Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2017 school year.

It’s fantastic to be back at the helm. I loved chatting to so many eager children and parents in the playground this morning. The first day of a new school year certainly has that special “buzz” in the air.

We began our school year with a special get together in the Nobian. The students were introduced to the new staff. It was an opportunity to welcome our new children and our school captains. Our motto this year is, “MPS is a GREAT school.”

The staff turned up in their new school T Shirts which depict our motto. The children were able to verbalise what they felt made MPS a GREAT school. Answers included nice school looks like. This will enable us as a school community to create a practise of GREATNESS.

ARRIVAL OF OUR PREPS

Our gorgeous little preps started their educational journey today. They looked so smart and polished in their new uniforms. It was wonderful to see so many parents and to share a cuppa with you. We will take extra care of your precious children. It’s an exciting journey to watch their independence develop. If you have any concerns, our doors are always open.

LUNCH ORDERS

If you wish your child to purchase a lunch order, please use the on line ordering system (see attached information sheet for instructions). Orders must be placed no later than 9.00am on the day of delivery. Your child’s lunch will be delivered to the school by our local milk bar, ‘Choices.’ Lunch orders are available each day. You may begin ordering from today.

NO ORDERING WILL OCCUR THROUGH THE SCHOOL.

If your child arrives at school with a lunch order, parents will be called to make alternative arrangements.

Sushi orders will remain the same on Tuesday and Thursday.

BOOK PACKS

If you have not yet collected your child’s book pack please do so as soon as possible. Students need their books to commence their learning program. They are available for purchase from the school office.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees can be paid in full or a payment plan can be made whereby payment is over a period of time. Please call in and discuss with an office manager. (Lisa, Amanda or Megan) the system which best suits your family.

Thank you to the families who have already paid their school fees.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Our whole school assemblies take place each fortnight. This is a time for celebration of our work during the past fortnight. The assemblies are child centred and are organised and coordinated by our school captains. All parents are invited.

Our first school assembly will be on the 3rd February at 3.00pm in the Nobian building. Please come along and celebrate the beginning of the school year with us. We are looking forward to meeting our New Foundation students (Preps).

NEW STAFF

We welcome with open arms the following people who have taken up positions at MPS.

- Kathryn Riddock (1/2K); Phil Brown (3/4P);
- Bronwyn Chamberlain (5/6C); Camella Jackson (5/6A)

It is an exciting time when new staff arrive with their fresh eyes and inspirational ideas. We are looking forward to making these teachers feel welcome in our school community.

Unfortunately for us during the Xmas break, Mr Brad Hearn was successful in gaining an ongoing position in his home town of Benalla. We will miss Brad but wish him success and happiness in his new position.

Enjoy your peaceful house now that your cherubs are back at school!

Cheerio,
Julie McInnes
(Principal)

UNIFORMS

We apologise for the delay in filling your uniform orders. We have been in contact with the freight company and they are currently trying to locate them. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

GRADE 6 TSHIRTS

Grade 6 t-shirts have arrived and will be going home with students today. Please ensure you have paid for your child’s tshirt.

BUS TRAVEL

Regular bus travel forms (blue ones) MUST be updated for 2017. If you have a new student travelling you will need to fill out a new application form.

SWIMMING

Grade 3-6 swimming will commence Monday 13th February, permission notes will go home Monday.

NEWSLETTER

Our regular newsletter will commence next week and continue each fortnight. This brief newsletter is to welcome everyone and advise you of a few important reminders. To try and cut the cost of printing, you can receive your newsletter via email, just send the office an email to let them know on: mansfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Banking

Students, who presently have a Commonwealth account, will continue to bank as normal.

Preps and all new families will be invited to bank with the local community bank, Bendigo Bank. If you are interested, please open an account at the local Bendigo Bank which will enable your child to bank through the school.

Please read the information below which is from the Bendigo Bank.

The Bendigo Bank School Banking program

The Mansfield & District Community Bank is now offering a school banking program for all Mansfield Primary School students. This program was rolled out to the Prep students late last year and is available for any primary school student to take part.

Commencing on Thursday the 16th of February, the funds will be collected from the school that morning and every Thursday thereafter. The banking pouches will then be delivered back to the school that afternoon, ready for collection by the parents or students.

If you would like more information, please contact the branch on (03) 5775 3273.

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