Principal’s Messages

Athletics Carnival Preparation
Our athletics preparation has begun! On Monday afternoons until 4pm we have been practising our athletic skills. We begin our afternoon with some fitness before we move on to specific skills. In the last 2 weeks we have been developing our skills in high jump, long jump, discus and shot put. We have also been working together to improve our teamwork in the ball games leader ball and tunnel ball. We have seen some amazing jumps so far in the long jump pit, with everyone showing improvement already.

Book Fair & Grandparents Day
Week 6 is the school’s book fair. During this time there will be books in display in the library if you would like to purchase any. On Friday the 30th May we are inviting grandparents (and other family/community members) if they would like to join us for morning tea to celebrate Grandparents Day 2014. Starting time is 8.30 with Friday morning parade. This day will also be a dress up day where the students (and visitors if they wish!) will dress up in Egyptian theme. There will also be student prizes for best costumes!

Deadly Arthur
This week we will be having a visit from the artist Arthur Conlon. Make sure your children wear their creative hat that day. We look forward to sharing photos of this experience.

Discipline Audit
This Friday Mackenzie River School is having a discipline audit. This audit reviews the behaviour management processes at the school. In preparation for the audit, the school staff completed a review of the behaviour data and management plans. In the past 4 semesters, there have been no negative behaviours recorded. Well done to our excellently behaved students! After the review of this data, we agreed that our school behaviour management plan is working well and will continue to be implemented as planned. This term we are emphasising our 3 school rules which are:

- Be safe
- Be responsible
- Be respectful

Over the term we will continue to unpack these rules as to what they mean within our school.

Date Claimers

22nd May: Arthur Conlon Visit
23rd May: Discipline Audit
30th May: Book Fair & Grandparents Day
6th June: Show Holiday
9th June: Queen’s Birthday Holiday
13th June: P&C Meeting and Community Disco
20th June: Athletics Carnival

School Focus Areas
- Australian Curriculum
- Reading Comprehension
- Spelling

5 Keys to Success
- Organisation
- Confidence
- Getting Along
- Resilience
- Persistence
Friday Afternoon Music

The school teaching team has decided that this term for art we will explore music!

Student is years Prep to 4 have been learning about different musical instruments and the sounds they make. If you have any instruments at home, show them the sounds they make and how these sounds are created. Prep to 4 students have also been exploring musical patterns. This means translating a pattern (e.g. A B A B A B) into a musical pattern (triangle drum triangle drum triangle drum).

Students in years 5-7 have been learning the beginnings of how to play guitar. Last week we explored how to read tablature, and learnt how to play the song ‘smoke on the water’ on a single string. Some of the students found guitar playing quite a challenge, however we are remembering our persistence!
Library Bags
Library day is on Thursday. Please help your child remember their library bag, and to keep the borrowed book in the library bag when it is not being read.

NAPLAN
Congratulations to all of the year 3,5, and 7s on their hard work during NAPLAN. Everyone had an excellent attitude during the exams and tried their best.

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

- Immune – protected from a disease
- Inferior – lower in quality or rank
- Jubilant – having feelings of great joy

Next week’s words will be:

- Limited – having a fixed number, amount, or area
- Mandatory – required; related to something a person has to do
- Luxurious – very expensive and comfortable, providing luxury

Encourage your 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 persistence. Even when things at school and in life become hard, it is important to remember to keep trying. Too often we can give up when things become hard because it is easy to give up. It is much harder to keep persisting, however it is also much more rewarding! Persistence is an important skill for all children to learn.

Regards,

Leah Mullane
(Acting Principal)

Message from Mrs Phillis
This term, students in Years 3 and 4 have been investigating the properties of different materials in Science. This week they were given the challenge of choosing an occupation and designing an outfit for it. They had to use their knowledge of fabrics to choose materials that would be suitable for the job (eg, flexible, absorbent, sunsafe).
Spelling Awards
Week 3 — Congratulations Sara
Week 4 — Congratulations Grady

Number Fact Awards
Week 4 — Congratulations Grady, Miranda, Sara, Jake and Carter

You Can Do It Awards
Miranda Luck — For being organised and ready for NAPLAN
Cameron Frankish — For always being organised and ready for all lessons
Antony Torrisi — For always being ready to learn and confident to give it a go
Carter Wight — For being confident to have a go during lessons