



MT PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, CARING & COMPASSIONATE

Term 1 Week 8

Educate today for a changing tomorrow

21 March 2025

2025 Calendar

21/3/2025	Harmony Day/NRL Blitz Skills
24/3/2025	Cross Country permission note due
26/3/2025	Assembly 2.30pm 4/5/6 item/Soccer Gala Day, Miller Park 10-2pm
2/4/2025	Small Schools Cross Country Carnival, Cook Park, 9-2pm
9/4/2025	Assembly 2.30pm, K/1 item
10/4/2025	NSW Touch Football Clinic
11/4/2025	Easter Eggstravaganza/Last day of Term 1
25/4/2025	Anzac March, Burdekin Park
28-29/4/2025	Staff Development Days
30/4/2025	Students return for Term 2
29-to 31/10/2025	Aussie Bush Camp

Principal's Report

Over the past two weeks, our Year 3 & 5 students have successfully completed the NAPLAN assessments. We are proud of their hard work during this testing period to provide insights into their learning in literacy and numeracy.

Last week our debating team attended a full day workshop, learning new techniques and strategies to help enhance their debating skills in preparation for the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge. I am very excited to see how their efforts will pay off in the upcoming competition!

A huge thank you to our P&C for providing a free hot dog lunch for our students last Thursday. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Steve & Louise Norris (Ruby, Olivia, Toby & Dylan's grandparents) for donating money to allow every student to have chips and nuggets from the SRC Friday canteen. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be an exciting time for our students with the Newcastle Permanent Soccer Gala Day and the Steve Simpson NRL Gala Day. In preparation for the NRL day, Corey Ridley, the NRL School Development Officer, visited our school today to help improve our students' skills in rugby league.

Today, we also celebrated Harmony Day, providing students opportunities to connect with one another and embrace our school's spirit of inclusivity. The children also enjoyed our Water Fun as we promised last year to reschedule.

Lastly, a reminder to all parents regarding your child's absence from school. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please advise the school by phone, replying to absence text or a note the following day. This is a legal requirement and saves office staff time having to follow these absences up regularly.

With only 3 weeks remaining until our Easter Eggstravaganza, don't forget to bring in an easter egg to receive a ticket in our huge Easter Egg raffle drawn on the day.

Raquel Harris,
Principal



Culture Club Newsletter



The last couple of weeks have seen our Culture Club program engaging in some very exciting work!

Meeting every Wednesday during lunchtime, this inclusive club welcomes all students to come together and explore the rich Aboriginal culture.

We recently came together to brainstorm a special project that we could call our own. After some thoughtful discussion, students along with Miss M, decided to create a new bucket hat for our school.

Understanding this would be a fun yet complex task, we knew we needed some expert guidance to help bring our idea to life.

We have now enjoyed two enriching sessions with Aunty Deb Becker, a talented local Aboriginal artist. Aunty Deb is a wealth of knowledge and creativity, and her guidance has been invaluable to our students.

She has encouraged them to explore their creativity with the goal of merging elements from each student's artworks into a unified design for our bucket hat.

We are so excited to see our vision come to life.



PBL NEWS



**PRINCIPAL
KINDNESS
AWARD - HARPER**



**SLSO RESPECT
AWARD - WILLEM**

GARY GREEN AWARDS FOR WEEK 7



CLASSROOM AWARDS

Awarded for Respectful, Responsible, Care & Compassion



**Kindergarten
& Year 1
Layla, Dylan
& Vinnie**



**Year 2, 3
Lucy, Toby
& Riley**



**Year 4, 5, 6
Ruby, Gus
& Harper**



CATTLE JUDGING AT GRESFORD SHOW



"Last Friday, the MPPS Cattle Judging team attended the wet and windy Gresford Show. They participated in the Junior Judging section. Despite the conditions, they demonstrated enthusiasm, impeccable behaviour and a drive to be as accurate as possible. Although we weren't selected to give a presentation (finalists), their observations and notes were not far off the leaders, demonstrating continued growth in their assessment skills from previous competitions. We can't wait for future judging events knowing that our students will only continue to get better. Thanks to Mr G for attending with our students."

Learning Difficulties: Information night for parents & teachers- Muswellbrook



- Is your child experiencing difficulties with literacy or numeracy?
- Are these difficulties affecting their self-esteem?
- Could it be a specific learning difficulty (SLD)?

1 in 5 students have dyslexia



✓ Wed March 26th, 2025

✓ Muswellbrook Library
126 Bridge Street
Muswellbrook

✓ 4:15- 5.15pm

✓ \$10

Book now



LAB Learning Clinic specialises in the support and treatment of dyslexia and other SLD

www.lablearningclinic.com.au

Good for kids
good for life



Screen-free fun

In a world full of screens, it's important to make time for real-life play! Swapping screen time for active, creative, or social activities helps kids develop problem-solving skills, build friendships, and improve their well-being.

Here are some screen-free ideas to try:

- 1. Make a splash - Go for a swim at the pool or beach with family.
- 2. Play together - Engage in activities that you know your child enjoys, for example: puzzles, building LEGO or cooking together are great for family fun.
- 3. Get moving - Dance, kick a ball in the backyard or go for a bike ride together.



Encouraging kids to enjoy screen-free activities helps them develop lifelong healthy habits. Plus, it's a great way to connect as a family!

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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA IS OUR ANNUAL EASTER FUN DAY LOADED WITH LOTS OF ACTIVITIES AND GAMES, WITH MANY PRIZES TO BE WON.

WHEN: LAST DAY OF TERM – THURSDAY 6TH APRIL COMMENCING AT 11:00AM.

WHAT YOU NEED: AT LEAST 3-4 HARD-BOILED, DECORATED EGGS (NO LACQUERED EGGS).

WHO CAN ATTEND: PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND BRING EXTRA BOILED EGGS TO PARTICIPATE. WE WILL HAVE VISITING PRE-SCHOOLERS ATTENDING ON THE DAY, SO BRING YOUR LITTLE ONES TO JOIN IN THE FUN.

SOME OF OUR EGGCITING GAMES INCLUDE:

* CRACK THE EGG

* EGG & SPOON RACES

* EGG BOWLING

* EGG TOSS

THE SRC WILL BE RUNNING A CANTEEN ON THE DAY.

CHILDREN MAY COME OUT OF UNIFORM – SUN SAFE SHIRT AND CLOSED IN SHOES.

DON'T FORGET IF YOU WANT TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A HAMPER OF CHOCOLATE EGGS, BE SURE TO DONATE AN EASTER EGG PRIOR TO THE DAY TO GET A TICKET.

HOPE YOU ARE READY FOR SOME EGGSTRA FUN
FOR OUR LAST DAY OF TERM!!

