

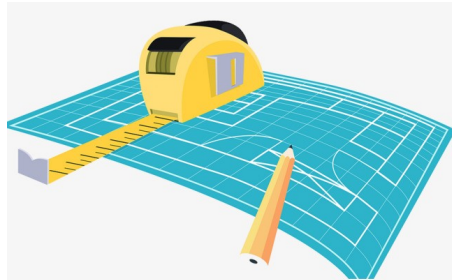
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From the Principal—John Culley

Building Plans

There are plans currently being drawn up for what our school will look like after the upgrade. The process is moving very quickly and I am hopeful that we will have some plans to share before the end of this term. The architects are working very hard to get the plans finalised and our discussions are very fruitful and I'm sure we are going to be all very excited when the new plans are made public.



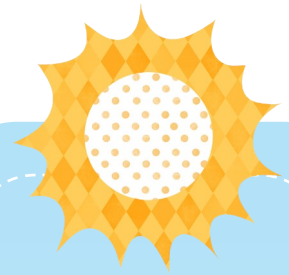
Overseas Learning

Our students and staff did an amazing job whilst they were away in India and they all should be congratulated for the way in which they represented Mahogany Rise and their families. It was an amazing experience for them all and one which they will remember for the rest of their lives. The plans for Europe are taking shape and final planning is underway for the trip in late October.



Attendance

Our attendance rate this year has shown some improvement up till this point of the year. It is now part of the school requirements that if your child is absent from school without the school being informed that we are required to ring and check to see where or why your child is not at school. The office will be giving you a call and it is part of what we are required to do by law now.



Assembly

Our assemblies run on a fortnightly basis.

They will be held on Monday afternoons at 2:30pm and it is an open invitation for parents and friends to come along.

The upcoming dates are:
Week 8: 3rd September
Week 10: 17th September



Jake (4/5R)
Brody (Prep)
Noah (1/2H)

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Prep Transition

We are on the lookout for more Preps for next year so encourage friends to come along to our transition program, which has started on Wednesday afternoons. Contact the office for more details if required.



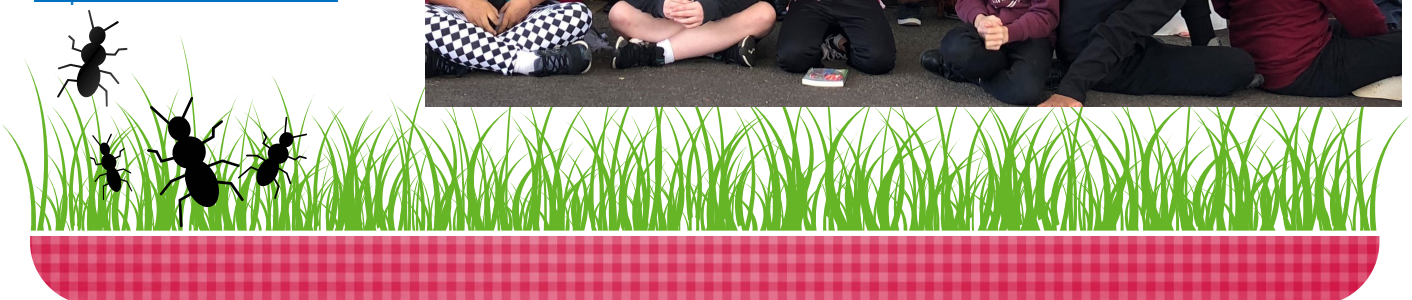
NAPLAN

The results for Naplan should be arriving any day so the long wait for year 3 and 5 students will be over.



Book Parade

Well done to all of the students and staff who decked themselves out in their favourite book character. It was a spectacular parade and well done to Belinda Tonkin for organising the parade and prizes.



What has been happening in 5/6S

Literacy Buddies

For the past 6 months our students have participated in the Literacy Buddies program, which is Ardoch's highly successful letter writing program that gives businesses and workplaces an opportunity to engage with children in disadvantaged communities and help improve their learning outcomes.

The program matches a class of approximately 25 students (called 'Little Buddies') from one of our partner schools with volunteers (called 'Big Buddies') from a business or a workplace. The Buddies exchange monthly letters and meet twice a year, once at the school and once at the workplace.

The program is designed to give the children a real life context to practice their writing and composition skills. The exchange is also aimed at building the aspirations of the children by bringing them in contact with successful working role models, which they may lack in their immediate surroundings.

Literacy Buddies promotes:

- literacy, social and life skills of the children
- strong relationships between Big and Little Buddies
- school-study-work pathways and aspirations of the participating children
- team building and community awareness among volunteers connections between schools and local communities and businesses

This week we had our big buddies come and visit us at Mahogany Rise. This visit involved engaging in some get to know you activities which included: two truths and one lie, a people search and an A-Z hunt around the school. We were also lucky enough to eat a refreshing light lunch prepared by our amazing chef Mel! All the students and their big buddies had an amazing time and are looking forward to catching up again in Term 4 when the Mahogany Rise students will have the chance to visit their big buddies at their workplace at the Docklands.



5/6S Continued

Project C

Our class is also currently involved in Project C who are running a 7-week program where students participate in creative exploration through visual and performing arts (Music, Dance, Drama and Animation). Although Project C offers professional input and teaches new skills, student creativity is placed at the center. This is a student led learning experience, so each student has the opportunity to try each art form and learn new skills along the way. At the end of this program we will conduct a performance event where staff, parents, family and their wider communities are invited to watch what the students have created over the program. This performance will be held on **Thursday 13th of September at 6.00pm at Monterey Secondary College**. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there!



Kids on Track

Kids on track is already into its 6th week this Term. Kids on track aims to give students the ability to learn positive behaviours in themselves and others, and the skills to make better informed choices so they have the opportunity for a better future. Students have so far looked at different types of families, building trust, bullying, peer pressure and learning how to deal with anger. While we were learning about anger we were able to engage in martial arts therapy. Whilst some of the content has been challenging for us all it has been well worthwhile and we are looking forward to what comes next over the ensuing weeks.



Trivia Night

Since 2013, students at Mahogany Rise Primary School have been involved in Overseas Learning Experiences. This year Mahogany Rise will be sending 2 groups of students on an experience of a lifetime. 1 group of students will be visiting Europe and another group are off to India. We ask that you come along to our trivia night for a fun filled night and a great opportunity to help raise money for these students to attend.

When: Saturday 15th September

Where: Monterey Secondary College L Block

BYO Food and Drink of choice (Tea and Coffee Provided). This is an 18+ event. Organise a team of 10 or let us allocate you to a team. \$10 per person. Please see or call Shannon in the office to book a table.



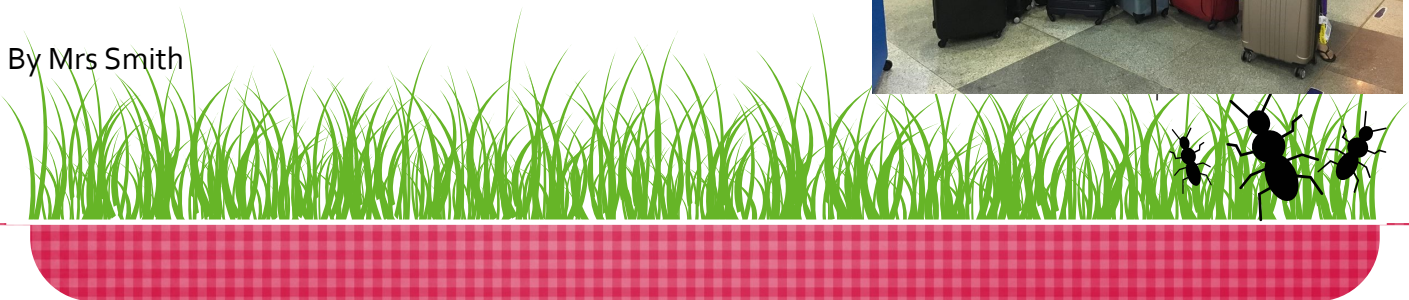
India - A trip to remember

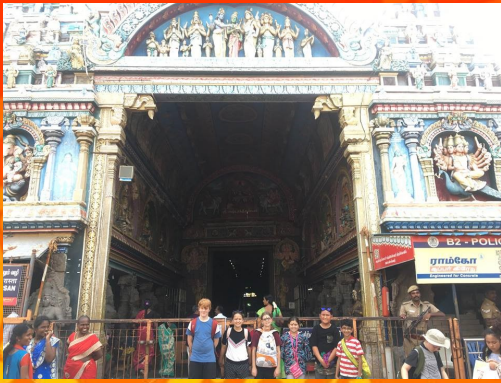
The students from Mahogany Rise Primary school and staff clearly had an amazing time traveling the world during the past ten days visiting India. Other students from Monterey Secondary and Kananook Primary School joined the students with visits to Old Delhi, New Delhi, Agra, the Taj Mahal, the Red Fort and school days at Adhyapana school.

The students highlight was staying with their host families in Madurai and making many new friendships that will last a life time. The families did everything possible to make the students feel comfortable and provided students with many experiences. As well as the students taking planes, and buses, the students had the opportunity to take a ride in a rickshaw along the streets of Old Delhi, working their ways through traffic, cows, and pedestrians. Many of the students said this was the scariest thing they had ever done. It was very much an adrenaline rush.

The students from Mahogany Rise Primary school did an amazing job at representing our school community and should be very proud of their behaviour and the way they took on all the challenges within the time they were away. Thank you Alyssa Arama, Damien Cunningham, Dineth Hettiarachchi, Maya Pantic, Misty Edmunds, and Teono Pokia. A massive thank you to Shannon Jackson for the support she showed the students whilst in India and all her help in organising the international travel. The learning experience would not have taken place if it was not for all the organisation and support by Jess Normington, Thank you Jess.

By Mrs Smith





India Trip 2018

