Remember
Term 2 ends on Friday
June 17

Kennedy leapt ahead 6 levels this term in Guided Reading
One of my recurring ‘nightmares’ for many years was the rows of single desks in an exam hall at Monash University. My nightmare was that I could not graduate because I just couldn’t pass the exam. My hands were clammy, my mind was blank, and I couldn’t for the life of me remember what I needed to write on the exam paper. …Then I would wake up to realise that it was all behind me and I had graduated. Phew!

Tests or exams are something we all remember from our time at school. For some of us it is remembered with a laugh and ‘thank goodness’ that is over, but for others there is real anxiety in remembering the sense of failure that might ensue from not being able to put down your thoughts on the paper in the allotted time. Each person had different ways of approaching tests; some of us would cram the night before, and others procrastinate until it was too late to care, others would study systematically, and some would over prepare, steeling themselves against failure.

So what happens in the current day and age of education? A few weeks ago our students undertook NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy). What is a Christian approach to testing and how do we at MECS view the test/exam scenario?

These days we talk more about assessment than testing. As a parent you might be asking what does that mean? Don’t you just test to find out what my child knows or doesn’t know and give them a mark accordingly?

Assessment is way more than a test. As teachers we are much more interested in knowing what a student already can do in a given subject or area and then working out the next step to see our students growing and developing in their particular area of need.

Dr John Hattie, Director of Melbourne Research Institute at the University of Melbourne, says this: ‘If I had to reduce all of educational psychology to just one principal, I would say this: ‘the most important single factor influencing learning is what the learner already knows. Ascertain this and teach him accordingly.’ (Ausbel, 1968:vi) (Hattie 2012, p. 37)

In my role as Assistant Principal - Primary I am constantly challenging the Primary staff to know their students well so that we can teach them at their point of need. To do this we use a range of tools: entry quizzes or pre-tests to find out what they know, questioning techniques; observations against known staus; tools such as Reading Running records (which show exactly what a child does as they read via a recording mechanism), as well as standardised benchmarking assessments. We love to collect meaningful data as it assists in understanding the learning needs of our students and it keeps us accountable to our task as teachers.

In today’s teaching world we want to know about your child at every level when they start a topic of work. This is then used to set the targets so the child is working at the cutting edge of their abilities. Vygotsky (educational psychologist and theorist) called this ‘the zone of proximal development’. At MECS we use this knowledge to take our students forward in their learning. Assessment helps us group students for their learning needs. We call this ‘assessment for learning’. We find out what a student knows and can do and then work out what they need to learn, or the skill they need to acquire to attain the next level of understanding. We also use assessment to summarise the learning and find out what a student now knows as a result of a series of teaching lessons. This is called ‘assessment of learning’. This is what the NAPLAN is all about: students are tested on their skills. The tests are developed to show a very wide range of ability. This standardised tool tells the data collectors what the state of play is for Literacy and Numeracy across the nation. We need to remember though that it is only a snapshot in time and it is a limited instrument that can only show certain data and information. We cannot see on a multiple choice question what went on in the student’s mind as they worked...

continued next page...
Our AGM
We were very pleased with the turnout to our AGM last week. Despite a cold and wet evening we had over 65 members attend. It is always good to share in supper and fellowship together; this year we also enjoyed some great pre-meeting music from Kristoffer and Natalie before heading down to the PUMP room. The meeting provided an opportunity to welcome Kirsty on to the Board, as well as thank Petra for her service having stepped down from the Board in the last 12 months. We also welcomed many new Association members; another great sign of the school’s exciting period of growth. Highlights of the evening included a tribute to Bill Dubbeld, one of our oldest Association members who passed away recently. Bill and Henny joined the school Association in 1964 and have been members ever since. It was great to see three generations of the Dubbeld family at the meeting where a ‘Certificate of Appreciation’ was given to Henny. We also heard from three different ‘generations’ of Association members: Keith and Helen Greenwood, Jane Stekelenberg and Simone Fraser. They all reflected on why being an Association member was so important to them and talked about the importance of maintaining the vision of Christian education.

Visit from the ‘Acting’ Premier
Last week we enjoyed a quick visit from our local state member, James Merlino, who was Acting Premier for the day! Mr Merlino is a regular visitor to our school and this time he was able to spend some time with our Senior Legal Studies students. They were well prepared with a variety of questions, many of them keeping the Minister of Education on his toes! It was great to see our students so across the most recent and contentious legal issues. Whilst it is important to engage in consistent and robust conversation with our politicians, it is also important to pray for them. Thanks to Brenton who was able to pray for the Minister and his family before he left.

Cutting Edge Learning continued...

Out the answer. At MECS we use NAPLAN information to address teaching practices, confirm judgements and to monitor teaching programs and students. We do not however use that information to judge, label or pigeonhole students as Narelle reminded us in the editorial of Thursday May 12. We do not consider NAPLAN the definitive information on what a student can or can’t do. Our students are much more than the test. At MECS we believe every student can and will make progress. For some, this is against their own educational targets (Individual Education Plan-IEP) and for others it is against the national standards. We whole-heartedly believe that every student can be fully engaged in the learning process and be making exciting developments in their learning as they grow into Kingdom people. We are excited with the many ways we find out about our students and we are excited that we can group students carefully to give them cutting edge learning.

As you receive your reports later this term I encourage you to think about the learning journey your child is on and encourage them to engage for growth!

Di
Assistant Principal - Primary

Farewell to our ‘mums to be’
On Tuesday afternoon, the Primary staff held a lovely afternoon tea to farewell a number of staff who will be finishing up over the next few weeks to await the birth of their babies! We pray God’s richest blessings on Amelia and Justine (expecting their first babies) and Jess (expecting her second) as they commence maternity leave. We also wish Jason well, whose wife Fiona, is expecting their first child in the coming weeks! May each of these families be surrounded by God’s love at this time. We continue to pray for good health for our other expectant mums, Daniela, Rachel and Nicky.

Transition Week for Year 10s
Next week our Year 10s will participate in Transition Week. This provides an opportunity for students to focus on their vocational futures as they approach choosing their VCE subjects, and begin thinking of life beyond school. A variety of guest speakers and a visit to Box Hill TAFE and the Australian Catholic University are just some of the activities that make up this varied week. Thanks to Amelia Koole, our Careers Coordinator for organising and facilitating this program.

Year 7 in 2017
If you have family or friends that are interested in a Year 7 place for next year, please encourage them to apply as soon as possible as we only have a couple of places available.

It’s pleasing to see the positive enrolment interest pushing through into our secondary school – for the first time in many years we have reached our optimum level of enrolments for Year 7. We thank God for the way He is blessing our school with healthy enrolments as that enables us to plan ahead for the future with confidence.
MECS Notes
Introductions...
This article on Alison continues Brit’s interview series to help us get to know some of the teachers at MECS.

Introducing Alison
This lovely lady knows what she’s talking about when it comes to art. She is patient in ways unimaginable. She knows what she believes and is strong in it, but is happy to listen to your opinion.

Why do you believe in Jesus?
I think faith has come naturally to me. From a young age I took myself to church because there were things about God I wanted to know. And that’s stayed with me all of my life. It gives me a great deal of comfort to know somebody greater, much greater than me, has got my back the whole time. Also there is that human aspect that wants to live a life that honours God. But for me I could not live a life without my faith.

What is one thing you regret having done or not done in your life?
When you get to my age you have many regrets! I think one of my biggest regrets is not having travelled. The plans we’ve always had to go and see those wonderful art galleries in Europe haven’t eventuated. That was mainly because we chose to care for a disabled child who’s now a young man, and that meant those types of things weren’t going to happen. But I am hoping maybe one day.

Who are you most envious of, real or fictional, and why?
I don’t think there is anyone fictional I’m envious of. I think I am envious of people who actually achieve big things, especially with their talents. I think I am envious of women who have gone off to achieve an artistic career, especially in watercolour painting. And I admire that ability to make your gift the way you live your life.

Would you have a hundred kittens or three baby sloths?
That’s a funny question. Oh no! Not a hundred kittens! There would be poop and pee everywhere! I think I could have three baby sloths, because they would be very slow moving and I would be able to keep up with them.

What is the best way to comfort you when you are having a very bad day?
Well, I need time alone, and time with God. Having good friend to talk to is also helpful. Sometimes I just need my own space. I will go off and do my artwork.

By Brit, Year 9

MECS Kids
Donate Blood
It was in 1989, as far as I can remember, that we first started encouraging and perhaps cajoling our senior (16 year old+) students to donate blood. This fine tradition has continued to this day. It is heartwarming to see many of our students take up the challenge to ‘save three lives’. For some students, the donor centre (Lilydale Baptist Church, no doubt a place where the saving work of the blood of Jesus is often mentioned) is approached with fear and trembling, and yet, with the support of donor staff and accompanying students, they conquer their fear and donate. Last Thursday, a crew of 10 current students from Year 10 and 12 all successfully donated. The photo (Jordan, Georgia, Isabelle, Lachlan, Ethan and Aaron) shows 6 of them all enjoying the ‘world’s best biscuit’ after their donation.

Thanks for all your good work.
Dr Roger F
VCE Coordinator

Primary News
We are very excited to welcome Carly to the Primary School in Term 3. Carly will be the teacher in MPRed class as Justine Brookes leaves us to have her baby. We are very thankful to God for the provision of Carly. We have been praying for the right person to replace the very loved and wonderful Justine. Justine will finish up at the end of this term and we will wait excitedly to hear the news of her baby being born sometime early in Term 3.

Diane
Assistant Principal - Primary

Hello!
I am really excited to be joining the MECS community, after 7 years of university studies, and one Semester teaching Year 2’s. I have a love for running, and God knowingly used this as a way of drawing me to Him while living and studying in Texas, USA for 3 years! I love spending quality time with my husband, our friends and our family, especially my 3 nephews and little niece © I am delighted to be a part of the MECS community, and can’t wait to see God’s amazing work in the Middle Primary Red class I will be teaching, and throughout this terrific school.

Carly

FOCUS On... Mathematics
Did you know that there are many unsolved problems in Mathematics? Most students believe that all mathematical questions have solutions and that their teachers can provide them with a pathway to those answers. However, a brief search on the internet will reveal many unsolved questions and that some of those have eluded conclusion for a long time. Even quite large prizes are on offer of those have eluded conclusion for a long time. Even quite large prizes are on offer with a pathway to those answers. However, a brief search on the internet will reveal many unsolved questions and that some of those have eluded conclusion for a long time. Even quite large prizes are on offer with a pathway to those answers. However, a brief search on the internet will reveal many unsolved questions and that some of those have eluded conclusion for a long time. Even quite large prizes are on offer with a pathway to those answers. However, a brief search on the internet will reveal many unsolved questions and that some of those have eluded conclusion for a long time. Even quite large prizes are on offer

Good mathematical learning happens as students are challenged to think outside the standard approach. God designed us to be innovative in our thinking. We are made in his image and have been given the unique privilege to cultivate the earth and fully develop it to its full potential. Creative thinking, working well with others and discovering more about our amazing world are all acts of living worship of the Master Designer.

Jenny
SS Maths Teacher
Yuendumu School Visit to MECS

Last Thursday, 15 students and 5 staff from Yuendumu School visited MECS as part of their annual City Trip. They arrived to a cold and wet Melbourne day but were soon treated to a warm MECS greeting by our staff and Year 10 students. Our Year 10s were friendly and welcoming hosts and soon had our guests enjoying tours of our school and then, while they waited for lunch, spontaneous games in the theatrette. The lunch was scrumptious featuring a delicious coleslaw prepared by Chandelle and Erica, a BBQ set up by Peter and cooked with help from Emily and Georgia. Lunch was followed by a visit to the gym for rock climbing on our splendid rock wall. The Warlpiri students and staff all had a go at scaling the cliff, ably supported and at times encouraged by Emma and Paul. This was the highlight of their time with us. Lastly, their boys joined our Year 10 and Year 9 boys (and three girls), in mixed teams, to play football in conditions that they would not have experienced before, on a wet, drizzly MECS oval. While this took place our Year 10 and Year 9 girls joined with their girls in a mixed team round-robin basketball competition. They left our school having had a wonderful time. Matt Smith rang me the next day to express his deepest thanks to our community for a wonderful day. My thanks go out to all the MECS staff who gave so generously of their time and energy in helping to make the day so successful.

Dr Roger F
VCE Coordinator

Open Campus

Ranges TEC held their Open Campus on the weekend and were excited to see many families visit the facilities. Families and guests took part in a tour of the workshop units at Hightech Place, starting with a ‘Make-Your-Own-Muffin’ experience in the Hospitality commercial kitchen. This hands-on task represents the nature of learning at Ranges TEC and helped prospective students and parents see what a ‘normal’ day looks like. Tours then continued through the Engineering and Furniture workshops, and included a brief overview of the VCAL program. Guests enjoyed taking cooked muffins home or eating them while talking to teachers and staff around the trade booths in the foyer.

Thank you to all of our current families and the MECS community who continue to support us in our journey to deliver applied education for trade futures.

Phil
Ranges TEC Director

MECS Notes

Singing Opportunity

Wednesday lunchtime!

During each Wednesday lunchtime of Term 2 and 3, Lance will be directing a choir for anyone keen for a fun and high quality singing session.

We will build a small repertoire of pieces to be sung in four parts and performed at opportunities that arise.

Sessions will include warm ups, singing technique hints, and of course rehearsals.

All students Years 7-12 welcome.

See you in the MS music room.

Lance
MS Teacher

Bake Sale Friday June 3

Next Friday June 3 at recess and lunchtime outside the understorey. All proceeds will go to Headspace - for families and individuals needing support with problems.

Prices Range from 50c to $3

Declan

Kidsafe Victoria Notice

Despite winter coming, parents are still urged to be aware of the dangers of leaving children alone in motor vehicles, so if you need to get out of the car, even for a moment, always take your child with you. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

Between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2014, Ambulance Victoria paramedics rescued 1,165 children who had been left unattended in a car. Two thirds of call outs were for children locked in cars at car parks, streets or public places.

Young children are more sensitive to heat than adults and their body temperature can reach dangerous levels quicker than expected. A young child’s body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult, placing them in extreme danger of life threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other health risks if left alone in a parked car.

For more information, see Kidsafe Victoria.
Whole School Assembly

A big thank you to all those who were able to come and celebrate the ‘choose your own adventure’ Whole School Assembly! It is our hope that we will all grasp onto our learning adventure and serve God faithfully each day!

Primary Team
From Junior Primary Students

Poem
At the assembly Indiana Jones climbed up a mountain and saw a fountain. There were long songs. There were crowds that were very loud, they were happy and very clappy. The choir sounded like they were on fire! They were singing and ringing. The fun had begun and Jesus can see us! Lips were singing, bells were ringing. We sang ‘Who is the King of the Jungle’ and ‘My God is so Big’, they were funny stuff.
The school assembly was fun and it’s like we shot a gun.
It was created and I rated!

Indigo

News Report
Today’s news report is on the MECS Whole School Assembly. Indiana Jones (Mr Coffey) made his way down the rock climbing wall in the Gym with Doctor Brown (Mr Brown) as his partner. The whole school, mums and dads didn’t realise it until about 2 minutes later. When they saw them they all started laughing. Indiana came forward a few minutes later and was trying to get out of the woods as the choir started singing ‘Are we out of the woods’ by Taylor Swift. Well Indiana Jones wet his pants! I can’t tell you all of it - it’s too long. But I can tell you a bit more. The Junior Primaries sang ‘My God is so Big’ and ‘Who is the King of the Jungle’. It was great. At the end Indiana Jones and Doctor Brown got to the summit of the mountain and then they dived all the way to the bottom. Well the Principal said it was great, so it must be.

Ambrie

Assembly Report
I cannot believe this! There is like 100,000 people here! This is CRAZY! The assembly was FANTASTIC. There was Indiana (Mr Coffey), Dr Brown, Mr Mealy, a small choir, a big choir and the MP Monkeys. We sang some songs.

Noah

VCE Performance Evening

On Tuesday of Week 7 MECS held its inaugural combined VCE Drama and Music Performance recital. It was a great opportunity to showcase the creative arts in the senior levels to a full audience. Music students Natalie & Kristoffer opened the evening with fine solo and ensemble performances, while the second half of the recital saw two drama presentations, one from the Unit 1 students and the other from those in Unit 3. These were written by the students using ‘Fairy-tale’ as their stimulus. The standard of writing was excellent and the students from both subjects are to be congratulated on the professionalism and high quality of their performances.

Marlene & Tim
VCE Drama and Music Teachers
AGM

Last Thursday we had our Association Annual General Meeting, with around 65 current parents, current staff, past students, long term members and even some founding members attending.

The meeting was a lovely celebration of the rich Association history, going back to the 1950s. We heard from Keith and Helen (founding members of the Association and past parents), Jane (long term Association Member, staff member, parent and now Grandparent at MECS), and Simone (current parent) who all spoke about their history with the Association and why membership was important to them.

The business of the meeting included a Board report from Board member Bretlyn; the Principal’s report from Narelle and a Finance report from Gerry. We thanked Petra Brinkworth for the time she served on the Board, and voted current Board members Ian, Louise and James to serve another term. We welcomed Kirsty as a new Board member, and our new staff and some new parents into Association membership: John and Kirsty, Richard and Heidi, Phil and Naomi and Brad and Rachel. We had a photo tribute to Bill Dubbeld, who recently passed away; Bill and Henny are founding members of our Association (members since 1964!) and have stayed involved as Association members, parents, and grandparents at the school. It is founding families like the Dubbelds who have helped shape MECS into the school it is today.

Our next meeting is the EGM on October 13.

If you would like to know more about Association Membership please contact me through the school office.

Nicolé
Community Relations

IT Education - Minecraft

As Christian parents we are constantly grappling with rapidly changing technology and are bombarded with conflicting messages. Sometimes we might feel we don’t really understand much of it but it is important to be able to respond faithfully in these situations as well.

So what is Minecraft?

Minecraft is about exploring new worlds, surviving in them and leaving your creative mark by digging up resources (mining) and building (crafting) whatever your imagination can think up. When you create a new world, you appear (spawn) into a randomly generated biome, which could consist of snow-covered mountains, deserts, forests or oceans.

A parent’s perspective

When my son at age 7 started to become interested, I wasn’t really sure about it. I had heard of it from some of my teenage students, but I knew very little so I did some research. While the creative aspect of the game is amazing and limited only by your imagination, the survival mode aspect of killing and encountering dangerous creatures (Mobs) made me cautious.

So I went online and bought a licence. I checked it out a bit at first and then supervised my son using it in creative mode - where there are no unfriendlies! After this, I got bored and he had worked out what to do and took off creating huge, complex roller coasters and amazing houses. He was very proud of his creations!

The pitfalls

There are some aspects of the game that may be a concern to some parents. It does contain strange creatures, a place called the ‘Nether’, witches, spells, potions and, of course, zombies. While zombies aren’t a topic I would normally embrace, their blocky-ness is almost comical rather than something from a horror movie. However, you can ‘turn off’ the Mobs by creating the worlds in ‘peaceful’ mode.

You can also run around killing everything from sheep to villagers as well as hostile Mobs. This approach to the game could be concerning and developing an appropriate attitude is important, as I don’t believe this is a worthy aim of the game.

The plusses

It is a great creative outlet.

There is no graphic violence.

It can help develop literacy skills. Kids will need to search for how to do something (as there are no instructions). It involves peer knowledge sharing and building and potential teamwork.

And it is fun!

How to manage it

Time can run away really fast playing this! It may help to set a timer to limit each playing session. Avoid joining external servers or worlds – just play on your own computer or console.

Celebrate with your kids and get them to show you their creations and give you a ‘tour’ of their worlds.

What next?

There are a lot of guides, books and novels being written on Minecraft. Our MECS library has some of these.

Check out “Minecraft Dad” on YouTube.

How to get it or try it out

We started with the free version on the iPad (Minecraft Pocket Edition). It’s also available on Android and Windows Phone. The full version is available on many platforms: Mac, Windows, Wii-U, Xbox and PlayStation.

Hopefully this will have been some help to you in your ‘grappling’. Watch out for that exploding Creeper!

Minecraft website – http://minecraft.net

For the full article check out your March 2015 issue of Nurture magazine.

Mic Dempsey
IT Education
### Calendar

#### 2016 Term 2 Week 8: 30 May - 5 June

- **Fri 3 June**
  - End Semester 1 for Year 11 & 12

#### 2016 Term 2 Week 9: 6 June - 12 June

- **Mon 6 - Fri 10 June**
  - Year 10 Trans Ed Week
  - Year 11 Exams
- **Mon 6 June**
  - Year 12 PE Excursion RMIT
  - SP Connect Morning Tea 8.45am Main Staffroom
- **Tues 7 June**
  - VCE GAT Exam 10am
- **Wed 8 June**
  - Semester 2 begins for Year 12
- **Thur 9 June**
  - Primary Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle
- **Fri 10 June**
  - Year 10 BBQ Lunch

#### 2016 Term 2 Week 10: 13 June - 19 June

- **Mon 13 June**
  - Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday School Closed
- **Tues 14 June**
  - Semester 2 Begins for Year 11
  - Year 10 Soccer Day
  - VCE Legal Studies Lodden Prison Excursion
- **Wed 15 June**
  - Unit 1 Psychology Excursion
  - Empowering Girls Mother & Daughter night 7.30pm Main Staffroom
- **Thur 16 June**
  - Middle School Connect Morning Tea 8.45am Staffroom
  - Year 7 Soccer Day
  - MP Bush Day
  - Positive Boys Blokes Night 6.30pm
- **Fri 17 June**
  - Positive Boys Billy Cart Races
  - Reports Distributed
  - Last Day Term 2
- **Sat 17 June**
  - Victorian Cross Country Championships

#### 2016 Term 2 Holidays: 20 June - 10 July

- **Mon 20 - Fri 24 June**
  - Year 10 & Some Year 11 Work Experience

### Lost Property

- **A house key**
- **2 mobile phones**
- **An iPod.**

Found over the last few weeks. See the Main Office if you are missing something!

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#### Ikea Furniture for Sale

One white Ikea Trofast storage unit (stepped top) with white & pink tubs. 99cm W x 44cm D x 94cm H. VGC $80 ONO.

Two timber Ikea Trofast storage units (flat top) with white, green & blue tubs. 94cm W x 44cm D x 52cm H. VGC $80 each ONO.

One Ikea peek-a-boo swivel chair, blue & white. VGC $30 ONO.

One Ikea Kura reversible loft bed. Timber frame & blue panels with removable blue, star canopy. 199cm L x 100cm W x 116cm H. VGC $175 ONO.

Phone Tim 0490 464 852.

#### MECS Mums’ Community with a Cause

Due to unsterile conditions and lack of support there are over 30,000 deaths each year during childbirth in countries such as Uganda. “MECS Mums’ Community with a Cause” have joined Vision Sisters to help raise awareness, funds and clean birthing kits for Ugandan mums-to-be.

We need your help: our aim is to raise $1000 so that we can provide clean birthing kits and increase birth support services in Uganda. We are looking for 200 people to donate $5 or more to help us get to our $1000. Here is the link to our web page to donate: https://visionsisters.everydayhero.com/au/mount-evelyn-christian-school.

You can also help by sharing this via social media. The more we raise the more we can do.

We also invite all of our MECS mums to get involved on our packing day. There will be further information about this soon. Any questions, please speak to Ali Maultby (Parent MP Green) or Simone Fraser (Parent JP Badicoot & MP Green).

#### Apple Man

The Apple Man is coming next on Friday June 10 and the following varieties will be available: Granny Smiths, Fujis, Royal Galas Pink Ladies and Green Pears. Apples $10 a bag, Pears $8. Please put the correct money in an envelope with your order written on the front, and hand it into the office before 10.30am on Friday June 10.

#### Assorted Items for Sale

- **Women’s ‘Skins’ A200 full length compression tights. Worn only twice!**
  - Size XS - $60.

- **2x Handcrafted wooden vintage cars**
  - with detailing. A few nicks and scratches. Approx. 40x15cm $10 each.

- **Tapestry travel bag**
  - (duffle style) with matching toiletries case. Floral pattern with dark green straps/detalling. $50 for set.

- **‘Wedgits’ open-ended educational construction toy.**
  - 27 pieces (none missing) with 3 clear plastic stands. Instructions not included, but available online. $35 for set.

- **Large rubber-backed road/town floor mat.**
  - Much loved; good condition. Great for boxצב выбор. Measures 2x1.4m. $40.

- **Wooden rocket-ship mobile.**
  - As new! Dark blue, light blue, red and lime green in colour. Not suitable for over a crib. $20.

- **Kids plush alligator costume**
  - Size 5-6. Perfect condition. $45.

- **Handmade dinosaur costume**
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### Notices sent home this week and on Website


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- **MS Global Issues Letter (last week)**
- **VCE Legal Excursion Lodden Prison**
- **Careers Newsletter May 31**
- **Kinder Connections No 3**
- **Midyear VCE Exam Timetable & Letter**
- **MP Bush Camp Day Helpers Needed**
- **Class Introduction Letter MP Red**
- **MS Connect Morning Tea Invitation**