40th Anniversary Re-enactment

Founding Board Members cut the 40th Anniversary cake. Jerry, Joan, Stan (for his father Eddie), Keith, Ria, Marinus (for his father John) & Keith.
From the Principal

Paul
Principal

New Year – Some New Faces

It’s been a busy yet settled start to the year at MECS. Martin Hanscamp commenced his sabbatical year, which led to a ‘new look’ Executive: Jacqui as interim Deputy Principal and myself, Paul, taking on the role of interim Principal. Both Jacqui and I have relished the challenges of new roles and are enjoying working together.

We’ve also welcomed a number of other new staff this year: 4 new teachers, 5 new kinder staff and one new receptionist. We also did some ‘shuffling’ in the Ed Support department following the departure of Jo. More recently we’ve welcomed 2 new arrivals: Susannah who is stepping in to cover Ange’s class as she heads off to have her baby, and Genevive as the Primary Education Support teacher. What a blessing to have such wonderful staff.

New Beginnings

The brand new MECS kindergarten has had a great start to the year. The 5 new staff and 66 little children have settled in and are thoroughly enjoying the beautiful building and play area. How exciting it is to see a long-standing dream finally happen, and what a blessing to be able to offer a biblically-based education to these little children.

Farewell P&F

The end of 2012 saw the end of the Parents and Friends group as we know it. Many members of the MECS community have put in countless sacrificial hours to bake cakes, man stalls, sell sausages, sew library bags and many other activities to raise funds for various MECS projects. I would like to acknowledge and thank each person who has been involved throughout the years. A new group - ‘Friends of MECS’ - will be taking the place of P&F from 2013.

We look forward to celebrating more of God’s provision and blessing over the last four decades.
In February 1986 Colin and I brought our first born to begin Prep here at Mount Evelyn Christian School and so began a new phase of life: as the parents of a school child. It has been quite a journey! Our children’s teachers, school friends and their parents all became part of our family’s experience either in person or in conversation at home. Some of those people (both students and teachers) remain our children’s friends through regular contact or via Facebook.

At MECS our children have been guided to learn, to question, to unpack, to discover and to respond to the amazing, varied and wonderful world in which God has placed them. They have been exposed to the fact that faith is not an optional or quarantined part of life but informs and shapes all of life.

The educational experience at MECS is rich and varied. It aims to develop disciples rather than to fill empty vessels with lots of information. I remember a conversation with the mum of a boy who had left MECS to attend a local secondary school. She reported that her son now had a lot more homework. I prepared myself to hear a negative comment about MECS not being sufficiently rigorous but instead heard that although there was lots that this boy was required to learn at his new school “at MECS they teach kids to think”. I thought that was pretty high praise!

Our children have been on excursions and camps; recited ‘Throsh’; sung tables; been involved in productions; produced written, visual and musical creations; solved mathematical problems; sung; participated in a variety of sporting pursuits; listened; researched all manner of topics; cooked; discussed; produced newspapers; applied for jobs; worked in factories; done work experience; filmed; achieved tertiary places; participated in assemblies; prayed; hiked; and much else. They have been cared for, nurtured, valued and respected, and in all of this they have had modelled for them, by a wonderful group of teachers and other staff what it is to take Jesus seriously in all of life.

It has not all been plain sailing. There have been miscommunications; detentions; teasing, even bullying; disappointment; hurt and times of struggle. But through the joys and challenges we have been supported and loved.

And now 5 children and almost 27 years later we come to the end of our time as parents of school kids. I can’t quite get my head around it! No stationary order to fill in for next year; that’s when it began to sink in.

We have been privileged to have our children educated at MECS: to be part of a community where difference is perceived as the diversity which God has gifted to us, His people. We are thankful that our children’s education has been a partnership between us and the school where each one’s role and responsibility is respected and valued by the other. We are grateful to all of you and to all those who have prayed and worked, given sacrificially of time, talent and finance, dreamed dreams, taken risks and followed where our loving God has led to make a Kingdom difference in the lives of children and the adults they become.

God bless you all, on this night of celebration and always.

Speech by Heather at the Year 12 Graduation 2012
Recent Celebratory Moments

Wedding of Cecilia (Class of ‘09) & Samuel on 23 December 2012

Wedding of Vanessa (Class of ‘05) & Paul

Wedding of Steve (Class of ‘04) & Sarah (ex Maranatha Student)

Wedding of Laura (Class of ‘05) and Adam

Celebrating 40 Years
60 Years of Connection with MECS

1952 – John and Truus migrate to Australia shortly after getting married
1954 – It is alleged that Truus suggested that a school with the Bible should be started (if anyone can confirm or deny this please let us know)
1955-1965 – Marinus, Pieter, Gerry, Roger and Anthony enter the world
1960s – Truus’ croquettes and oliebollen raise lots of money to start MECS
1967 – Truus says a Mother’s Club should be started to raise funds to build MECS even if their own children could not attend
1971-1974 – John is property officer on the Board
1973 – Roger helps hoist the flag at the MECS opening ceremony with Joanne. John manages flag logistics
1978 – Roger finishes school at Year 10
1979 – After two years out of school, Gerry comes to MECS for one year to do HSC (Year 12)
1980 – Anthony joins in student lobby group for Centre Trip
1981 – Anthony finishes school at Year 10
1992 – Roger & Sandra’s daughter Jaclyn starts at MECS
1993 – Marinus & Sue’s sons Elijah (Year 7), Caleb (Year 2) and Jonathan (Prep) start at MECS
1997 – Elijah finishes school at Year 10
2002 – Gerry & Melinda’s family returned from Bible translation work in Solomon Islands, Laura, Rebecca, Emily and Hannah start at MECS
2002 – Caleb graduates from Year 12
2003 – Gerry joins the Board, Melinda joins Parents & Friends
2004 – Samuel, Laura and Rebecca graduate from Year 12
2005 – Hannah stars as Annie in Middle School drama
2005 – Jaclyn graduates from Year 12
2006 – Gerry becomes Board Chair
2007 – Gerry steps down from the Board
2008 – Gerry commences working at MECS
2008 – Hannah graduates from Year 12
2009 – Rebecca designs current MECS logo as a Graphic Design student
2010 – Caleb marries Tammy Lemac (former MECS student previously at MDGS)
2012 – Melinda starts working at MECS as the First Aid Officer
2013 – Jaclyn (Beimers) & Graeme Knoll enrol Josiah for Kindergarten in 2014
The Ballad of MECS

1. There was movement at Mount Evelyn for the word had passed around
That some dutchies had set up a Christian school.
There were Noorbergens and Beimers - all putting in a pound.
Van Leeuwens, Nyhouse, Heatherich and Koole.

2. There were Groenewouds and Goudswaards and George Tromp with his machine,
Dubbeils, Kroons, Van Bockels, Bouma brothers.
They weren’t rich but they were faithful, hardworking, feisty, keen
- what a debt we owe our fathers and our mothers!

3. Their vision was rewarded by The Lord of all creation and the school began in Nineteen seventy-three.
It was opened by a Minister - the one for Conservation, as is fitting for a school among the trees.

4. The land was big, the school was small, with only eighty brand new students;
three classrooms and four teachers were kept busy.
The principal, Jack Mechielsen, a man of cheeky impudence,
would flash a gold-toothed smile that’d make you dizzy!

5. The school grew quickly from its roots - more buildings were constructed;
an oval was built below the settler’s hut.
By ‘seventy-five, two hundred and twenty pupils were instructed
- and most of them had mouths that never shut!

6. Jack, Dan, Jenny, Ian, Gerry, Kees, Joanne, Beth, Dan and ‘Tjikkie,
Ken, John, Bruce, Melita, Helen, Elizabeth and Sue -
all loved the Lord and loved the kids; they never took a sickie,
and taught those kids almost everything they knew.

7. By ‘seventy-nine, just up the hill, a senior school
had passed around
five, two hundred and twenty pupils
- and most of them had mouths that never shut!

8. In Nineteen eighty there began the famous
while pondering their future,
They play with the kids, are given skin names,
learning Warlpiri language when they’re in year Ten.

9. Our students know - it’s now become the highlight of schooldays -
Centre Trip
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10. But back to Nineteen Eighty Two - Stewart Miller came to join us,
as young Jack had greener (?) pastures calling him.
This Stewart was a canny Scot d’ye ken - his coming was a plus;
He saw us through great years, though some were grim.

11. In ‘eighty-Four, Cornelius Koole, assisted by the pupils designed and built the famed Room Ten together.
Heptagonal in shape, constructed without scruples
- now it’s a staffroom which nobody can better.

12. In Nineteen Ninety came the flood, when our library got drowned
but everyone rallied, and helped hand-dry the books,
as Ruth and Heather supervised, refusing to give ground and saved the day – the school was off the hook!

13. The vision of this school owes a huge debt to Doug Blomberg
- his integral curriculum is ace -
he taught us how to use ‘the spectacles of God’s Word’ to see all our kids as gifted, by God’s grace.

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Linda, Julian, Andy, Russ, Ron Suter and Narelle,
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The understorey and library suffered damage;
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We had dramatic productions and ‘special week’ passes,
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Nearby, the lab was run by Wilma – always handy with help from Geoff, Rog, Gordon, James, Matt, Paul and Ron.

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Then Jason came a ‘riding till Swan Hill called him as Head;
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A tree now stands for Jenny Brookes, since ’76.
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Rosalie, Chris and Deb are treasures too, especially for their help with the photocopier stoppin’ - oh the secrets these dear women always knew!

27. We can’t forget the people who have always held the purse strings
- Noel, Greg, Brenton, Colin, Tony, Andrew North. Their presenting of the budget at AGM gatherings - in the red or black, we got our money’s worth!

28. For more than ten years now Martin Hanscamp’s been the boss and has steered the ship o’er calm and stormy seas; many buildings have sprung up, though millions they have cost, but Martin’s favourite thing is morning teas(e).

29. Around the grounds we’ve had some men who are helpful, hale and handy, like Jack Thorpe and Beamie, Laurie, John and Steve. In their shorts and shirts and boots they really look quite dandy, and they’re still at school when we’ve all gone on leave.

30. A lot of ex-MECS pupils have missed their schooling place, so by degrees (in teaching) they’ve come back - Shaz, Yvonne, Fiona, Derek, Mel and even Trace, Assunta, Amelia, Rachel, are back on track.

31. In latter years we’ve worked on community relations, as Amanda Steele has sailed forth with glee. Nicole Nyhouse has helped her too with great deliberation and Heather does our newsletters, you’ll see.

32. Our school’s controlled by parents, especially those on Board like Jerry, Keith, John, Ria, and Henk Peet, Harry, Richard, Ben, Lorenz made sure we served the Lord, as did Heather, Hugo, Gerry ‘n Sue, so sweet.

33. ‘Parents and Friends’ have been amazing, raising a fair few funds with fab Food Fairs and fun, fantastic fetes; and many willing mums and dads have lent a helping hand in canteen, camps and classrooms – they are great!

34. Now our school is 40 years and it’s time to celebrate - the longed for gym is where we’ll meet, eat, share. Our brand new Kinder, down the path, is in terrific state! We praise the Lord for all His grace and care.

© Janette

Mount Evelyn Christian School ReConnect - Connecting the Community

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Re-enactment of the Opening Ceremony
Saturday March 16, 2013

Welcome - Colin Youl, Master of Ceremonies
- Sue Goudswaard, Board Chair

Opening Prayer - Martin Hanscamp, (Principal on sabbatical)

Speech and reading from the Psalm 145: 1-14 - Keith Greenwood

Poem - ‘The Ballad of MECS 2013’ - Janette Fernando

Song - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Speech - Ken Dickens, CEO of Christian Education National (formerly Christian Parent Controlled Schools)

Memories - from Keith Dickson - read by Paul Oldman

Greetings - from Elizabeth Frost - read by Yvonne Verhagen

Speech - Tony Smith, Federal Member for Casey

Flag Raising - Roger Beimers and Joanne Verbeetan (nee Tromp)

Introduction of Jack Mechelsen, first principal of MECS - Jerry Nyhouse

Song - Our Children Lord in Faith and Prayer

The parable of the shilling - Ria Heatherich

Gift Presentations

Closing Prayer - Bill and Henry Dubbeld

Ceremonial re-planting of the Jenny Brookes tree

Please join us for afternoon tea under the marquees

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Celebrating our Beginnings

What a weekend we had! On Saturday 16 March we started off by re-enacting the opening ceremony that was held on the MECS grounds on a hot day in February 1973. The weather was much cooler 40 years on - it started out being a sunny afternoon but an unexpected autumn storm saw us move inside rather hastily and enjoy the rest of the re-enactment and afternoon tea inside rather than under marquees.

Lots of speeches were made by those who also attended at the opening ceremony in 1973. We sang ‘Great Is Thy Faithfulness’ and ‘Our Children Lord In Faith and Prayer’ both of which were sung at the original ceremony. Our founding board were all there or represented by a family member: Keith, Jerry, Keith, Joan, Ria, Marinus (who stood in for his late father John) and Stan (who stood in for his late father Eddie). All of the MECS Principals were there - Jack, Stewart, Martin and Paul. Ken (CEO of Christian Education National) and Tony (Federal Member for Casey) were also in attendance and spoke, as well as many other long term families and staff members.

Afternoon tea was held in the gym where we had lots of photos and history displays for all to enjoy. A week before these celebrations an old super8 film surfaced which had footage of clearing the land, the first buildings, field days, the opening ceremony and the first day of school - what a treasure to find in the 40th anniversary year! Keith, who made the film, was kind enough to let us take the film and have it digitalised and we showed it at the afternoon tea. We are in the process of distributing copies to our founding families.
Joanne & Roger raising the flag with the help of Josiah

Choir Members: Evelyn, Yvonne, Chris, Connie, Liesje, Elsha, John, Andrew, Alison, Karen, Sue, Natasha & Colin (not pictured)

Choir Director - Annora

Jack, S, Ben & Sarah & Margaret

Tony, MP

Yvonne

Ken

Gerry

Henny & Bill

Nicole & Stan

Ria

Jack

Joanne & Roger raising the flag with the help of Josiah

Tony (MP), Jack, Ken, Colin & Sue

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Anniversary Celebrations

Andrew, Liesje & Cathy

Carol, Ken & Joanne

Jacqui & Evelyn

Wilma & Steve

Nicola & Pippi

Geoff & Marrie

Pieter, Keith & Bart

James & Laurens

Allan & Stewart

Watching the movie!

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Jack along with Jenny's sisters Wendy & Margaret, watch Barry replanting the Jenny Brookes tree.
24 April 2013

Mount Evelyn Christian School ReConnect - Connecting the Community

Celebrating 40 Years

Re-enactment

Our Presidents

Natasha

David

Joy

Helen

Alice

Elsha & Jerry

Our waitresses

Jean

Paul, Colin, Nicole & Merran

Our Principals

Ken

Barb & Barry

Stuart

Paul, Colin, Nicole & Merran

Past Students

Heather

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In the evening we shared a lovely meal together and passed a microphone around giving people a chance to reminisce about their involvement in the early days of MECS. How wonderful to hear those memories, the sacrifices made, the funny stories and above all the honour that was given to God through all of this.

On Sunday morning we gathered at the Mount Evelyn Christian Reformed Church for a combined celebratory service. We heard from a Board Chair from each decade and three MECS Principals gave a three part sermon. We finished off with a lovely morning tea hosted by MECRC.

A huge thankyou to all those who came along and helped make our celebrations a success.

Nicole
Community Relations Officer

Mount Evelyn Christian Reformed Church
MECS 40th Anniversary Celebratory Service
Sunday 17 March 2013

Welcome / Opening - Richard

Praise Bracket -
- Forever Reign
- Be Thou my vision
- Amazing Grace

Honouring past Sacrifices - reflections From:
- Board Chair for the 1960s Keith Greenwood
- Board Chair for the 1970s Jerry Nyhouse
- Board Chair for the 1980s Lorenz Stork
- Board Chair for the 1990s Harry Westendorp
- Board Chair for the 2000s Heather Want
- Board Chair for the 2010s Sue Goudswaard

Prayer of Thanks Roger Beimers and Ari Chesterman

Collections
1. Local Church
2. CEN School Startup Fund

Bible Reading: Luke 22: 22-34 Paul Oldman (Interim Principal)

Messages
1. Jack Mechielsen
2. Stewart Miller
3. Martin Hanscamp

Benediction - Richard

Closing Song -
- How Great is our God
Reflections on the opening of MECS Kindergarten...

MECS Kindergarten opened its doors on Monday 4 February 2013. The children and their parents walked in wide-eyed and with awe on their faces as they explored the new spaces in the rooms. Orientation began with the children attending for shorter amounts of time, building up to full time in week 3. One of the first things children did was to bring a framed photo of their family to leave at the kindergarten, which gives an ongoing sense of community and ownership. It can be very comforting to see familiar faces around you. We spent a good amount of time building community within the groups, getting to know each other’s names, likes and dislikes, noticing similarities and differences.

We began the year talking about our God with the children, and that he can be known because he has revealed himself to us in the Bible. We have discussed how we are all made uniquely, with different gifts and talents. God’s plan is for children to grow in a loving family, where parents guide and care for their children. We asked the question, “How many people in your family?” helping the children to look at other families, and realise that we are all different. We have marvelled at how we have been made, created in his image, special in his sight, the crowning glory of creation.

Our Kindergarten has many fabulous features, with natural wooden furniture that gives a natural and calm feel to the kindergarten environment. The ‘piazza’ or ‘meeting place’ is a space at the entry of the kindergarten where families are welcome to spend time together. When children first arrive at kindergarten they get to meet together in this lovely space. The weather in Term 1 has been very hot, which helped us to make good use of our water feature in the garden. The pump has been very enthusiastically used to fill containers with water, and carried off to create and invent in the sandpit. The children have loved taking off their shoes and puddling about, experiencing the water, how it flows, swishes, splashes, with the opportunity to cool off as well!

Intentional and spontaneous play aimed at indoor and outdoor environments are planned for equally, as learning opportunities arise in all areas of the kindergarten. We have explored sensory materials such as shaving cream on tables outside, washing dolls clothes, obstacle courses to follow, swings and pedalled bikes that can carry a partner. Inside we have seen many wonderful creations using blocks, cars and trains. Box creations with tape and other odds and ends form the basis of imagination and creativity. Often when children follow their own ideas, educators have opportunities to intentionally teach skills, expand on thoughts, help children express ideas and emotions and problem solve when things don’t always turn out as expected.

We have a wonderful kindergarten staff, whom diligently provide beautiful learning experiences, intentionally interact with the children to promote learning and through loving relationships care for the children. We are delighted and grateful for the wonderful beginning we have had, and we look forward to progressing through the year together, at MECS Kindergarten.

Wendy
Early Years Coordinator

Ranges TEC is a school for Years 10, 11 & 12 students, particularly for hands-on learners or students who are keen to move into Trade Careers. We are currently in our 2nd year of operation and will be holding an Open Campus for potential 2014 students on 18 May, 1pm – 4pm at 1/9 Hightech Place, Lilydale. Everyone is welcome, even if you just want to see our facilities and get more information of what we offer.

Find out more about our VCAL and Trade programs in the following areas…”

- Aeroskills (Aircraft Maintenance Engineering)
- Building & Construction (Carpentry)
- Electrotechnology
- Engineering
- Furniture Making
- Horticulture/Rural Operations
- Hospitality (Kitchen Operations)

www.rangestec.vic.edu.au
1/9 Hightech Place, Lilydale 3140 Ph. 9738 7100

Ranges TEC
Open Campus
Saturday 18th May
1pm-4pm

Enrol now for 2014
Time to Party!

26 October 2013
Reunion / Festival Day
All past & present students and staff are invited to come back for the day and celebrate together.

Celebrating
40 Years
1973-2013
From the MECS Board

Dear MECS Community,

The Board joins with you in thanking our most wonderful Father in Heaven for His provision and faithfulness to our community for over 40 years.

We hope you enjoy this new edition of ReConnect in this special year of celebrations.

It was a blessing to be part of the official school opening reenactment on March 16. We were able to recognise the work of our faithful founders whose vision for a Parent Governed school was realised in 1973 when MECS first opened its doors to students. Since that day, parents and staff have partnered to educate their children. We are grateful to God for the dedication and determination of our founding visionaries and pray that in 2013, we too might have the same passion and determination to protect that vision by honouring and serving our sovereign God as we strive to be faithful to His call for us to be responsible in all areas of life, including the education of our children.

The Board invites you to further consider your partnership with MECS through Association membership. The role of the association is to protect and uphold the vision for Christ Centred, Parent Governed Christian Education. Please talk to Nicole for more information or speak to a Board member.

Board Members 2013 - Ian, Louise, Ken, Annamarie, Eric, Petra, James and Sue.

Faithfully,
Sue
Board Chair

In Tribute

Jack Richard

1939 - 2013, 73 Years

Jack started at MECS in the late 1980’s as a part time maintenance man. He worked there for 7 years before he left due to illness (chronic fatigue). Wally Thorpe had started work at MECS part time in 1976, teaching home economics in the Secondary section then full time in Junior Primary until 1999. Their three children all attended MECS. Sharon left in 1980, Julie in 1983 and Rick in 1989. Sharon and Darren’s girls also attended - Sammie, Jessie & Emma (Jessie married Kyle who was in her prep grade - they met later). They love the Lord and have a son Zephaniah. Also Nan taught two of her granddaughters in Prep!

There were students who liked to talk with Jack out of the classroom. A previous staff member told Wally recently what a support it was for them, with a very difficult student, that the student could go out of the class and be able to communicate with Jack.

Born - Glen Huntly, Victoria 16/09/1939
Passed away - Box Hill, Victoria 30/01/2013

The memorial Service was held at the Mooroolbark Baptist Church on February 7, 2013.
New Canteen

No gym on the horizon

Good Teaching Good Care

Students
Management Board moves to Governance

Stewart Miller
Flood in old library

Heated discussions about uniforms

Parents

Keating PM

25th Anniversary

International Food Fair

Understory

New Library Opened

Working bees

Four school terms

Centre Trip

HSC changes to VCE

90's
## 2013 Term 2 Week 1: 18 APR - 27 APR

### Wed 24 April
- PT Interviews 4-9pm

### Thur 25 April
- ANZAC Day Public Holiday, School Closed

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### Mon 29 April
- Student Leader Training Day

### Tues 30 April
- Year 7-12 Tribal Cross Country
- PT Interviews 4-9pm

### Wed 1 May
- Year 7 & 8 Soccer
- MP Swimming

### Fri 3 May
- MP Swimming
- Year 7 & 8 Soccer

### Wed 8 May
- PS Workshop with Richard Galbraith

### Tues 7 May
- MP Incursion

### Mon 6 May
- Ranges TEC Open Campus 1pm-4pm
- School Open Day 10am-1pm

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### 2013 Term 2 Week 2: 28 APR - 4 MAY

### Mon 29 April
- ANZAC Day Public Holiday, School Closed

### Wed 1 May
- Year 7 & 8 Soccer
- MP Swimming

### Fri 3 May
- MP Swimming
- Year 7 & 8 Soccer

### Wed 8 May
- PS Workshop with Richard Galbraith

### Tues 7 May
- MP Incursion

### Mon 6 May
- MP Incursion

### Tues 7 May
- PS Workshop with Richard Galbraith

### Wed 8 May
- MP Swimming

### Thur 9 May
- AGM 7pm Dessert in Kindergarten, 7.30pm

### Fri 10 May
- Start in Staff Room

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### 2013 Term 2 Week 3: 5 MAY - 11 MAY

### Mon 6 May
- MP Incursion

### Tues 7 May
- PS Workshop with Richard Galbraith

### Wed 8 May
- MP Swimming

### Thur 9 May
- AGM 7pm Dessert in Kindergarten, 7.30pm
- Start in Staff Room

### Fri 10 May
- Year 7-12 Tribal Cross Country

### Mon 13 May
- Prep Parent & Child Evening

### Sat 11 May
- Working Bee, 8am - 1pm with Morning tea

### Wed 15 May
- Year 6 Connect Morning Tea

### Wed 15 - Fri 16 May
- Year 6 Camp

### Thu 16 May
- Prep Parent & Child Evening
- Year 12 Mentor Supper

### Sat 18 May
- School Open Day 10am-1pm
- Ranges TEC Open Campus 1pm-4pm

### Wed 22 May
- MP Swimming

### Thur 23 May
- Prep Pipeline Term 2
- MP Swimming Letter
- Parent Teacher Interviews Letter
- MECS Kitchen Term 2 Menu

### Fri 24 May
- Prep Pipeline Term 2
- MP Swimming Letter
- Parent Teacher Interviews Letter
- MECS Kitchen Term 2 Menu

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### Notices Sent Home This Week

- Prep Pipeline Term 2
- MP Swimming Letter
- Parent Teacher Interviews Letter
- MECS Kitchen Term 2 Menu
- PS Tribal Cross Country
- SP Trees Forest Camps Letter
- SP Mathletics Letter
- AASC Information & Permission Slip

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### Canteen

Desperately needs helpers for Fridays. If you can help please contact Sheryl Beams.

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### MECS Community Notices

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### Absentee Line

If your child is absent from school, please call the absentee line on 9513 1561 and state:

- **Your child’s name**
- **Class name** (e.g: Possums - Kinder, MPA or 9JW)
- **Reason for being absent**

Thankyou for your cooperation.

### Can you help?

As a matter of urgency, we are looking for someone who is able to make some covers for the sandpits in the kinder playground. MECS will pay for them. The covers need to be made from shade cloth and will need to have elastic loops to go on hooks. They will both be an irregular shape, need to be hemmed and would need to have a join somewhere in the middle. If you can help us, or know of someone who may be able to help, can you please email Natasha or call.

### Boat for Sale

3 metre Savage Tinnie for sale. Includes a regular 6x4 trailer which it is mounted on. Motor is an older Seagull model along with a small electric motor for trolling. Extras include trolley, oars, batteries, boat cover, marine carpet, life jackets and other small incidentals. Contact Cliff.

### Lost Property

We have quite a few bags of items in Lost Property that have not been claimed from Term 1. We have many jackets and jumpers, and other items such as an umbrella, a small brown bag, a mimco flower hairclip, white ‘Rubi’ branded shoes, a yellow frisbee, black board shorts and bags containing camping/swimming clothes. Parents, please ensure you write your child’s name on their clothing so as to ensure it can be returned to them if lost at school.

### School Banking

Dollarmite Banking starts again on 1 May.

### Boat for Sale

- **Ranges TEC Open Campus**
  - Saturday 18 May, 1pm - 4pm.
  - Please come along and bring any friends and family who may like to visit.

### Indigenous Ministry Information Evening

Come to the MECS staffroom on Thursday 25 April @ 7.30pm.

Roger & Viv are visiting from the NT and will be sharing some of the great things that God is doing in the Top End of Australia amongst many Indigenous people. Come and be blessed by their stories, encouraged and challenged. Check out their newsletters to read some of things that Roger & Viv have been involved in.

[http://outbackresources.weebly.com/1/category/newsletters/1.html](http://outbackresources.weebly.com/1/category/newsletters/1.html)

Contact Caz & Glenn.

### Jinja Christian School Donations

As a result of all of the generous coin donations that were placed into the talking jar in the Office, we have raised $50.45 for the Jinja Christian School. Anne and Ron were thrilled to receive the money as donations that were placed into the talking jar. As a result of all of the generous coin donations that were placed into the talking jar.

Contact Caz & Glenn.

### Woolworths Earn & Learn

1/9 Hightech Place, Lilydale 3140.

- Please come along and bring any friends and family who may like to visit.

Contact Caz & Glenn.

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**NOTES FOR NEXT WEEK**

- Nursery Term 2 Menu
- Term 2 Newsletters
- Newsletters posted to families.
- Super Saturday
- July School Holiday Book Fair
- Preparations for special times

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**MECS Kitchen Term 2 Menu**

- Preparations for the menu

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**Parent Teacher Interviews Letter**

- Preparations for the letter

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**MP Swimming Letter**

- Preparations for the letter

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**SP Term 2 Letter**

- Preparations for the letter

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**SP Trees Forest Camps Letter**

- Preparations for the letter

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**SP Mathletics Letter**

- Preparations for the letter

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**APPENDIX**

- Preparations for the appendix

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**AASC Information & Permission Slip**

- Preparations for the slip