Principal’s Messages

Middlemount Races

Thank you to everyone who helped fundraise at the Middlemount Races! It was a very successful day of fundraising for our school.

eKindy

The eKindy program is a comprehensive ‘at home’ kindergarten program for children in the year before Prep. The program is supported by a qualified early childhood teacher and covers 15 hours of Kindergarten for 40 weeks a year (school terms only). The program aligns with the early years learning framework and the Queensland kindergarten learning guideline. Information about eKindy (including eligibility criteria) and the waiting list form can be found on the eKindy web page.

https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx

School Opinion Survey

Two weeks ago a note went home with a link to the school opinion survey. This year the surveys are all completed online. Thank you too the parents who have already completed the surveys. If you did not get the chance to complete the survey, but would still like to, we have received and extension until the end of the week. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Attendance

Recent data has shown our school attendance to be sitting at less than 85%. As a school focus, we are aiming to have attendance rates at least 90%. Please remember to call or send a note if you child is going to be absent.

Clarke Creek Interschool Sport

Next Monday our school will be going on an excursion to Clarke Creek for an interschool sport day! We will be competing in two sports, Netball and Touch Football. If you would like to come along on the bus to support this event, you are welcome.
ABC Video

Two weeks ago we had a visit from Lisa Clarke who worked with the students to create a video about their friends. She taught the students about holding cameras and microphones and different ways that videos can be created. The students contributed in a range on and off camera, including talking about the topic, holding microphones and filming. The finished product now available at: https://open.abc.net.au/posts/best-friends-forever-90gh9kl

Words of The Week

Each week this term, we will have 3 focus words for our vocabulary development. This week’s words are:

- Thrilled—feeling very excited or pleased
- Toxic—poisonous; dangerous to life
- Tranquil—calm

Next week’s words will be:

- Unconvincing—doubtful; failing to convince another person
- Uncanny—being beyond what is ordinary or normal
- Unjust—unfair, undeserved, or dishonest; not just

Encourage you children to use these words in sentences and at home in their everyday language. The more extended and complex children’s vocabularies are, the higher the rates for reading success.
**Weekly You Can Do It Value**

This week’s ‘You Can Do It’ value focus is on confidence. During school students are continually faced with tasks that are difficult and can often question their abilities. It is important for all students to be confident and give it a go, rather than just not attempting because they think they can’t do it. Confidence means trying your best and having a positive attitude at school.

Regards,

Leah Mullane  
(Acting Principal)

**Other Messages**

Want to be a part of Mackenzie River State School’s history?

As many of you have seen at the school we have a walkway with the names of our families and staff over the years etched on pavers. If you would like to order a paver or double paver for the walkway, please contact the school for an order form.

**School Cleaner Applications Open**

The position of school cleaner is open for application. For further information and an application package, please contact the school on 4985 8155 or the.principal@mackrives.eq.edu.au. Applications close on Friday 8th August.
Awards!

Caden Torrisi— for being organised in class and working hard at tasks

Lachlan Frankish—for leading the organisation of the sports shed

Spelling Awards:
Week 2: Caden Torrisi, Gabby Torrisi
Week 3: Gabby Torrisi

Limerick Legend—Jake Phillis

Well Done!