

What's Happening?

26th July – P-2 Assembly
3:00

29th July – School Council
6:30pm

Tuesday 30th July to Friday
2nd August – Grade 5/6
camp

Friday 9th August –
Curriculum Day – no
school

Monday 12th August –
Maths Information Night
7pm – all invited

Absence SMS

If your child arrives after 9:00am please ensure that your child is signed in at the office. If they are not signed in you will receive an SMS stating that your child is away.

Attendance Update:

Number of children with
100% attendance in Term
2:

51

Number of children with
100% attendance so far
this year:

35

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first day of a new term is always one of my most enjoyable days of the year. As Principal, I am always so proud to see the children reuniting with their friends in the yard before the first bell; rushing to line up to class; chatting to their teachers about their holidays; and finally settling back into the school routine ready to soak up the learning. It is such a privilege to be part of the Mickleham Primary School community.

During the first week Emma and I enjoyed delivering the 100% attendance awards to each classroom. It has become a tradition the children look forward to. Well done to so many of our students on receiving 100% in Term 2. Their photos are proudly on display on the television in the front office.

Car Park:

Thank you to everyone with your patience with the car park last week. It makes us realise how important the tennis court car park has become during drop-off and pick-up times. Please remember to be courteous and polite to each other, as well as ensuring that you are dropping your children off in a safe zone. Please ensure that you are dropping your children at the front gate in the morning and moving away safely onto Mickleham Road.

Compass:

We have had a couple of parents advise us that they are not getting notifications from Compass on their mobile devices.

Please ensure you have notifications turned on for Compass in your phone settings.

On an iPhone, this would be done by going to **Settings/Notifications**, selecting the **Compass app** and turning the **'Allow Notifications'** button on.

On an android phone, the process is slightly more involved. **Go to Settings/Sound and Notification/Advanced/Notifications**, select the **Compass app** and slide the button on.

Please note that even after following this process, there is the possibility that some notifications will be missed. This occurs when a notification is sent through at exactly the same time as a phone call or message is received. It results in the notification being logged within your phones database, but not appearing as a message on screen.

To make sure you receive all messages sent out via Compass, we would encourage you to check Compass at the end of each school day, just as you would have checked your child's bag for notes in the past. This is the only way to be sure you have been advised of everything we have sent out that day.

Compass is proving to be a very useful tool and we have had some excellent feedback regarding its use. Thank you for your patience during this first year, whilst we are all learning how to make the most of what it offers.

Parent Opinion Survey:

If you have been randomly selected to complete our Parent Opinion Survey, please ensure you have completed the survey before the 11th August. If you need a computer to complete it, please come to the office where there is a computer available for you.

Reporting:

The Victorian Curriculum (Foundation to Year 10) guides our teaching and learning. One of the streams is The Humanities, which covers Civics and Citizenship and Geography and History. This is what they mean:

Civics and Citizenship: students explore their communities, at a local, state, national and global level. It aims to develop a sense of belonging to and engaging with our communities. Through the curriculum we aim to foster an understanding of Australia as a multicultural country, developing an acceptance for all. We investigate our political system, laws, and what it means to be a good citizen.

History: students explore our countries past and develop an appreciation and understanding for how our country has been shaped by our history. Students develop skills such as sequencing, researching and analysing.

Geography: students investigate the people, places, cultures and environments of Australia, the Asian region and the world. They begin to think geographically of their home being part of a community, suburb, city, state, country and world. Students begin to use geographical skills and language, through exploration of maps and their features.

Rubbish Bin Competition:

Congratulations to Stefanie and Kane for winning the rubbish bin competition. Please make sure that you keep the lids closed and put your rubbish in the bin! Thank you to Shane Graham for transferring the original designs into this amazing piece of work for our school. The original pieces are proudly on display in the front office.



Run Club:



Every Friday Lunchtime, Courtney, Isabella N, Isla and Bu Haintz lead 'Run Club'. Some of our activities have included ladder running, obstacle courses, balls games and fun. We love seeing the smiles on kids' faces every week. We meet at the back of the oval and everyone is welcome! Tell your friends.

Kind regards,
Courtney, Isabella N and Isla.

Solar Panels:

Over the next few weeks some of our new portables are going to have some solar panels installed. The panels may take a few days to install. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

New enrolments for 2020:

Please remind your family and friends that if they are planning to enrol at Mickleham Primary School for 2020 now is the time to complete your enrolment forms.



Nude Food Day:

From next Thursday our school is trialling a 'Nude Food Day' for the term. This has been suggested by Kailea in Grade 4 to help our environment. Nude food means that any food brought from home should not be in a wrapper. There will be more information in the next newsletter and at assembly. Thank you for your support.

Enjoy your week!

Sue Crispe – Principal and Emma Fuller – Assistant Principal