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## Principal's Message

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### Reconciliation Week at MPS

Yesterday marked the start of National Reconciliation Week, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation (bringing people together) in Australia. I would like to share with the community some of the learning over this week, in particular our 'read aloud', a whole school lesson and discussion students are engaged with every day. Our reconciliation lessons began on Monday with understanding why we have an Acknowledgement of Country and the difference between that and a Welcome to Country. Our year 7 school captains confidently shared a video message to all students, explaining the importance of learning about the past, as a way of understanding the present and creating a positive future.

At our whole school assembly this morning we practiced the Kurna greeting *mami naa pudni* (welcome it's good that you all came) and the response *mami ai* (I say hello). We then viewed our MPS made Acknowledgement of Country video featuring our 2020 school captains in places of significance around our grounds.

To mark National Sorry Day on Wednesday all students contributed to a thoughtful and spectacular display of 'Track Home Feet' on our oval. The coloured feet, representing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags were covered with



messages of empathy for the stolen generation. The track home feet represent the journey home or the journey of healing of the stolen generation people. This moving and meaningful display came together today on the oval.

Our learning about reconciliation will continue next week. I hope that the valuable discussions students are engaging with at school also become part of your family discussions.

Angela Van Enkhuyzen



### COVID 19 reminders

Families are reminded to please scan our QR code when they enter the school grounds and observe social distancing protocols.



### Diary dates

Term 2

Week 6

1/6 Yr 7 Aquatics

3/6 Carly Ryan presentation Yr 5-7

4/6 JP Assembly

Week 7

7/6 and 8/6 SAPSASA netball

**PUPIL FREE DAY Friday 11 June**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY Monday 14 June**

## The Magic Beach excursion

The Reception and Year 1 students of the Regent Neighbourhood, enjoyed an excursion on Wednesday to see a performance of the book *The Magic Beach* by Alison Lester as part of the Dream Big Children's Festival. The



children were captivated by the underwater sea creatures and the special effects shadow puppetry and bonfire. The students had a great time watching their favourite storybook come to life. For some, the bus trip with their friends was also a highlight! A huge thank you to our fabulous parent helpers who assisted us on the day.



## Around our learning spaces

**D7 Discoverer's Assembly - The Sun is in Danger**  
Year 5 students are currently learning about space in science with Mr Lawrence. In our classrooms, we are all studying the genre science fiction.

We came up with many ideas for an assembly presentation but decided we would do a play about space.

The **big idea** - our sun is in danger. The Star Hunters are after our sun and the entire solar system is at risk of freezing. The **cast** included: the Armed Forces, Jedi, aliens, the whole Hey Diddle Diddle gang, the kids in black and some regular school students who help a scientist come up with a solution. The **solution** is that we can't do it alone, we all need to work together to save the sun!

A play can be tricky because you need to project your voice to keep the audience's attention, but the kids in D7 did it very well, learnt a lot along the way and had a heap of fun!



## Aboriginal technology workshop

Classes from years 1—7 attended an Aboriginal Survival and Technology incursion on Thursday 27 May. This incursion provided students with visual and tactile experiences of traditional technologies used by indigenous peoples across the varied environments of Australia – deserts, mountains, rivers and coasts. Students were able to explore a large collection of museum quality artefacts and photos of plants and wildlife used for food, clothing, medicine, shelter, weapons and art.



## Year 7 fabulous flyers

A recent year 7 STEM assignment was to construct a kite that could fly using only a limited amount of materials. These included paper, tyvek, sticky tape and garbage bags. The process of making the kites was challenging. After design and construction they were tested on the oval. Student written reports included design plans, predictions and a reflection on how it flew. Students enjoyed using their creativity in the design process and had a lot fun!



## Premier's be active challenge

To encourage our student's involvement in the Premier's Be Active Challenge an assembly was held on Friday to promote student participation in physical activity. Guest speakers Mark Williams and Mark Soderstrom spoke about the importance of physical activity and its positive impact. The challenge requires students to do at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 5 days of the week for at least 10 weeks between the beginning of the school year and late September.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



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