

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



WELCOME BACK!

A big welcome back to all our students and community members. It's great to hear the sound of children playing and laughing again. Teachers are hard at work planning to catch up on any important work missed out over the learning from home period. During the rest of this term there will be a big focus on reading, writing and numeracy.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

There have been many playground changes over the last term. The shade shelter over the sandpit is completed with the new artificial turf, mural and outdoor musical equipment. In the next few weeks we will have seating near that area.





Another section of the school has been opened up after having it cleared. This area is mainly available to the K – 2 students and will shortly include new soccer nets. The students love this new area however we ask that they stay away from the front fence and drainage and enter and exit from the basketball court only. A second set of soccer nets has also been purchased for the back oval.





The kindergarten area will have new silver seats installed hopefully by the end of the term under the kindy classrooms. These will replace the wooden seats that are currently there. Silver seats will also be placed outside the library for students to use. The fixed equipment area has been topped up with soft fall to prevent injury to students however fundraising are hoping to raise enough funds over the next few years to have this permanently replaced with a rubber soft fall.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT and SCHOOL PLAN

The annual school report is completed and can be found on the school website. Follow the link and then go to About our school and the report can be found there as a PDF.

https://mtdruitt-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/

Very soon the school leadership team will be working on the new school plan from 2021 to 2023.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

A big thankyou to all the parents and students that returned borrowed devices. These devices will now be handed back out to classes for students to use. The school is in the process of precuring a number of extra laptops to be put into classrooms. We have recently purchased new interactive panels to replace some interactive whiteboards that were having issues in classrooms. Wifi will be increased in most classrooms with extra devices being given to the school from the department. These will improve the speed and accessibility throughout the school.

Kind Regards

Dianne Uthmeyer

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Medication

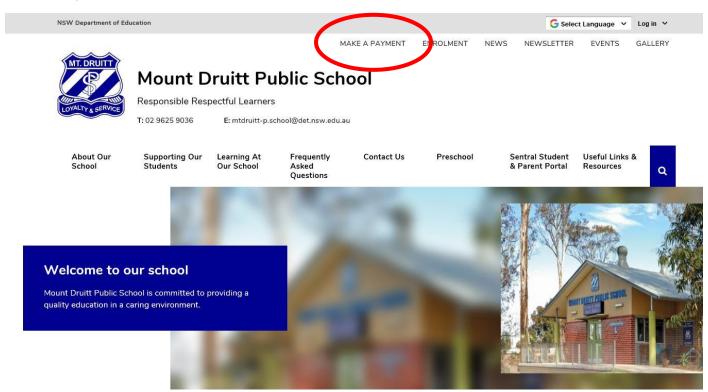
Please be advised if you require office staff to give your child prescribed medication for a short term period we will need the following:

- ✓ A signed and written letter from the parent.
- ✓ The letter must clearly state the amount of medication eg: 5 ml of liquid or 1 tablet.
- ✓ The letter must also state the required time the child is to take the medication.

If your child needs on going medication then we will need a healthcare plan from your GP. Please see office staff if you require more information.

Preschool Fees

Preschool fees for Term 2 have been waived by the Department of Education so payment is not required for this term.



Note: Should you not be in a position to pay please contact the school.



WHATS HAPPENING IN CLASS 1/2S

Students from 1/2S happy with their pencil cases donated by the Rotary Club.









<u>Labels</u>

Parents, please ensure that your child's belongings are all clearly labelled with their name. This includes: their lunch boxes, containers, drink bottles, their bag and all clothing items.

Here are some links to online label stores:

https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/

https://www.tinyme.com.au/name-labels

Crunch and Sip

Please pack you child's crunch and sip in a small container, separate to the lunch box, and please place this container in the crunch and sip baskets. Baskets are labelled with your child's class name, Kangaroos or Wombats.

Thank you to all the children who have been bringing in their crunch and sip.



1/2S STUDENT AND TEACHER SHOUT OUT



- o What is your name?
 Ketanah
- What is your ethnicity? (country your family is from)
 New Zealand
- What is your favourite subject at school? Literacy
- What was your favourite memory at school?
 Dancing to banana banana meat ball
- What is your favourite sport?Basketball
- What is your favourite food?KFC and bacon
- What are your hobbies?Playing with doll house

- What is your full name?Toni Singh
- What do you like about M.D.P.S?
 The sweet and caring students, lovely staff and the sand pit!
- What is your favourite year/grade to teach?Stage 1
- How long have you been teaching for?6 years
- What do you like about teaching?
 Watching students grow in their learning
- What career were you thinking of having when you were a kid?
 Always wanted to be a teacher
- What is your favourite food?
 Soft shell crab
- What is your favourite animal?Cats of course!
- What is your hobby?Sleeping, socialising with friends and playing with my cats





3/4S STUDENT AND TEACHER SHOUT OUT



- What is your name?Natasha
- What is your ethnicity? (country your family is from)
 Samoan
- What is your favourite subject at school?
- What was your favourite memory at school?Spending time with friends
- What is your favourite sport?Newcombe ball
- What is your favourite food?McDonalds
- What are your hobbies?Playing Roblox and drawing

- What is your full name?Jess Pedano
- What do you like about M.D.P.S?Spending all my time with all the lovely children
- What is your favourite year/grade to teach?
 I love teaching K-12
- How long have you been teaching for?
 I've been teaching for 10 years this year
- What do you like about teaching?I like learning from the kids
- What career were you thinking of having when you were a kid?
 I wanted to be an archaeologist
- What is your favourite food?I love Japanese food, especially sushi and bento boxes
- What is your favourite animal?
 Raccoons are my favourite because they are hilarious
- What is your hobby?I love travelling!



MDPS TERM 3 ART COMPETITION RESULTS

Thank you to all the students who submitted wonderful works of art. There were so many great entries for the term it was hard for me to choose the winners.

The winning artworks will be displayed in the Staff Room and also in the Front Office for all our

visitors to see

Congratulations to the following winners:



Callawyn Levale 5/6M



Lebron Collins 5/6B



Landbert Ponce 2B



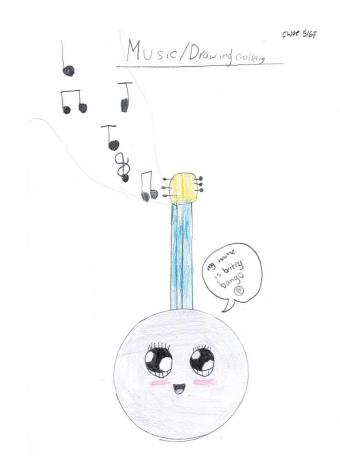
Melody Martin 3/4E



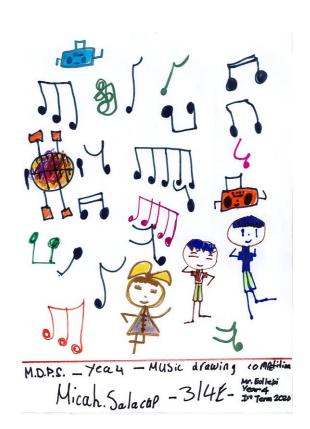
Eleah Hewitt 3/4S

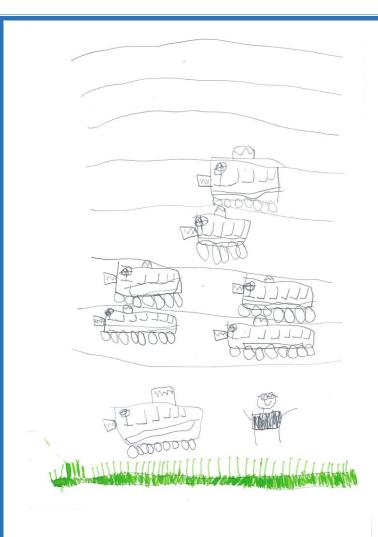
Also a big congratulations to the following entries:

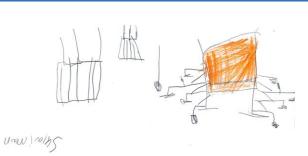


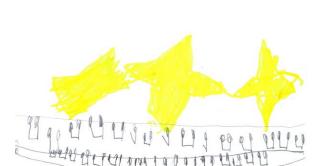




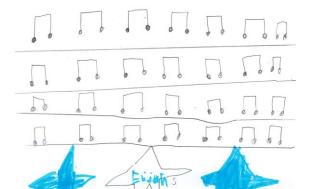


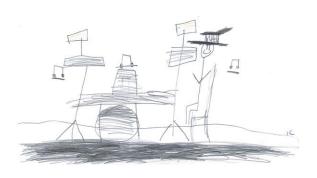






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Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school office to speak to Ms McDonald.

Kind regards

Principal

Mick Kelly



GRIP Leadership Conference

The SRC were fortunate enough to Leadership **GRIP** attend the Conference at Homebush Tuesday 3rd March, 2020. The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is experience which unique specifically concentrates on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS.



The SRC were able to communicate ideas with students from a range of other schools and gain valuable insight into being strong leaders who can facilitate change.

They engaged in a range of different tasks which assisted and expanded their leadership skills.

The SRC had the following to say about the experience;

"The first step I took in the building I felt nervous and scared because of all the new faces I'm going to talk to. I learnt all different ways to fundraise and the real meaning of leadership." – Princess



"What I learnt there is that leadership is more important than you think and even if you don't have a badge you're still perfect." – Levai



"What I learnt from the conference is that you don't need a title or a badge to be a leader, all you need is to have ambition." – Jamen

"As we went to the GRIP leadership we all learned how to be a leader. They taught us how to be a good role model and an excellent school leader." – Sesah





"At the conference meeting ... we learnt ... about how to become a leader. We might have not done fun stuff but still it teaches us how leadership works. Being a leader is hard but it means representing your school." - TJ



SCHOOL CANTEE



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Term 2, Meal Deals

Monday \$5.20

6 Chicken Nuggets & Popper



Tuesday \$5.00

Spaghetti Bolognese & Popper



Wednesday \$5.50

Chicken Burger & Popper

Thursday \$5.00

Meat Pie or Sausage Roll & **Popper**



Friday \$4.60

4 x Spring Rolls & Popper





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