



Newsletter

A small school where big things happen...

Week 10, Term 3

28 September 2018

Events

September

- Fri 28 Bands in the Mall
- Fri 28 Paper Plane Day (an Empathy Project)
- Fri 28 Last day of Term 3
- Sat 29 - Sun 14 School Holidays

October

- Sat 13 - Sun 14 Scarborough Art Show
- Mon 15 First day of Term 4

Hello and welcome to our MOPS community... Whether you are near or far, if you are reading this, we would like you to feel part of our community - either physically or virtually. Here are some stories about what we've been up to, what we're currently creating or what we're dreaming up for our future...

STORIES FROM MOPS

What an amazing term we've had here at MOPS!

Yesterday we had Jessica Rowe (of television fame) here to make a short documentary about the benefits of outdoor learning and play. The students had a ball hanging out with a celebrity - especially one who is so warm, generous and willing to play a game of chasings around the playground with them! We can't wait to see the documentary which will appear on TV and Instagram in the days leading up to Outdoor Classroom Day on November 1. I will definitely let you all know when it is airing. I was also on the phone to Peter Holmes throughout the day to share in all the activities and he is certainly brimming with pride and excitement too!



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Every class shared a platter for Fruit and Veg Month on Tuesday, and we realised that we really do like eating healthy stuff!

Fatimah and Jillian came away from the Operation Art exhibition both receiving awards and special recognition! Jillian's beautiful iPadography artwork was selected as a 'Paw Pick' and Fatimah's heart-warming photograph was judged so highly that it has been selected to be part of the 'Touring 50' for the Operation Art touring exhibition! It will be travelling around art galleries of Australia and will finish up at Westmead Children's Hospital. Congratulations to both young artists!



We also are thrilled to announce that Raihana from Year 5, Hunter from Year 3, and Penelope and Phoenix from Year 1 are finalists in the **ArtSpark** competition at the **Scarborough Art Show**. This family-friendly, fun-filled two day event of art, music, food and coffee will be held at Scarborough Public School, from 13th October to 14th October between 10am and 4pm daily. It's a great holiday activity and you'll get to check out some outstanding art from MOPS and other school students!

For more info, check out their website: <https://www.scarboroughartshow.com/>

STORIES FROM THE EMPATHY ZONE



Stefanie R from Year 4 organised and ran a successful cake stall over the past three Mondays at MOPS. Here's her story...

Cupping Cakes For Poverty

Hi, my name is Stef and for my Empathy Project I have been working hard to stop poverty by baking cupcakes every Monday with my baking club. We have been selling them at recess for \$2 each. I have raised a total of \$442 for The Smith Family. On Thursday, Ann Green from The Smith Family came to accept the donation and award us with a Certificate of Thanks. Thank you to all the people who donated money to support my cause. By cupping a cake for poverty, your money will go a long way to helping support disadvantaged families in our community.

Stefanie



PERFORMANCE

Our performance by the **Eaton Gorge Theatre Company** last week was a fantastic show enjoyed by all. The "King and Queen of Green taught us to say NO to plastic".

MORNING TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

This term I have invited the kids who receive a Principal’s or Assistant Principals’ award to come and have morning tea with me on the next day after assembly. I had a beautiful time with Jake M, Onaya, Alfie and Lochlan this week, and I truly loved getting to know more about what makes them tick!



Exclusive fundraiser for MOPS families from one of our wonderful school mums, Jennifer Vello

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REFLECTIONS

What a jam-packed term it has been here at MOPS. Thank you for the opportunity to get to know you and your kids better! I have loved every minute of sitting in Mr Holmes’ big chair!

I am really pleased to let you know that we have begun the process of reviewing our School Discipline Code. It is a truly interesting and valuable process which means ensuring we are in line with Departmental Policies and involves our community at all levels. So I look forward to hearing your ideas and collaborating further with kids and staff to make sure our processes continue to reflect our nurturing culture and kid-focused strategies here at MOPS. Through developing our action plan and analysis of data, I found a line from the Department’s Procedures that says it best: Fairness includes “the right to be heard” and this is definitely reflected in the way we deal with any situation (and the way Peter always used to as well). I look forward to sharing more on this next term as we continue this journey!

Please take very special care of each other during the holidays. And most importantly cherish every moment with each other.

Wishing our whole MOPS family and community a safe, relaxing and joyous holiday! Looking forward to seeing you all next term and hearing all about your adventures.

As always, I look forward to building on our relationships, and continuing to grow our amazing school.

*Tiffany Sinton
Relieving Principal*



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARDS

Kinder Belong:	Ben M, Eleni F, Jett B, Amara S
K/1 Grow:	Ren L, Fatimah A, Zaid H, Zoe H
1/2 Wonder:	David B, Savannah C, Hirada L, Astrid P-K
1/2 Inspire:	Samuel W, Nate B, Alana B, Phoenix B
3/4 Create:	Jamie B, Victoria D, Jed P, Jacob F
3/4 Explore:	Jack K, Holly P, Yinghong J, Jeremiah S
3/4 Shine:	Casey P, Ethan C, Miriam O, Ruby L
5/6 Unite:	Brenda M, Duong N, Ben W, Max B
5/6 Together:	Jinning Z, Shelley C, Christina T, Jeorgia M
Library:	Isaac L, Mara B

GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Gwen S, Hannah T, Jaydan J.
Congratulations!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations Jake M for self reflection and communication and Lochlan S for empathy and perseverance.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Congratulations Alfie H for empathy towards others and Onaya E for her kindness and compassion.

CLASS ITEM

Thank you K/1 Grow for singing a song with AUSLAN sign language! Our next class scheduled for Week 2 is **3/4 Shine**. Please join us for assembly on Monday 22 October!



KIDSPACE

The Empathy Project!

Here are some of our young social entrepreneurs in their 'action' phase of their Empathy Projects!



Zoe, Jeorgia and Isabel: Hi, for our Empathy Project we would love to help the homeless in our community. We contacted Orange Sky Laundry and asked them what homeless people need and they said toiletries. We would love it if you could help us support the homeless by donating new toothbrushes, toothpaste, mini shampoo, mini conditioner, mini body wash, underwear and socks. Our orange box is outside the front office. Thank you for donating.



Hi, my name is Lochlan and for my Empathy Project I have organised a Paper Plane Day. We will be making paper planes, watching the movie Paper Planes and having a paper plane throwing competition. We are raising money for the Disability Trust's Kids Fund so that they can buy special equipment for kids with disabilities to be able to play the sport that they want to play. Please bring in a gold coin donation and wear mufti to support this cause. It's going to be a great day!

Outdoor Learning!

We loved having Jessica Rowe and the Outdoor Classroom team here to experience how we do things at MOPS.



Jake M: Jess was very fun. I really enjoyed learning with her and I could see she was enjoying her time at this school as well.



I loved this moment when our kids were excitedly telling Jess all about our Outdoor Learning Area: "This is our 'Meditation Mountain' and this is how you meditate. You should try it too!"
So, of course, she did!

Soolaf: It felt really fun meeting Jessica. She was kind of like a big kid!



OCTOBER

Tue	16	Anthea G
Wed	17	Kate H, Sarah B
Thurs	18	Sarah S
Fri	19	Andy L, Greg F

Tue	23	Anthea G
Wed	24	Anthea G
Thurs	25	Jenny L
Fri	26	Leanne N, Mel H

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