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Principal’s Messages

Mackenzie River Cricket Competition

On Saturday the 18th of October Mackenzie River SS will be holding a sport day with cricket, tennis and volleyball. Registration is $60 per team and the event starts at 8am. Please see attached flyer for further details.

Attendance

Our attendance rate this term is perfect at 100%! Well done to everyone keeping up these great statistics. In comparison our term 2 and 3 attendance data does not look so great. Let’s see if this term we can have our best attendance of the year! I am hoping we can maintain at least 95% attendance!

Christmas Concert

As a staff we have decided to hold our Christmas Concert on Tuesday the 9th December. However, we do want all our families to attend, so if this date does not suit, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Swimming Carnival

The date of our swimming carnival has changed due to other events on this day. It will now be held on Thursday the 27th November. This year the carnival will be hosted by Nebo SS.
Reading Strategies — Parent Pipeline

This term in reading we are focusing on leaning specific strategies for decoding texts when they are hard to read, and strategies for comprehension. Each week I will share some information on the strategy so that the children can practice these strategies at home. While they may seem very simple, it is important that even the older students remember these strategies as a useful tool to draw on when stuck on a word.

This week’s strategy: Lips the Fish

Often when learning new words, children apply the strategy of using the beginning sound to help them identify the word. When they do this, they often guess a word that may not fit in the sentence, it starts with the same letter so they guess and move on without looking at the rest of the word. They may not even know there is an end to the word. To gain accuracy it is important that children also learn to look at the end of the word when reading. Applying the accuracy strategy of using beginning and ending sounds helps with both accuracy and comprehension since reading the correct words will enhance the meaning of what is being read.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. When listening to your child read, encourage him/her to slow down enough to pay attention to the end of the word. Have your child point to the end of the word and tell you the sound it makes. This reinforces that there is an end to the word.

2. Have your child cross check the word he/she just read. Remind your child to ask, “Does it look right, does it sound right, does it make sense?” to help them identify the word.

3. If necessary, revisit letter sounds and the concept words of beginning and end. Then, when stumbling on a word, have your child stretch out the word, saying the beginning, middle, and end sounds. After having him/her focus on the beginning and ending sounds, help your child read the word correctly and ask, “Did that make sense?”

4. If your child is still struggling with this strategy, have your child write the word out. Slowing down to write the word can help focus his/her attention on the end sound.

Thank you for your continued support at home!
Book Presentations

This year again we will be having book presentations at the Christmas concert/awards night. Please bring your books in as soon as you are able.

Words of The Week

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

- Potential — possibly or likely at some point in the future
- Ornate — decorated with great detail
- Peculiar — unusual or strange

Next week’s words are:

- Arrogant — having or showing an exaggerated sense of one’s own importance
- Acquainted — aware of or familiar with
- Amateur — not professional; done as a hobby

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. This means always trying your best in class. Never getting upset that you can’t do something, but always giving it a go and thinking ‘I can do it!’

Eggs

If you would like some free eggs, there are plenty available at the school on a regular basis that are not being consumed.

Leah Mullane
(Acting Principal)
Mackenzie River State School
Cricket Comp; Tennis & Volleyball

Sat 18 October
8:00am

Registration: $60/team
(All games 6-a-side but you may have as many team members as you wish)

Food and drinks available at canteen all day. BBQ lunch. Families welcome.

Contact Scott Phillis 0427857175 for further information.
Student of the Week:
Joe Schottelius — For showing confidence in class and being enthusiastic for a new term

Spelling Awards:
Week 1: Grady, Joe, Jake, Miranda

Congratulations:
Grady Wight—Credit in UNSW Math Competition