



**Wednesday 14th November
Term 4 Week 5**

From The Principal's Desk

UNE STEM Workshops

Today everyone from Kindergarten to Year 6 had the opportunity to be involved in a Science workshop delivered by Poultry Hub Australia. This workshop allowed students to investigate the poultry industry, looking at eggs and learning lots of things about poultry nutrition, food safety, and poultry health and welfare. Kindergarten and Stage One participated in an egg staining activity and Stage Two & Three looked at egg candling as well as measuring the quality of a hen's egg. Thank you to Tamsyn Crowley for giving our students this eggcellent opportunity! :)

External Validation

This week Mr Hunt has had the opportunity to be on an external validation panel to view another school's evidence against the school excellence framework. Our school was a part of the process a few years ago. Principals from across the state are asked to assist in each panel. Mr Hunt is currently in southern NSW and will return to school on Monday.

Professional Learning for Teachers

In weeks 4 & 6 all teachers at MGPS have the opportunity to participate in professional learning opportunities. Over the two days, teachers are working together to map the curriculum to ensure that we can deliver quality and engaging units of work based around real world concepts. These units are written to include design and production opportunities from the new Science syllabus and are written in stages, giving teachers a wonderful opportunity to collaborate and share ideas and knowledge. These opportunities are vital in providing your children with wonderful learning experiences. A huge thank you to all teachers for their commitment to providing quality teaching and learning here at MGPS. What an inspiring team of people to work with.

Year 5 Captains Speeches

All students in Year 5 are invited to present a speech to the students, staff, parents and school community to be eligible for a school leadership position in 2019. Speeches will take place on Thursday 6th December from 2.10pm in the school hall. Parents are most welcome to come along and listen to the speeches. Students and staff will then vote on a male and female, school captain and vice captain. The students elected to these positions will be announced at our Presentation Day Assembly the following week. Please mark this date in your calendars.

House Cup

This term we have started a 'House Cup'. Each week teams from every house, both senior and junior, battle it out for the House Cup. Last fortnight we had kickball with the winners being announced at this weeks assembly and tomorrow we begin our Oztag completion. Good luck to all the teams! It has been great to see good sportsmanship and teamwork occurring on the field!

We end the week with another great Assembly featuring Stage Two. We hope to see you there but if not, have a great week!

Emma Polson

Relieving Principal

SEARCH OUR
SCHOOL NAME IN:



Martin's Gully Public School
Bona Vista Road
ARMIDALE NSW 2350

6772 3314

martinsgul-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Principal

Brad Hunt

Assistant Principals

Kate McKay, Emma Polson
& Felicity Pennington

Dates For Your Diary

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 28th: Kindergarten Orientation 9:30-11:50am

DECEMBER

Wednesday 5th: Kindergarten Orientation 9:30-11:50am

P&C Dinner

Friday 7th: P&C School Christmas Party 5.00-6.30pm

Friday 14th: Presentation Day/Year 6 Farewell 12pm

Monday 17th: Uralla Pool Day

Wednesday 19th: Last day of school for students and staff

Please check the school app for updated times and dates.

Assemblies - Friday 12.30pm

Term 4 Whole School Assemblies

(Subject to change throughout the term)

Friday 16th November: Years 3 and 4 (stage 2)

Friday 30th November: Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2
(Early stage 1 and stage 1)

P&C News

Free

UNE Taste Testing

Wednesday 28th November 5-6pm, 6-7pm or 7-8pm

held at UNE Meat Science

A great opportunity for our school to raise \$1,000

For more information contact the school office

The Taste Testing fundraiser is for participants over the age of 18 only

Pizza Lunch



Order Day

Friday 16th November



Thank you to all the families who donated and purchased items at the Bake Stall last Thursday and Friday. All containers can be collected from the front office.



**Tombola Jar Donation
Day
30th November**

LIBRARY NEWS 2018

As term 4 continues to fly I thought I would use this weeks Gulgos to summarise the wonderful learning that has happened in the Library throughout the year!

KINDERGARTEN AND STAGE ONE

Kindergarten and Stage One have had a number of opportunities to engage in STEM or design and production, making things from boats to different ways to design and build fairy tale favourites such as the Three Little Pigs houses and ways for Rapunzel to get out of her castle! The Tournament of Books has been a wonderful experience for Kindergarten and Stage One this year, reading over 40 books from the Library and voting for the number one book of the year.

As the weeks move on we will choose which book goes up against 'The Proud Rooster and the Fox' to take the title of MGPS Best Picture Bok 2018.

STAGE TWO

Stage Two have also had opportunities to use STEM concepts to guide their thinking. They have predominantly been involved in learning about how a newspaper is made and the editing team are currently working on getting it to print, ready to go home in the next few weeks! Stay tuned.

This term they are engaging in a Forensic Science unit where we have looked at alibis, clues, the importance of being a trusted witness, evidence, and we enjoyed learning how to take and analyse our finger prints! Watch out, I now know you better than you think!

In the next few weeks we are going to use all of these skills to solve a mystery!

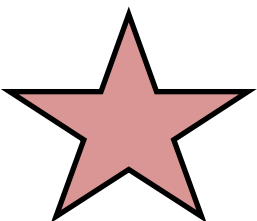
STAGE THREE

Stage Three have engaged in a variety of STEM activities and are currently designing bird feeders, pinball machines or mutant toys! They evaluated the MGPS playground and came up with some wonderful suggestions to make our playground a better place to be. Some of their ideas will be presented to Mr Hunt; being an upgrade of the cubby to include a mud kitchen, pop up lunch time cooking and art classes, increased seating in the playground and more visual ways to engage with their environment through play.

We have had the Book Fair, where I am currently selecting some great new resources for our Library from the wish list made when borrowing and selecting books throughout the year. We have enjoyed a visit from the State Library, to look at artefacts linked to Stage Three History & Geography, participated in fun learning opportunities around origami, STEM, play-based learning and have strengthened our knowledge around Anzac Day, NAIDOC Week and other celebrations important to our country.

I have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with every student here at MGPS. The Library is such a wonderful hub for learning with lots of fun and challenges along the way!

Mrs Polson



Kindergarten News

What a busy Term 4 we are already having!



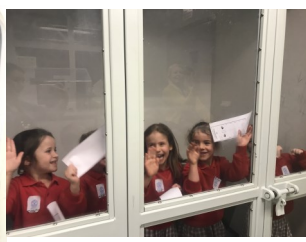
This term we are working through our unit 'Staying Alive'. In this unit we have been learning about our five senses and how they keep humans and animals safe. Also this term we are looking at the text 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. We have learnt about African animals and the differences between Australia and Africa. Here are some photos of our African huts and necklaces we have created in class.



Also this term our Play Based Learning Centres have changed. We now have Post Office, Vet, Space and Artists. We have really enjoyed our new activities.



In Week 2 Kindergarten were able to participate in an excursion, with 1/2 Magpies and 1/2 Possums, to the Post Office, Folk Museum and Police Station. We all had an amazing time and learnt a lot about each place. Here are some photos from our excursion.



Mrs Jess Corcoran

House Cup Competition — Kickball Round 2



Junior Game — Bandarooi vs Cheropin

Winner: Cheropin

Senior Game — Bandarooi vs Burra Burra

Winner: Bandarooi

By Lotus Walker