



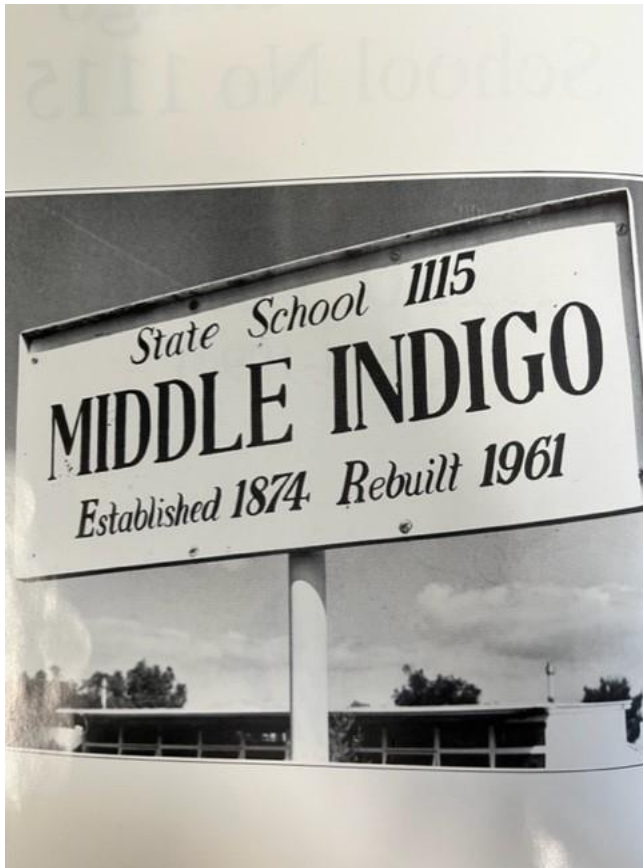
Middle Indigo Primary School

27TH OCTOBER 2022

New Preps

Our prep transition days have been happening since week one this term. Our three new preps – Lachlan, Windsor and Hudson have been at school for the whole day each Wednesday.

They are learning the ropes about all parts of school life – from where the toilets are, to making play doh, exploring the sandpit, reading books and counting as well as lots of games and play with the “big Kids.”



150 Year anniversary of Middle Indigo School

The first meeting of our Anniversary of Middle Indigo School will take place on Tuesday the 15th of November at 3:15pm.

The anniversary is not until 2024, but we want to start to gather our thoughts and ideas as to how the school could celebrate this important milestone. If you cannot make it to school, we can set up a Webex link for interested people to join online. Please contact Mr James for further information.

\$105,000 funding for school

We have received further funding for our school buildings. After an audit of the buildings in term 3 the Department of Education has identified some areas for further works. The main works will be unseen as it involves restumping works on the main building. We have had numerous reports over the last decade of the deteriorating condition of the main building stumps and some areas under the building that remain wet year-round. Hopefully this will set the building up for another 60 years.

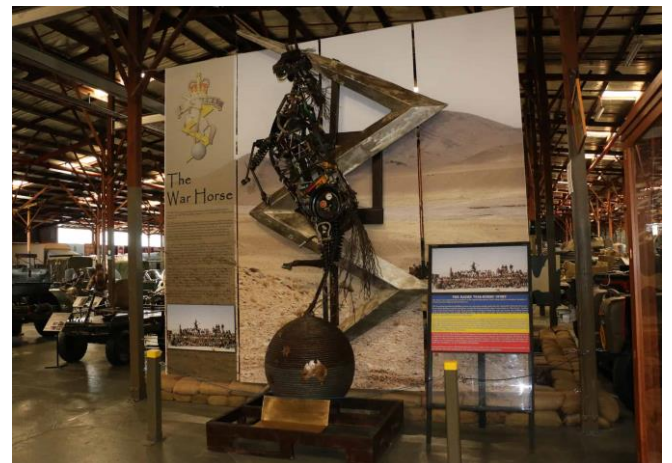
This funding goes on top of the \$157,000 grant we achieved earlier in the year, which is earmarked for recladding the east and south walls of the main building and to replace the main building roof.

All these works will be completed in the next 6 to 12 months..... Shh maybe!

Power Failure – Next Thursday \ Not in the UK

The power company has decided that next Thursday is a good day to give the electricity a rest. The power will be out from 8:30am till 4:30. Due to this inconvenient but very positively advertised “upgrade,” Middle Indigo students and staff will have a road trip.

We are heading to the Army museum and to Bonegilla Migrant camp for the day. We will depart at 9:00am and return by 3:00pm. Both venues are very exciting, and it should be a fun day out and more pleasant than a school with no power. Cost \$15.00 School will pay for bus.



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Rain

Been a lot of rain lately. Unfortunately, the rain has limited the use of the school oval. The northern end is very wet, and we request all students steer clear of that part of the oval until the maintenance department can clear the grass (Jungle foliage).

MIPS OVAL



Walk to Mr McLean's Farm

Our 'walk to school program' this year will be undertaken by a walk to Mr McLean's farm on Monday 7th of November. We used to do this walk annually until Covid struck. The students will depart school and walk Sutherlands Road and onto Back Martindale road finishing at Norm McLeans Farm where we will have a picnic lunch and a play. Then we will walk to the high point of the Indigo Valley to check out the view and chat about the Valley. Returning to the homestead the students will be picked up in Johnson's bus and returned to school. Departure time will be 9:30am and return by 3:00pm.

Artist of the Week

Presented to **Deegan Williams** for your effort when creating a one-point perspective, optical illusion artwork. You applied the new techniques carefully and worked hard to create a fantastic piece of 3D art. Keep it up, Deegs!

Anika Rowlings for your love and enthusiasm for art, each and every session. The one-point perspective optical illusion you created was just another example of how you apply your best effort to every creation. Well done, Anika!

Bike Education\Camp

As part of the build up to our bike camp, the students will ride their bikes on some back roads of the Valley to get a little match fit for the camp. This will happen during the bike education week and the following early part of the week before camp. We will again use Sutherlands road and Back Martindale Road predominately.



Pool Fun Swim Splash Water Spatter Plop day

Pool Fun Swim Splash Water Spatter Plop day is on Friday the 16th of December and is the last day of the school year for the students. We have booked Chiltern pool from 10:00 till 2:00 for the day.

FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS

We finished our excursions to Flyaway Gymnastics on Tuesday The students had a terrific time and we will definitely return in 2023 for another earsplitting go at gymnastics.

School Reports

Everyone is very excited to know that we are preparing school reports at the moment. The reports will come out on the 15th of December so, plenty of time to impress the teachers (or bribe them TIM TAMS)

Melbourne Cup and Student Free day

Monday 31st and 1st November are student free days. One for report writing and the other a celebration of horses and manicured lawns.

Holiday Childcare Program

The Big Childcare group runs holiday programs at Chiltern every day and during the school holidays. The program is based at Chiltern Primary School. The holiday program includes a theme or activity each day.

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The sign up can be done totally online. The Chiltern group has plenty of spaces for Middle Indigo students and you can pick and choose the days you wish to attend.

School Rules No 20 – Do not play behind the sheds. Wear a sun hat. Don't make fun of old people like Mr. James.

Garden repair\Work Bee

We will have a garden fun day when the rain stops. We have a load of wood chips ready to spread over the garden beds and enough to build a new garden bed along the bus lane and the oval. The plan is to have a vegetation line from near the corner of the library to the drainage sign to discourage vehicles from driving onto the oval space to access the school grounds.

COVID-19 isolation requirements have changed
The Victorian Government has announced the end of the Pandemic Declaration and associated Pandemic Orders.

The following settings, based on advice from the Department of Health, will apply from 11.59pm Wednesday 12 October 2022.

It is strongly recommended that **students:**
who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
should not attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result

Where **students** become symptomatic at school they should:

be collected by their parents/carers
undergo testing for COVID-19

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert is Thursday the 8th of December. Music and food and awards and Santa.

Our private music teacher Patrick is stepping up and teaching the students a number of Christmas tunes and music performed for the concert.

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Lost and Found

Small duck - returned to mother duck!

Learning this week

So Much Knowledge ingested; none regurgitated

TIME and SEASONS

SPELLING

NARRATIVES

HISTORY of the Snowy Scheme

UPCOMING EVENTS

31 st Oct	Student free day
1 st Nov	Melbourne Cup Holiday
2 nd Nov	Grade 6 to BSC
8 th Nov	Walk to Mr. McLeans Farm
21 st - 25 th Nov	Bike education
1 st – 2 nd Dec	BIKE CAMP
8 th Dec	Christmas Concert
13 th Dec	Year 6 BSC
16 th Dec	Pool Party\Last day of Term



A plug for fellow teacher Brendan Hogan's latest play at the Hothouse Theatre.

It's a play based on the Uiver plane rescue at Albury over 80 years ago.

Brendan's plays are usually full of fun and good human stories. So while it's rainy season – go see some live theatre.

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SNAKES

We had a visit from Damian Michael with the help of Landcare Indigo Valley on Monday.

Dr Damian brought with him a number of reptilian creatures, most of whom had made their way into glass jars. This elicited much "Ohhhing and Ahhhing" from the students of Middle Indigo. Dr Damian presented a thorough lecture and slide show of many of our beautiful country's amazing reptiles and frog species. We had an opportunity to stare at and touch some reptiles. We also did a walk around the school searching for reptiles and frogs. Something I have spent years telling the students not to do?????

We recorded frog noises and discovered untold amounts of insects, but luckily it was not a day for slithery reptiles. He headed off to Barny school next So maybe better luck down there.

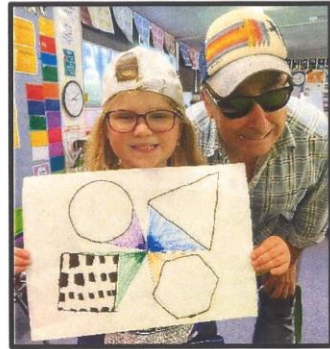
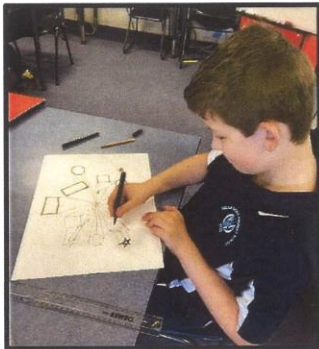
Shout out to Mack Williams who knows A LOT about SNAKES



Mack explaining facts to Dr Damian



My next pair of Boots????



MACC is Back!

Welcome back to another exciting term of Art. We can't wait to get stuck into some more fun, creative activities, all while learning new art techniques and vocabulary!

We have started the term off learning all about one-point perspective artworks and how they are created. We practised using *lines of perspective* and a *vanishing point* to create our own artworks, then learnt about colour *value* when colouring our drawings to create even more depth.

- Miss Turner

