



What's Happening?

March

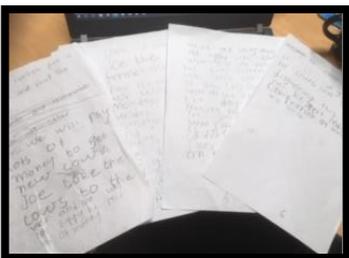
- 18th March – School Photos
- 19th March – Curriculum Day – no school for students
- 21/3 – Harmony Day
Grade 1/2 Teddy Bears Picnic
- 25/3 – School Council 6:30pm

April

- 1st April – Easter Raffle
- 3rd April - Fun Run
- 4th April - Grade 1/2 Special Person Day
- 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



The Trash Champion's Speech

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families all enjoyed the extra-long weekend. I am certain that my staff did – they certainly looked bright-eyed on Tuesday morning and ready to face the week ahead. It is hard to believe that there are only a few weeks left until the end of term. The Parents and Friends Committee are always one-step ahead with planning the key events for our school. They are already picking out gifts ready for the Mother's Day stall. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Anna Grech for all her hard work as co-ordinator last year, and welcome Lacey Dillon into this new role. It is fabulous to have so much support in our community. Thank you.

School Council:

School Council is on the 25th March. Our Staff Representatives joining myself, Emma Fuller and Jodi Lewis are Viktoria Sen and James Highgate. We look forward to sharing our school council news in the future newsletters.

Maths Olympiad:

This year we have decided to join the Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO – Maths Olympiad). Based on data and attitude we are pleased to announce that 20 students from grades 4-6 have been selected to participate in this program starting later this term. They will be participating in problem solving activities against people from all over Australia and New Zealand. Congratulations to our 2019 Maths Olympiad Team!

Trash Champions:

Mason and the Trash Champion's Team have added to their speech! Here is the full version:

"Good afternoon, we are the rubbish monitors with our group of friends. Please do not litter. The cows will get sick! The farmer came to our school to tell us the cows are sick because of the rubbish!

*The cows eat chip packets, slushy cups and nappies! They will die! We will have to pay lots of money to get new cows or for the Farmer to take the cows to the vets. He would not be happy if he has to pay a lot of money! Once, I saw the farmer he walked past our fence. Our rubbish club works on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The farmer is very thankful for our Trash Champions Club. But we do have some bad news. One cow died! There seems to be more rubbish in our yard than usual at the moment. We saw nappies getting thrown. We are worried about the rubbish we see every day and we are not happy. We are **angry** at the litter we see. If we see anyone littering we will report you to a teacher. We will make a list of the people who litter and will give it to Ms Crispe or Mrs Fuller at the end of the day! Mason said that if you litter 5 times you will have to go to C.I.C.O. and we will be counting how many times you litter on our list. It is not good to litter. Our school looks disgusting sometimes! This is not Respect – Independence – Cooperation – or Honesty! IF YOU HAVE RUBBISH PUT IT IN THE BIN AND SHUT THE LID!"*

Attendance:

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.

Easter Raffle and Donations:

The Parents and Friends Committee have sent raffle tickets home with your child. If you would like more tickets please go to the office. Please can you bring in Easter donations (chocolate eggs, Easter teddies, decorations etc.) and pass on to your child's classroom teacher. These items will be made in to hampers ready for the Easter Raffle on the 1st April. All winners will be notified through Compass. Unfortunately the raffle cannot be held during assembly as our school is now too big!

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.

Harmony Day:

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Mickleham Primary School is a diverse school with many different cultural backgrounds. It is important for us that all our students' cultures are understood and appreciated.

Harmony Day is an event that represents the wonderful mix of cultures that make Mickleham and more broadly Australia the amazing place it is.

We encourage all students to be proud of their cultural backgrounds. Therefore, on March 21st all classrooms will be running an activity based on a variety of different cultures.

WHAT IS HARMONY DAY?

- ✓ Harmony Day is held each year on 21 March. It's a day to celebrate our cultural diversity.
- ✓ It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.
- ✓ These celebrations create opportunities for all of us to think, talk about and recognise how our differences make Australia a great place to live.

Car Park:

You may have noticed that a note was uploaded on Compass about the current issues with the car park. Please ensure that you are driving safely through our car park, at a walking pace, and waiting patiently to leave the school grounds. It is important that you only exit and enter from the correct entrance.

The entrance is closer to Craigieburn Rd and the exit is closest to Mt Ridley Rd.

A reminder not to park in front of the two staff car parks nor along the Mickleham Rd side of the parking area in front of the office as this is a no parking zone.

We do not want anyone to get hurt. Please do not park in front of either of the staff car parks – staff need this access at all times.

Sue Crispe - *Principal*