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Diary Dates

December

- 6 End of year concert
- 8 Yr 7 day out
- 13 2.10pm finish
Yr 7 Graduation
- 15 2.00pm finish

Stem Education

STEM is a word that is being used a lot lately in the media. It is a word that has strong connections to current educational trends but what does it mean for Morphett Vale East students?

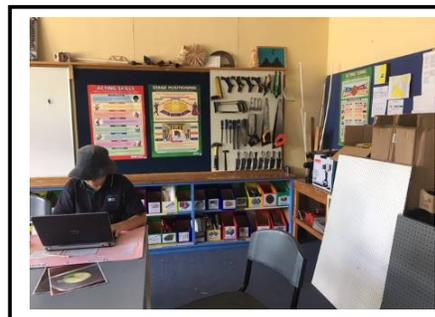
STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The STEM approach to learning engages students in learning tasks where they use their science, maths and technology knowledge and understandings to solve problems.

STEM learning requires students to think creatively and flexibly in order to solve the problems presented to them. Learners need to experiment, use technologies, test ideas and create innovative solutions to problems.



They may be required to program a robot to perform a particular task, design and build a bird house which meets specific requirements or even gather littering data and recommend solutions to the problem. Students thinking is challenged.

These students are engaging in problem solving and learning during their recess break. They have created a game involving the use of a remote control toy and Bey Blades. They are successfully working together to see what happens when the Bey Blades meet the remote control toy. Do you notice the metal plate they have placed the toy on? They have even thought about the surface they were spinning the toy on to see if they could get better results.



Room 18 has been developed into a learning space for our middle primary students to engage in STEM learning activities. There is space to plan, design, build, test and work together to solve problems requiring maths, science and technology skills.

Students in room 6 have been using their problem solving skills to grow bean and sunflower seeds. Manny thinks the seed that is the tallest is the one that was planted first. He also explained that the roots of the seed get the "good stuff" from the dirt to make the seed grow.



Hip Hop Picnic Tea



Bring along your picnic rug and chairs on Wednesday 6 December to watch our students perform the Hip Hop Dancing that they have been working on this term.

We would like to thank Emma & Piter for coming along each Tuesday to teach the students their dance moves.

Bring along a picnic dinner or you can purchase from our P&F sausage sizzle from 5pm. (\$2 each)

Students from Wirreanda Secondary School will be highlighting their talents in Music, dance and solo performances from 5.30pm.



Our students will then "strut their stuff" and we hope to be able to say "good night" to everyone at around 6.30pm.

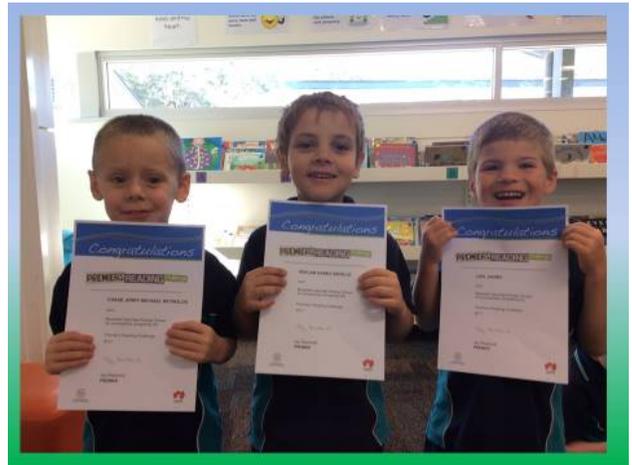
Look forward to seeing you on the night.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 163 MVEPS students who completed this year's Premiers Reading Challenge. Medals and certificates have now been handed out to the recipients in recognition of all the fantastic reading they've completed. We hope to see many more bookworms take up the challenge again next year!



Maddy Craigie was presented with the prestigious "Hall of Fame - Reader for Life" award after completing her 8th year of the challenge. Well done Maddy!



2017 Sports Day

Firstly I would like to start by thanking everyone who helped to make our sports day(s) happen. All of the teachers, SSO's, Parents & Friends, teachers and student helpers from Wirreanda Secondary School, and of course the students of MVES.

Planning for Sports Day began way back at the end of 2016. The feedback from students was that they wanted to have more of an athletics feel to the day, as well as having the fun novelty events that we have had in the past.

The day started in a literal blaze of glory as the House Captains signified the beginning of competition by lighting the Sports Day cauldron. This is a tradition started by the ancient Greeks to signify the opening of the Olympic Games, a tradition that continues today. The captains must be commended for building a fire that would last across an entire week!

The first event was the marathon. This year we allowed all of the year 3-7 students to compete against each other and the track was extended to 1.6km in length with runners running around the creek up to States Road and back before circling the school and finishing on the sprint track. The first 25 finishers would earn points for their team and it was a year 4 student, Riley McGeachie of Banksia who came first. The junior primary students walked a shortened version of the track with their classes.



With the Junior primary students having a rest and fruit break in preparation for their sprint races the middle and upper primary began their novelty events. We were extremely lucky to have 20 year 10 students from Wirreanda Secondary School Special Sports Program available to help us on the day and they did a fantastic job supporting the classes in events such as the Water Race, Tug-of-War, Parachute Games, Sack Race and Frisbee Golf. A great time was had by all involved.



Before the incoming rain the Junior Primary students participated in their sprint races. There were smiles all round and the students were pleased to get their ribbons pinned on and wear them proudly.

Unfortunately with the recess bell came the rain. While it was only light rain it was persistent and the call was made to postpone the rest of sports day to the following Friday.

So on Friday 24 November we tried again and despite a constant threat of being rained out again the weather held out long enough for us to finish our events. In the morning the junior primary students had their turn at the novelty events. The Parachute and the Tug-of-War were the kids favourites. The year 3-7 students were split up into their year levels and began their athletics events. They competed for points in the shot put, discus and javelin throw (we used a vortex football rather than the spear-like object!). There were some great performances which bodes very well for our 2018 SAPSASA athletics team. They also had a go at hurdles and high jump which are always favourites.

We had a recess break which was enough time to recharge and get ready for the eagerly awaited championship events while the junior primary students when back to class for a well-earned rest.

The four houses had been battling hard all day and the day was not going to be won until the final few events. The houses roared with their war-cries and cheered hard while their competitors ran the 100 metre sprints. This year the house captains were given the sole responsibility of organising and trialling their competitors for the 100 metre sprints, relays and tug-of-war. They did a great job despite only having limited time to get these jobs done along with their other captains responsibilities.

The tug-of-war was an epic display of strength and determination by all teams and provided great viewing for the parents and families watching. Wattle proved to be the strongest on the day. The final points event for the day was the house relay which was a very entertaining race which involves students from all year levels racing as a team. The lead changed multiple times through the race and finished with a tight win for Mulga.

While the final scores were being tallied it was time for the teachers and parents to show their sporting prowess as they faced off against the house captains in the tug-of-war. The parents showed up the teachers in the final with a dominant display. The teachers would prove to be too fast for the captains and parents however with a resounding win.

As the teachers and parents caught their breath the scores came in. It was very close with the last few events and chants deciding the final scores. The final placing finished with Mulga in 4th, Gum 3rd, Wattle 2nd and Banksia in 1st place



I would like to say a big congratulations to all of the students who competed and cheered for others. Also well done to all of the captains and vice captains who put in a lot of work and effort to make sure they had competitors in each event and led their team cheers. Thank you to Wirreanda Secondary School who provided helpers on the day. Thanks to the parents and families who came out on both days. Finally a big thank you to the teachers and staff who supported the day and were flexible enough to make it all work over two days.

I am very much looking forward to making 2018 bigger and better and the planning has already begun.

Mitch Hume
Health & Physical Education Teacher | Sports Coordinator

JP Swimming Lessons

Our reception, year 1 & year 2 students have been having a wonderful time at Noarlunga Leisure Centre this week. .



Kaylee T – Room 8

"I learnt to use a noodle. I can swim from one side to the other with it. Mine was blue."

Isabel C – Room 8

"Swimming is fun because I like going underwater. I can do doggy swimming."

Noah P – Room 7

"I got to wear a red life jacket. I floated and jumped in with it on. It was a little bit scary."

Kaden L – Room 8

"We went in the deep end with no life jackets on and we jumped off the edge. The water was warm."

Echy O – Room 8

"We got to go in the deep pool with life jackets. It was easy to float on my back."

2018 classes

Our class placement process is nearly complete. If you have not yet told Colleen that your child will not be returning please do so as soon as possible so that we can cater for all students. All students will get to visit their new classrooms and teachers, where possible, between 10am and 10.40am on Wednesday 6th and Wednesday 13th of December. Notes will go home with students to advise families of 2018 class placement on Wednesday 6th December.

Kindy Transition

It was great to see so many families at our Kindy transition morning on Wednesday. We welcome the new families to our school and hope that your time with us will be rewarding for both you and your children. Please remember that if you have any queries do not hesitate to contact the office.

Christmas Raffle



Tickets for the Christmas raffle have been selling well. If you have sold your book and would like another one extra books are available in the office. Ticket books (sold or unsold) must be returned to school by Wednesday 13th December – don't forget – everyone deserves a chance to win one of the great prizes. The raffle will be drawn at Assembly on Friday 15th December. Gotta be in it to win it