



Newsletter

A small school where big things happen...

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FEBRUARY

- Wed 6 Swimming Carnival
- Tue 12 P&C Meeting
- Mon 18 Mandarin Language & Culture after school club
- Mon 18 Assembly
- Tue 19 Back to School night (3-6)
- Wed 20 Back to School night (K-2)
- Mon 25 Brokers Swimming Carnival

MARCH

- Mon 4 Assembly
- Tue 5 Student Leadership Assembly @ Keira HS
- Wed 6 STEPS Eyesight screening
- Wed 6 +
Thu 7 +
Mon 11 Life ED
- Tue 12 P&C AGM

APRIL

- Fri 12 Last day of term

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

[Just a short newsletter to touch base and welcome everyone.]

Welcome back to school! It has been so lovely seeing all our returning families and getting to know all our new families. (If I haven't spoken to you yet, I look forward to meeting you soon!) I sincerely hope you are settling into our little community and finding some like-minded people to connect with.

The beginning of the year has seen our kids making new friends, reconnecting with old friends, and building those all-important relationships between their teachers and their peers. During these first few days and weeks, we are really focused on building a classroom culture that supports wellbeing, learning and, of course, a bit of fun too. This culture will nurture our kids to feel known, valued and cared for, and will empower them to be the best learners they can be. We are so excited to welcome our new kids and families to our school as well!

Amongst our teachers, we have had some new faces join us, and some long-lost faces return. Welcome back to Felicity Fitzpatrick who was travelling the world last year. Welcome back to Charlotte Royall who has also been travelling the world and teaching in other schools for a couple of years. Welcome to our new teachers, Chloe Roser and Kate Shield. We look forward to collaborating with our new team!

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

I am really looking forward to working alongside our Year 6 leadership team this year. Congratulations again to Alexis Piazza, Georgia Tate, Kye Morley, Zoe Fahey, and our two captains, Amelia Rackham and Jack Gardner. They have already begun to show real leadership qualities around our school!

P&C MEETING

Our first P&C meeting for 2019 is this Tuesday evening at 7pm in the library. Please feel welcome! It is a great opportunity to get to know other parents and carers, and talk about the things that matter most for our kids.

THE FATHERING PROJECT

[Keep your eye out!.. Start practising your UNO skills...]

During our P&C meeting, we will be making plans for our first Fathering Project event for 2019 - a UNO championship! If you would like to know more about The Fathering Project, check them out here:

Website: <http://thefatheringproject.org/>

MANDARIN CLASSES

One of our lovely parents, Ms Yirong Li, is interested in introducing MOPS students to Chinese culture and Mandarin language through an after-school class on Mondays. At this stage, we are inviting interest from you. Please get in touch with me if you are interested, and then we can organise details. I think it is a wonderful opportunity to encourage our community's languages within the school - not only to learn a second language, but also to nurture an appreciation for others' cultures.

MORNING TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Each fortnight, four students are recognised with two Principal Awards and two Assistant Principal Awards at our Monday assemblies. I like to invite these kids to have morning tea with me. We always have a lovely time chatting about things that matter to them and

our school, making sure it is a place that works well for them.

MOPS SQUAD

We have such a thoughtful, caring community! Thank you to all the people who have already signed up to volunteer in our canteen. This makes such a difference to our kids and some of our busy parents! I have also been so humbled by the offers of help with the gardens, lawns, painting and clean-out working bees.

A student idea, that came out of one of our Morning Teas last year, was to brighten up the girls' and boys' toilet doors. One of the children collaborated with his mum to draw up some beautiful designs, so we will be looking for #mopssquad to help with the prepping, painting and hanging of the doors sometime soon. Please get in touch if you are interested in helping out.

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REFLECTIONS

I can honestly say that I have gone home at the end of both of these first two weeks feeling uplifted. There is such a happy buzz around the hallways and spaces... And there is a calmness as well. This has a lot to do with our beautiful kids. It has a lot to do with you, our supportive parents, carers and families. And it has a lot to do with our dedicated, caring staff. I would like to personally thank all the teachers and support staff for all their hard work:

- For coming in during their holidays to prepare and decorate their learning spaces, to collaborate with other teachers in order to learn more about your kids, and to start planning the learning for the term;
- For settling our children into school in such a caring and nurturing way, focusing on their wellbeing, their friendships and their learning styles;
- For planning great relationship-building and team-building activities; and
- For always jumping into action whenever a child or teacher is in need of support.

It really is an amazing crew at this school! I feel honoured to be a part of it... and the whole community.

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

*Tiffany Sinton
Relieving Principal*



KIDSPACE

What a great day we had at our Swimming Carnival last week! I was so impressed with the genuine support and encouragement our MOPS kids gave each other. Congratulations to everyone!

[Special results will be shared in our next newsletter.]

