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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

*hey,
you
matter.*

For many of you, the above quote will resonate with you following our Community Open Forum.

We had a fantastic parent and community representation and participants felt they had more clarity about the schools directions and that everyone's opinions are valued and considered following the session.

Staff have already begun looking at ways in which we can support some of the suggestions. You will notice that I have already begun spruiking the mantra "I Matter, You Matter, We All Matter" on our community noticeboard.

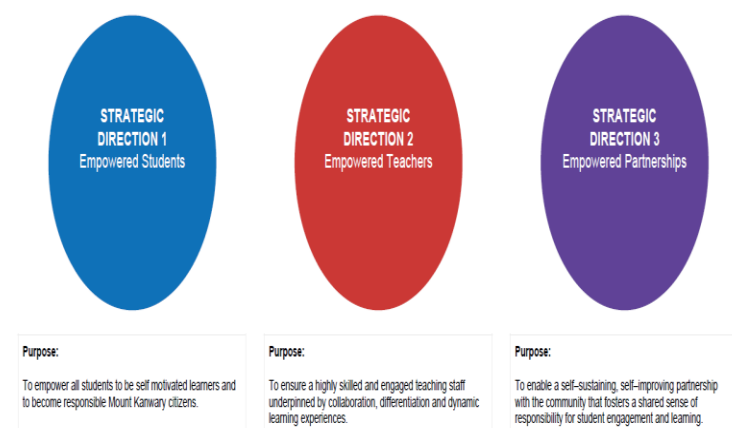
In addition –lessons have commenced this week across K-6 around understanding why they matter and analysing their own attributes. You will see some reflections from the Wattles further down in this newsletter.

We have also adopted some changes to the "Green Seat". Rather than missing play as a consequence of poor decisions or misbehaviour, students will engage in a support program with me. This will focus around the student analysing their behaviour and considering ways in which their behaviour can change in order to avoid conflict or consequence.

I am hoping that this will allow children to develop their own self-awareness skills which will impact positively on their problem solving abilities in various situations.

Another aspect of our conversation on Thursday raised the point that some parents were not aware of what the schools priority areas are:

Below is a snapshot taken directly from the 2018-2020 School Strategic Directions document for MTKPS



I will have these displayed in the office and the community noticeboard for you to view at your leisure.



join **together**
collaborate connect unite
partner community work
share move create
build



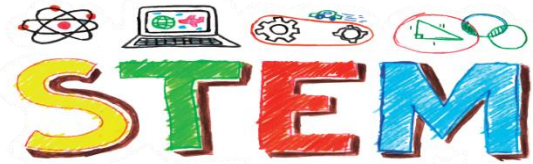
Thank you to our student leaders as well as Harrison, Lachlan and Nanny Nola for hosting a very beautiful service on Friday morning. The ceremony was a delight to be a part of and the students displayed the utmost respect for the service message and rituals. We have some lovely photo's below.



Kindergarten Orientation

Last Thursday saw the arrival of our newest students for 2019. Fletcher, Riley, Sophia and Lucan all enjoyed wonderful morning learning all about school with their year 5 buddies.

Our little people will join us again this Thursday from 11.30 – 1.30 and Thursday 22/11/18 from 1.30 – 3.30 and returning for the P&C disco at 5.30 p.m



STEM education will play a crucial role in preparing both individuals and Australia's economy for the future. Accordingly, STEM education is currently undergoing extensive policy reform and significant public attention.

Education is changing in order to realize the vision of a highly diverse, creative, and sufficient STEM workforce. PricewaterhouseCoopers estimates if Australia were to shift just one per cent of its total workforce into STEM roles, it would add \$57.4 billion its GDP.

But what does this mean to our students? Well we need to be thinking about how STEM education is being integrated into all key learning areas and the types of opportunities we affording our students to build their capacity for future employment in a STEM based world.

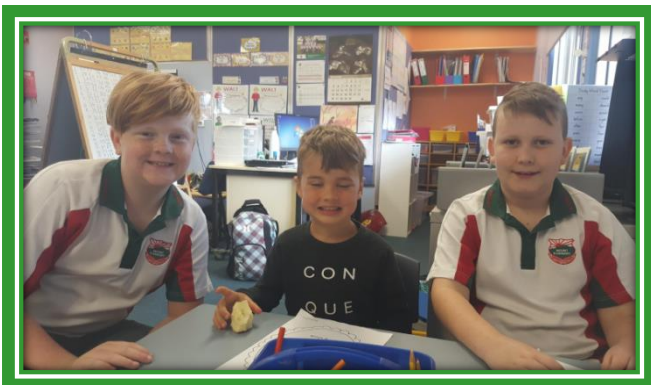
Last week I made contact with the DOE representative for STEM SHARE, Andrew Blazer. Andrew came out and supported the children in a design and construction task with the 3D printer currently on loan. Our Year 2 students were able to join in and it was a fabulous morning.

We have asked Andrew to continue to support our school through a series of lessons and Teacher Professional Learning sessions in STEM SHARE.

Next week Andrew will introduce Minecraft to our Stage 2 and 3 students as well as looking at coding, Virtual Reality and robotics.

I have booked a Green Screen film unit for early in Term 1, 2019 and am hoping to be able to loan a VR unit and Robotics unit.

Keep an eye out in the newsletter for updates about all of these events.



Wattles Excursion



Our Wattles are off to Hunter Valley Zoo on Tuesday 20 November. We will be travelling by coach to Cessnock and the cost will be \$34.00. This includes bus and zoo entry. Wattles parents are able to join us on the coach for a great day. Parents will need to pay the cost of \$26 for zoo entry.

URGENT! We Need Your Pictures!

Year 6 parents I urgently need a picture of your child from either preschool or Kindergarten. You can scan and email or simply drop a picture in and I will scan and return – Thankyou



The Year 6 is hosting a lolly guessing competition. Each guess costs 20c and you can guess as many times as you want. The student who guesses the closest or on the dot correctly will win a box of trolli sour worms. The money that you donate will be for the year 6 gift.

TWEET AWARDS



Congratulations to Brodie K for achieving his 'Blue feather'.

Congratulations to Evan and Dakota for achieving their 'Purple feather'.

Congratulations to Alice, Sophie, Imijon and Makayla for achieving their 'Green feather'.

Congratulations to Halle for achieving her 'Gold feather'.

Well done!



Term 4 Events	Date	Details
Swim School – all students	18.10.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leisure centre – Raymond Terrace – till end of term 12.45 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.
Kindergarten /Yr 2 Orientation And Transition	8.11.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 1 9.30a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Session 2 11.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m students only Session 3 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. parents talk with principal
Wattles Excursion	20.11.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Valley Zoo – Cessnock – Transport by bus 9.30 -3.00 p.m.
School Disco	22.11.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School disco - P&C event 5.30 – 7 p.m. in school grounds. All families welcome
Student Leadership Speeches	23.11.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3p.m – during assembly
Year 6 Transition to High School day	05.12.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maitland High School 2019 Yr7 Orientation Day (TBC)
Presentation Day	6.12.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seaham Public School Hall 5.30 -7.30p.m. Invitations to be sent shortly
Year 6 Farewell Dinner	12.12.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodfire Pizza Morpeth – 6 p.m. For Yr 6 students and families – see invitations
Last Day Term 4- Students	19.12.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Term 4 for students
Last Day Term 4- Staff	20.12.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Term 4 for staff
School CLOSED	21.12.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No staff onsite

