

Middle Years

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, WEEK 3 18 MAY 2018

"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

- Abraham Lincoln



DIARY DATES:

Monday 28 May Reconciliation Day

Monday 11 June PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queen's Birthday

Friday 6 July Last day of Term 2

8-15 July NAIDOC Week

Monday 23 July First day of Term 3

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE YEARS

Term 1 Academic Awards

Congratulations to the Middle Years' Academic Award winners for Term 1. The top 5 students of each year level are awarded with Academic Achievement Awards based on a Grade Point Average (GPA). The GPA is calculated by allocating a different number of points to each of the A-E grades that the students receive in their term report. In the case of a tied GPA for a number of students there can be more than 5 students awarded

The following students received awards for Term 1:

Year 7

Amity Forrest 86.7

Marisa Barbaro 83.3

Bree Salih 80.0

Couper Draper 80.0

Luke Channel 80.0

Hayley Pearson 80.0

Imogen Harris 80.0

Alisha Rahimi 80.0

Yuri Ico

Breanna Zimmermann-Searle 80.0 Hudson Cluse 80.0

Well done everyone.

Nathan Elliott, Head of Middle Years

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Mehdi Noori 96.7 Faith Pilgrim 96.7 Teegan Bell 93.3 Taleah Marr 93.3 Taylor Stefanovic 90.0 Shianne Bond 90.0 Yuri Icarro 90.0

Year 9

Anyang Ateny 90.0 Erin Joyce 90.0 Jasmine Carpenter 86.7 Anne Ildefonse 86.7 Juvan Cabato 83.3 Shawn Lock 83.3 Aline Irakoze 83.3



DEBATING

Our first debate was Monday of Week 2 with MOC team A versus Para Hills and MOC team B versus Salisbury. The topic of debate was 'People should be fined for recycling' with both MOC teams being affirmative. With 1 point difference, MOC A unfortunately were defeated but MOC B came out as winning champions with Faith Pilgrim receiving best speaker. Our next debate will be held in Week 5 on Tuesday. Congratulations to all involved with thanks from Miss Williams and Mr Barbaro.

Kirsty Williams

Middle and Senior Years English/HASS

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CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Children's University at Mark Oliphant College is up and running again for primary and secondary students. Children's University provides high quality, voluntary educational experiences for children aged between 7 and 14 years, and volunteering opportunities for students aged between 15 and 18



years. Children's Uni programs provide exciting free-range learning activities outside the student's day to day school work. This includes holiday activities, learning destinations like the Zoo as well as in-school activities. The in-school activities that we have running this year include basketball, dance, Pedal Prix and Kitchen Garden. These activities offered by Children's Uni and Mark Oliphant College address the needs of the whole child and most of all they are fun, opening the eyes of children to different activities and careers they may have never even heard of. It is about developing a hunger for and love of learning, building confidence and fostering aspirations in all children.

Nigel Herbert, Middle Years Counsellor

7-8 TRANSITION

For young people, one of the most significant times of their lives is the transition between primary school and secondary school. It is a process of change that for some students may require substantial preparation, planning, adjustment and support.

We believe that some of the key elements of a successful transition for students are family engagement, communication between primary schools and secondary schools and also between families incorporating orientation and transition programs. This is why we have begun the transition process early this year at Mark Oliphant College.

The Middle Years Leadership team along with two Middle Years teachers and four students from Year 8 have been to most of our feeder schools to promote what Mark Oliphant has to offer and to answer any questions the Year 7 students may have. This has been a huge success, and our feeder schools have been very welcoming to us.

We are now concentrating on organising a Parent Night and a day and a half of Transition to our school where students will engage in STEM activities and meet key people from our school.

Stay tuned for more information. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Stella Reid, Coordinator

SPECIAL OLYMPICS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL GAMES

From the 16th to the 20th of April, the Special Olympics Australia National Games took place in Adelaide. This event runs every four years and involves hundreds of athletes from around Australia. It allows athletes with an intellectual disability to demonstrate their skills and sportsmanship. This year, one of our Year 9 students, Noah Shoumack, was selected to represent the state at the Olympics in 5-a-side soccer. Noah had an amazing time at the games and came away with a bronze medal. As part of the games, Noah also participated in the Disabled Surfers SA event at Moana. As a community we are very proud of Noah and his achievements at these games.



THE UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS

Monday 2.30 - 4.30pm Wednesday 8.30 - 10am Thursday 8.30 - 10am

SCHOOL SPORT IN THE MIDDLE YEARS

Term 2 is a very busy term for school sport with the school offering students the chance to participate in soccer, football and netball carnivals. For each of these carnivals, we will be sending multiple teams across all year levels. These carnivals provide students an opportunity to have some fun and enjoy the friendly competition. Mark Oliphant has also nominated three knock out teams (basketball, soccer and netball) this year with competitions set to commence this term. These teams have been selected through tryouts to ensure the strongest team is picked. The knock out competitions are more competitive than the carnivals, given teams can be eliminated having played only one game. We wish all students representing the school the best of luck this term!

If you would like to keep updated with the progress and results of these events, please like the Sport at Mark Oliphant College Facebook page.

Nathan Elliott, Head of Middle Years (See image front page)

