

The Heartbeat of Mountain District Christian School



Assessment is a useful tool that helps teachers support and guide the learning of each student. Over the last couple of years, our teachers have been intentional about identifying what students know about a given area and moving to the next phase of learning. The assessments occur frequently and take many forms ranging from a

“hands up” scenario, to a process requiring a written response. The data collected is used to specifically inform the content and strategies required for students to develop their understanding further.

At MDCS, we use a range of assessments including formative, summative and standardised tests. Each has a specific purpose. Formative assessment, as the name suggests, occurs during the process of learning, while the students are forming their understanding and comprehension. In fact, it's part of the learning process, while summative assessments provide feedback on what has been learned. Standardised tests require all students to answer the same questions, in the same format and is scored in a consistent manner, which makes it possible to compare the performance of individual students or groups of students.

In a couple of weeks, Year 3,5,7 and 9 students will sit the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. We teach and practise test techniques and the NAPLAN assessments provide students with an opportunity to do just

that. As a school we are aware of the pitfalls often associated with standardised tests, but strongly believe that in conjunction with other assessment tools, the National Assessment

Program is beneficial to all stake holders.

While assessment is a useful component of the learning process it is not used as a definitive measure of character or our identity in Christ. We are intentional about teaching our students that their worth doesn't come from a score in a task or test, but rather from the Creator Himself. For it is in His image we have all been created and are called according to His purposes. Receiving feedback provides students the opportunity to engage and critique their understanding of concepts and issues in

	Tuesday 15 th May	Wednesday 16 th May	Thursday 17 th May
Year 3	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minute	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minute	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 60 minutes
Year 9	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 60 minutes

the hope of offering God's solutions to the problems they encounter in their community and beyond.

The NAPLAN timetable is included for your information.

Sam Leonardis
Head of Primary
Year 4/5 Class Teacher

MDCS Years 7,8, 9 Dads
Community Connector Event
MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDING

When: Saturday, 19th May @ 2PM
Where: Lysterfield Lake
MTB Car Park (first car park on the right after entering the main gate)
Riders of all fitness levels welcome
RSVP : Tim Messenger on
0411 238 856 Text or Call
BYO Equipment

Community Corner

MDCS Years P-3
Community Connector Event
Hey lovely P-3 Mums,
let's have coffee!!!

The Barn Owl
1 Parker Rd, Silvan VIC 3795
(7min from MDCS)
Fri 11th May @ 9:00am
RSVP 9th May 2018
Vicky—0410572977
Alex—0407259902



COMING HOME THIS WEEK:

- Prep - 3 Community Connector flyer
- Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 NAPLAN
- Year 8 Indonesian exc
- Year 8 Digital Design exc
- Year 10 Futsal
- VCE Units 1&3 Product Design exc

REMINDERS:

- SCHOOL BANKING TOMORROW
- NO LUNCHBOX NEXT WEEK DUE TO ATHLETICS DAY

Parents please note...

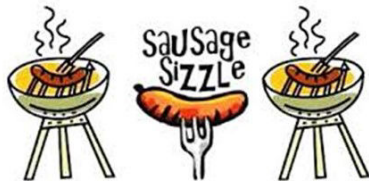
House Athletics Carnival Sausage Sizzle

A sausage sizzle, hosted by our Year 12 students, will run at the Athletics Carnival. As such, the venue's canteen will not be open.

Sausages \$2

Cans \$2—Secondary only

Fruit Box—\$1 Primary only



Fees - Please ensure with any payment you make that your family name is included so we can correctly allocate the payment against your account. **We have one regular amount of \$300 coming in from Bendigo Bank which we currently cannot identify as to who is sending this in.**

Mothers Day Stall

All students will have the opportunity to buy a special gift for mum.

Prices range from \$1 to \$10

Please send money in a clearly marked envelope.

Friday
11th May



Can you help? Our Year 3-12 House Athletics Day will be taking place on Thursday, 10th May. This day is reliant on parent helpers to run smoothly. If YOU are able to help on the day please contact the school office or Mr Will Baird. Thanks!

Prep - Year 3 Parents Please Note: there will be NO Lunch Box next Thursday due to the Athletics Day.

Hi MDCS Community,

Last year our Year 12 VCE students visited The Photo Ark Exhibition and were so impacted by the extinction facing many of our animals on our planet they have decided to do something about it. They would like us as part of their community to become involved. Even though they have left school they are willing to help by using their time to develop an art exhibition based on The Photo Ark, here as a platform to raise our awareness and understanding.

Joel Sartore, author of the Photo Ark, is an award-winning photographer, speaker, author, teacher, conservationist, and regular contributor to *National Geographic* magazine. He has specialised in documenting endangered species and landscapes around the world. He is the founder of the Photo Ark, a 25-year documentary project to save species and habitat.

"It is folly to think that we can destroy one species and ecosystem after another and not affect humanity," he says. "When we save species, we're actually saving ourselves."

Joel wants everyone to think about the serious consequences of species extinction. Joel is taking portraits of animals in zoos and animal rescue centres around the world, creating a one-of-a-kind photo collection of wildlife. The National Geographic Photo Ark is a time capsule for future generations and a platform for bringing attention to the vast, and growing, number of endangered animals in the world today. Join National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore as he leads the Photo Ark project to document our planet's biodiversity and find innovative solutions to help save threatened species and protect their critical habitats.

In the words of Joel, "Let's save together!"

Watch this space to see how we can become involved!!!!

Lia Burke - VCE & Secondary Art



SCHOOL CALENDAR

MAY

4th - VCE & Careers Expo

7th - Secondary Assembly

8th - Interschool Cross Country

- New Parents Dinner

10th - Yr 3-12 House Athletics Carnival

11th - Mothers Day Stall

13th - MOTHERS DAY

14th - Primary Assembly (Yr 1/2)

15th - 17th NAPLAN