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# MAHOGANY

#### TIMES

## From the Principal

#### Indian visitors

We have had a wonderful time over the last 2 weeks with our hosting of our friends from Madurai and the Adhyapana School. It is a huge undertaking to travel overseas with students but the learnings that come from such an experience are lifelong and bring many positive outcomes. It

is still a learning journey for all of us and that goes to our host families as well who did a wonderful job of looking after our guests.

The feedback from the teachers who came with the students has been very positive and Yamini, the visiting Principal was extremely pleased with all that took place

and was very grateful and thankful for all the care and support that everyone showed and received. The students on their return to Madurai have been saying what a wonderful enriching experience they have had. Well done to everyone who made it all possible and we are now in the planning stages for our students to visit Madurai in August.

#### Prep information night

We are beginning to plan for 2019 and to get it underway we are having our first Prep info night on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm. Flyers are being delivered to all houses in Frankston North and we have more to distribute to local agencies. If you think you could distribute some then come to the office or see Jess to take some to hand out.



We have signed up to Schools Plus which is a tax deductible organisation for schools to be able to gain funds from individuals or companies which may want to donate to a worthy cause. We have registered the lunchtime program as one that needs support to cover some of the costs that are associated with it. We went live on the site last week and we have already

gained nearly \$3000 in donations. This is really good for us. If you know of anyone that would like to make a tax deductible donation to our school then direct them to the following link <u>https://www.schoolsplus.org.au/</u> and look for Mahogany Rise.







#### Assembly

Assembly will now be run on a fortnightly basis.

They will be held on Monday afternoons and it is an open invitation for parents and friends to come along and hear and see what is happening at school.

The next couple of assembly dates are: Week 5 (May 14th) Week 7 (May 28th)



Tyler (Prep) James (3/4F) James (5/6S) Dallas (4/5R) Lachlan (2/3S)

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# From the Principal NAPLAN

The national testing program starts next week and we have been preparing the students for the tests. The students have been doing a wonderful job in

the preparation time and we are really pleased the way they have participated in the trials. They are all ready and well prepared. As parents just be aware that there doesn't need to be any change in the routines for students at home. A good night's sleep is always advisable however to make them ready for the days ahead.



The tests will be done on Tuesday morning at 9.15 and 10.15. Wednesday at 9.15 and Thursday at 9.15. Getting students here on time is essential so could parents please make sure that all year 3 and 5 students are here on time on those days next week.

### Mother's Day stall

Well done and a big thank you to all of the parents that helped set up, buy goods and then sell items from the Mother's day stall on Wednesday. It was a huge hit with the students and the stall raised over \$500.



#### **Congratulations Zoe**

Congratulations to Zoe Day who has received an amazing milestone in her Scouting journey. Zoe has earned the Joey Scout Promise Challenge. To

attain the top award in each of the five sections in scouting reflects initiative in tackling this challenge, sustained effort over many months and year, plus self-discipline, teamwork, and leadership. Only a small percentage reach this level. These are the top achievers among Scouting's 47 million members globally. It is always exciting to learn of the extra-curricular achievements of students from Mahogany Rise Primary School. Great work Zoe!





#### Facebook

Follow us on Facebook to get up to date information and to see what the students are doing.

www.facebook.com/ MahoganyRisePrimaryS <u>chool/</u>

#### What has been happening in 1/2H



#### Ballet

Every Tuesday morning 1/2H have been working with the Australian Ballet company. We have been developing our listening skills and posture, whilst learning to move across a stage.

Each week we have been creating our own dances with the help of the dancers and the music that they provide. We have had great fun and learnt lots of different team games.











#### 1/2H in the classroom

We have been very busy practicing our Maths skills on the computer using Mathletics.

We have started exploring Ancient Egypt, learning to write our names in hyroglifics and building our own square based pyramid using a net. We cut, coloured and glued to transform the flat 2D piece of paper into a 3D pyramid.





#### Life Education Van

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May we had the privilege of having the Life Education Van at our School. Each level of the school covered different areas of the human body. The foundation students learnt about hygiene, nutrition, physical activity and safety. The Year 1 and 2's went a step further and focused on the benefits of healthy eating, physical activity and how our bodies react in different situations. The Year 3 and 4 students completed the Mind your Medicine unit which comprised of exploring medicines and how they help and affect the body and why some people need them. The two senior classes explored the 'Think Twice' unit which covered a range of issues around social, legal and physical consequences of alcohol consumption.

All students had a great time learning more about the Human Body, which is coincidentally our major focus for HADIL this term. If you don't know, HADIL stands for, Holistic Approach to Developing Individual Leaners. In this HADIL subject we will be spending an hour a week for the rest of Term 2 learning about the human body, how it works, how to look after it, how it changes etc.



'I liked learning about how alcohol and cigarettes impact the body and my favourite part was working in groups to work out situations where alcohol can be used safely and of course seeing Harold' Tegan Taylor 5/6S

'I enjoyed learning about how alcohol affects the body. I liked playing the games linked to the topic and seeing Harold' Nevaeh Fetoai 5/6S



'I learnt the process of how alcohol impacts on my body and I enjoyed seeing one of my class mates (Rhome) kiss Harold the giraffe' Josh Lane



#### Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Mahogany Rise Primary School is excited to be participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or



'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school. To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

# TRANSITIONS

## TRY A TRADE - TERM 2







#### MAKE A CUSHION USING FELT APPLIQUE

Cost \$10-

After school refreshments included

Starts Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm - 5.15pm

For grade 5/6/7



Dates as follows: 15<sup>th</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>TH</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> June

\*Pls note there will be no session on Tuesday 12 th June

(Children to wait out front after home time bell for bus collection)

A bus will transport your child from your primary school to Monterey Secondary College

Parents to collect child from Monterey Secondary College by 5.30pm

outside Front Admin decking area

THE AIM OF THIS ACTIVITY IS TO EXPOSE YOUR CHILD TO NEW SKILLS AND POTENTIALLY GROW AN INTEREST FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

If you are interested and would like a form please see Amy in the office or Mr Shanks (5/6 Teacher)

