

The Heartbeat of Mountain District Christian School



"Play is the Way". This program is a vehicle for teaching social and emotional skills through guided play, a range of classroom activities and language that builds resilience and resolve in students.

Our focus last term was based on the golden rule "treat others the way we want to be treated". It's encouraging to hear students respond to different situations with the phrase "golden rule or broken rule?" and then witnessing the transformative power forgiveness and restoration has on our students.

As we enter the new term, students across the school will be challenged with the second life raft "Be Brave – Participate to Progress". This life raft explores the challenges school brings to students as they step bravely into the unknown. This could include learning new content, a new maths concept, developing a new skill, sitting a

test, working with different people, and the list goes on. For many of us, the unknown is often uncomfortable, and our challenge is to model and instill in our children the promise that "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). For the braver we are, the more we learn.

Over the course of the term, students will have the opportunity to practise being brave through a range of activities. For some students just coming into the classroom is a major step of bravery. Through a range of games and learning activities students will examine what it means to be brave and you should begin to hear the language of bravery permeate discussions. Wilson MacCaskill, the author of "Play is the Way" discusses the motivational power of expectation. He believes that "Expecting children to face their fears and requiring them to meet challenges with resolve and commitment, is to honour their strength of character".

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This is a challenge not only for students but for each of us, as we overcome fear and discomfort to step bravely into the unknown and pursue the purposes God has planned for each of us.

These life rafts are also useful tools to support a new addition to our Bullying policy. The student bullying report provides a restorative and reflective approach to a break in relationship between students. With this tool, students are able to articulate ways in which they can be supported to restore relationships and not repeat a hurtful incident. They list different options for the same scenario and express ways they can be supported and held accountable by parents and teachers. These tools provide opportunities to strengthen relationships between students and continue to build community.

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COMING HOME THIS WEEK:

- Primary Term 4 Information
- Yr 7-11 Interschool Athletics (selected students only)
- Yr 12 University Change of Preference forms
- The Lunchbox Menu

REMINDERS:

- SCHOOL BANKING TOMORROW
- RETURN YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER FORMS

Christmas Artwork Competition

Christian Education National is asking Mountain District Christian School to help us with our annual Christmas card! We need some "Christmas" themed artwork to select from for the cover of our annual Christmas card! This could be a drawing, collage, photograph etc. Open to all year levels.

There will be prizes, including the honour of your artwork being on the front of a Christmas card which is distributed widely across Australia and overseas!

Please include your full name, age and year level on the back of your artwork.

**Submit entries to the office by
Thursday 26 October**

Parents please note...

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Put the date aside and come and join the fun!

❄ Monday 30th October

❄ 7pm start

Student Art & VCE Product & Design works will be on display at this event.



YEAR 12 LAST DAY

ROLL UP, ROLL UP and be part of the fun of our Year 12's Last Day Celebrations!
THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO MDCS...

Friday morning, 20th October

Whole school Assembly ~ 9.30

ALL WELCOME!

Amended Proposed Fee Structure - 2018

Annual Tuition Fees	1 st (Eldest) Child	2 nd Child	3 rd Child
Prep	1,500	1,500	1,500
Year 1	2,100	2,100	2,100
Year 2	2,600	2,600	2,600
Year 3	3,500	3,500	3,500
Year 4	3,950	3,950	3,950
Year 5	4,400	4,400	4,400
Year 6	4,800	4,800	4,800
Year 7 - 10	7,300	5,500	4,000
Year 11 - 12	8,400	6,100	2,300

Maximum fee per family 16,750

Bus Fees 670

Community Levy 320

Building Fund (Voluntary) 340

Revised fee schedule from that provided with the notice for the EGM, the 2nd & 3rd child amounts for secondary years were incorrect.

The Year 9/10 Social Justice class will be hosting MDCS's second Pong-A-Thon event on Friday, 27th October. Sponsorship packs were sent home last term; extras are available from the office. Parents are welcome to attend the day and play if they wish. For more information about the event please contact Mr Baird or Mr Van Boxtel.

Thank you to the families that participated in the Working Bee held last Saturday. God blessed us with sunshine and a light breeze. It was great to see families getting to know each other particularly over morning tea and lunch. If you walk around the school grounds you will see garden beds in the primary area have been weeded and freshly mulched, ovens in the Food Tech room have been given a scrub, nails have been removed from fence palings in preparation for cubby-house building, windows have been cleaned, shrubs have been pruned and much more.... we were busy but you know the saying, 'many hands make light work'!

Mel Ashton



SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

19th - EGM Dinner

20th - Yr 12 Last Day Celebrations

23rd - Primary Assembly

23rd -25th Yr 12 Tutorial Sessions

24th - Yr 12 Valedictory Dinner

- Yr 9/10 Volleyball

27th - Yr 9/10 Social Justice Ping Pong-a-thon

30th - Secondary Assembly

- Whole School Soiree

NOVEMBER

1st - VCAA exams begin

- 2nd Indo Trip Information night

2nd - Yr 7-11 Interschool Athletics

6th - 7th **MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY**