

MAHOGANY TIMES

From the Principal—John Culley

Long Lunch

We had a very successful Christmas long lunch and a big thank you to Carmen's for their continuing support of such an event. It is a great sight having the whole school sitting down to a hot Christmas lunch and for the teachers to be serving the meal.

We had some special guests that included Mr Paul Edbrooke who is our local member for Frankston.



End of year arrangements

We will be finishing early on the last day of the term this coming Friday. School will finish at 1.30. We will be having an assembly at 1.15 to draw the raffle, so make sure you come along to collect your prize.



Start of school year

2019 is not far away and our school year will commence on Thursday 31st January. Staff will be returning on Tuesday 29th January and we will be having 2 days of professional development to start the year. Foundation students will commence on Friday 1st February and will be here full time from then on.



Before and after school care

We are in the process of arranging to have the before and after school care program operate from Mahogany Rise at the beginning of the new school year. If it is all signed off and ready we will commence on the first day. If it has not been signed off on then the usual arrangements will be maintained until it is able to start here.



End of year assembly

On Friday 21st December the Christmas raffle will be drawn at 1.15pm before the students are dismissed at 1.30pm.

New Staff

We are very excited to announce the new leading teacher for next year is Michael Smethurst. The three new classroom teachers are Mersaedes O'Neil, Jane Gunstone and Ashleigh Sneddon. We look forward to working with them all in the new year!



Rylee (2/3S)
Alex (3/4W)
Mia (1/2H)
Kai (2/3S)
Conor (3/4W)
Lusia (3/4W)
Marima (5/6S)

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Xmas cheer

It has been another very successful year at Mahogany Rise and I want to thank all of the staff, students and parents who have made Mahogany Rise what it is this year. When we reflect on the amount of work and effort that has gone into the year it has been a massive achievement. Well done everyone. It is now time to take a break and enjoy the festive season with family and friends and recharge the batteries for the year ahead.



Attendance for the year

We have been pleased with most of our attendance data this year. We have had a high number of students 46% who have missed less than 10 days and another 33% who have missed less than 20 days of school. Our biggest improvement has come from students who have missed more than 20 days of school. Last year it was 31% of students and this year it has dropped to 22%. We all need to keep on ensuring that we make 2019 an even better year than this one.



Reports

Students have received all of their reports and parent/teacher interviews were on Monday evening. It was pleasing to see all of the positive comments from teachers about the growth that students have made over the last 12 months. Parents should be pleased with the attitude and commitment that students have shown to their learning this year.



Xmas raffle

Don't forget to purchase your xmas raffle tickets. There are plenty available and lots of really good prizes to be won.



Classes for 2019

The class lists and teachers for 2019 will be announced on the last day of the year. We are in the process of finalising staffing for 2019 and we will have interviews coming up this week. It is always a busy and hectic time of the year with last minute changes always on the cards.



Enrolments for next year

We are looking for more foundation students for next year and we have vacancies in every class so make sure if you have new neighbours arriving over Christmas that you tell them how wonderful Mahogany Rise is and to enrol their students here.





What is happening in 3/4W

It is quickly winding down to the end of the school year. There have been lots of exciting things that have happened over the course of the term in 3/4 W.

During ICT we have been working on our typing skills and using different computer programs, where we have consolidated what we have learnt in class.



Four of our students Zander, Lusia, Alice and Makaira were lucky enough to go to Europe and saw some amazing sights, had some wonderful experiences and came back with a different perspective on life.



The students showed enthusiasm during the Victoria's Cricket Blast program where they participated in skill development and learnt those skills associated with the sport; bowling, batting and catching.

The swimming program at PARC was met with enthusiasm and the students eagerly listened to their instructors as they worked on improving their skills and learning new ones.



The students have also worked on Persuasive writing and came up with some great reasons why a special person in their lives deserved their "Hero Award".



White Ribbon Event

The Student Representative Council were very busy organising a Free Dress Day on Friday 30th and specifically nominated giving the money raised to the White Ribbon organisation. In total the school raised \$130.75. The money raised will go towards helping stop family violence and prevention programs, as well as advocacy and support. This was in partnership with the event held on the same afternoon, which some students and staff were involved in. Thanks to all the donations given!!



Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.



Summer 2019

School holiday dates: 10am–4pm

Week 1: Mon 7th Tue 8th Wed 9th Thu 10th January

Week 2: Mon 14th Tue 15th Wed 16th Thu 17th January

Week 3: Mon 21st Tue 22nd Wed 23rd Thu 24th January

Cost: \$80.00 per day, or \$220 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days). Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary

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Open daily between 10am and 5pm



Frankston North Education Plan update

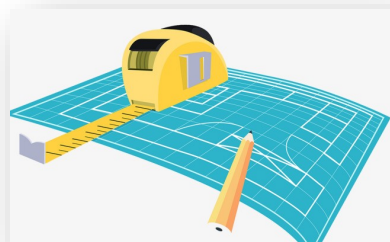
We're expecting some good news in the New Year, with the Department of Education preparing to release master plans detailing what local schools will gain from the Frankston North Education Plan.

This plan includes integrating early learning at Aldercourt and Mahogany Rise primary schools and creating a Centre of Excellence in sport and health sciences at Monterey Secondary College. It will bring great education benefits to our students, and new health and wellbeing services to their families.

Many of you will have participated in the community consultation last year that helped shape the planning, and we've been working with the architects since. We look forward to receiving the completed master plans soon, sharing these with you and outlining the next steps.

The Victorian Government invested \$15 million in the last State Budget to deliver the new facilities at Mahogany Rise and Monterey Secondary College, as well as planning and designing the Aldercourt early learning centre. They promised an additional \$11.2 million during the election campaign to build the Aldercourt early learning centre and a new competition-grade gym at Monterey Secondary College.

For further information, please see the [Victorian School Building Authority website](#)



Whole school beach day

On Wednesday the whole school had a fun day down at Frankston beach. The students loved participating in a range of activities from Touch Football, Beach Cricket, Sandcastle building, Beach Volleyball , Sand Races and Water play. Everyone enjoyed a yummy ham and cheese rolls for lunch. Thank you to everyone who helped out to make the day a fun and enjoyable one.



Whole School Long Lunch

On Friday 14th December the whole school sat down for a delicious roast lunch.

