



Newsletter

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Principals Report

Term 1 is done and dusted, and we are all looking forward to a well-earned break with our families and friends over the school holidays. Staff and students have worked consistently to get the school year off to a strong start. It has made a considerable difference to classroom programs not having two weeks of swimming lessons at the beginning of the school year and this has contributed to the pleasing progress that we are seeing in our classrooms.

The improvement in attendance has been a major highlight for staff and I and this increased regular attendance also contributes to improved learning outcomes, a stronger sense of belonging and connection to peers and staff. Thank you to all families who have prioritised their children's school attendance and helped get them off to the best possible start. There are still a small number of families who are finding maintain regular attendance challenging and we will be focusing supporting these families in term 2.

Principal Performance Review:

In week 7 I completed my Principal Performance Review and had a validation visit from a director and peer reviewer to reflect on my performance and discuss recommendations for improvement. I was very pleased with the outcome of my review and have some recommendations to work towards going forward. I would like to thank all the people who provided feedback for this process including staff, colleagues, school council and community members.

I'm happy to share with you the recommendations that I received from my review:

- Prioritise work life-balance
- Sanction time to re-engage with quality



professional learning which aligns to my leadership journey and system priorities

- Apply to participate in the Culturally Responsive Leadership program
- Prepare for the next school review (Term 4)
- Align the performance management process in the school to strengthen our commitment to the Quality Teaching Program
- Review the current workforce plan to put measures in place to develop the local workforce and maintain current levels of expertise and experience
- Continue to collaborate with leaders in my wider network

The principal performance review process is an important opportunity for a school leader like me to turn the spotlight on my own performance. Often reflecting on my own leadership is sidelined by the business of running a school, so any opportunity to develop my own skills contributes to school improvement. Looking forward to Term 2 there are several dates to note in your diaries.

- Students return to school Tuesday April 29th
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Assembly

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I hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing break, although I know that many of you will be starting seeding. Please remember that the shire will be holding their ANZAC Day dawn service in town and I encourage you to take you family along to experience this special service as the dawn breaks.

I am flying to Victoria early Saturday morning to spend a few days with my parents who live in Warrnambool on the southwest coast. I'm looking forward to sitting in their courtyard and catching up on all the family news. My own children will all be home for Easter, which will hopefully include lots of laughs and maybe a trip to the beach in between seeding getting underway.

Thanks to staff, students and families for a great start to the year. See you all next term.

Norah Flanders

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

CARNIVAL 2025

SENIOR GIRL RUNNER UP CHAMPION

CHLOE MICHAEL

INTERMEDIATE BOY CHAMPION

CALEB WARD



End of Term 1 Report

by Nick & Chloe



We are coming to an end of term 1 of 2025, we have had a busy term including NAPLAN, swimming faction carnival, swimming interschool carnival, new kindy students, 5 new staff members, year 6 camp, school photos and end of term picnic.

NAPLAN was a busy week 6 for the Year 5 and 3 students and was assisted by Ms Carter. The faction swimming carnival was in week 4 on the Friday. Well done to Burges for winning the carnival and every student tried their best. In the interschool swimming carnival Three Springs won at the Three Springs pool, but 12 students who came all swam their hearts out. Special Congratulations to Caleb Ward Intermediate Campion Boy and Chloe Michael Senior Girls' Runner Up.

As you may know the Mingenew Yr6's went with the Walkaway kids on camp and they all really enjoyed it. In week 9 we all had our school photos, everyone had their nice smile and white shirt. In week 10 we had our end of term picnic at Port Denison foreshore, we had lots of fun. We haven't just welcomed kindy students, but we have also welcomed 5 new staff members; Mrs Moncrieff, Marc Moncrieff, Mrs Kapps, Mrs Starick and Mrs Campbell. We interviewed all these staff members to see how they are settling in.

Mrs Moncrieff has found Term 1 at Mingenew Primary School very welcoming and students have been kind. Mrs Moncrieff's favourite thing about working at MPS is the team of staff, she has found them very helpful. Three words Mrs Moncrieff used to describe the students here at MPS are competitive, friendly and hardworking. Mrs Moncrieff is looking forward to sleeping in on the holidays.

Marc Moncrieff has found Term 1 at MPS very good. Marc's favourite thing about working at MPS is all the staff, he says they are very friendly.

The three words Marc used to describe the MPS students are energetic, fun and kind. Marc is looking forward to seeing family and friends on the school holidays.

Mrs Kapps has found Term 1 lovely. Mrs Kapp's favourite thing about working at MPS is to see the community spirit throughout the school. The three words Mrs Kapp's used to describe the students are positive, respectful and encouraging. One of the things Mrs Kapps is looking forward to on the holidays is spending time at the beach with her family.

Mrs Starick has found Term 1 good fun and has found everybody supportive. What Mrs Starick enjoys most at MPS is that every day is different. The three words that she used to describes the students at MPS is individuals, caring and considerate. What Mrs Starick is looking forward to is going down South to spend time with family.

Mrs Campbell has found Term 1 a very interesting start to the year and has enjoyed it very much. Mrs Campbell as enjoyed working with the students and helping. The three words that Mrs Campbell used to describe the students at MPS are friendly, helpful and caring. Mrs Campbell is looking forward to in the holidays is being able to relax and sleep in. Thanks for reading, we hope you enjoy school holidays.



PBS Report & Prize Winners

by George, Anna & Jelena

Jelena : In the second half of this Term we have focused on keeping our bags zipped up and our belongings neat and tidy. This is important because you can get bugs and animals in your bag, secondly people can see something that they like in your bag and might steal it, finally you can lose stuff you really like.

George : Next term we will be focusing more on being an Achiever and being Respectful. Some of the things we will try to do might be demonstrating good sportsmanship, completing set work and asking for help when needed, speaking politely and using your manners, putting all equipment back where you got it from and following instructions. These things make our school a better place because it is easier to play and have fun when no one is arguing, the teacher can help you when you need and using manners makes it a nice place to be when everyone is polite to everyone.

Anna : *Have you wondered how students get PBS Tickets?* Staff give out tickets to students doing the right thing when outside at recess and lunch. Once they give the ticket to them they tell them what it's for and what box to put it. The student banks the ticket and at assembly's we do a prize draw for each of the boxes of tickets, if you win you go to Mrs Flanders' office the next day to get your prize. You could either choose between a prize for yourself or a prize for your class. Here are 2 examples of how you could get a ticket, playing fairly and nicely and walking on paths.

PBS Draw

Well done to the following students

Be Safe – Aylish Brennan

Be Friendly – Bella Laver

Be Respectful – Wren Ward

Be an Achiever – Hamish Cosgrove



School Captain Report

by Heidi

On Tuesday the 8th of March the Year 6 students from Mingenew and Walkaway left for our year 6 camp at Swan Valley Adventure Centre. We did lots of fun activities and my personal favourite was our first activity, high ropes. For those who don't know it is a 10m high obstacles course with big heavy harnesses.

Our second activity was on Wednesday we walked down to the Swan River, put on life jackets and jumped in a canoe. Once we got the hang of everything, we played two games of water netball water, which is exactly how it sounds and fruit salad which is when you stand up and walk to another canoe when you're on the water.

Our third activity was also on Wednesday. We travelled out of Swan Valley to Out Back Splash it was humongous there were pools, water slides and mazes while we were there we enjoyed a delicious lunch as well.

Our next activity was on Thursday we travelled all the way into the Convention Centre in the city for the Dream and Lead Conference. We had a laugh and learnt how to be the best leaders we can be. There were some guest speakers who came and talked to us and shared their story which I found very interesting. We were very lucky after because the teachers hired the pool as it was boiling.

Our very last activity was on Friday it was called Crate Stacking. It is when there are builders who stack crates for the climbers to climb there are also a safety team who are attached to the climber's harnesses holding them up. After our last activity we drove all the way home.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the P&C for supporting the camp, the Yr 6 parents who helped with the fundraising of courses Ms Carter, Mrs Flanders, Mrs B and the amazing Mr Epps who drove us around in the bus from Walkaway with out these people we would not have a camp. I would also like to thank Rowie Flanders who came with us for canoeing and Out Back Splash.

A bit of advice for the Yr 5s is give everything a go and listen to your instructors because if you do you will have the most fun possible.

Year 6 Pre Primary Buddy's

by Willem

The year 6's have been going down to the kindy's room on Thursday before school starts to do activities with the Pre Primary's such as, reading and writing their names, puzzles on the mat and reading books. The year 6's get to connect with the Pre Primary's and get to know what they do, what they love and enjoy.

The Pre Primary's benefit from this as they are learning to be confident talk to people and make friends. We have also learnt that most of the Pre Primary's aren't shy, like to have a nice chat and they are very good at writing their own names.

The year 6's have been loving going to see the Pre Primary's. It has also been helping the year 6's leadership because we get to talk to a lot of young kids and it helps us understand the Pre Primary's.



Sport Captains Report

by Rhys, Ivy, Mitchell & Liam

Our most popular activity at recess and lunch is pickle ball because there is a massive line from the net to the wall of the undercover area. I think it's popular because it's different, new and the thrill of smashing the ball over the net.

This year some of the Mingenew kids played basketball in Dongara. Here are some of the award winners from Mingenew:

We had two runners up MVP in U12's with Pippa McTaggart and Caleb Ward.

Coaches award u12s Blake McTaggart.

Coaches award u15s girls Chloe Michael.

Coaches award u15s boys Rhys Kupsch.

MVP for the Country Champs Willem Samuel.

Winter sports training started on the 2nd of April, with footy, netball and hocky, the first game is on the 26th of April.

In PE in Term 2 we will be playing Soccer, group games and running to get us ready for cross country at the end for of term 2.

In other news, Claire Holmes will be representing MPS in a four-day Equestrian event which is a WA Interschool horse riding competition. This Equestrian event is in the Term 1 school holidays Claire says the training is going well and she is improving every day. Claire has practiced all her dressage test with her amazing horse Janie. We can't wait to hear how Claire goes and we all wish her well.

Sports Captain Awards

The Sports Captain Awards are given to the students who treat the sports equipment with respect by treating it correctly, using it for its purpose and returning it to the shed.

If you receive this reward, please go to Mrs Flanders office to receive your prize from the prize box.

Year 1/2 Ada Ward

Year 3/4 Caleb Ward

Year 5/6 Willem Samuel





Assembly Award Winners



Pre Primary

Paisley Keeris - EA Award

Paisley always speaks kindly and politely to students. She always greets staff members when coming into school in the morning. Paisley is a pleasure to have in our class. Well done, Paisley!

Finlay Brennan - Office Award

For following the school rules when entering the office. Finlay knocks and waits before entering and greets staff in a respectful and mature manner. Finlay consistently displays kindness and good manners, always remembering to say "thank you". Well done, Finlay.

Year 1

Cecilia Burger - Gold Merit

Cecilia, your consistent effort and academic diligence are truly commendable. You approach each learning task with enthusiasm and a focused mindset, demonstrating independence and initiative in your work. Your friendly and respectful manner contributes to a positive classroom culture, and your quiet determination sets a strong example for others. Well done on this well-deserved recognition.

Year 2

Henry Dempster - Gold Merit

Henry, you are to be commended for your exceptional dedication to your learning journey. You approach each task with purpose and consistently apply yourself with care and precision. Your developing leadership qualities and quiet reliability contribute meaningfully to our classroom community. You lead by example and demonstrate genuine respect for others. Keep up the inspiring work.

George Bagley - EA Award

George always greets everyone with a warm smile and a cheerful 'Good Morning'. He is always putting his hand up to offer help when others need it. Keep up the great work George!

Year 3

Halle Dempster - Gold Merit

Halle is a respectful and considerate student who consistently demonstrates excellent manners and a genuine care for others. She strives for academic excellence, always putting in her best effort and producing work of the highest standard. Halle is a positive role model in the classroom, willingly assisting her peers and contributing to a supportive and inclusive learning environment. Well done, Halle!

Aylish Brennan - EA Award

Aylish makes sure that everyone feels welcome, included and valued. Whether it's offering a kind word, inviting others to join in, or simply being a good friend. She shows us all the power of kindness. Keep up the great work Aylish!

Year 4

Caleb Ward - Gold Merit

Caleb is a focused and engaged student who demonstrates attentive listening and consistently offers valuable contributions to class discussions. He always tries his best and actively applies feedback to improve his work. Caleb shows positive leadership in group activities and is a wonderful role model to his peers. Keep up the fantastic work, Caleb!

Summer Campbell - EA Award

For consistently demonstrating kindness, politeness and respect to all school staff. Your positive attitude and thoughtful behaviour make our school a better place, and you set a wonderful example for your peers. Well done, Summer.

Year 5**Claire Holmes - Gold Merit**

Claire consistently demonstrates unwavering commitment to her studies and works diligently to achieve academic excellence. Claire's exemplary manners and respect for others have not gone unnoticed. Claire is always willing to assist others whenever possible. Keep up the excellent effort Claire!

Year 6**Rhys Kupsch - Gold Merit**

Rhys consistently demonstrates unwavering commitment to his studies and works diligently to achieve academic excellence. He seeks out and applies feedback to further improve his work. Rhys has exemplary manners and is always willing to assist others whenever possible. Keep up the excellent effort Rhys!

Nick Ward- EA Award

Nick makes sure that everyone feels welcome, included and valued

He demonstrates exceptional kindness and politeness towards fellow students and staff members. Nick your positive attitude and respectful behaviour are to be commended.

Ada Ward, Jessica Brennan and Ivy Criddle - Sport Award

In recognition of your outstanding dedication and effort in Physical Education. Your consistent enthusiasm, teamwork, and commitment to improving your skills have been exceptional. You inspire others with your positive attitude and sportsmanship. Continue to excel and lead by example in every challenge you face!

**HASS and Science Merit Award****Cecilia Burger Year 1**

Cecilia has demonstrated a fantastic work ethic towards learning in HASS and Science. She listens exceptionally well and always applies her best efforts, completing all task components neatly and proficiently. Cecilia's increasing contribution to small group and class discussion is highly valued. Keep up the fantastic work, Cecilia!

Jacob Starick Yr 3

Jacob consistently demonstrates an interactive and motivated learning approach to HASS and Science lessons. He listens intently, reads with purpose and asks questions with interest. Jacob's positive contribution to our lessons is greatly appreciated. Well done Jacob, keep up the awesome work!

Reminders

For supervision purposes, students should not arrive before 8.30am onto the school grounds.

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2025 Voluntary Contributions & Charges

Thank you to the families who have made the decision to pay the voluntary contributions and charges. Your contribution is very much appreciated. It allows us to provide resources for classroom programs and extra-curricular activities. For the small number of families who intend to pay but may have overlooked it, the 2025 Voluntary Contributions can be EFT to the school bank account or paid in cash or cheque directly to the school office.

Mingenew Primary School

National Australia Bank

BSB: **086 - 937**

Account: **69 859 7063**

Reference: Child's Name and Surname.



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TERM 2

Term 2 Week	MON	TUE	WED LIBRARY	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	28 SCHOOL DEV DAY	29 STUDENTS RETURN	30	MAY 1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9 GOSH 5 / 6 EXCURSION DONGARA	10	11 MOTHER'S DAY
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21 PEAC	22	23	24	25
5	26	RECONCILIATION WEEK 27	RECONCILIATION WEEK 28	RECONCILIATION WEEK 29	RECONCILIATION WEEK 30 CAMPFIRE ASSEMBLY 10:00AM NEWSLETTER	31	June 1
6	2 WA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	3 CIRCUS CHALLENGE INCURSION (AFTERNOON)	4 PEAC	5	6	7	8
7	9	10	11	12	13 YR 5-6 NETBALL CARNIVAL GERALDTON	14	15
8	16	17	18 PEAC	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26 CROSS COUNTRY	27	28	29
10	30	JULY 1	Kindy extra day PEAC	3 SCHOOL TRANSITION 1:40-2:40	4 ASSEMBLY 2:30PM NEWSLETTER LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	5	6

2025 Premier's reading challenge

Where will reading take you?



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