Middle Indigo Primary School
NEWSLETTER 5/2/2019

Welcome to 2019

Welcome back all students, staff and parents. This year we have 34 students split into two grades – Prep, one, two and a grade three to six. The junior grade has 15 students and the senior class 19.

Both grades have launched straight into our regular routine classes.

Each day both grades spend the start of the day reading followed by literacy tasks through to the first break which is our lunch break. Students eat lunch in the grade with the teacher, making sure that the students are eating all their lunch.

The next session is our numeracy session, which runs for 90 minutes each day. This is followed by the big break and snack time.

We have lunch first to ensure that students eat the substantial part of their school meal, as opposed to our previous timetable of snack first. This saw students eating sweet snacks\biscuits etc and losing concentration in the numeracy session as well as students foregoing their lunch.

The last session is our term project session, which incorporates multiple learning and skills in a project form of lesson and work. We have two projects per term to keep the work interesting. This term is Family tree\All about me followed by 'Explorers in the second half.

Added to this the students have a weekly sport class, a science class, history class and ICT learning. Students have fortnightly art, library and music classes as well.

We will highlight the learning in the coming newsletters to give you a more detailed outline of the students learning.

Welcome to our 2019 Prep Students

Last Thursday saw our new 2019 Prep class begin their learning journey. The students were presented with a hat and glasses as well as a book pack with growth charts, books and some smaller goodies.

The students have settled into the school routine with little fanfare and are already a regular part of the general play in the yard and in the library. The other students have been very welcoming and supportive of our new students and I thank them for their terrific attitude and making all feel welcome.

Prep students will have Wednesday's off until March 6th when they will go to five days a week. This allows the students' time to settle in and rest during this busy time in their lives.

Summer works

During the summer break the school undertook tree safety works. This involved an assessment of all trees at the school for fire safety and structural safety. As a result a number of tree limbs, bent trees and higher fire risk trees have been removed and chipped. The woodchips will be used in our garden improvements which we hope to make part of our first working bee.

Our school pest controller will be spraying shortly as the hot weather has brought out a number of critters and crawlers.

Camps funding

If you have a current Centrelink concession card, then you may be eligible to funding for Camps, Sports and Excursions. Please collect the application form from the office and return to Jan or Mr James.

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Welcome to School BBQ

Middle Indigo will be having a welcome to school BBQ on the 27th of February form 5:30pm to 7:30pm

All families are encouraged to come to school for a chance to meet other families, tour the classrooms, and play a game or two on the oval. Sausages and coleslaw and drinks for sale. Profits go to the Junior School Council. Please join the staff and students as we kick off the new school year.

Working Bee

Our first working bee for the year will take place on 14th March. The working bee will kick off at 2:00pm when the students will begin the jobs. We ask that families join in as they are able to, as the afternoon progresses. This gives the students an active role in the jobs and we hope, doesn't put pressure on the parents to do all the work. We understand that not all families can attend and that you all have busy lives. If you can lend a hand that is great.

A list of jobs will be published in the lead up to the day. Jobs will include – reset the snake net, scrub clearing, woodchips, gravel around the front garden, timber deck oiling, library clean-up for starters.

Art classes start this Friday and are every fortnight.

Library classes start Wednesday next week and are fortnightly. Please remember to bring your library books for return.

Music classes started this week and are fortnightly. Piano and guitar lessons happen on music days as well. If you wish your child to have lessons please contact Mr. James or Jan and we will make arrangements. Students continuing lessons from last year have already had their first lessons.

Dates to remember

Feb 5th	Murray River swimming
Feb 18th	School swimming sports
Feb 27th	Welcome to school BBQ
March 6th	First Wednesday for Preps
March 14th	Working Bee – 2:00pm – 5:00pm
March 26th	Beechworth Explorers Excursion

Welcome Deegan Williams

Welcome Kate Irons

Welcome Drey Boulton

Welcome Olivia McLean

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Life Saving Victoria – Excursion

On Tuesday the 3 to 6 students attended the Life Saving Victoria safe swimming program at Nouriel Park\Murray River. Unfortunately due to thunder the students were not allowed in the water. Still the life savers set up a number of fun and informative activities for the students. They learnt about safe beach and river signage, CPR, water hazards and rope technics. Also the students had a go at paddling a surfboard\boogie board on the grass? Noah Rowlings was a star of the show as he got to dress as a life saver. The students had a good time despite the opportunity to swim.

Noah Rowlings in charge!

The whole gang

'RIVER MONSTERS'

River Grommets?

The obligatory 'Dab' – Justin was being a rebel!

Lunch orders have started.

This week a delicate slither of triple smoked chicken, lazily sprinkled on a soft wheat tortilla that has been brushed with flour and warmed. Added to this is a mixture of 'just picked lettuce greens, carrot and a shredded cheese delight.

$3.00 - Your order\reservation is due by Thursday

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