



## Student Voice Committee

An important component of student learning is creating meaningful opportunities for students to work together and make contributions to the school community. When their voices are heard and they can see that they and their opinions are genuinely valued, engagement increases and confidence grows.

As part of our work in the area of developing student voice at MVES all students from year 3/4 – 7 are involved in a student voice committee. These committees meet every Friday afternoon and each committee has a specific area of focus. Students decided which committee they would like to join based on interest and personal choice.

Students will have the opportunity to develop a wide variety of skills. They will be following meeting procedures, planning and delivering projects, communicating with others and working as part of a team.

These are the committees.

### Environment Committee

Working with the support of the NRM and focusing on developing greater environmental awareness amongst the MVES community, including investigating the litter problem and the continued development of the school garden.

### Kids4Kids

Students working together to develop literacy and numeracy learning opportunities for younger students.

### Canteen

Students working together to organise canteen days for students.

### Radio

Working together to learn and use the skills involved in radio.

### Wakakirri

Working together to create a story/dance performance that is 3-7 minutes long. Telling a story from our own experiences – how technology is impacting on our lives.

### Self-Management

Working together to develop lunch and recess activities for students.

### Film

Learning the skills of film making and using these skills to create movies which can be used to promote school events.

### Leadership Team

Carolyn Mildrum  
*Principal*

Sonia Cooke  
*Deputy Principal*

Robert Thornton  
*Student Counsellor*

### Diary Dates

May  
25 Boys SAPSASA Soccer

June  
2 Girls SAPSASA Netball  
3 Pupil Free Day  
13 Queens Birthday  
holiday  
20 Pupil Free Day



Students were asked to comment on the importance and benefits of student voice committees. Here are some of their comments.

- *Kids might have better ideas than teachers*
- *We are the ones that learn here and play here so we should have a say in how the school runs*
- *We are using our minds for a good cause*
- *It might teach us to care for different areas more*
- *We can solve problems*
- *It helps let kids have a say in how the school runs*
- *Develops teamwork and trust in others*
- *We get to learn more about an area of interest*
- *We get a chance to get “our say” out there*
- *It might help us build new friendships*
- *We get to listen to other people’s opinions or ideas*
- *It helps develop confidence*
- *We like that there are different groups to cater for different abilities, passions or interests*
- A chance to work with different people and teachers
- Create a unique performance with a message that is our very own

### Pupil Free Day Reminder

A reminder that school is closed on **Friday June 3** for the Partnership Pupil Free Day. All staff in the schools and preschools across the partnership will be involved in professional learning opportunities on this day. OHSOC will be open on this day. Please remember to book your child in if needed.

### NAPLAN

Students approached the tests with a positive mindset enabling them to demonstrate their current skills and understanding in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. These tests provide teachers and parents with a snapshot of student achievement at this point in time.

### School Uniform

As the cooler weather sets in we have already noticed lots of “non uniform” items of clothing being worn around the school. We are fully stocked with both styles of jumpers for sale in the office as well as some second hand. Please remember that our students are required to be in full school uniform at all times.

### OSHC News

Elsje and Natalie are no longer working with us. We would like to thank them both for their work with the MVES OSHC over the years.

We would like to welcome Georgia Parker and Megan Stern who are sharing the Acting Director’s role until the appointment process has been finalised.

Please contact Mia in the Finance Office if you have any questions regarding accounts.

### Soccer Fundraiser

Please remember to return any money collected through the sale of the fundraiser chocolates for those children who play soccer. Money can be returned to Mia in the Finance Office. Please make sure any money being returned is clearly labelled with your name.

### School Fundraiser

The Parents and Friends Committee have organised for CPS Community raffle tickets to be available for sale as a way of raising some extra funds to support some of the projects around our school. If you are interested in buying some tickets for yourself or taking home a book or two to sell to family and friends please see Mia in the Finance Office. You never know you may buy the winning ticket.

### Netball News

The MVES netball teams are up and running and have already played some games this season. Our C grade team had a huge win and defeated All Saints 21 – 5. More than half of this team, who are coached by Sherree Tilbrook, have not played netball before. The E grade team recently played their first game and only lost by 2 goals.

All the girls have demonstrated a commitment to training, being a positive team player and a determination to give it a go.

Thank you to Christine Hartwell for her organisation and to the other parent volunteers who are giving up their time to manage and train the teams.

## Pinball Wizard Room 17

Room 17 Year 6 & 7 students have been attending Wirreanda Secondary School once a week to participate in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths). We have been learning about simple machines, such as levers, inclined planes, wedges and pulleys, and practiced how to calculate the area of rectangular and triangular shapes. We are designing a pinball machine with a minimum of 2000mm squared area of obstacles in it. Over the next few weeks, we will use computers to input our pinball machine plans to scale, so that they can be made by a 3D printer. We look forward to seeing how our pinball machines work out.

