

MWPS Newsletter

Resilience

Respect

Excellence

Pride

Thursday 10th December 2020

Pupil Free Day – Monday 14th

Teachers will be at school engaging in professional learning and planning for 2021.

Getting into the Christmas Spirit

The Grade 6 Student Leaders and their Prep buddies had lots of fun putting the tree up. Its looks grand!



School Reports

Reports will be sent home on **Wednesday 16th December**.

Our *End of Year Student Reports* look different this year. This report reflects the adjustments made to the amount of curriculum taught and the disruption caused by COVID-19.

Less curriculum was taught and the focus was predominantly English and Mathematics.

The Victorian Education Department has provided the guidelines for this Reporting process.

Teachers have been advised to report on three areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- The student, as a learner



We must also keep in mind the importance of each child's emotional wellbeing. They have been under immense pressure. Although academic progress is extremely important, this year it has been a challenge for everyone. Children and their families have done their very best.

If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher or myself.

Prep Parent Information 2021

We are conducting a Parent session next Tuesday 15th December.

- There will be a Q & A - 6.00 – 6.45pm
- Chats with teachers 6.45 – 7.45pm
- Venue: The School Library



This is an opportunity for parent/carers to ask any questions they may have and also a time to meet and chat with the 4 Prep teachers for 2021.



Second instalment for iPad Lease Payments

Now
OVERDUE

Reminder for all Grade 3 to 5 students, the second payment in 2020 for leased iPads is now **overdue!** Can parents/carers please make payment at the front office ASAP.

As stated in the lease agreement student will be unable to take their iPad home if payment is not made.

School Fees - Please finalise payment

A reminder that any outstanding school fees are due. I know it's been a challenging year for everyone. However, our school fees are important to our school because several programs and resources are purchased with this money. Our school provides a fantastic curriculum for our children and we do rely on the payment of the school fees.



Grade 6 Student Leaders Fundraiser – “Koalas Forever”

Each year, our team of G6 Student Leaders select a “cause” to support.

This year the team have identified the Koala as a worthy cause to donate funds to.

The students started this in March but it couldn't go ahead due to COVID. And then they tried again mid year but once again COULDN'T due to Remote Learning. Consequently, they are going to have the presentation and fundraiser next week.

The Student Leaders have learnt lots about the **Koala** and how the bushfires have had a huge impact on them.

On Wednesday 16th of December they will be presenting their information to all students at West.

They will also be selling:

- tickets to a raffle,
- badges
- icy poles

All proceeds will be donated to the World Wildlife Fund.

Please read the attached flyer, created by the G6 Student Leaders. These students have planned a Great session – lets support them by donating to an extremely worthy cause.



Oliver Edens receives SEAL Award

In 2020 Chaffey Secondary College introduced the Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL) for incoming Year 7 students. The SEAL program is an educational opportunity for those children capable of completing a more comprehensive and challenging secondary curriculum.

Chaffey is one of only forty schools to be fully accredited in Victoria and the only school in the Sunraysia region to offer this program for students.

The program caters for students who have above-average academic ability with a high level of commitment to their school work. Students who are suited to this program have great intellectual curiosity; a passion for learning both in and outside of the classroom; are able to working independently and as part of a team; and are excited to take on a challenge.

WHAT IS THE SEAL PROGRAM?

The Academy of Accredited SEAL Schools (TAASS) is a collective of like minded schools who strongly value Gifted Education in Victorian Government secondary schools. SEAL Academy schools offer engaging accelerated programs for their groups of gifted students.

The Accelerated Learning Program allows students to progress through their secondary education faster, by providing challenging learning experiences that are more tailored to the needs of talented learners. Enrichment is provided by broadening content, understanding, experience and skills to a level appropriate to the students' stages of development. Extension leads to in-depth study and the integration and application of knowledge at a deeper level.

To access the website click on the following link: <http://www.sealacademy.org.au/>



Chaffey Secondary College Principal Graeme Forrester presents SEAL Award to Oliver Edens

Student Banking

From Term 1, 2021 the Victorian Government has ceased school banking programs in Victorian government schools. As a result, the CommBank School Banking program will no longer operate at our school after the end of this term. If you are unsure of other methods of depositing to your child's account, please feel free to contact the Bank's general enquiries hotline on 13 2221 or alternatively visit your local CommBank branch.



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Important Dates

14th December

- Pupil free day
- 2021 Planning

15th December

- 2021 Prep parent information session (6.00pm)
- School council meeting

16th December

- Reports go home

18th December

- Last day term 4
- Early dismissal 1.30pm



WEST STAR



Class	West Star	Reason
Prep L	Jett Kozak	For being a risk taker with his writing and always trying his best!
Prep S	Oscar Southwell	For being an amazing learner and working hard to reach his goals.
Prep T	Jane Blackie	For being a great communicator and sharing her ideas and thinking with others
1A	Elias Irumva	For collaborating well with others and showing great teamwork skills.
1K	Eliane Irumva	For confidently sharing her thoughts in class discussions.
1/2A	Archie Torney	For working well with others in all areas
1/2S	Taliesha Wilson	For demonstrating excellent self-management skills at all times
2N	Chloe Bravin	For her teamwork and effort while coding Beebots. Fantastic work Chloe!
2R	Usman	For settling in and finding his voice in the classroom.
3K	Christopher Prum	For using student agency by asking for help when needed.
3N	Jye Alderton	For working hard on his assessments and having a great end of the year.
3/4L	Matthew Woodburn	For being a Risk-Taker in Maths and always trying his best!
4L	Sophia Brown	For working hard across all learning areas.
4T	Leila Philp	For working hard across all learning areas.
5E	Inara Talent	For being a Risk-Taker in Maths and always trying her best.
5S	Bella McTeare	For being a Thinker when making her migration news story and helping others with their own inquiry.
6M	Ruby Hancock	For having a fantastic attitude and taking pride in all that she does.
6T	Oliver Edens	For having a first class attitude to his learning
P.E	Aylah Ross	For always being a caring and principled member of all PE classes. Aylah loves her sport and is a wonderful role model for others.
Art	Dea Singh Paymana Poya	For great student agency and managing their learning
Music	Zara Safak	For bringing enthusiasm and a smile to Music every week.
RREP	Amelia Lanza Aaliyah Ellis- Evans	For being balanced and caring in the friendship Zone For being principled

Library Books

The library has now closed for student borrowing. We would love it if you could all have a look around your homes for any MWPS library books and return them to the school ASAP.

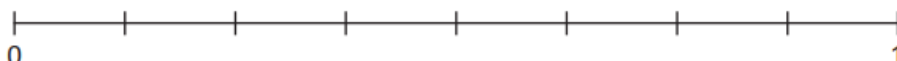


Maths Competition

Please write the correct answer, cut out and place the problem in the Maths Competition Box, located next to lost property in the office. You can complete the problem as a family or individual. The winner will be drawn at our school assembly and will win a prize from the principal's prize box!

Draw a line to match each of these fractions to the correct positions on the number line. Use the number lines at the top of the page to help you.

$\frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{1}{1}$ $\frac{1}{2}$



NAME _____ CLASS _____