A NOTE FROM PRIMARY YEARS LEADERSHIP

Empathy is one of the 4 pillars of Mark Oliphant College. It is the ability to sense what other people are feeling combined with the ability to imagine what someone else might be thinking or feeling. This ability is thought to be the vital first step to behaving with compassion, and is the basis for such sayings as “walk a mile in my shoes” and the Golden Rule: Do to others as you would have them do to you. It is also a key ingredient of successful relationships because it helps us understand the perspectives, needs, and intentions of others. People with empathy are more likely to help others in need, are less likely to be prejudiced or racist, are less likely to bully and are more likely to be healthy!

When we practice mindfulness as part of our Positive Education program we are encouraging the development of empathy - it helps us take the perspectives of other people yet not feel overwhelmed when we encounter their negative emotions.

The staff at MOC believe that relationships with students, parents and colleagues are best built on the assumption of positive intent. It is important to believe that we are all doing our best and operating from a position of mutual trust and respect.

Kim Cooper - Executive Leader (Birth-Year 6)

KEY DATES...

Tuesday 3rd March
National Young Leaders Day

Wednesday 4th March
Year 5’s excursion to Migration Museum

Friday 6th March
Breakfast Club 8.30-8.50am

Monday 9th March
ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY

Friday 13th March
Breakfast Club 8.30-8.50am

BEING SUCCESSFUL AT SCHOOL

Children are much more likely to be successful at school if they:

• Arrive on time after a nutritional breakfast
• Attend regularly Monday to Friday each week
• Have had 8-10 hours good quality sleep
• Have a healthy recess snack, lunch and drink water through the day
• Are confident to try new learning and persevere with challenges
• Are encouraged to keep a positive attitude and do their best to get along well with other children and teachers

Some of my future newsletter articles will focus on helping your child develop these habits and other factors to help them in their social development and academic progress at school.

As always, if you have any concerns please contact your child’s teacher initially.

I am also available to meet with you by appointment to help support you and your child with their learning and wellbeing development at school.

Barry Solomon - Leader
(Learning and Well Being)

Reach your goals!

LITERACY & NUMERACY

Wow, this term has flown! In Primary Years, students have learning targets to reach. We have Literacy and Numeracy targets. These are now displayed in Building 9 and Building 10. Please ask your child if they know their targets. Best of luck trying to reach these goals!

Ashlee Button
Leader (Learning and Teaching)
THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

The Australian Curriculum has been implemented across Australian schools over the past five years. During this time refinement to content and achievement standards has occurred as has the development of additional subjects. Currently awaiting final endorsement are subjects including Civics and Citizenship and Economics and Business.

Civics and Citizenship will see students in the Primary Years learning about democracy, laws and parliament and how the government uses these to rule our nation. They will also explore values that influence business, goods and services. Students will also spend time exploring decision making and the things which need to be considered by businesses such as resources and cost.

Much new and exciting learning awaits – all of which will help our children to better understand their place in community, local, national and international.

Chan Welfare - Senior Leader (Learning and Achievement)

COMPASS

On Wednesday of Week 5 Year 6’s travelled to the University of Adelaide as part of the “Compass” program. This year’s project is based on the Science (Chemistry) curriculum. To kick off their learning the students had an introductory demonstration in a University lecture theatre to stimulate their thinking. After the Chemistry lecture, students explored the North Terrace precinct to find more Federation facts and monuments related to our “Australia Mania” History projects, which will be presented in Week 10 at the PY Exhibition of Learning.

In the next few weeks students will be conducting some long and short scientific investigations and will showcase their learning in Week 9 & 10. The long investigations will include the chemical reactions that explain rusting and evaporation. The short experiments will look at the chemistry of oil & water, and students will also make a rocket using chemical explosives – our own “Big Bang”!

Clayton Page - Year 6 Teacher

OFFICE 365 - FREE

Office 365 is now available for free from Microsoft for students and teachers.

• Students — Go to office.com/getoffice365 and enter a school-provided email address.
• Teachers — Go to office.com/teachers and enter your school-provided email address.

Once signed up for Office 365 you get:

• The latest version of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Access and Publisher installed on up to five PCs or Macs and up to five mobile devices like iPad, Android and Windows tablets.
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• Office Online for in-browser editing, collaboration and co-authoring