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Central

NEWSLETTER

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Principal

The Homework Dilemma: Balancing Learning and Leisure, It's essential to address a topic that plays a crucial role in our students' academic journey: homework. Striking the right balance between academics and leisure is a challenge we all face, and it's crucial to foster an environment where learning extends beyond the classroom while ensuring students have the time to unwind and explore their interests.

The Purpose and Benefits of Homework: In the early school years, there's no clear evidence that homework helps children do well academically at school, however homework serves as a valuable rehearsal of the learning that takes place in the classroom, reinforcing concepts taught, encouraging independent thinking, and as they progress through school, supporting students to develop essential skills such as time management and self-discipline.

Our goal is to provide meaningful homework that complements classroom instruction and supports the development of a strong academic foundation. **Quality over Quantity:** Recognising the demands on our students' time, we emphasise the importance of quality over quantity when it comes to homework and the ability of our parents/guardians to be able to support this time in the home.

Reading is the most important thing a parent can do with a child- there are many resources that support reading, our school library- borrowing every Wednesday with a library/plastic bag, our local community library, e books, book club, newsagency – comics, magazines, Lifeline- second hand books to purchase or donated by the school to support reading. There are also reading clubs run by The Smith Family that helps children engage in reading.

Mathematics: how many plates do we need for dinner? How many apples/bananas/oranges to be placed in the bag when we go shopping are all examples of Maths. Cooking, helping with cracking eggs into a bowl, how many cups of flour/water/milk all cover measurement and capacity in Mathematics. Counting backwards and forwards to 10, 20, 50, 100, skip counting 2,4,6,8,10 all support in Maths.

Before School Routines

Punctuality - Instruction begins at 8:45 am each school day. It is essential that children arrive on time. Students should not be onsite before 8:15am as there is no supervision.

Playgrounds - Playgrounds are 'out of bounds' before and after school to ensure the safety of your child. All children are to move to the blue court in the morning and wait for a staff member.

Cross Country

Mount Morgan Central will hold our Cross Country on Wednesday March 27. Distances for each age group are as follows: Students born 2015 (9 years) – 2km, 2014 (10 years) - 2km, 2013 (11years) – 3km, 2012 (12 years) 3km. Students wishing to do well in the cross country should consider starting training for this race in the next week or so. Cross country training will be held every morning at 8.30am and will run until Tuesday 26th March.

Grounds Position

We are currently recruiting for a grounds person as Miss Kirra has received a transfer over to the High School in term 2. The position description is on our Mount Morgan Central State School Facebook Page.

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NAPLAN Online for Year 3 & Year 5 –13 -25 March

This year, between 13 and 25 March, our Year 3 & Year 5 students will be doing NAPLAN Online as per the timetable below. All students in Years 3 & 5 are required to sit for the tests unless they are withdrawn by parents/carers. Where parents/carers do not want students to participate in the test, they must discuss their wishes with the teacher or Michelle Emery Principal. Students who are withdrawn from the tests will have no result recorded and no report will be provided. Adjustments may be permitted for students with a disability to support their access to the tests and facilitate maximum participation. Please see our NAPLAN timetable below.

	Monday 11/3	Tuesday 12/3	Wednesday 13/3			Thursday 14/3		Friday 15/3	
9:15-10:30			ARTS	LIB		LIB	SMARTS	ARTS	Lib
			5B/P write	3T		5B/P Read	3T		

	Monday 18/3	Tuesday 19/3	Wednesday 20/3			Thursday 21/3		Friday 22/3	
9: 10:30	ARTS LIB		ARTS	Lib		CL	Lib	CL	Lib
	5B/P 3T		5B/P Num	3T Num		Catch- up	Catch- up		
12:00- 1:30	Catchup		Catchup			Catch-up			

PBL

Our Easter Egg hunt for our green day students will be held on Thursday 28th of March after first lunch. This is a reward for those students who have reached their 40 green days. Throughout the term students are rewarded for 5 (wrist band), 10 (chocolate/icy pole), 20 green days (chocolate/icy pole). If you would prefer your child to have a no sugar option, we can offer a piece of fruit in place. Please communicate this to your child's teacher.

Intra School Soccer

Held every Friday afternoon 2-3pm the school holds a round robin style soccer competition. Parents and families are welcome to spectate. Please note if your student is suspended or expelled from the High School, they are unable to enter the primary school grounds as per their suspension/expulsion leave and will be asked to leave our school grounds.

Parent/Teacher Interviews term 2

Parent teacher interviews will be held in term 2. This enables teachers to have the time to collate all assessment from term 1 and to advise how your child/ren are progressing in their learning and goals to improve educational outcomes. We are hoping to combine with Mount Morgan High School again for a sausage sizzle and chat.

School Disco

The school will be holding a disco on Thursday 21st March. Prep—Year 3 will attend from 5pm—6pm and Year 4-6 will attend from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The disco is for Mount Morgan Central students only and supervision will be provided. Parents will be required to sign their child in and out. The P&C will be hosting a sausage sizzle between 6pm-6.30pm. Food and drinks will be available and must be pre-ordered. A note has been sent home with students to assist with pre-ordering and pricing information regarding entry and food/drinks.

Michelle Emery
Principal



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P&C Update

Uniforms

Uniforms will be available to purchase from the school office Monday—Friday via cash and eftpos. Please be aware there have been price increases for shirts and jackets.

Shirts (size 4-16)	\$30.00
Shirts (size S-M)	\$33.00
Shorts	\$15.00
Jackets	\$30.00
Bucket Hats	\$ 8.00
Wide Brim Hats	\$10.00



We do have 2nd hand shirts available for \$5.00 (limited sizes) please enquire at the school office.

Weekly Parade

Parade will be held each Friday morning at the undercover area commencing at 8.50am. All Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.

Contact Details

Please make sure all contact details are up to date. This includes phone numbers, postal address and email address. Details can be changed by visiting or contacting the school office on Ph 49125333.



**Don't forget!
Book Club
orders
are due:
Wednesday, 13th March**

Event Calendar

March	
13th—25th	NAPLAN
Monday 25th	Vision screening
Wednesday 27th	Cross Country
Thursday 28th	PBL (Easter egg hunt)
	Last Day Term 1
April	
Monday 15th	First Day Term 2
Friday 19th	Hearing review
Thursday 25th	Anzac Day Public Holiday
May	
Monday 6th	Labour Day Public Holiday

Student Absences

Can all parents please ensure that the school is notified of any student absences either through a quick:



*Phone call
(49125333)*

Or

SMS (0476 811 855)

ICY CUPS !!

The Year 6 students are selling icy cups for 50c.

They are available straight after school from the Tuckshop

Medical Details

If your child needs to be given medication at school please come and see the school office. All medication must have a prescription and a medication form completed. Students must not carry medication with them.

LET'S GLOW



JOIN US FOR A FUN TIME AT OUR
NEON DISCO

WHEN:

Thursday 21st March

Prep-Year 3: 5-6pm

Dinner break- Sausages on bread for sale 6-6:30pm

Sausage + bread \$3 | Drinks \$2

Year 4-6: 6:30-7:30pm

WHERE:

Mount Morgan Central State School Blue court

COST:

\$5 per child

Family rates: 2 children- \$9

3 Children- \$14

4 children- \$15

MMCSS
STUDENTS
ONLY

BAGS OF LOLLIES, ICY CUPS, AND GLOW PRODUCTS
FOR SALE ON THE NIGHT
PRICES RANGE FROM \$1 - \$3

PARENTS MUST DROP OFF AND PICK UP CHILDREN FROM THE
DISCO DOOR. SUPERVISION ONLY PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS IN
THE CORRECT AGE GROUP FOR DISCO.