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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

We continue with our theme of celebrating what is good here and now at SMMPS.

Our School Performance, **Legends of Rock**, was second to none. I **am extremely proud of the children** for their commitment and effort on the night of the performance and their dedication to much practice and many rehearsals as they prepared to perform. I am sure all family and friends whom attended appreciated the children's efforts.

Of course it goes without saying, I **am very grateful to Ms. Sarah Cornish**, who created and directed the performance. Sarah is most creative and a wonderful colleague, who managed a brilliant show. It is not just the show, but the costumes, the 'between acts', the organisation of back stage, the makeup and the many other myriad of tasks that needed to be put into place and completed to ensure the evening was a success. A job well done! Thank you Sarah!

I **congratulate and thank all staff** for their commitment and positivity as we got the show on the road. This extends from our Office Staff who arranged ticket sales, through to teachers who supported their classes and to the all staff who put in a long day at the Convention Centre to ensure that the show was a great success.

Thank you to the many parents and a grandparent, I believe, whom assisted during the rehearsals and back stage on the day. These generous and engaged parents, then helped with the massive task of putting make-up on over 600 children on the day, Super Effort!

Upcoming Events

Term 4

Monday 5 November

Pupil Free Day-Report Writing

Tuesday 6 November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Thursday 8 November

9.30am-11.00am. 2019 Prep
Orientation

Wednesday 14 November

7.00pm-8.30pm. 2019 Prep
Orientation

Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 Nov

3.30pm-4.30pm. 2019 Prep Stay
and Play

Monday 26-Wednesday 28 November

Year 4 Camp

Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 November

3.30pm-4.30pm. 2019 Prep Stay
and Play

Tuesday 4 December

9.30am-10.30am. 2019 Prep
Orientation morning

Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 December

School Closures

Wednesday 12 December

Christmas Carols at 7.00pm

Thursday 13 December

Year 6-Big Day In

Friday 14 December

Year 6 students finish at 1.00pm
Graduation in Church at 7.00pm

Wednesday 19 December

Year Prep-5 finish at 1.00pm

And thank you to you the parent community for your support in allowing your children to be part of such a memorable experience. Thank you for purchasing tickets and for coming along.



Please see a report on the performance below, compiled by Anne-Marie Conte.

WE DO HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

TINY TOWN

We have begun construction of our Tiny Town, which has been placed in the Prep Courtyard. Five cubbies have been erected and painted, soon to be named by the children, as different services you might find in a town.

We have also purchased 7 different fruit trees to plant in large pots to 'green' our town and to give the children an opportunity to care for the trees and to eventually see them bear fruit.

Quite simply, the construction of our Tiny Town, gives our Prep children something extra to do at breaks, whilst encouraging imagination. The Tiny Town also provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to utilize during various lessons.

We look to providing more cubbies into the future.

We are now looking to purchase some additional playground equipment for the older children. Levi's 'big win' of \$10,000 on Fox FM's AlphaBucks Kids, will go a long way towards this equipment. We will be speaking with Levi and the SRC about what to purchase. This opportunity provides for some relevant student voice.



WE DO HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

We have finally finished cladding the Prep classrooms. We are now preparing to paint the cladding. In this way we are providing a much more attractive space for our Prep children.

Remember school is closed to the children on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 November 2018. It's Cup Weekend!

Have a great week everybody and enjoy your four-day weekend!



Anthony McCluskey
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jason Maxwell (Sport/Phys. Ed) and his wife Sarah on the birth of their daughter, Mila James, a sister for Harley.

We wish Jason and his family much happiness.

Term 4 Overviews

The term overviews are available for viewing on the school's website. They provide an insight into what is happening across the school in all curriculum areas. Please take the time to have a read and discuss them with your child/children.

Anna Yorston

Learning & Teaching

2018 TERM DATES

Term 4-Monday 8

October- Wednesday 19

December

Parent Engagement

Subway Days- Now open on flexischools.com.au
Next date: 16 November, 2018. Orders close Friday 09 Nov at 7pm

Donut Day-Wednesday 21 November. Choice of Strawberry, Chocolate and Pineapple for \$2.50. Orders now open on flexischools.com.au

Hamburger Day- Thursday 06 December. Hamburger and juice for \$5.50. Will be on flexischools soon.

Hoyts Movie Night-
Wednesday 5 December, Hoyts Watergardens at 6.30pm to see Wreck it Ralph 2-tickets \$15.00 each. Get onto flexischools.com.au

Inquiry Learning Update

We have had a busy start to Term Four with incursions and excursions throughout the school.



Preps enjoyed a hands on session with mini-beasts leading to lots of questions and wonderings about how they move, where they live and what they eat.



Grade Ones went to Werribee Mansion to find out about life in the past and compare it to life today.



Grade Twos got to choose which habitat they wanted to find out more about and went to the Aquarium or Werribee Zoo to research key features of their chosen place.



The Year 3s are putting their thinking caps on to generate wonderings as a way to explore their passions.



Professor Bunsen joined the Year 4s in learning about states of matter and change.

The Year 5s are unleashing their creativity during 80-20 Time.



The Year 6s learnt more about Fair Trade by taking part in the World Feast Game.



LEGENDS OF ROCK

The little legends from SMMPS certainly showed everyone in the school community how to rock!

On the 16th of October 2018 the students from SMMPS performed at The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. This was the perfect stage to showcase the incredible talent of all of our students. Every Year level put on a performance that blew the socks off every audience member.

The students proved to be enthusiastic about the Performing Arts program from start to finish. Their final performance was a very clear indication of how focus and effort can produce amazing results. We are truly proud of the students for their commitment to performing at their very best throughout the process from June to October.

The students from Prep, Year One and Year Two were directed by Ms Laura Brown. Laura is an experienced dancer, performer, choreographer and teacher. With the support of the class teachers, Laura supported the students to use their strengths and work together to achieve impressive results.

The students from Years Three, Four, Five and Six were directed by Miss Sarah Cornish. Sarah is an experienced teacher particularly in the realm of Drama and Performing Arts. Sarah brought students into an appreciation of the specific elements required to produce a polished performance. She explored the concepts of; Strength, Expression, Space, Teamwork and Timing with the students, creating an unforgettable learning experience. Students were also given the opportunity to choreograph their own sections of the performance. This enabled them to bring themselves to the performance and own it, resulting in a sense of pride in their endeavour.

Sarah's incredible organisational skills when working with students, school staff, parents and MCEC staff meant that a polished, professional performance was presented.

Witnessing the focus and determination of large groups of students throughout rehearsal and the final performance was absolutely inspirational.



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Faith



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Limited
Vacancies
Year 7, 2019

Term 4 2018 Tours

Wednesday 24th October

Thursday 30th October

Tours commence 9:15am

Personal Tours by appointment

Bookings:

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TAYLORS LAKES LIONS 3RD ANNUAL

COMMUNITY MARKET DAY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28, 2018

9AM—2PM

Taylors Lakes Linear Park
Chichester Drive, Taylors Lakes

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