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ACHIEVERS!
Student of the week: Jake, James, Megan, Rylee, Monica & Zara-Jane
Magic Words: Billie, Isabella, Teressa, Ryder

Magic Words!

Students of the Week

Happy Birthday!
From the Principal

Dear Parents and Care-givers,

You will see in our calendar that our school continues to offer some lovely and exciting opportunities for students that go beyond the normal curriculum. Schools are such a great way for children to access experiences that they would not normally choose or be able to do.

We encourage your children to have a go at everything available. Having said that I would like to make a special ‘plug’ for the Spelling Bee that is coming up. Learning to spell beautiful and effective words can provide such a boost to your child’s confidence and writing. In order to differentiate for your child’s needs we will have two different lists with words ranging from easy to quite difficult. Help your child to make a reasonable goal for themselves. Consider their age, spelling ability, desire to achieve and family time available for practice and pick their words. It is amazing how children can achieve when their goal is set and worked towards.

Also coming up in March is Bully No Way Day. We are preparing for this day and for general school life by explicitly teaching aspects of bullying. When thinking about a negative experience it is important to consider: Is what happened a MEAN MOMENT, or BULLYING? A mean Moment is a one off event. It is not nice and of course consequences are applied. A one off event does not constitute bullying. Bullying is when:

1. It is intentional
2. It is ongoing
3. There is power held by the individuals.

It is important to ensure that everyone uses the right language when discussing bullying. By ensuring that we all understand the definition of bullying we empower our children to be resilient and develop their social skills in order to have a happy school life.

Harmony Day is on Tuesday in Week 5. This day is about inclusion. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school. I believe however that it is important to do a self-check every now and again to make sure that we are living in line with our values. Our t-shirt design for Harmony Day includes words such as friendship, love, peace, joy, inclusion. Personally, for me the words patience and tolerance are key words. When working and learning with others it is important to remember our differences and understand that whilst there are a range of behaviour expectations, social understandings and supports that are universal, some people need extra care. I believe that is our strength; caring for and accepting our differences.

Thankyou for your continued support,

Pam

Lunchtime Fun!

One random day, during a random lunchtime a random happy snapper took these shots of our kids engaging in all sorts of random lunchtime activities. A special thank you goes out to Cathy for getting the lunchtime woodworking up and running! How wonderful!
Year 3/4 Technology
The Year ¾’s are investigating how to move boats with air power. There is a lot of hot air in ¾!
Hello! Chappy Shannon here. It is so great to be back at school with some new and exciting things in store. Not everyone is familiar with Chaplaincy or what exactly I get up to here at Mount Mee State School so here is a brief description of what I do. In a nutshell, my role is to be a supportive, safe person for the students, staff and families of our school to come to for support. I am able to provide our school community with a caring, listening ear for the issues they are facing. I see a number of students one on one in class and lunchtime for what we Chappy’s call ‘pastoral care’ which includes one on one supportive conversations. I have also been able to get alongside parents and staff when life has become a bit rough. My job is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to our school community through the various programs and supportive conversations I undertake.

This term I have the great privilege in being able to run the Ready Set Go Social Skills program for the Preps. Our first session last week was a lot of fun! So far, we have had some deeper learning into how each person is unique and special. Our Ready Set Go preps also identified their own individual special strengths, meaning unique qualities they offer to the world. This next session the children will learn that they live in two different worlds, one at home and one at school and how there are similarities and some differences between what you can and can’t do in those worlds.

Other happenings this term are Breakfast Club every Friday morning from 8am. This is run down at the undercover area in the school for our students. Parents are welcome to come down and join the fun. Tea and coffee (from a pod machine!) are available for parents who wish to come along and have a chat with myself and/or the Breakfast Club team of Rhonda and Wietske. We would love to have you join us! A big thank you to those families who donated breakfast food items to kick us off for the year – it has helped a lot! We are very thankful for the supportive families in our community who come alongside us.

I am also running Colouring in Club for 4 weeks at this current time as a social activity the students can participate in on a Friday lunchtime up in the Library. It is a nice air-cond activity for those students who love Colouring in.

Hope you are all keeping cool amongst all this heat. See you around 😊

Blessings,
Chappy Shannon

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the new school year. It’s already shaping up to be a busy year and the P&C has already started busily working away in the background.

Parent Evening

Thanks to all the parents who turned up at the school for the parent evening and purchased a sausage and a drink. We pretty much sold all the food so it was a great opportunity to raise some money for the school. Thank you to everyone that helped out on the night. The P&C would like to sincerely thank Meat City at Morayfield for donating the tasty sausages for the BBQ.

IGA Community Chest Donation

The IGA has kindly offered a donation of $2224 to MT Mee School P&C. The money will be used to purchase a new upright freezer for the tuckshop (the old one is on its last legs) and any remaining money will go towards a new air-conditioning fund we are planning to set up for the school.
School Air-Conditioning

The P&C are in the process of setting up a school building fund (for tax deductible donations) that we can use to save money for air-conditioning for the school. There are a lot of rules around setting up a fund correctly including applying for DGR (deductible gift recipient) endorsement from the ATO.

Due to regulations we can’t install 2nd hand air-conditioners at the school but thank you to the people who have offered, we appreciate the thought.

As you can understand to install air-conditioners in government buildings we have to follow the correct process. The installation of air-conditioners affects the electrical loading on the building so it will possibly also involve an upgrade to the electrical switchboards as well.

The next step is for us to work out the full scope of an air-conditioner installation including electrical modifications. We can then obtain quotes for the job. Once we have all this we can put together our justification to set up the school building fund.

The plan is to make sure we install a reliable long term solution so we are hoping we can have something in place for next summer.

Thanks to everyone for their interest and offers of support with this. We will keep you updated as things progress.

P&C AGM

The annual AGM for Mt Mee State School P&C is planned for Monday 6th of March. All positions will be declared open at the meeting so if you would like to be involved please come along. It really is a fun committee to be part of and we all share the workload. It’s a great opportunity to be part of a team that is dedicated to supporting our school. More details about the AGM will be sent out prior to the event.

Glenn Owens
pandc@mtmeess.eq.edu.au
2017 Dates

Term One:
School commences on Monday 23rd January
Last day of Term: Friday 31st March

Term Two
School commences on Tuesday 18th April
Last Day of Term: Friday 23rd June

Term Three
School Commences on Monday 10th July
Last Day of Term Friday 15th September

Term Four
School commences on Tuesday 3rd October
Last Day of Term Four Friday 8th December

Story Starters
Try starting your story or poem with one of these hooks:

1. Dialogue (Talking)
   “How did this happen?” I whispered to myself in horror.

2. Sound Effect (Onomatopoeia)
   “Grrr!” my phone signaled an incoming email with possibly the worst news of my life.

3. Ask a Question
   Have you ever wondered why weekends go by so fast?

4. Action
   I threw myself at the window and hoped I’d crash through like they do in the movies.

5. Flashback
   It was 1848 and the war had just begun...

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Email: admin@miteefun.net
Mail to: Po Box 2734, Nerang DC, Qld, 4211
Fax to: (07) 5571 9544

There is NO theme
You can write about whatever your heart desires!

* Poems no longer than 16 lines. Stories no more than 500 words.
* Entries must be in by Friday 31st March 2017
Helping Young People Make Positive Life Choices During Difficult Times

Sometimes we know that our children need support but we aren’t quite sure where to go or what to do to get help. Youth Excel’s onsite psychology program is all about bringing that help to you.

Youth Excel’s onsite service provides a Psychologist 1 day per week onsite at Woodford P-10 State School and Wamuran State School. This practitioner will be able to bulk bill psychological services for students who hold a current Mental Health Care Plan. Mental Health Care Plans are available from GP’s for students who have symptoms impacting their mental health.

The psychologist will be at:

**Woodford P-10 State School** on Tuesdays from 8.00am to 12.00 noon and

**Wamuran State School** on Tuesdays from 1.00pm to 5.00pm

This service will come at **NO COST** to families.

This service places a high priority on working collaboratively with parents, carers and guardians, as well as support teams and teachers to ensure the best possible outcomes.

Youth Excel Practitioners can assist young people:

- Manage anxiety or depression
- Combat bullying or manage conflict
- Communicate better with parents or guardians
- Overcome self-harm or suicidal thoughts
- Manage anger and mood swings
- Process grief and loss including that related to death, divorce & separation
- Improve self-esteem and confidence

**To register, please contact your school:**

Woodford P-10 State School: Phone (07) 5422 5333

Wamuran State School: Phone (07) 5429 9444

Delaneys Creek State School: Phone (07) 5434 6366

Mount Mee State School: Phone (07) 5433 5333

And collect the following:

- Parent Information Pack
- Onsite Psychology-Student Registration Form
Where would you like to go today?

“Hi, I’m Anna your local Personal Travel Manager.

Travel is my life – be it work or play. I have over 20 years industry experience specialising in making travel dreams come true.

Being mobile I can come to you, or book via email and phone. Plus, with minimal overheads and access to the best industry rates, I can offer you the most competitive prices available.

Anna Curran
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avoid the fuss let Don be your booze bus
QACI is one of three selective entry State High Schools developing highly capable young people on their preferred academic pathways. At QACI, students study the rigorous International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program which incorporates their creative pathway, develops university research skills and enables opportunities for real life industry experience.

QACI announces new complementary Discovery Workshops to help students in Years 8 and 9 explore their potential across the International Baccalaureate curriculum.

There are no knowledge or experience prerequisites that apply to Discovery Workshops. Designed using a cooperative approach that merges elements from different subjects these hands-on workshops provide opportunities for lateral, collaborative, and creative thinking in fun and engaging ways with our world-class educators.

Current Years 8 and 9 students can actively engage in one, two or three complementary individual sessions during the entire day on the 25th February 2017.

**61 Musk Avenue Kelvin Grove**

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**Design Your Future**

Join us at our **Open Day**

**Saturday 25 February 1pm - 3pm**

Alumni and Principal Panel at 1.00pm
Student tours at 1.30pm

**Discovery Workshops 9am - 3pm**

For current year 8 & 9 students

For more information visit [qaci.eq.edu.au/open-day](http://qaci.eq.edu.au/open-day)

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**Discovery Workshops**

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All workshops will be repeated at the set times.

**Available Workshops**

- Mathematical Design (Mathematics and Design)
- Microscopic Structures (Visual Arts, Sciences, and Mandarin)
- The Essence of Film (Film and English)
- Dancing with Language (Dance and Spanish)
- Upon a French Stage (French and Theatre)
- Musical Marketing (Music and Business)

Secure your workshop at [qaci.eq.edu.au/open-day](http://qaci.eq.edu.au/open-day) or call Queensland Academies (07) 33779366.