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2023 Term 1 Week 6

Principal Message

Congratulations to Paige Patten and Phoenix Ritchie who are our 2023 School Captains!



District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students and families who attended the District Swimming carnival in Swan Hill. Our students were very excited to be part of the carnival and we thank families for driving them across and Miss Wilson for managing the team. Our school placed third in the tally points. Even though we had students finishing first in some races and heats, we do not have any students moving on to the regional level.



Presentation Day

Thank you to our families who attended our 2022 Presentation Day in week 4. It was obviously cancelled at the end of last year due to flooding. It was great to have families stay for morning tea with the students. It was lovely to give out the awards to the deserving students. I would like to thank the sponsors who contributed to the students gifts and books in our community. Your generosity is appreciated and valued.



Kindergarten 2022



Year 1 / 2 2022

Hamish, Dan, Tobie and Belle



Year 3 / 4 2022

Colton, Harry, Aleisha and Harper



Year 5 2022

Phoenix and Georgie



Year 6 2022

Noah and Fletcher (absent)

Values, Attitude & Application Awards

Kaley (Early Stage 1), Albie (Stage 1), Peter (Stage 2) and Maddy (Stage 3 - absent)



Citizenship Award

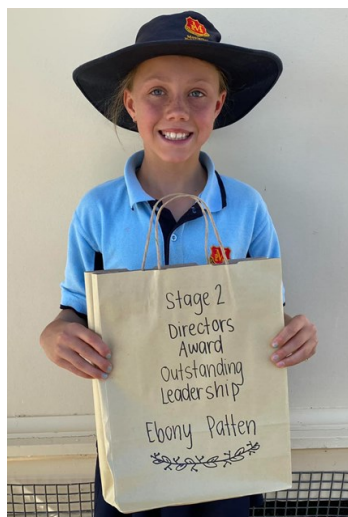
Darcy

Directors Award

Ebony

Creative Arts Award

Maliyah





2022 School Captains

Tarlia & Jazmyn

Sports Awards

Tarlia - Premiers Sporting Medal

Mila (Junior Girls Champion), Chayse (Junior Boys Champion), Jazmyn (11 yrs Girls Champion), Lawson (11 yrs Boys Champion), Tarlia (Senior Girls Champion) and Noah (Senior Boys Champion).

Overall Sports Champions

Mila - Junior Champion

Jazmyn - 11 Yr Chmapion

Noah - Senior Champion



P & C

Thank you to those parents who attended our P & C Meeting a few weeks ago. We were able to fill most positions on the P & C, but continue to encourage others to attend the meetings. Each meeting will follow a formal agenda, and will be held in the Green Room. Students are welcome to stay and an area will be set up in the Green Room with toys for playing while the meeting is on.

President: Jessica Treloar

Vice President: Sharni Prentice

Treasurer: Simone Treloar

Secretary: Shantal Sherman

Uniform Shop: LeeArna Main

Canteen Co-Ordinator: Courtney Farrell

FACT SHEET 1: WHAT IS A P&C ASSOCIATION?

A P&C Association is a school-based organisation consisting of parents, teachers and interested citizens.

The *Education Act 1990* states that P&C Associations are established to:

- Promote the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation;
- Assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school;
- Encourage parent and community participation in curriculum and other educational issues in schools;
- Report, when requested by the Minister, on the material requirements of the school and advise on the subject of maintenance of the school, alterations and additions to school facilities and the selection of new sites;
- Assist and co-operate with teaching staff at public functions associated with the school
- Be responsible for the election of parent representatives to any school council constituted at the school in consultation with the principal of the school; and
- Assist in any other matters in which the Minister may seek the co-operation of the association.

These objects and functions are included in the prescribed and standard constitutions for both incorporated and unincorporated associations.

P&C Associations may adopt a set of by-laws which could include the following objectives:

- To participate as much as possible in the activities of the school and communicate with all members of the school community;
- To co-operate with the activities of the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of New South Wales and its district and regional councils, and
- To do other things that may promote the interests of public education.

The Department of Education and Training issued a statement '*The Partnership Between School and Established Parent Bodies*' which outlines the proper place of parent organisations in school and places special emphasis on the P&C Association's role in providing "a forum in which parents can develop their partnership with the school and articulate their aspirations for their children's education."

Some parents are concerned that the P&C meeting is just to raise issues and complaints and therefore don't feel they want to attend. I would like to encourage those parents to understand that a more formal agenda will be adhered to and that is not the goal of a P & C meeting. Please see the outline above about the role of a P & C Association. Only items on the agenda will be discussed. P & C members are able to place items in General Business to be discussed. If parents have questions about classrooms and learning, it is important to contact the classroom teachers. Over the years, the P&C and staff have worked collaboratively and respectfully to achieve goals to improve our school. We welcome new families and interested parties to our meetings.

The next P & C Meeting will be in Week 7, Tuesday 7th March in the Green Room.

Membership for the P & C is a gold coin donation. Please ensure you bring a gold coin to become a member.

Canteen!

A huge thank you to Simone Treloar and Courtney Farrell for working towards having the canteen reopen this term. All students and parents love having a canteen and we rely on parents to make this work for our school. It is a big job to co-ordinate and we appreciate all volunteers, especially Courtney and Simone. We do have a healthy canteen approved menu to start the year!

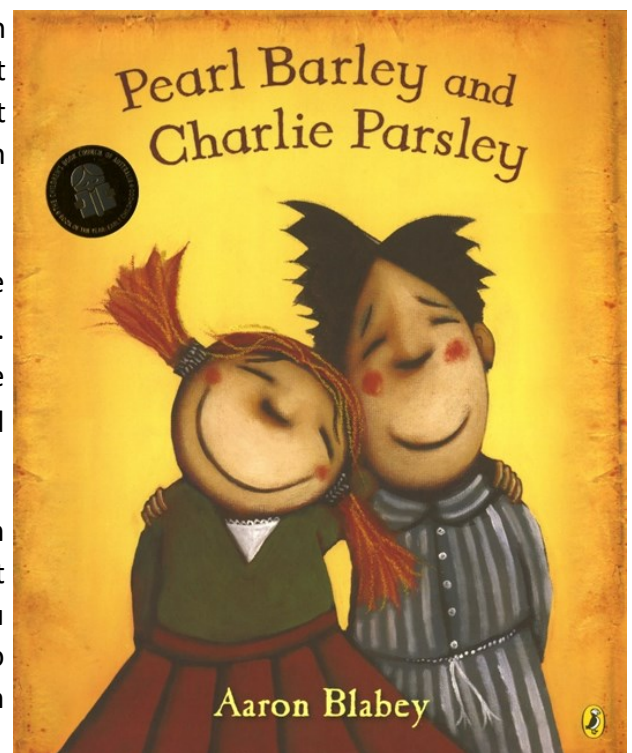


What is happening in Year 1 & 2 with Miss Wilson?

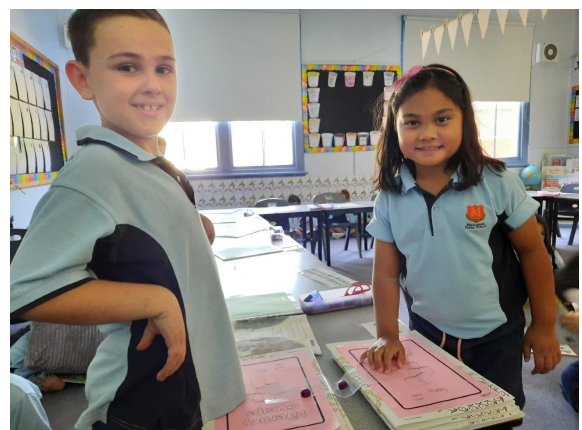
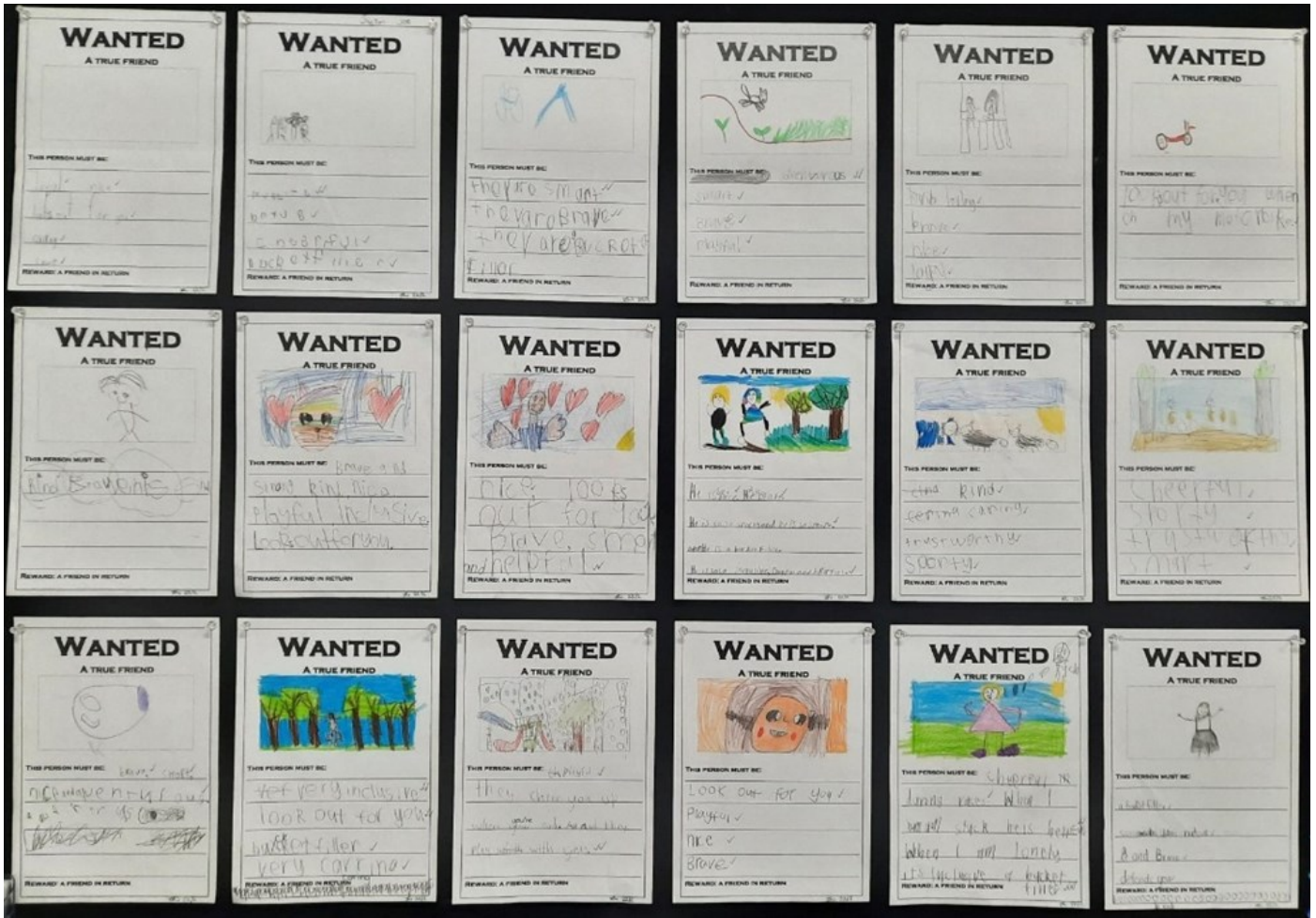
Year 1/2 has been off to a cracking start this year. We are learning about friendship, acceptance and belonging and have enjoyed reading Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley by Aaron Blabey. Pearl and Charlie are very different, but that is what makes them such good friends. We have been discussing what else makes a good friend and we made wanted posters which highlight the qualities we were looking for in a friend.

We have loved going out for sport with the K/1 class and were very excited to have Brett helping us with our sport rotations. It has been hot, so we have been heading out early in the morning to practise our throwing, catching, kicking and dribbling.

We have been getting scientific and tested paper, aluminium foil and plastic to see which material could hold the most weight. We were very surprised at the results. Make sure you ask us which material could hold the most weight. We will also be looking into why some materials are best suited to certain jobs.

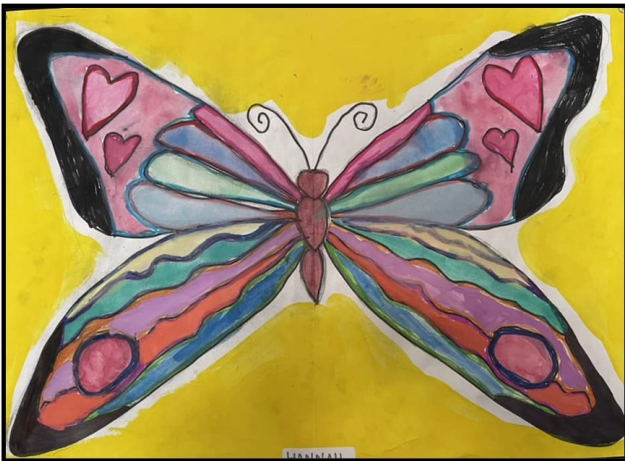


Miss Wilson has been particularly impressed with how quickly we have learnt our morning song and enjoys seeing Year 1/2 singing and dancing to it each morning.



Year 3/4 Artworks

Students in class with Mrs Wilson on Thursday and Friday spend their afternoons in the creative space. Students are working on artworks based on animals, relating to their Science & Technology unit of work. Over the last two weeks students have learnt a technique to draw symmetrical art works. After using charcoal, pencils, markers and paint, students have finished outstanding artworks displayed in the office. Call in and have a look!





Mrs Wheeler's Technology Workshop

Tomorrow students in Mrs Wheeler's class will be participating in a technology workshop with a Digital Learning Advisor from Mildura. We have arranged a technology team to run a collaborative technology tool lesson with Mrs Wheeler's class with a focus on the Great Barrier Reef. This should be a great session and we hope all students can make it on the day and not miss out on this great learning opportunity! Students will be also learning how to use Jamboard, which is a rich collaborative experience for teams and classrooms.



NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 2023, NAPLAN is moving to Term 1 and will take place from **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March**. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Students and parents can access the [public demonstration site \(https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site\)](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended. Please remember that this is just one snapshot of a student's ability. Some students perform well with online testing and some students demonstrate their knowledge in a different way through other testing a teacher conducts across the year. It is not always a true indication of skills and knowledge.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.



School Photos

There is a change to how you order school photos this year. We encourage all orders to be done via The School Photographer's website, see the details below. Individual photos can be ordered after photo day but sibling photos must be ordered prior to photo day. There will be some generic envelopes available for people not wanting to order online.

Jennie Wilson
Principal



PHOTO DAY COMING SOON!

Wednesday 5th April 2023

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:
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