

MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

DEC 13 2023 PREP ORIENTATION

DEC 13 2023 YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

DEC 14 GRADE 6 GRADUATION

DEC 15 PREP GRADUATION

DEC 16 GRADE 6 BIG DAY OUT

DEC 19 LAST DAY TERM 4

DEC 20 PUPIL FREE DAY

community evening

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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ART SHOW AND COMMUNITY EVENING

I have loved watching videos, listening to stories and looking at photos from last week's Art Show and Community evening. The fun and authentic sense of community was so heart-warming. Sadly, testing COVID positive prevented me from enjoying the evening with you all, but I hope nothing will stop me from enjoying the evening in 2023! Thank you to all the wonderful staff at MPS that made this event possible, and especially Shea McFarland for your organisation of the display of all the artworks that were enjoyed on the evening, Joel Stanfield-Porter for your support with sourcing and setting up all the display boards and ensuring all our ICT and sound equipment was ready to go, and Caitlin Kolokathis for supporting and encouraging the brilliant performances.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXCITEMENT

Tuesday and Wednesday's Christmas Stall was a wonderful success, the excitement our students showed at being able to browse and purchase independently was lovely to watch. We are incredibly grateful to Aysha Rowe and our parent fundraising team who pulled this all together so seamlessly. I hope all the children who purchased items at the Christmas Stall have wrapped these or hidden them carefully until Christmas morning!

Final Working Bee this Saturday

Our final Garden Party is coming up this Saturday, December 10th - 8:00am to 10:30am.

We have a range of tasks to keep us all busy. We know this is a tricky time of year, so we would be very grateful if you could spare an hour or so.

To celebrate a great year of gardening, we'll be holding a Morning Tea at 10:30am.

Looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and maybe a few new ones on Saturday.

RSVP [here](#)!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

As a staff at Mitcham Primary School we are very aware of the positive impact that the involvement of parents, grandparents, friends and other community members have on the learning outcomes of our students. Our volunteers are a multifaceted resource in our classrooms and throughout our school. Our volunteers enable teachers to personalise instruction, free teachers to meet students' needs more effectively, broaden students' experiences and strengthen school-community understanding and relations. On behalf of all Mitcham Primary School staff I would like to extend a big thank you to all our 2022 volunteers, your contributions are so appreciated!

TRANSITION

Across the whole school our students have recently participated in four transition sessions. The purpose of these sessions is to provide students with an opportunity to experience what being in their next year's class level will look like and feel like. Having these transition sessions takes a lot of the angst about moving classrooms and levels away from the students. On Tuesday your children meet their 2023 teacher and classmates and will spend the morning with their new class.

We have increased our student enrolments quite significantly and so we will be adding two classes to our class structure.

Our 2023 Teaching Teams are as follows:

Prep / Foundation Team: Kate Heuston (Prep Team Leader), Ashlee Holzer, Isaac Delaney and Stephanie Gerastathos.

Year 1/2 Team: Tara Buckle (Year 1/2 Team Leader), Vicki Vesoz, Jayne Koth, Nathan Percy, Louise Merlino.

Year 3/4 Team: Donna Johnston (Year 3/4 Team Leader), Beau Robertson (Learning Specialist), Sam Barkley, Emma Bates and Bharti Sood-Anand.

Year 5/6 Team: Netanel Koles (Year 5/6 Team Leader), Michelle Anderson (Learning Specialist), Lauren Cerra and Anika Harris.

Montessori Cycle 2: Marina Rich (Cycle 2 Team Leader), Judith Sivasubramaniam and Val Berardini.

Montessori Cycle 3: Judith Ryall (Montessori Co-Ordinator and Cycle 3 Team Leader) and Sandy Kaye.

Our Specialist Team:

PE - Laura Ellis (Specialist Team Leader and Learning Specialist).
Art - Shea McFarland.
EAL - Michelle Dybing.
STEM - Lauren Lamont and Erena Cain.
Indonesian - Glenda Tjhin and Tracey Irvine.
Performing Arts - Caitlin Kolokathis.
Tutor Learning Initiative Tutors - Kate Xenophontos and Sandy Stuart.

As mentioned in last fortnight's newsletter, Francine Cirillo and Clive Bowron-Hodgson will not be returning to MPS as full-time classroom teachers in 2023, as they are pursuing other interests and studies, but we will be seeing both Fran and Clive frequently in the school in the capacity of casual relief teachers.

Please note that the last day of school for 2022 is Monday 19th December and on this day school will finish at 1:30pm. Tuesday 20th December is a pupil free day, teachers will spend this day at school handing over information to all students' 2023 class teachers and moving and packing up classrooms. Outside of Hours School Care is available for families who require care and supervision of their children on this day.

ANOTHER MASSIVE THANK YOU

At Mitcham Primary School we are extremely lucky to have a beautiful team of Kids Hope mentors that regularly work with some of our students. The powerful one-to-one model positively impacts children as emotional and social development needs are met and learning capacity enhanced. On Tuesday afternoon, our mentors provided a lovely afternoon tea for the students they work with, their families and their teachers. From all of the Mitcham Primary School community, thank you to our mentors Dennis, Andrew, Linda, Isobel and Liz!



Wishing all families in our Mitcham community a lovely weekend.

Erin

CLASSROOM SNEAK PEEKS: CYCLE 2

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13C in the Gardens

13C have continued to enjoy planting and growing vegetables and herbs, both in the Veggie Patch boxes and in the little garden behind the BER.

Our rainbow chard and sage have fed many families all year, but it was time to make space for peas and tomatoes. We also planted out our corn seedlings and are hopeful for a few sunflowers as well.



Harvest n Weed



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Our first yummy strawberries!

Wellbeing for Body Mind and Spirit And Wonders and Wonderings of the Human Body



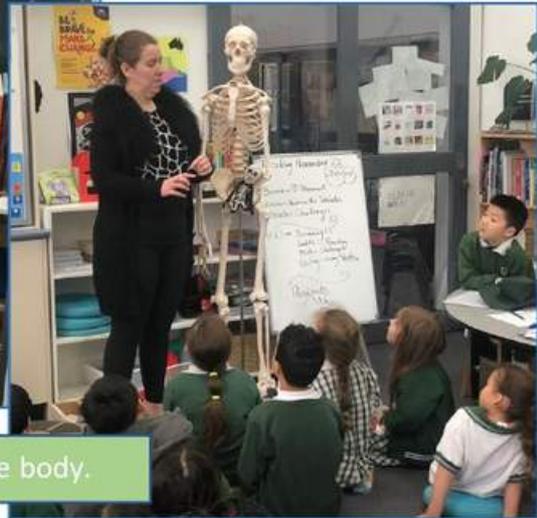
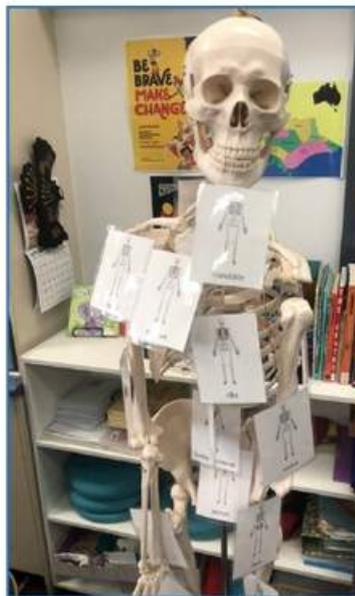
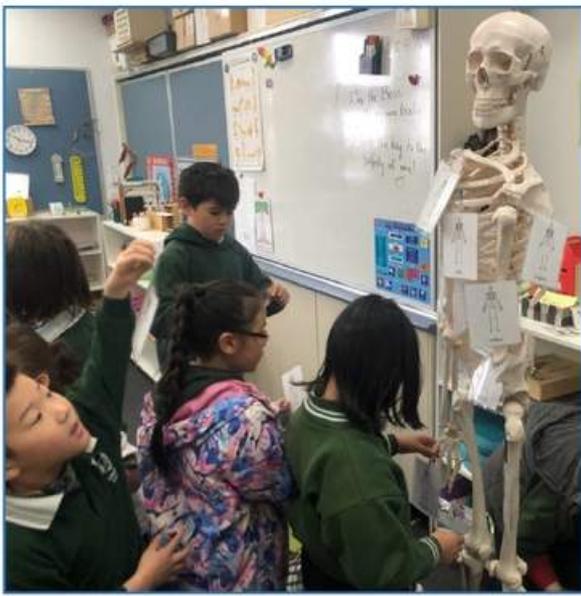
Bonnie Maplestone is one of our talented mums who has spent some time during the term sharing her knowledge of health and wellness with yoga for kids or as we lovingly call it:

“Movement for Body Mind and Spirit”.

From sound bathing to breathe awareness to digital dexterity and flexibility exercises, Bonnie has led the children through some amazing experiences.

She also brought her friend, “Andrew” along so we could explore the human skeleton in all its amazing glory.





The children had a busy time identifying and labelling the parts of the body.



We also had a lovely visit from Cecily's grandma, Diane, a GP with a skeleton friend called "Tom".
Dr Gran Di also shared some special doctor instruments, like the stethoscope to listen to heartbeats. She also showed us a few medical devices - an Otoscope to investigate the inner ear and something to measure blood pressure called a Sphygmomanometer! Fancy names!



Yarra Valley Grammar Visit!

Our gratitude to Mrs Michelle Dybing for organising a visit from the Yarra Valley Grammar School students who made a big impression on the class. They were great sports, helping with a few garden jobs, and even joining in as we sang them our latest class song! Thanks Ethan and Aimaan!



CLASSROOM SNEAK PEEKS: CYCLE 3

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Throughout this term we have been treated to more incredible 'Great Works' in Cycle 3. The children's passions were clear and their presentations were engaging and interesting. We learned about the history of the skateboard, the names for a variety of tricks and marvelled at a replica skatepark Charlie had created. Adam taught us all a lot about plants, how to grow them and the different varieties. Oliver became a news reporter and fused his two passions; drones and 3D printing. Finally, Caden thrilled us with a hand drawn board game. We all enjoyed playing the game and sharing in all of the grade 6 children's passions. Both students and teachers alike have marvelled at the quality and depth of work our grade 6s have produced. We have enjoyed learning more about the people in our class as they have explored and shared their own personal passions through this celebration of student voice and agency in their learning.



CLASSROOM SNEAK PEEKS: 1/2

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As part of Maths this term, the 1/2s have been using 3D printing to explore shape, location and measurement.

The students used 3D shapes to design their product, 3D blocks to create their design, before finally digitalising them and sending them to the printer.

Have a look!



It's been a woolly busy time for some of our community members. Jesse's Nanna made 22 beanies, one for everyone in Prep A!

They look amazing, thank you Nanna Mackay!



Marlie and Amelia won their netball grand final last week. What a way to end the season!

GREAT!



AROUND OUR GROUNDS

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Last week we travelled through the decades and the emotions for Community Evening. Thank you to Miss McFarland, the teachers, students and parents for making this evening as wonderful as it was.

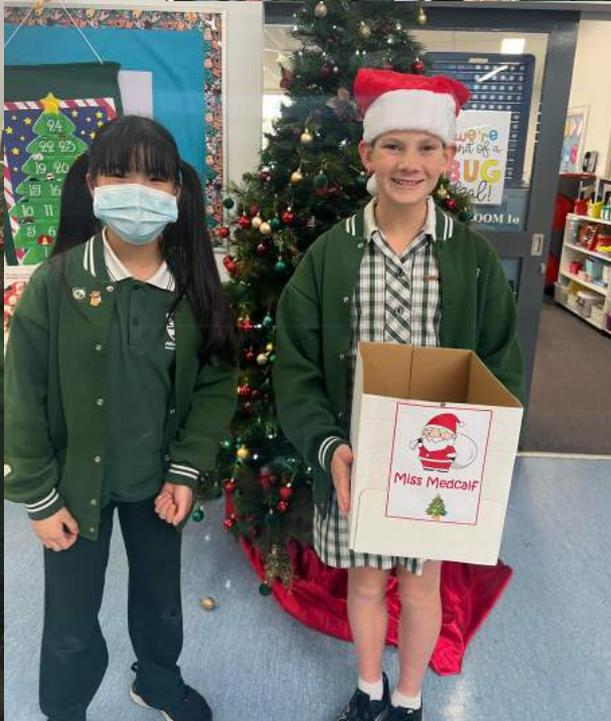
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have been
delivered!
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MITCHAM MATHS MORNING





TERM 4 PREP TRANSITIONS

ORIENTATION DAY: Tuesday 13 December 9am-10:30am

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Aaliyah Prep B, Tomas 4-6A, Wilbur 1-3C, Billie Prep C, Siddarth Prep C, Kai 3/4B, Jazmyn 5/6B, Ryan 1/2D, Daisy 1/2A, Adelaide 5/6A, Lily 5/6C, Axl 5/6D, Declan 1/2C, Emsley 3/4C, Oriana Prep A, Isabelle 1/2A, Chris 3/4B, Tia 5/6B, Liam 5/6D, Alice 4-6B, Eva 1-3B, Dane 5/6A.

MPS BIRTHDAYS

HOLIDAY SHOUT OUT!

Rebekah 3/4B, Yaesmin 5/6A, Thoriq 5/6C,
Sukoon Prep B, Rinka 3/4B, Cecily 1-3C, Emily 4-
6B, Sihr 4-6A, Jack 1/2A, Gemma 1/2D, Carina 1-
3C, Alexander 5/6A, Simon 3/4C, Adam 4-6A,
Ascelia 1-3C, Margaret 1-2A, Ella 4-6B, Ethan
3/4B, Eden 3/4B.

Frank 5/6C
Indi 3/4D
Benjamin 5/6D
Layla 5/6B
Benny 1/2D
Audrey 1/2D
Cayden 1-3A
Tarian 3/4C
Arjun 5/6C
Nathan 1/2E
Aananya 3/4B
Artin 5/6B

Adelle 3/4C,
Alex Prep A
Jacinta Prep C
Zoe 3/4D
Sana 5/6B
Clara 1-3A
Hasan 5/6A
Vidhaan 1/2D
Bryce 1-3C
Koosha 3/4A

This week our helping hands, have given Santa's helpers a break and made an MPS Christmas mailbox! Have you seen it up at the office yet?





Did you see the
MPS bake stall
when you were
out and about
voting?



This week, some hardworking students were rewarded with a delicious pizza lunch with our Principals!



Thank you to all our dedicated and caring Kids Hope mentors. It has been another fantastic year and we really value your guidance and support.



Last Wednesday was the last day of chess for the year. As we celebrated the end of another great year, we also celebrated the wonderful contribution and retirement of Frank.

Frank has been working with MPS for over 12 years and has given his time and knowledge not only on a Wednesday afternoon, but also on Open Days over the years. We will miss Frank dearly, and wish him all the best for his retirement. The chess program will continue in 2023, where we welcome James, who will be taking Frank's groups.



Mindfulness Bingo

find
something
smooth

find a
flower that
smells good

find
something
hard

notice the
color of the
sky

find
something
that is your
favorite
color

make
someone
laugh

listen to a
song you
love

help a
family
member

give
someone a
compliment

find
something
soft

feel the
grass under
your feet

find
something
bumpy



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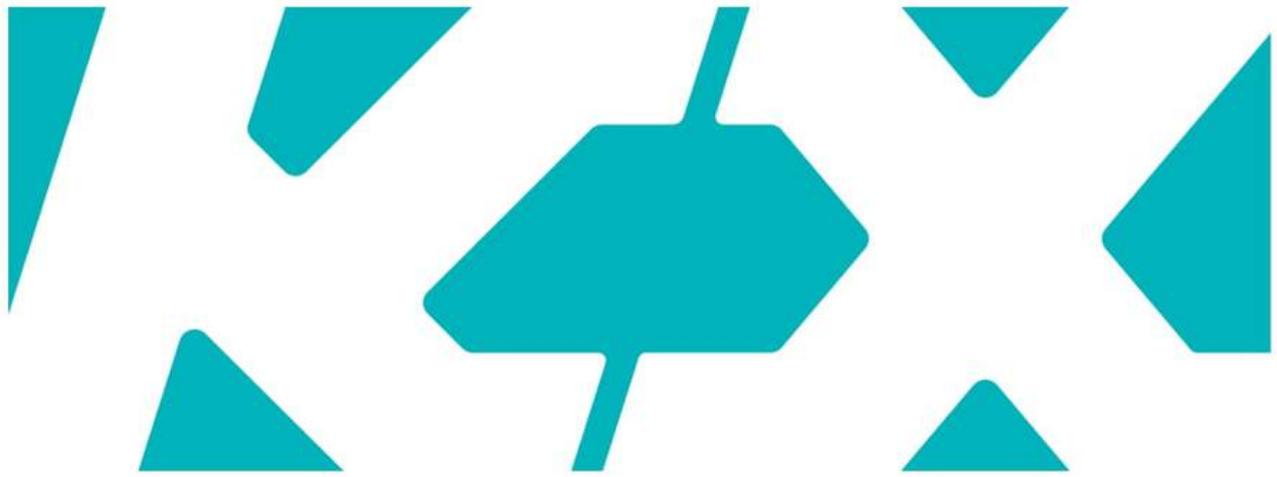
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Sunday 18 December 2022



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Mark Hartnett

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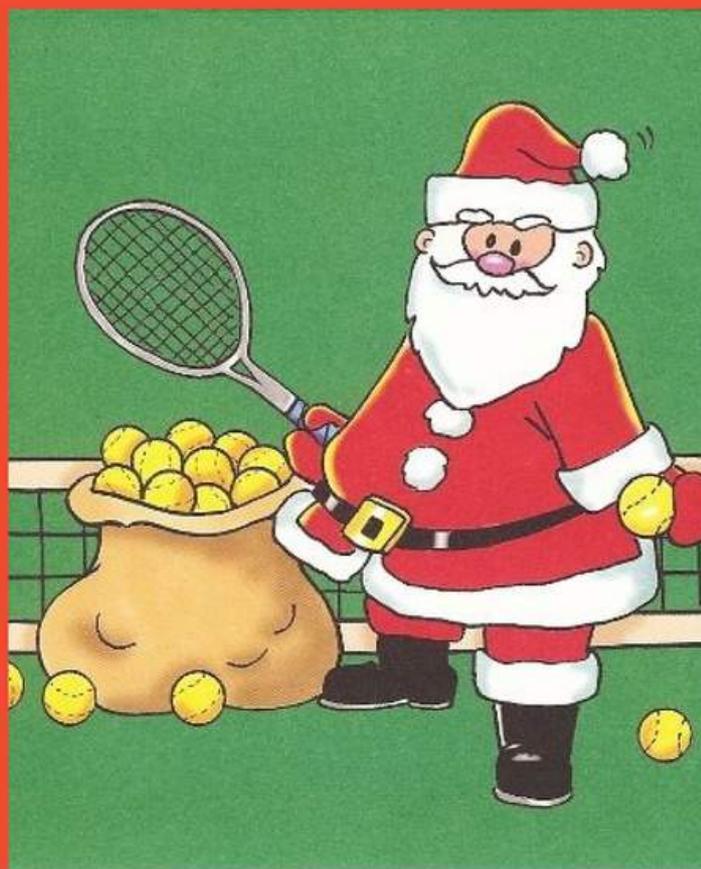
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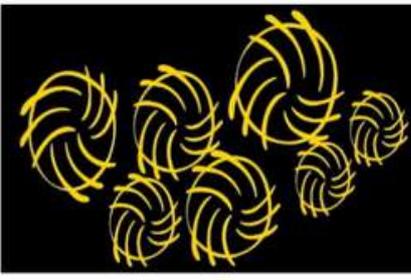


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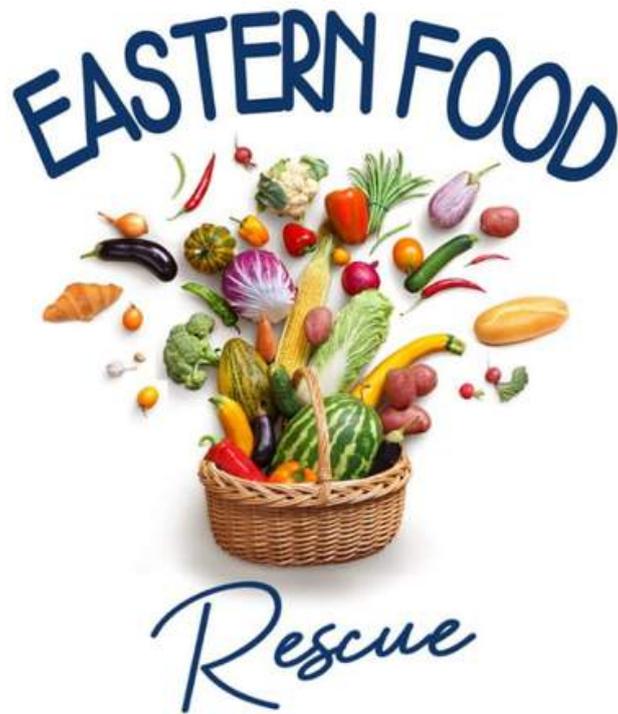


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Hello Mitcham Primary School Community

We would like to introduce you to Eastern Food Rescue.

Around 40 volunteers along with our founder Emma Tucker, collect food and non-perishables from over 70 locations around Melbourne per week. Our main purpose is to prevent good food from going to landfill and it is rescued from a variety of sources such as local cafés, bakeries and supermarkets.

Any food that is not suitable for consumption is composted. We also have a generous community member who takes the compost to their farm to feed his animals and nourish his soil. Any community member is welcome to take the compost as well as add to it.

Our pantry at 8-12 Simla St, is regularly stocked by our committed volunteers; anyone in the community is welcome to take food that is stored there. We hold regular pop-up mini markets at this location most weekdays and evenings. There is also a weekend market at Antonio Park Primary School every Saturday and Sunday 11.30-12.30pm just outside the reception, where we give away the food and non-perishables that we have collected.

We at Eastern Food Rescue love helping our community and would like to advise that from halfway through term 1 of this year 2022 we have been delivering free fruit and bread to your school every Monday. I hope your children have been enjoying the fruit and bread and may have come home to tell you about it.

Eastern Food Rescue celebrated its anniversary on 21 August 2022, marking the charity's first year. We have received much positive feedback and messages of appreciation from the community and we hope to continue to serve you and work together towards a cleaner planet.

If you haven't already been to our pantry or market, we hope to see new faces soon. If you have not heard of us, please look us up on our Facebook page to see all of our up-to-date deliveries.