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MIDDLE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents,

It's Term 3 and we're over halfway through the year! We have a lot of exciting things happening this term such as sporting opportunities and excursions that form part of our Core Studies.

Core Studies – CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY

This term we are looking at stories. My story, your story and our story. How they are interlinked and overlap each other but are all part of **God's Big Story**.

Our students will be studying some significant people in the history of our local community and how their story is impacting our story, today. As part of this, within their homework will be some set questions to ask of you and your family members, to help build a picture of what their story is. We realise that information about our families can sometimes be difficult to obtain, for various reasons. We would therefore understand if not all the questions can be investigated fully by all the students. This information will be compiled by your child into a portfolio about who they are, what their story is, and where their place is within the story of our community.



Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home weekly. Homework is a revision of topics that have been covered in class. If your child has any questions about their homework, please encourage them to ask their teacher for help at the start of the week. By insisting that homework is completed and handed in on time, we are helping build your child's sense of responsibility and organisation for themselves. We are always willing to chat if you would like to understand how best to support your child in this.

The Zones of Regulation Program

This term we are reintroducing *The Zones of Regulation* program which has been designed to help students learn self-regulation. Children learn to recognise and communicate how they are feeling in a safe, non-judgemental way and they learn to tap into strategies or tools to help them move between the four categorised states of alertness and emotions. These four zones are referred to as the Blue, Green, Yellow and Red Zones. Further information regarding this program will be coming home will your child soon.

Winter Clothing

We would like to remind students that it is important to wear appropriate clothing during the colder months. We have a lot of outdoor learning planned for this term and students need to come to school dressed in warm clothing. Please get them to pack a spare pair of socks as well as a waterproof jacket into their school bags.

Hooptime

Starting this term during a lunchtime session each week will be Hooptime Training. We will be getting ready for the Interschools Hooptime competition which is being held on Wednesday August 23.

Kids With Courage/ Being Leaders, Being Led – Year 3 and 4 Social Programs (this term)

Kids with Courage is a program that is run for our Year 4s. Stay tuned for a notice regarding the Parent Information Evening. While the Year 4 students will be participating in Kids with Courage, our Year 3s will be working together to develop their leadership skills as well as a better understanding of the importance of being led by a leader. This is an exciting program as this will help to prepare our students for being responsible leaders in Year 4, next year.

Primary School Production in Week 2

We are almost there and very excited with the performance dates creeping up on us! All relevant information about tickets, costumes and dates have already been sent out. However, just a reminder that **all Middle Primary Costumes need to be at school in a clearly named bag, by Friday July 28**.

Tough Brudder and Tough Sista – Year 4 Program Coming Soon

Our popular, muddy social program for Year 4s is back again with a brand new, custom-built obstacle course here at MECS. More information will be sent out about this, next term, when it is running. However, we want to involve our Year 4s in creating this exciting new space so this term there will be some days when rough clothing will be required to help work in the bushland area. An email informing you about this will be heading out later in the term.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Important Dates	
Friday July 28	Middle Primary Production Costumes due
Thursday August 3	Primary Production – Matinee Performance 1:30pm-3:30pm
Friday August 4	Primary Production – Evening Performance
Tuesday August 8	Whole School Assembly 10am. Coffee available in the staffroom from 9am
Thursday August 17	Kids with Courage Y4 Parent Information Session 7.30pm-8.30pm Staffroom
Wednesday August 23	MP Hooptime Day
Tuesday August 29	Middle Primary Parents Connect Morning Tea 8:45am in the main staffroom
Friday September 1	Father's Day Stall
Thursday September 14 Tuesday September 19	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday September 22	Last Day Term 3
Monday October 16	First Day Term 4

We look forward to an exciting term and to seeing you at our Parent/Teacher meetings at the end of term.

Blessings,

Naomi Campbell, Ali Coffey and Carly Russ

Middle Primary Teachers