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Maths in Middle Primary

Dear Parents,

Middle Primary students have again been given the opportunity to access one of the leading online Numeracy programs, Mathletics. Due to its success in other areas of the Primary school and the positive reports from the students in the classroom, MECS has decided to have Middle Primaries trialing the program on a permanent basis throughout the remainder of the year.

The students enjoy using Mathletics immensely and the program gives us a broader scope of resources to use in catering for each child. Within the Mathletics program, teachers are able to access worldwide Numeracy resources as well as our own which are all designed in compliance with Australian Curriculum standards.

Throughout the remainder of the year, Mathletics will be used at least once a week in classrooms as well as weekly for homework tasks (see below). Students are aware that staff are able to track everything they do on Mathletics, and that homework expectations remain the same ie they will be given one grace per term for not completing homework.

**Maths Homework**

- Each week students will be given the choice of 4 maths homework activities, of which they are **required to complete any 2**. These must be signed off by their parent.
- One of these 4 options will be Mathletics.
- Mathletics offers a number of different activities, one of which is **Live Mathletics**. Live Mathletics allows students to choose a level they feel comfortable with and safely compete against other students from around the world in quick maths equations, enhancing their times tables recall and number facts. There is **no ability** for the children to interact with one another online.
  
  If your child chooses Mathletics as one of their 2 compulsory homework activities, they must not spend more than 20 minutes per week (5 minutes per day) in Live Mathletics – they must choose one of the other Mathletics activities as well.

We look forward to exploring Mathletics with the students and seeing the benefits that it continues to bring. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Regards,

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**Middle Primary Teachers**