

# Newsletter 2020

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Dates to Note

#### **REMEMBER:**

All children are to bring their own water bottle to school. They are able to refill it at school during the day

**Still No Assemblies** 

#### TERM 4

Book Fair Week 5

Virtual & Online

Great idea for Christmas

Tues 24th Nov

P&C AGM/ meeting

• Mon 14th Dec

Putt-Putt Excursion for all students K-6 ...and...

Special afternoon tea to Farewell Yr6

## **Book Fair coming**

**Kindy Orientation:** Most of our new Kindies have had a tour of the school and met the teachers (after school hours due to COVID restrictions). At least the setting along with staff will now be a little more familiar to these new students. It is hoped that we will get an opportunity, later in the term, to bring these young students together on site for a fun activity to further familiarize them with school procedures.

**Canteen:** Please ensure your orders are placed **before 10am each Friday** and remember to **notify them** if your child **is away** on canteen day. This is to ensure the smooth running of this operation.

**Book Fair:** Our school will be holding a book fair next week. Books will be on display for the children to view on **Friday of this week** (week 4). Your child will then bring home a wish list to "discuss" with you. You will be able to view their wishes by visiting the web address that will be provided so that the list can be vetted and also allowing for any extra shopping you may wish to do for Christmas. Purchases can be made online (or correct cash if preferred) on MONDAY (9th Nov) of Week 5.

**Putt-Putt Excursion:** This excursion is set to go ahead on Monday 14th December. We have spoken with Mary from the Putt-Putt who has kindly agreed to allow us to have the place to ourselves on the day, in line with COVID expectations. Information around this special, fun day will be forthcoming in the next few weeks, but essentially it is a day where we walk from school to the Putt-Putt in Cranston's Road, play two rounds of Putt-Putt golf, enjoying morning tea and lunch before walking back to school. It is usually a fabulous day enjoyed by all and I feel a very much needed one this year in particular.

**Thankyou:** Thank you to Mr Eastman and welcome back Mr Tyszyk. Mr Eastman did a great job replacing our GA whilst he was away. We welcome back "Mr T" and look forward to his help this term.

STUDENT HEALTH: Any child suffering cold or flu like symptoms, runny nose, sore throats or headaches should not attend school. They are also required to have a COVID test. Students are not to return until the school has been given evidence of a negative result and is not experiencing any symptoms. This still applies until further notice. I thank all of you for your continued vigilance in this area.

**Absences:** When your child is absent from school we require a written note/email upon their return explaining the reason for their absence. Reasons such as "away" are unjustified and must be recorded as such.

A reminder around school start and finish times:

- $\Rightarrow$  <u>Arrival time</u> should be between 8:35 and 9:00am each day.
- $\Rightarrow$  <u>Departure time</u> should be as close to 3:05 as possible.

While staff are present outside of these times, we are all very busy undertaking other duties, tasks, professional learning and meetings. Your assistance in adhering to these times is greatly appreciated.



Our P&C will be meeting on

## ZOOM!!! AGM

## **Tuesday 24th November 8pm**

We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It's time we all shared the load a little.

Why not join in to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.





Explore the books available by visiting the link (best viewed on computer) or scanning the QR code below

#### https://tinyurl.com/mdpsbooks





A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please speak to the class teacher to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

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