wear red.**

Montagu Bay are involved to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's goal - raising awareness of child safety, protection and prevention. The theme of the day is to wear Red, Educate and



Donate. Parents, carers and educators are asked to start a conversation with children and young people about personal safety.

We will be participating in a Walk for Daniel on the day. The walk will begin at Simmons Park and will leave to walk to school at 8:15am. Parents and carers are invited to join us – please adhere to the Public Health social distancing guidelines.

We hope to see lots of our students joining us!

Blue Disco day – Wednesday 4th November

On Wednesday 4th November, the SRC will be hosting our disco day for all students from Kinder to Grade 6. Students are invited to wear blue and to bring along a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to support the Bethlehem Community Centre in Kenya. Our school has been a long term supporter of this organisation.

Students will attend the disco with their grade groups at a designated time (to minimise student numbers in the hall) and strict hand hygiene practices will be in place.

We look forward to hosting a fun day for all!

Uniform shop

Term 4 UPDATE

Due to the current regulations around Covid and people gathering in groups, the uniform store will be reopening on Thursday mornings from 8.30am – 9.00am, but only for those who require to try on clothing, or look at sizing. We would prefer uniform items to be ordered via our QKR app, but we understand there may be a need for you to visit the store. Social distancing measures will be in place.

The Uniform store has moved location and is now in the school Library. Please enter via the outside Library door located on the early childhood side of the school.

The uniform store is stocked and ready for all your Spring/Summer uniform needs.

Shorts, Skorts and Polo Tops are in stock along with Polar Fleece jumpers, jackets and Track pants.

The uniform store tries to keep prices at a minimum; however, due to a price increase from our suppliers, there will be a slight increase in prices for most uniform items. This increase will start from the beginning of term 4 2020.

We have an assorted range of hair accessories in the school colours. These are reasonably priced and may be viewed and ordered via the QKR app, or in store.

The uniform store has second hand items for purchase. If you have any good quality second hand uniform items to spare, please consider donating them to the uniform store. We are also in need of some larger sized shorts/track pants (sizes 12, 14, Small) to have as emergency spares. If you have any to donate it would be much appreciated.

Items are available to order and pay via the QKR app, leave your completed order form at the office or email joanne.baldwin@education.tas.gov.au with payment details. Payment may be made by cash or credit card. Orders will be filled and sent home with your child on Thursdays.

Jo Baldwin

Uniform Store Coordinator

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School Association News

The School Association is calling for interested parents to join our committee. Quite a few of us have contributed for many years and it's time to hand over the reins. We are looking for nominations for President, Deputy President and Secretary as well as general members. This is not a huge time commitment and a very rewarding way of being involved in your child's schooling. Nomination forms are available at the school office.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th of November at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there in person or via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

If your Child is absent, please notify the school office via the below options.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schoolzine – clicking on the absentee form |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phone – 6244 1897 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email – montagu.bay.primary@education.tas.gov.au |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note - send a note to the office |