



Two Mile State School Newsletter

Thursday 18 February 2021

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Student Absence number	5489 0266
School	5489 0222



Dates for Your Diary:

19 Feb - Yr 5/6 Interschool sport commences

19 Feb - National Day of Action Against Bullying

1 April - Last day of Term 1

Please – remember send a note or ring the school office 24hr answer service on 54890266, if your child is absent for any reason. Calls before 9am are best.

Sharp and narrow focus

Our specific priority for 2021 is the enactment of the Australian curriculum. Since the end of 2020 all schools in Queensland are expected to have adopted the Australian Curriculum, ensuring consistency throughout Australia. In 2021, Two Mile State School is ensuring this is the case for our school.

From the Principal's Desk

Student Absence

The process for advising school of student absences is:

Phone the absence line 5489 0266 and leave a voice message, preferably before 9am, if not previously advised. Please put this number in your phone.

This will save us considerable time having to inquire via text or phone call if we haven't received your voice message. Even if you have told your child's teacher, please also advise via the absence line (or the direct line to the office 54890222) to guarantee that the absence is recorded on the day. All absences that haven't been advised require of us, by Department directive, to follow up for students' safety.

School Captains and Leadership Excursion

Jasmine, Rosie, Tobias and Flynn were presented with their badges and underwent the investiture process into the House Captains / School Leaders roles during Parade this week. Congratulations to those students. Our School House Captains will undertake various responsibilities throughout the year.

Student Council

In 2020, we will form a Student Council, made up of student representatives from each class from Years 2 to 6. The Student Council will be a means by which students can make suggestions about aspects of Two Mile State School where they would like to input ideas. The initial representatives will be in the role for Semester One, and then different students will take on the role for Semester Two.

Excursions

Year 5/6 are starting inter-school sport this week on Friday. Our students are participating in golf, following on from our clinics with Club Pro Patrick last year. Information about this year's Year 5/6 camp to North Keppel Island will be sent home soon.

Bullying. No Way!

Friday, February 19 is National Day of Action Against Bullying. Our students have been encouraged to wear something orange, the colour of the campaign, in support of anti-bullying sentiments and actions.

Behaviour Focus and Capability

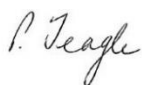
Behaviour Focuses: Last week, Week 3 Be Safe – Use the toilets properly and not as a play area. This week, Week 4 Be Safe – Keep hands, feet and other items to yourself.

'You Can Do It' capabilities: (Wk 3) Getting Along and (Wk 4) Persistence.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 93%. Attendance for Week 2 was a very pleasing 94.1%, with six out of our seven year levels attending higher than our target and Prep achieved 100% attendance for the week. Week 3 attendance was down considerably to 87%, causing our year-to-date rate to dip to 90.9%. Timmy the Turtle visited Prep last week and is in Yr 3/4 for this week. Remember, every day counts!

Yours in Education,



Prep

In our English unit the Preps are learning about characters and events in stories. They are also learning to retell the story to others. We are focusing on speaking in sentences and using a loud, clear voice. Miss Garvey and I both do work on this with the children. In Maths I am focusing on the numbers to 10 this term and Miss Garvey is focusing on sorting objects according to their colour, size, shape and the material they are made from. I will be doing the Visual Art's unit and the Health unit with the children while Miss Garvey is doing the Science and Technology unit. Mr Teagle is doing the HASS unit with the class. Show and Tell day is every Friday.

In our Health unit, the children will be learning about how they grow and change from a baby. To help the children discuss what they were like as a baby, could you please send in a photo of them as a baby or a chart about them as a baby? The children will need to bring this in next Monday. Could you please also discuss with your child some of the things they did as a baby?

I forgot to mention on the note that was sent home on Monday that the children need to bring back their homework folder to school each day and place it in the red box in the classroom. As we learn new sounds they will be added to their sounding ring. Thank you for helping your child with this as it is consolidating what we are learning in class.

Year 1/2

Welcome to another wonderful fortnight in our classroom.

We have been looking at Narratives in English and we have been exploring lots of different stories. We have read stories written by Margaret Wild. 'Old Pig' is a story about a Granddaughter and her grandmother and their relationship. 'Fox' is a story about a Dog, a Magpie and a Fox. This is a story about friendship and trust. We have also looked at classic tales like 'The three little pigs' and 'Jack and the beanstalk'. We have explored the way a narrative has a beginning, middle and end. The students have enjoyed being part of acting out these stories.

In Mathematics, we have been looking at number. Year One has been exploring 'teen' numbers, while Year Two have been exploring number patterns and 2-digit numbers. Math games and warmups have been enjoyed by all the students. The Arts have also been a favourite on a Friday afternoon. We have been exploring different paper mediums. We have been looking at the artwork of Jeanie Baker in her book, 'Where the forest meets the sea'. She uses collage to create her pictures for the story.

What a great start on Tuesday to Grade 1 / 2 science unit: Living Things. We have looked at pets and what they need to survive. We started by reading some books about pets that were not suitable and students quickly worked out why they didn't belong in our room and at their homes. We even have some meal worms in the room as class pets to watch their lifecycles.

In HASS we are studying the Past and have looked at some objects from the past. The students had fun trying to guess what they were used for. We will continue to look at things from the past and why they changed.

Reminders;

Monday – Parade

Wednesday– Health and P.E. (Every child needs their hat and water bottle)

Friday – Show and Tell

Also, a reminder that Mrs Wildie is only at Two Mile School on Tuesdays. Feel free to email her at hwild4@eq.edu.au and Mrs Nalder on her email at knald7@eq.edu.au. Mrs Wildie and Mrs Nalder are

looking forward to a great learning term with your children.

Year 3/4

Our class loved having Miss Kylie with us for the three weeks. She was kind, supportive and we all learnt things from her. I will definitely be using more Youtube clips in my lessons.

We converted our desks into Captain Cook's Endeavour on Friday and we all had characters to take on. We followed his discovery journey from England to Tahiti where he tracked Venus crossing the sun. Then on to New Zealand, where he charted around the entire two islands and proved that New Zealand was not part of the Great Southern Land. From here, he sailed on to Terra Australis / New Holland and chartered the east coast of Australia. When he (we) returned home, we had a celebration to mark the occasion (and to thank Miss Kylie for all of her hard work).

In English we are continuing to read 'Matty Forever' and look at friendships and character traits. This week we completed the comprehension element of the assessment. In the following weeks we will be writing a narrative about friendship. Next week is also the beginning of our three weeks in Kitchen Garden. This is always a highlight for the class. Please ensure that the children have a hat as we will be in the garden for the majority of that time.

~ Student of the Week ~		
Class	8/02	15/02
Prep	Lucy	Molly
1/2	Campbell	Leila
3/4	Laura	Carter
5/6	Zukai	Flynn

~ Gotchas ~		
Class	8/02	15/02
Prep	Alivia	Flynne
1/2	Codee	Ryan
3/4	Ethan	Layla
5/6	Toby	Levi

~ You Can Do It ~		
Class	8/02	15/02
5 Capabilities Getting Along		
Prep-4	Angus	Josh
5/6	Taleah	Nayte

Year 5/6

5/6 have been very busy in the classroom over the last 2 weeks. We have been enjoying an Emily Rodda novel 'The Forest of Silence' where we have been exploring the features of Quest novels to enable the students to write a chapter of their own Quest novel. The class has also been engaging in Charades, this links well with improving our writing where we are trying to use the 'Show don't Tell' technique. We have been continuing with number properties in Maths and the students have successfully completed their first Maths assessment task. The class has also been enjoying our Maths warm-up games of Heads & Tails, Jag the Joker and Around the World. Leadership Groups started in Week 3 with great success. We have had some interesting conversations about the time before Federation during our HASS lessons. Did you know that before Federation all the colonies had different railway tracks? This made travel and trade difficult. Sounds similar to what is occurring with Covid19 restrictions. The Year 6 leaders have shown great responsibility in organising and running the four different groups. 5/6 will be attending Interschool Sports from Friday. The students will be participating in golf skills and games. Please keep an eye out for your child's permission note. Until next time...Stay Safe!

WEDNESDAYS ARE NUDE FOOD DAYS

To reduce waste & rubbish at lunchtime and to be in the running for great prizes... make sure your lunch box contains NUDE FOOD.
No Packaging on your food on Wednesdays!!!
For example:



So... NUDE YOUR FOOD



Winner announced at Parade each Monday
BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Amamoor Arts & Craft Fair 27/28 February 2021

A number of artisans and crafts people from Amamoor are getting together later in February to bring you the Amamoor Arts and Craft Fair. This event will take place at the Amamoor Hall on Saturday 27th February (9am to 4pm) and Sunday 28th February (9am to 3pm). Original paintings, jewellery, gem stones, resin products, creative unique upcycled sculptures and clothing are just a few of the items that will be available.

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