

THE MAHOGANY TIMES

Football news

I have kept a lid on the marching and rampaging Richmond team this year but the lid is about to come off as we face the Cats this Friday night. We haven't beaten them in 11 years so this week presents as the best chance in a long time. I will be attending the match all ruffed up and hoping for a Tiger win. Go Tigers!!



Naplan results

Students in year 3 and 5 will have received their Naplan results in the mail earlier this week. There was some real standout results for some students and overall we were pleased with the progress shown by both cohorts of students in year 3 and 5. We were also pleased with the growth that students had shown between year 3 and 5. We had an outstanding result in Numeracy with our students operating at or above the State level which for us is a huge achievement.

Incursions

This week we had an African drumming session with the whole school. It was really well received and the students had a blast.

School review

We have completed the first phase of our school review and we await the written report which should be presented to School council early in Term 4. It is always a good opportunity to reflect upon what has worked well and what may need to be looked at to improve the learning outcomes for all students.

Term 3

The term is fast coming to a close and school will finish at 2.30 on Friday 22nd September

2018 – students

We are beginning to plan for 2018 and we are still looking for more students to enrol in our school for next year. If you know of anyone who has school age students then encourage them to come along and have a look at the school and check out all the wonderful educational programs that are running in the school.

Lets Chat program

A big thank you to Liz Smith and Shannon Jackson for running the Let's Chat program at school on Saturday mornings. There is another program running next term that will be in school time. The feedback has been very positive for the one running presently so for parents of pre school children it is an opportunity to brush up on some skills associated with speaking and listening and reading.

Principal for a day

This year we are participating in the principal for a day event and Ms Kylee Bates who is CEO of the Ardoch foundation was sitting in my chair yesterday.



Edward Jake Tyler
Jayce Hunter Tiffany

Attendance	Week 7	Week 8
P/1S	88.8	84
1/2S	87.5	89.16
2/3K	90.54	82.75
3/4S	84.61	79.23
5/6H	85.71	88.57

Important Dates

9th Sept– Lets Chat 10-11am
01s/12s/23k Swimming Sept 11th-15th
14th Sept Parents & Friends 9am
15th Sept Polyglot Performance 5-7
34s/56h Swimming Sept 18th-22nd
Sept 22nd Last Day Term 3, 2.30 Finish

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Just when we thought Term 3 might be the 'quiet term', we've found out that it has been far from that. 34S started off this term by travelling into Melbourne City to attend the DOXA city camp, where students had an amazing time visiting some of Melbourne's famous landmarks while also tasting some of the most delicious foods that our great city has to offer. Whilst we were in the city we had 4 members from our class attend the overseas India Trip. Tegan, Rhome, Caitlan and Ellenoi had a wonderful time experiencing a completely different culture while also visiting some of the most fascinating landmarks in the world, including the Taj Mahal.

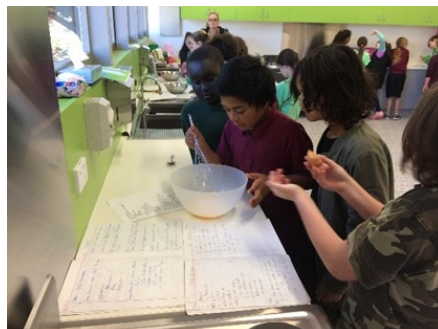
In the Classroom we have been feverishly learning about how to count change from simple transactions to the nearest 5 cents whilst also working hard at our individualised CAFÉ reading goals. In writing, students have written a number of different procedural texts, with their favourite being how to make pancakes.... I'm sure from the photos you can tell that they all had an amazing time.

As well as all of this we have been competing in the interschool sports against our neighbouring schools with some impressive contributions from our students in the football, tea ball and netball teams.

Fortnightly on a Friday afternoon we have continued to learn and experiment in our science lessons at Monterey Secondary College. We have learnt how to make Playdough, Oobelik, Volcanic Eruptions, Bubbles and so much more..... We've also made an awful mess in the laboratory on more than one occasion.

Some of our brightest maths students have had the chance to participate in our Advanced Mathematics program run by a retired university professor John. As well as this, we have enjoyed participating in Science Week, Book Week, Literacy Week and also our visit to the Life Education Van. To top it all off some of our students were selected to join the group that headed to the Melbourne Show Grounds where they were able to trial and take home some of this year's show bags. If you were lucky you may have even seen some of us on the news.

This term we have started awarding Pen Licences for those who have shown that they can consistently write neatly on the appropriate lines, spaced evenly and slope letters to the right. Well done on all of those students who have received their licences so far, Mrs Williams and I are on the lookout to present more before the end of the year. As well as this we still have swimming lessons and a trip to the Melbourne Museum to learn about Australia's First Peoples before we finish the term. Keep working hard 34S, you're doing yourselves proud!!!



Parents & Friends Update

Next Parents and Friends Meeting is on Thursday 14 September at 9am in the Staff Room. All Welcome!

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our book fair this year. We sold over \$1,000 worth of books and earned \$400 in resources for our students, classrooms and library!

Footy Parade & Special Lunch

Wednesday 20th September

On Wednesday 20th September we will be holding our annual school Footy Parade. All students are encouraged to wear their teams' colours on the day, and we would love to have parents and families join in too!

We will be offering a special lunch order on the day with a hot dog and drink. More details and a lunch order form will be sent home next week.



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you for supporting our Father's Day Stall, we sold \$600 worth of presents for our dads and other special people!

Thank you to Kelly, Fafo and Becc for helping on the day!



The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion ends in 2 weeks! Until 19th September you can collect one Earn & Learn sticker for every \$10 spent at any Woolworths store. Place the stickers on a sheet and drop into the green collection box in our school office – we will also accept loose stickers – if you need a new sheet we have more at the office. This is a fantastic way for us to earn some new equipment for our school.

Mahogany Rise Primary School and sixteen schools within the Northern peninsula have been lucky enough to participate in the Training and facilitation of the Let's Chat™ program. The Let's Chat™: Building Early Oral Literacy Program is designed for early childhood teachers and educators to run a series of four information sessions with parents and careers. The aim of the parent/ career sessions is to enhance the knowledge and skills of parents and careers to build the early oral literacy skills of their children, before they commence school. Sessions are designed to run for around one hour, with flexibility for each parent group.

When children commence school with good oral literacy skills it is easier for them to learn to read and write later. The parent workshop facilitators will support parents to turn book reading, conversations and everyday routines in opportunities to build early literacy skills.

On Saturday the 26th of August 2017, Mahogany Rise Primary school had its first Let's Chat™ session. We had a range of parents from the Mahogany Rise Primary school family but also had families from other schools and kindergartens within the area. Elizabeth Smith classroom teacher from Mahogany Rise said "there is a real buzz in the air with the new program and it is fantastic to see families wanting to improve their children's oral language skills." Mahogany Rise Primary School will be undertaking a second four week program in Term four starting on Wednesday the 25th of October from 1:30pm to 2:30pm



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