



What's Happening?

March

1st March – F-2 Assembly
3:00pm
4th March – Parents and Friends 9am – all welcome
11th March – Labour Day
Public Holiday
18th March – School Photos
19th March – Curriculum Day – no school for students
21/3 – Harmony Day
25/3 – School Council 6:30pm

April

5th April – End of Term 2:30 dismissal

New Bell Times:

8:55- School starts
9-11 – Session 1 and 2
11-11:30 – Recess
11:30 - Session 3
12:30 – Lunch inside
12:45 – Lunch
1:15 – Session 4
2:15 – Recess
2:30 – Session 5
3:30 - Home

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already half-way through the term! The students are well and truly settled into the school routine. I would like to congratulate the Prep students, parents and the teachers on having such a positive start to their school-life, and welcome them for their first full week next week.

We shared a beautiful piece of writing with some of our volunteer parents earlier this week. One of our parents would like to share this very personal insight into her life as a mother. I have chosen to share the first part of her piece, but will have some copies of the full-version in the office if you are interested.

What I want you to know about my child. (THAT Kid).

I am the parent of THAT kid. You know the one; the kid that struggles to focus, that wriggles while all the other children sit quietly listening to the Teacher, the one that climbs, touches things that aren't theirs and sometimes even gets so angry that things get broken and people get hurt.

I know what you're thinking some days – my child is wild, disrespectful, disobedient and lacks boundaries. I see your looks of disapproval, hear the comments you make under your breath or to other parents and I know you worry that the presence of my child, means your child is missing out.

I want you to know that I am fully aware of the impact that my child can have on the learning environment. I wish with all my heart some days, that my child was just like yours and that no one else had to wait for my child to be quiet, calm down or stop moving around the room. But I also want you to know that every other child in the room is learning to understand difference, that each of them has strengths and skills they haven't mastered yet and that they are all learning to be patient and compassionate, while they each work to master these missing skills.

(Please collect the full version from the office)

School Council:

I would like to congratulate Rebecca Morelli, Angela Nanfaro, Vicky Mayhew and Dannielle Mondon as nominated members of the 2019 school council. They will be joining our existing members at our first school council meeting on the 25th March. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the past school council members for all of their support over the last two years. Thank you to Jessie Biazzo, Matt Goodman and Tam You.

Junior School Council and School Captains:

This year we had over 20 Year 6 students apply for the positions on Junior School Council (JSC). I would like to congratulate each and every one of you for your engaging speeches and your enthusiasm. The JSC for 2019 are: Amelia, Jamie, Taya, Annabelle, Aleena, Michael and Riff. Congratulations. I look forward to working with you to make Mickleham Primary School an even better school for all! Congratulations to Jamie and Taya who are our School Captains for 2019! Well done!



Attendance:

We are beginning to see improvement in the number of students arriving at school on time. Thank you to all parents for making an extra effort to get your children to school before the second bell at 9am. As a general rule of thumb, if the cones are being brought inside or have already been collected, then you need to sign your child in the front office using the Compass Kiosk because they're late.

Attendance is celebrated throughout the school. If a whole grade is at school for the day they receive a Golden Pig. So far, Miss Jess's class 2C are winning the Golden Pig competition.

Please remember to use Compass to inform us if your child is away, or alternatively call the office before 9am.

A reminder that holidays should not be taken during term time. Parents taking their child/children out of school for a period of time need to make an appointment with the Principal and classroom teachers 4 weeks prior to the holiday.

Sun protection times:

A reminder to all that broad-brimmed hats are to be worn in the yard at recess and lunchtime. As we are a SunSmart school, children will be required to continue wearing their hat into term 2. If you would like to send sunscreen to school with your child, please ensure it is named and kept in your child's bag or on their desk. Announcements are made over the loud-speaker each day before recess to make the students aware of the UV rating, and for a SunSmart update.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school SunSmart.

House Colour T-Shirts:

A big thank-you to the Parents and Friends for sourcing a company to provide us with our sports T-Shirts. Your child has been allocated a house. To find out what colour team your child is in, please see your child's classroom teacher. Notes were sent home this week for you to place your order. Please return this to your child's teacher. On special occasions your child and their family can dress in their house colours. Watch this space to find out our first 'House' activity for 2019!

Trash Champions:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mason and his 'Trash Champion Team' for keeping our yard sparkly clean over the last few weeks. You may have heard Mason speak in Assembly last week. Please do not 'walk past' rubbish. Make sure we are all working together to protect our environment and instil pride in our school. Our neighbour, the Farmer, needs to make sure his cows are safe. Well done, Mason and the rest of the team!

**OnPsych Services:**

Do you find that your child is having emotional or behavioural issues? Are they struggling socially and/or academically? **Mickleham Primary School** has a registered Psychologist working at your school who can help support your child. Maite is a registered Psychologist who specialises in child and adolescent mental health. Her services are provided at the school at NO COST to you through Medicare bulk billing. She will work collaboratively with you, your child, and the teachers to maximise opportunities for positive growth.

Harmony Day:

On 21st March Mickleham Primary School will be participating in Harmony Day. Your child is encouraged to wear something orange to demonstrate their support for Harmony. There will be activities led by your child's teacher on the day.

Sue Crispe - *Principal*