



Mark Oliphant
College

Primary Years

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, WEEK 6

7 JUNE 2018



Pictured: Year 6 Camp at Arbury Park Outdoor School, Bridgewater



*“Everyone you
will ever meet
knows something
you don’t.”*

- Bill Nye

DIARY DATES:

TERM 2

Week 6:
8/6 **STUDENT FREE DAY**

Week 7:
11/6 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY
QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY**

12-15/6 Year 5 & 6 Swimming
at Elizabeth
Aquadome

Week 8:
18-22/6 Year 4 Swimming
at Elizabeth
Aquadome

Week 10:
6/7 Last day of Term 2

8-15/7 NAIDOC Week

TERM 3

Week 1:
23/7 First day of Term 3



A NOTE FROM PRIMARY YEARS LEADERSHIP



Seeing photos of our ex-Year 6 students at their Year 12 Formal last Friday has made me think about the “bigger picture” of student learning and achievement. I recall teaching some of them when they were 12 years-old – they certainly look very different now!

It’s been a very busy and exciting term so far for our 320 Primary Years students, teachers and Curriculum SSOs. Most importantly, our key focus will always be on the core subjects of the Australian Curriculum: English, Maths, Science & Technology, History and Social Science (HASS), Health & Physical Education and The Arts.

In addition to those subjects we have been involved in a variety of other extra curricula areas: The Year 6 Adelaide Hills Camp, NAPLAN testing, various sports carnivals and Children’s University after school. Coming up we have the Positive Education Day and swimming lessons at Elizabeth Aquadome.

The image on the right shows that underlying any serious success - there is serious effort and struggle. By genuinely engaging in learning and extra curricula activities, all our students have the opportunities to develop academic and life skills. If they have the motivation to put in the necessary effort, they have the potential to achieve great things in the future.

Both teachers and parents/ caregivers can play their part to help children have high aspirations and persevere when the going gets tough.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH STUDENT WELLBEING IN PRIMARY YEARS?

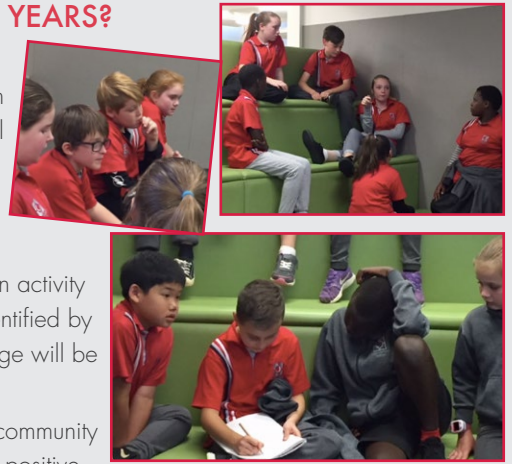
This term our wellbeing focus has been on establishing the new Student Representative Council and to upskill the Year 6 students to take on lead positions in SRC. This has seen many of them leap outside their comfort zones as they attended meetings with our school leadership to discuss our upcoming Positive Education Day in Primary Years.

They have been developing a sense of community as they plan a special PJ day for Positive Education Day.

In addition to planning our Positive Education Day the SRC's have been busy planning an activity to raise money to purchase Care Bears for families in the community who have been identified by the SRC's as needing some extra kindness. The "Guess the Jelly Beans in the jar" challenge will be held on Positive Education Day.

It has been very rewarding to see students taking on leadership roles and develop their community awareness and empathy for others as well as planning and preparing a day to promote positive wellbeing.

Lisa Glanville, Student Wellbeing Leader



THE UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS

Monday 2.30 - 4.30pm

Wednesday 8.30 - 10am

Thursday 8.30 - 10am

YEAR 6 CAMP

In Week 3 this term, the Year 6 classes went to Arbury Park Outdoor School in Bridgewater for a 3 day, 2 night camp. The Year 6 classes were so lucky that the teachers were nice enough to spare time so that we could go to camp.

Camp was fun, educational and would probably be the best three days of our primary years, and we are sure that most of the Year 6s would agree.

Camp helped us build trust and helped us come out of our comfort zone and make new friends.

The staff were very nice and never disappointed us with the food. We completed many activities such as The Web of Life game, Bush Survival, built nesting boxes, orienteering, freshwater life and plenty more. We had to build a fire and survive in the bush! Year 5s should be very excited about next year!

By Ella Chappell-Manning and Ciaran Gill



MEET THE TEACHER

Matt Verner

HELLO!



Hi everyone, my name is Matt Verner and I am lucky enough to be teaching the amazing 5A class. This is my first year out of university and I have really enjoyed my time at Mark Oliphant College. My year 5 class always manage to put a smile on my face and my peers have helped me settle into life as a teacher.

Outside of school I love playing and watching football, basketball, netball and many other sports, fishing and travelling.

I love teaching and I am really looking forward to the rest of my time at Mark Oliphant College.

MATH OLYMPICS 2018

On Tuesday the 22nd of May, 19 Mark Oliphant College students participated in the NASSSA Math Olympics. The event took place at the Playford Civic Centre from 6pm to 8:30pm. The night involved teams from several Northern schools competing in multiple rounds comprised of mathematical and general knowledge questions. The teams range from Year 6 through to Year 12. The night was a great success, with Mark Oliphant College winning Bronze in the Primary category.

The students involved were:

Primary Team (Bronze Winners):

Michael Smith, Jonathan Turner, Tahlia Gray

Junior Team 1: Anyang Ateny, Shawn Lock, Ayii Madut, Erin joyce

Junior Team 2: Tiana Dodd, Emma Craig, Anne-Marie Ildefonse

Junior Team 3: Rachael Elemo, Dania Rehan, Taleah Marr, Kyla Camac

Senior Team: Muhammad Rehan, Ahmad Mirzaie, Ahsanullah Borhani, Dylan Radford, Hamza Hussaini

