



Middle Indigo Primary School

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Premiers Reading Challenge

1044 – A large, and on the face of it unassuming number..... But wait for it!



Premiers Reading Challenge Crew

The students of Middle Indigo have read One Thousand and Forty Four books as part of the Premiers Reading Challenge for 2019. The challenge involve students recording the books they have read from early in the year until September. Three of our students went well beyond the ordinary and read over one hundred books each – Well done Ryan, Isaac and Abbey. Plus a special mention to Jared Irons who came very close to one hundred.

A special thankyou to our Premiers Reading Challenge co-ordinator Julie McLean for your tireless efforts in setting up the challenge and inputting vast amounts of information over the course of the challenge. And to Daniel Andrews who sets the challenge in the first place..... We invited him to the awards but he was a no show?????

DON'T FORGET NEXT MONDAY and TUESDAY ARE STUDENT FREE DAYS DUE TO REPORT WRITING AND MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY

Picasso Cow Program

Well done to the students who participated in the Picasso Cow project. The students learnt and crated a number of exciting things related to Dairy in Australia.

Tristan and Justin also received recognition for their design of our beautiful new cow, Indigo, which delicately welcomes students, staff, parents and guests as they enter the school. (Mr James is still keen to see her on the roof)

A big thank you to Mrs Edwards for organising and running the Moo Cow program and driving the students to excel in their learning.

Picasso Cow Students



Flag Poles

Our Library has a new addition. We have a new flag pole display in the library with the Australian flag, the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag on display. The base of the stand has the imprint of our school logo on it and the timber comes from the local forest. The project was completed by the kind gents at the Yackandandah Men's Shed who come together every Tuesday to gossip and eat biscuits and occasionally pump out a project. Their support of our school is fantastic and we thank them very much for the beautiful work. Hip Hooray for the Men's Shed of Yackandandah!

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Base of the display with MIPS logo



Da Dah! The Flag Display in the Library

Walking

The students have been walking up and down and around the neighbourhood over the past two weeks as part of the Walk to School program. The school has been a little different to other schools in that we participate by walking away from school and then back again. The program has its merits in a town sense but is not a perfect fit for Middle Indigo as we are car and bus dependent. Along the way, the students have been picking up sticks, waving to cars and encouraging the local truck drivers to honk their horns. We have also met about thirty five billion flies along the way.

Unfortunately, Mr. McLean's Farm visit was cancelled due to weather considerations. We will have another go next year when the weather is a little kinder.

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Melbourne Cup Break

Due to the horse race holiday falling on next Tuesday, our school will have next **Monday as a 'Student Free'** Day. This day allows precious time for the teachers to evaluate learning and progress reports. It also allows a good break, in a long term for students to recharge before the final two months of learning.

Upgrades

Mr James and Jan have called in the trades staff to upgrade the school for the summer months. We are transitioning the school from gas to electric for safety reasons. Therefore, the swampy cooler is going, as well as the gas heaters and hot water system. New reverse cycle systems are to be installed in the library and office. Also, Mr Tree man will do his thing with the big gum tree outside the small classroom. Added to all of this we are upgrading the firefighting system and fire hoses at school to further protect the main building.

Transition

Prep Transition begins on 13th of November through to the second last week of term.

13th Nov – 9:00 to 11:30 am

20th Nov – 9:00am to 1:30pm

27th Nov - 9:00am to 1:30pm

4th Dec – Full Day

10 Dec – Full Day

Important Dates

4\5th Nov - **Student free\horse race day off**

13th Nov to 10 Dec - Prep Transition (see above)

10th Dec – School Council

11th Dec - Christmas Concert

17th Dec – Swim Day

18th Dec – Water Fun Day \ Last day of School Year

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Scarecrows in the vegie garden – (the things in front)
Not the students!



Scary!



Students working the sugar out of their systems



The senior class writing up their science prac reports
on 'Exploding Bags.'

Mrs Skate has been running explosive classes for a
number of years now. It is part of her annual
performance plan.



New Indigenous Nations Map in the front office



Halloween Tree – Well done to the Junior Class