

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers,

The 10 weeks of Term 1 have flown by and it is hard to believe that we are finishing up this week. What a term it has been!

SENIOR SCHOOL MARKET DAY

Yesterday on a beautiful autumn morning, the Year 5 & 6 senior students held their Market Day. This day was a huge success, with students researching, developing, budgeting, marketing, producing and selling a variety of products and activities. This was also a great opportunity for all students in the Junior and Middle school to shop around to get the best value for their \$5 spending money. Congratulations to our senior school students and staff on an outstanding Market Day. Not only did I have fun throwing basketballs, and taking photos, I got a chance to purchase some delicious morning tea and raise money for the schoolyard improvement program!

Breaking news!! The Senior School Market Day raised just over \$2,950.00! We will be seeking feedback from the children early next term on how they would like to spend this money to improve the school yard.

STAFFING TERM 2

We say a fond farewell and good luck to Mrs Lauren McIlroy who will be taking Family Leave from week 2 of next term and a warm welcome to Ms Cordelia Prowd who will be taking MAL during Mrs McIlroy's leave.

Mrs Angela Stoller will be taking Long Service Leave for term 2, with Mrs Susan Procter taking her class.

2019 SCHOOL COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS

Last week the 2019 School Council held its Annual General Meeting to elect Office Bearers.

I would like to congratulate Tony Walker on his appointment as our new School Council President and Ben Kuffer as our Vice President. Keep an eye on Kalori next term for profiles of all School Council members.

DOGS IN THE SCHOOL YARD

This is a timely reminder to all dog owners in our learning community that dogs are not permitted on the school site during school hours. This is for health and safety reasons, as some children are allergic to dogs, and some dogs leave behind an unexpected mess that needs to be cleaned up before children can safely play in the yard. I am a dog owner myself and love dogs; this is not about the dogs but about the health and safety of all our students. As a school, we welcome parents and carers to arrange with their child's teacher to bring in a new puppy or dog, but we ask that the dog come onto the premises on a leash and that any mess created by the dog is the owner's responsibility.

VANDALISM ON WEEKENDS AND DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Over the past few weekends, we have had a lot of rubbish and broken glass in the schoolyard. If you are around on the weekend or over the school holidays, feel free to bring your children in to play in the yard. Experience tells me, the more people we have popping in and out over the holiday period, the less vandalism we have in the schoolyard. Remember, if you can see them, they can see you! If you do see someone vandalising the school do not approach them directly but ring 000 immediately.

Thank you everyone for your support in helping to keep our school a safe and beautiful environment.

As this is the final Kalori for the term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful holiday and enjoy your Easter break with your family!

Kind regards,

Julie O'Brien - Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

DEVELOPMENTAL PLAY SHED

Our DPS has opened again recently and already our students are enjoying fun-filled days using the equipment. The Year 6 leaders are doing a great job of organising the shed.

We can always do with more donations, especially: costumes/dress-ups, chalk, trucks & cars, old instruments.



NEW STUDENT MORNING TEA

Last Tuesday we welcomed our new students in Years 1-6 with a lovely morning tea. The students shared with Mrs O'Brien their thoughts about the school and how they have settled in. Overall they have settled in well and here are some of the positives they shared about our school!

- The big playground
- The expensive musical instruments
- More people so more people to make friends with
- More challenging maths
- More space in the playground
- Teachers are kind people
- Making choices in maths to be challenged
- Music is fun and looking forward to learning the recorder
- I really like Art and inquiry
- I enjoy French because you get to learn a language
- Working on the market day stall – collecting information



Peita Cooper - Assistant Principal

MOUNT ELIZA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Julie O'Brien

PRESIDENT: Tony Walker

VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Kuffer

SECRETARY: Peita Cooper

TREASURER: Melissa Wisniewski

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Alfred Basa, Jane Buchanan, Anthony Edgar, Adam Hanley, Kath Judkins, Matthew Purvis, Zara Lasater

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES: Renee Derriman, Anna Hendrey

COMMUNITY MEMBER: Paula Mogg

PE NEWS

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday 28th March, Nina F, Ellie R, Mila P and Olivia A competed at the Regional Swimming Championships at MSAC. The girls did a fantastic job, finishing the Girls 12/13 4 x 50m freestyle relay race in third position.

Thank you to the parents who drove and supported our team. Well done Girls!



DISTRICT TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

I would like to acknowledge Sam from 6P on representing our school at the District Tennis Championships last week.

Sam did a fantastic job competing against opponents who play in a higher division than him. He never gave up and did himself as well as our school proud. Well done Sam.

BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU CHAMPION

Amelie of Year 6E trains in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu three times a week - her dedication to this sport is outstanding. She has been training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for 2 years and prior to this she was training in Aikido. As Amelie is smaller than most others in her chosen sport, she is required to use the right techniques to overcome bigger opponents.

On 16 March, Amelie participated in a tournament and won first place, beating four other kids including one boy. She was super proud of herself.

“Hello, I’m Amelie from 6E. On 16 March, I placed first in a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu competition. I have been training in martial arts since I was 6. I first started in Aikido which is a form of Japanese Jiu-Jitsu. I trained in Aikido for 2.5 years then started Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu means “the gentle art”. I have been in several competitions and have placed second in all those but this time I placed first. I train 3 times a week and I try my best in each lesson. I was very determined, and I tried my hardest at this competition and I won.”

Well done Amelie. We are very proud of your achievements.





ART & DESIGN SHOW

The annual Mount Eliza Art Show will be held on the 25th to 27th October this year and although the art show is a while away we have started the initial preparations.

As you are aware the art show is a major fundraising event for the school each year and it all starts with our sponsors and donors. We have a broad range of businesses within the parent community, many of whom have contributed to the art show each year. This is greatly appreciated and it is wonderful to see this level of support from within our community.

Before going out to local businesses we would like to offer you the opportunity to use the show to market your business and products/services. We offer a range of sponsorship packages that will provide visibility and marketing of your company and are always happy to discuss ways in which you can be included if these are not suitable.

If sponsorship is not your thing perhaps you are able to donate a product or service to the various auctions or raffle we hold on the weekend. Alternatively you may be able to provide items that will help in running the show, for example; fresh food and meat, soft drinks and juice, cool rooms, printing and plants. Anything you think may help we would love to hear about.

We will be holding a cheese and wine evening on 16 May from 7.30pm at school for those who have some time and could help in the lead up to the show. We appreciate that time is precious so will endeavour to keep all tasks to a manageable size (i.e. have more tasks but smaller in size). This should hopefully allow more parents to contribute without having to commit more than you want to – even a small amount of time can be truly valuable and helpful in preparing for the show.

Feel free to contact the school or Paula Mogg on 0402 679 115 with any questions or comments.

Many thanks in advance and we look forward to another great year of art,

2019 Mount Eliza Art Show Committee

PARENT NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Dear Mrs O'Brien,

Just wanted to say how impressed I was with Market Day yesterday.

I had no idea what a huge event this is. The amount of work by the students, teachers and school was amazing.

My children have learnt so many new ideas, from product development and manufacturing to advertising and selling. They also got to practise many skills, such as organisational, business and social skills.

The day was another example of what a fabulous school we have. In particular, we are so lucky to have the teachers we do. I am very appreciative of their hard work.

Many thanks,

Senior School Parent

Good evening Mrs O'Brien,

I just wanted to acknowledge the great activities the students have been involved in the past few weeks (in particular this week).

There has been a focus on market day today which both my children really enjoyed, however I wanted to express my thanks to the staff in particular Miss Wardley and the middle school staff and Miss Meyer and the staff working in her pod.

Tuesday afternoon I was fortunate to be able to spend time in the 4A classroom and see the pride on my son's face as he showed me his group product presentation and it was lovely to see how he was equally interested in showing me the other groups product creations as well.

While product presentations were happening in the middle school my daughter was given the opportunity to be involved in the Science Fair in MAR, MAL, MAC and MAK classrooms. She really enjoyed the four experiments rating the popcorn making as her favourite. A special mention to Miss Meyer for creating oobleck with 6-8 year olds, that's true dedication!

I am so grateful to the staff at MENPS for creating such engaging and stimulating activities for our children.

Wishing you all a well-deserved term break and a Happy Easter.

With kind regards,

A very grateful parent.

SENIOR SCHOOL MARKET DAY



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL NEWS

EARTH HOUR

On Thursday the 28th of March, Mount Eliza North Primary School observed Earth hour. We turned all lights off and used no electricity between 2:40 and 3:30pm. Thank you to all teachers and students who participated in Earth hour.

We were one of 29,000 schools to participate globally. Observing Earth hour is important because it raises awareness about how much energy we use and its effects on the environment.

By Eden 6E

FREE DRESS DAY

Our first SRC fundraiser for 2019 is a 'Free Dress Day'. See flyer below for more information.

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

On Monday 29th April the SRC will be hosting a special assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day

2019 Mount Eliza North Primary School SRC



2019 SRC FUNDRAISER
FREE DRESS DAY - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

Children can make a gold coin donation to come to school dressed in casual clothes for the day.

To make it a little more fun feel free to accessorise with an Easter touch!
(not compulsory)

Money raised goes to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Thanks for joining in!

School banking at MENPS every Wednesday.

Our Piggy Saver account is the perfect way to start your kids saving. You'll also be helping the school and our local community. If MENPS can open 50 new accounts at the Mt Eliza Community Bank* Branch we'll be able to increase our sponsorship contribution.

Drop into our Mt Eliza branch in the Ritchies Village, 89 Mt Eliza Way or phone 9787 1224. You can open your PiggySaver account today with as little as one dollar.

ID required: passport or birth certificate + Medicare card for children. Drivers' licence or passport for parents.

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LOTE NEWS

What a great term of language learning!

Thank you to my Multiage helpers who collected bags when the Year 6 LOTE Captains were busy.

The Senior students have embraced the learning of German with eagerness and the Years Prep to 4 students are continuing their studies with equal enthusiasm.

HARMONY WEEK – March 18 to 23

This was a great time to explore our multi-cultural world and traditions. Here are our discussion points and activities...

MULTIAGE - CAPE OF RESPECT

What is respect? What is harmony?

What can I do today to promote HARMONY in my world?

YEAR 3 – WHAT IS HARMONY?

Y chart what does harmony look, sound and feel like?

YEAR 4 – MENDHI

Why do people from a range of cultures decorate their bodies? What is the Indian (Hindu) custom of henna hand painting?

YEAR 5 – MIGRATION CHATTERBOX

What does the word culture mean to you? What are the barriers for understanding?

YEAR 6 - MENDHI

An introduction to the Indian custom of henna hand painting and an opportunity to have a go.....a great activity on the Friday after Year 6 camp

MASTERCLASSES

Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to come into school to participate in a masterclass. If you would like to be involved, please contact me, Rachel Kirby by Gmail: kirbyr.menps@gmail.com

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday.

Rachel Kirby - LOTE Specialist Teacher



WALK-A-THON CIRCUIT CHALLENGE The children had a great time undertaking various activities last Friday at this years Walk-a-thon Circuit Challenge. A huge thank you to the school leaders, parent helpers and all those who came along to watch.

Please continue to support your children to raise fundraising dollars over the school holidays. Money due back Wednesday 24th April.

EASTER SNACK DAY A reminder that Easter Snack is this Friday 5th April. Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help deliver delicious hot cross buns and gingerbread bunnies on the day.

TRIVIA NIGHT Tickets are on sale for the Bogan Trivia Night to be held on Saturday 25th May. Get some friends together to make up a table or make some new friends on the night see flyer in this newsletter for details on how to book.

CAN YOU HELP? We still need to fill the role of Secretary for the PFA committee. Role includes attending meetings (1-2 per term), writing up meeting agenda and completing minutes. Please contact the school if you can help. The committee is keen to provide support to anyone interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS Next term will see another Hot Dog Day and an Election Day sausage sizzle. We are in need of coordinators to run both these events. The committee have detailed coordinator notes and will provide support with running of these events. Please contact the school if you can help.

2019 PFA Committee

2019 WALK-A-THON CIRCUIT CHALLENGE



MENPS **BOGAN** **TRIVIA** **NIGHT**

SATURDAY 25 MAY 2019

**Channel your inner 80's bogan and enjoy a night of trivia,
rock music, bad fashion, prizes and lots of laughs.**

Doors open 6.30pm - Trivia starts @ 7:30pm
Mt Eliza North Primary School - Multipurpose Room

Tickets: \$30 each

BYO alcohol/drinks and food/nibbles platter
to share with your friends, gold coins for games.

Get a team together, up to 8 -10 per table or join a team.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS @ www.trybooking.com/BBRLT

MOUNT ELIZA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2019

	1 2.30 PM Citizenship Assembly & Year 6 Leaders Badge Presentation		3 Senior School Market Day		5 SRC Free Dress Day PFA Easter Snack Day LAST DAY TERM 1 2.30 PM FINISH	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 TERM 2 START	24 Multitage Cross Country	25 ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	26	27
28	29	30 Yr 3S & 3B State Library Excursion				

MAY 2019

			1 Yr 3T & 3G State Library Excursion	2	3 House Cross Country Yrs 3-6	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 PFA Mothers Day Stall	11
12	13 Yr 4 State Library Excursion Multitage Cultural Infusion Incursion	14 Yr 4 State Library Excursion NAPLAN	15 NAPLAN	16 Art Show Meeting Wine & Cheese Night 7.30pm NAPLAN	17 NAPLAN	18
19	20	21 CURRICULUM DAY	22 Year 6 Media Road Show	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Grandparents Morning & Open Night	31	

JUNE 2019

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9	10 QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Semester 1 Reports	26 Parent-Teacher Interviews	27	28 LAST DAY TERM 2 2.30PM FINISH	29
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DATES FOR 2019

TERM DATES

Term 1: *29* January (Teachers start) to 5 April

Term 2: 23 April to 28 June

Term 3: 15 July to 20 September

Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

*See next column for student start date

SPECIAL DATES/CURRICULUM DAYS

29 January - Statewide Curriculum Day

30 January - Mount Eliza North PS Curriculum Day

31 January - Students Year 1-6 Commence Term 1

4 February - Preps commence half days

25 February - Preps commence normal school days

15 March - Mount Eliza North PS Curriculum Day

21 May - Mount Eliza North PS Curriculum Day