From the principal’s desk

P&C Day
Friday 23 May is P&C Day. This day, held each year during State Education week, is a chance for us all to recognise the contribution made by the hardworking volunteers of the P&C.

I would like to congratulate and thank the parents and carers who give up their time to make a difference for the students at Mistake Creek State School.

While I’m away
All principals from the Central Queensland Region will be meeting in Gladstone for the bi-annual Regionals Principal’s Conference during week 6. That will mean that I miss the show (and the show holiday). Thank you Tanya and Hayley for their hard work.
While I am away, Mrs Martyn will be the officer in charge so all questions/concerns can be addressed to her in my absence. If you need to contact me, I can still be reached on my mobile.

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.
All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.
In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustment we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.
Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

**Cyber Safety**

At Mistake Creek State School we take our responsibility to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff very seriously. This responsibility includes considering issues related to behaviours online.

Behaviours in the online environment can cover a broad range of issues including online privacy and information protection, good and bad manners, digital citizenship and knowing how to get help to deal with online issues.

As you may be aware, comments posted online about people and organisations may impact permanently on their digital reputation. This includes teachers, other staff and students and the school. There can be very real negative consequences from online posts – relationships between school staff, students and parents can be permanently changed for the worse.

Facebook and other social networking sites are generally not private communities and, depending on an individual’s security settings, comments can be read by many people and remain online indefinitely.

If you or your child are posting information online about the school, staff or students, I ask that you consider the ramifications of these comments on the school and any individuals in the school community concerned. As a rule of thumb:

- Public discussion is most effective when it is conducted in a polite and respectful manner;
- Before posting, consider whether those people you are posting about want information, including photos and comments regarding them and their children, posted on Facebook or on other sites. Perhaps ask them before you do it;
- Rather than airing complaints or grievances in a public forum like Facebook, come and talk to the school first about how to resolve your concerns;
- Remember that as a parent you have a responsibility to supervise and regulate your own children’s online activities at home and their impact on the reputation and privacy of others.


If you have any concerns and would like to discuss further I invite you to make an appointment with me.

*Jonas Shantz*

Teaching Principal
Curriculum Update

NAPLAN Update
NAPLAN is over for another year and I am very proud of how the students supported each other through the testing period. We were well prepared and I anticipate great results this year. Lochie had an excellent attitude from the very first day, well done!

Explicit instruction update
As part of our school improvement agenda we are continuing our focus on explicit instruction. At present we are focusing on Warm-Ups and the ‘I do’ phases of the EI process.

Our data is looking really good and I look forward to sharing this with families in the future.

If you would like more information about explicit instruction, please contact me to discuss more.

Parent’s & Citizens Association

Conveyance Meeting:
When: Thursday 22nd May 2014
Time: 1:45PM
Where: MCSS

P&C Meeting
When: Thursday 22nd May 2014
Time: 2:30PM
Where: MCSS

Please remember the following:
Fun Run – Sunday 8th June 2014 at 9:00AM
Please contact Krissy or Renee if you need additional information about the Fun Run

Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 10th June 2014 (that’s two days after the Fun Run!)
MCSS is running the canteen for the day.

Warm-ups
(rapid, routine & recall)
Committing knowledge from short to long term memory

I do
(you watch, listen and learn)
This is the time for the teacher to demonstrate a concept or skill and students to listen and learn.
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← Mr Shantz away all week at Central Qld Principal's Conference (Mrs Martyn Replacing) →