Term 4 – A range of learning experiences and challenges

Term 4 is underway and as usual there is plenty going on at MMPS. We had a very successful 2014 Prep Information Evening on Tuesday 15 October that was well attended by our new Prep families. Once again our marvellous Prep teachers did an excellent job of explaining how we go about making sure that all children are catered for here at MMPS. Well done to the Prep team! Thanks also to all the other teachers that assisted with the organisation of the event. There are 3 more key transition dates for our new parents to remember. Thursday 21 November, Tuesday 26 November and Wednesday 4 December. All 3 sessions are at MMPS and run between 9.15am and 10.30am.

Our bi-annual Film Festival is fast approaching! On Wednesday 16 October the children in Years 4 – 6 had their first opportunity to attend a VIP screening of their movies in the staff centre. From the glimpses I saw of the movies all those families that attend the Film Festival at Rosebud cinemas on 29 or 30 October are in for a real treat. The movies look great and our students are, as usual, just outstanding. Thanks to all the teachers and parents who have assisted throughout the process as it is a real team effort to get this production completed. An enormous thanks must also go to Bruce the director, script writer and editing room manager for all his work on creating the movies. Ticket order forms are available at the office.

Bike Education commenced on Wednesday with our Year 4 students submitting their bicycles for a Road Worthiness check. An initial component of the program is to educate the students about the essential elements of a “safe” bicycle. The Bike Education program then starts to focus on practising the skills required to become a safe rider. All students in Years 4 – 6 are invited to participate in this annual program. Thanks to the teachers and parents who are assisting in delivering this most worthwhile program.

Our teachers have commenced the challenging task of writing student reports. A range of assessment tasks are used to measure student progress over an extended period. NAPLAN results are utilised but other key tools include teacher observations, anecdotal notes, standardised testing, peer and self-evaluation, checklists, rubrics etc. For the first time our teachers will be referencing student progress using the new AusVELS national curriculum. For Victorian families that will not mean a great change in how student reports are prepared. The older Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) is essentially the key document that was used to create the new national curriculum. Our staff have been familiarising themselves with the main changes from VELS to AusVELS throughout 2013. Student reports are due to be sent home on Dec 16.

The Scout Raffle that the PTA involved the school in has finished and although I didn’t win anything I am pleased to say that the school raised almost $2500 dollars just by participating! A big thank you to all the families and teachers who supported this fundraising event by purchasing a ticket/s. Well done!

Don’t forget our next whole school assembly is Thursday 24 October at 9.10. Hope to see you all there.

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