



Mahuri Newsletter, Term 1, 2019

Welcome back to Term 1, 2019! We hope you have had a great holiday, relaxing and spending time together with family and friends.

Below is the configuration of Mahuri for Term 1

Jo Spittal (Co - Leader & NE/Year 1 Teacher)

Helen Breach (NE/Yr 1 Teacher)

Cheryl Isherwood (Co-Leader & Year 1/2 Teacher)

Catherine Kuyf (Year 1/2 Teacher)

David Campbell (Release Teacher)

Sun Hats

During Term 1 it is compulsory to wear a sunhat during 1st and 2nd lunch. Your child needs a **RED BUCKET** hat with a **WIDE brim (NO CAPS)**. These can be bought at the school office. Please ensure that the sunhat is clearly named.

Swimming

We will be swimming daily this term. Your child needs to bring their togs daily, wet or fine. **Please ensure that togs, towel and swimming equipment eg: cap, goggles etc are clearly named.**

Girls with long hair need to have it tied up.

Drink bottles

We encourage each child to bring a **named** drink bottle (filled with **ONLY** water!!).

Home Learning - approx. 15-20 mins

max daily

Reading

Students will come home each day with a book which they have read that day or from their browsing box. Please support your child with reading each night. Books are to be returned daily and their diary is to be signed to show you have read with them.

Topic

Our Integrated Inquiry for Term 1 & 2 is **Discovery**. We are learning about our class culture and exploring our local environment

School Times

School is open from 8.30am - 3.30pm each day. **Children are not to arrive at school before 8.30am.** We would like, the children to arrive by 8.50am so they have time to organise themselves for the day

Library Exchange

We will be having our library exchange on **Monday (Mahuri S & B)** and **Tuesday (Mahuri K & I)** afternoon. Please have library books put into bags the night before.

Seesaw

We will be using Seesaw as a team to share your child's learning at MPS. Look out for information from your child's home teacher on how to join.

STAR Values

We will start from the beginning of this year with the MPS STAR certificate. The children will be working towards obtaining 12 stickers on their certificate for each of our values. Once the 12 are awarded the children will receive their collector card. If by the end of the year, they have been awarded all 4 collector cards they will receive their MPS STAR band. The skills involved in each value will be taught throughout our daily programmes.

Our focus for Term 1 is: Trustworthy

Mahuri Goals

Try new things	Take turns & share	Tell the truth	Do the right thing even when no-one is looking
Encourage others to do their best	Celebrate the successes of others	Stay focused & complete activities	Always finish tasks to the best of your ability
Name _____		Year _____	
Help new children in our class	Use kind words & manners	Look after belongings & class equipment	Make good learning choices
Include others in our play	Be an active listener	Pick up rubbish & keep our classroom tidy	Follow rules & use your WTS

Have a go at new things, even if they are tricky	Play fair	Always tell the truth	Make good choices
Encourage & help each other	Celebrate your & others' successes	Complete tasks independently	Always produce your best work
Name _____		Year _____	
Make someone else happy	Let others join in	Look after your & others' belongings	Independently make good learning choices
Use your manners around the school	Be interested in others	Look after our class environment	Follow rules & independently use your WTS

Events Coming up:

Thursday 28th February

MPS Year 1 - 4 Swimming Gala & Duathlon

Wednesday 12th March

Early School Closure

Saturday 16th March

Methven Show day

Wednesday 20th March

Elgregoe Magician

Friday 12th April

Last day of Term 1

Monday 29th April

Term 2 starts

Admin Meeting

Teaching staff have an admin meeting every Monday from 8.15 - 8.45. If you need to pass on a message please use the diary or contact the office.

News

The following days are news days in Mahuri Team. Students can bring an item to share.

Monday - Mahuri S & B

Tuesday - Mahuri I & K

Bus

If your child is not on the bus please contact the school office on 033028500.

Also let your Home Class teacher know, via a note in diary.



Absences

If your child is absent for a day or more please ensure that you **ring the office (3028500)** and leave a message clearly stating the name of your child, name of the class and why they are absent for the day.

If you need to meet the teacher about an issue that will need a longer discussion, please contact us and we will arrange a convenient time.

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We are looking forward to working with you.

Jo, Helen, Cheryl, Catherine & David

Mahuri Team

