Principal's Message
All parents want the best for their children. From time to time parents may be at a loss and not know what to do if their child is experiencing social problems at school. In this newsletter I have included an excellent article, 'Resilience Robbers' by Michael Grose. This article contains many of the traps that parents can fall into when dealing with such issues and some excellent strategies that parents can use to help their child develop resilience and deal with problems that arise in their life. Please remember; always talk over your concerns about any issues your child may be having with the class teacher or myself. This allows us to guide and support all students involved.

We had a great walk-a-thon last Friday. Everyone was a bit worried early in the day, due to the weather, and at one stage we thought it might have to be called off but everything worked out so well and a good time was had by all. The students, staff and I are looking forward to having all forms and money returned and then we can start planning our new equipment. Each class has started preparing a wish list and some wonderful ideas are coming forward. I would like to say a big thank you to Leanne Vanderdonk and her terrific band of Mt Arthur Employees, the P & C, students, staff and I really appreciate their support.

Don’t forget school photos this Thursday 20th June. Please come in full school uniform, girls please wear your skorts.

Michelle Floyd
Principal

Principal's Awards
Week 6 Term 2

KLH Callum H – taking greater care in all his work
K/1K Ziggy T – excellence in reading
1B Jae D - for his excellent preparation and delivery of speeches.
2DP Brock P – for improved 5L’s and on task behaviour
3/4A Seth B – for always having exceptional manners and working habits
3/4P Ben J – for a sustained effort in all activities, using common sense to solve all problems
5R Brayden R – an excellent speech on Minecraft
6M Madeline B – for always being a courteous and polite student

Week 7 Term 2

KLH Emily H – for being a joyful, willing helper at all times and for anybody
K/1K Chloe F – excellent effort in reading this week
1B Brae M for helping others in class in a patient and kind manner.
2DP Liam J – fantastic use of describing words in his narrative writing
3/4A Kasey-Leigh P - for being a mature and independent worker
3/4P Meagan P – for an excellent approach to attacking comprehension questions in reading groups
5R Logan S – an excellent speech on Australia Day
6M Ashley WG – being a positive and cooperative member of 6M

Come along and see your child receive a merit award at our assembly on Friday at 9.15am

KLH Chloe C, Liam D, Tanya D, Jordan H
K1K Sienna, Jackson D, Summer and Ethan
1B Jack G, Claire J, Linden T and Hayley M
2DP Declan, Daniel, Tyler and Lara
3/4A Brianna, Jackson, Hunter and Hayley
3/4P Bryce, Takira, Danielle and Zoe
5R Ashley, Cain, Cassidee and Jonah
6M Jarn, Taylor, Tristan and Seth

School Photo Day

Will be held this Thursday 20th June. All students are to wear the full school uniform, including black shoes. Photo envelopes were handed out last week to all
students. The envelopes are pre-named with your child’s name. Please check the details for name changes, spelling errors, etc., and make any corrections in red. Envelopes need to be returned to the school ON or BEFORE the day. (Note: late orders attract a surcharge). Family Photo envelopes can be picked up from the school office and returned on or before the day.

P & C News
Thank you to all the parents who helped with the Walkathon BBQ. A special thank you to the BHP walkers and the children for all the laps they did. Remember to collect your hard earned money so that you can bring it back at the start of next term. There are prizes for the highest fundraiser in each class. There is also a random prize which will be drawn from all participants who return their form and money.

P&C Meeting
Our next meeting will be held tomorrow Wednesday 19th June at 6:30pm in the school library and child care is provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Canteen
The canteen roster for Term 3 will go home with students next week. Thank you to our current volunteers, your effort is greatly appreciated. If any other family or friends of the school community are available on Wednesdays, from 1-2pm, help is required. Please contact the school if you can spare an hour of your time.

Athletics Carnival 3-6
The Primary athletics carnival will be held on Friday 19th July, some field events will be run next week as follows.
High Jump – Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June
Shot-put – Thursday 27th June

Infants Fun Day Carnival will be run on the same day as the Primary Athletics Carnival, Friday 19th July, wk1 of Term 3. If there are any parents/ carers wishing to help with marshalling, holding the winning tape and distributing place stickers please let us know. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

NAIDOC Week
We will be celebrating NAIDOC week on Friday 28th June. In conjunction with Crazy Hair Day we are encouraging children to colour their hair red, black, yellow, green, blue and/or white in recognition of indigenous communities. A day of cultural activities is planned and parents and friends are most welcome to attend. More information will be forthcoming.

FORTHCOMING DATES
19th June P & C Meeting 6.30pm
20th June School Photos
28th June Crazy Hair Day / Last Day Term 2
NAIDOC Celebrations

Well done stage 3! What a wonderful selection of goodies you all provided for our cake stall yesterday and today. Thank you to all the students and staff for supporting this SRC fundraiser.

It’s time to start coming up with your bright, colourful and crazy ideas......
CRAZY HAIR DAY Friday 28th June
Colour, Gel, Tease, Twist, Spike and Tie Your Hair
➢ Prizes for the craziest hair
➢ Face Painting
➢ Photo Booth
➢ Crazy Hair Stall
➢ Gold Coin Donation

Supporting Cystic Fibrosis NSW
We would like to say a big thank you to the Mt Arthur employees who joined us in the walkathon last Friday and all the parent helpers on the day.
DARLEY RACE DAY
Sunday 23rd June 2013
Book Now
For
Your Race Day Luncheon in Silks Restaurant
Must be ordered & paid 7 days in advance
Children's Entertainment
Free
Jumping Castles - Face painting
+
Visit from MICKEY MOUSE
Entry $5.00 adult $10.00 family
For bookings contact Amanda Irwin
events@muswellbrookraceclub.com.au or 65 411 699
CLASS NEWS

Class KLH

The students of KLH have continued to work hard this term. In Jolly phonics we have learnt ‘y’, ‘oo’ (as in look), and v. When writing students have been encouraged to use consistent spacing between words and to reread their work to check it makes sense. In Maths, we will be exploring fourteen, fifteen, sixteen and equal groups; interpreting data and comparing areas and lengths.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our class has L3 rotations. During this time students have different activities they need to complete. While doing this Mrs Hill and myself are busy reading and writing with small groups of children. We need some adult helpers, any amount of time you can volunteer would be great! We need volunteers to:
- Help with rotations
- Reading with students
- Craft activities
- Assisting with computers

This is just a small list of the many things children do in rotations. If you are interested please see Mrs Hill or myself. (If you have any children not of school age and are worried about them, bring them too. The more the merrier!).

Class K1K

The end of term is fast approaching and we are still busy as ever.
Homework will finish up for this term at the end of the week and home readers at the end of next week. Please ensure your child returns their reader on Thursday.

Class 1B

1B have been very busy during the last 2 weeks. We have been working on oi sounds and this week ‘ock’ and ‘ick’ sounds.
Please remind your children to complete their homework nightly and return on Friday. Home Readers should still be going home each afternoon and coming back regularly to be swapped.
We are still looking for any parent helpers that can come in for reading groups or math activities, you don’t need to stay for long, any help would be great.
Please feel free to come in and look at our classroom when you are at school, 1B have been very busy creating some amazing artworks!

Class 2DP

Congratulations to our latest super stars, Week 7 Tyler and Week 8 Liam J. Tyler did a fantastic job of spotting on task behaviour and I am sure Liam will do a fantastic job this week. Last week we said farewell to Miss Power who has gone on maternity leave. We made her beautiful cards and presents to say thank you for being such a fabulous teacher. We are really looking forward to starting a new science unit with Mrs Loveridge this week. We are learning how to visualise what is happening in the story at reading time. We are working hard to add descriptive words to our narrative stories. Thank you to the parent helpers who are such an asset to our class. This week we also welcomed Miss Hunt to our class. She is a student teacher who will be working with 2DP for the rest of the term.

Class 3-4A

3/4A are very lucky at the moment, as we have 2 university prac teachers in our classroom who are learning to be teachers. They are enjoying getting to know the students in our class. A quick reminder about gear, there are still many students who come to school each day not equipped to complete their work. Can you please check that your child has glue, scissors, pens, pencils, rubber, a ruler and a sharpener. This will help make our classroom run smoother. Also, please remember to return you permission notes for Aussie Bush Camp, they were the bundle of different coloured ones. There was also a souvenir shop order form, please return if you wish to purchase a souvenir, as you will not be able to do so once we are there. Keep up the payments, it’s only 6 weeks away! I’m getting very excited!!

Class 3-4P

What a quick and whirlwind term this has been! Please continue to practise times tables at home. We are practising in class but if you could spare some time at home as well, it would be fantastic.

Class 5R

It has been a very busy term with so much to fit into such a small amount of time but all students are working well. We are concluding our speeches this week and I must say I am very impressed with the amount of effort that students have made preparing and presenting their speeches. I would also like to thank parents for their support with this task. Getting up in front of an audience to deliver a speech is very daunting, however, I am proud of everyone for having the courage to give it a go. Mark Twain was right on the money when he said "There are only two types of speakers in this world 1. The nervous 2. Liars".

Stage 3 Excursion

The second payment for the Sydney Excursion is now due. As of now you should have paid at least $75.00. Please keep up to date with these payments.

Class 6M

Thank you to everyone for helping to make our cake stall a success. Last week our class presented their speeches as part of our public speaking program. The topics covered by students were very broad, from atoms and molecules to mythical creatures and family holidays. Although many of us were nervous and anxious about presenting we did an outstanding job and kept the audience entertained. Next week we will be sharing another presentation with our class, this time it will be a computer based presentation about Bali that we have been working on during lessons in the computer lab. Don’t forget to start collecting your sponsorship money from our Walk-a-thon to go in the draw to win the class prize!
INSIGHTS by Michael Grose No 1 Parenting Educator

Resiliency Robbers

All parents have the best of intentions when raising kids. Wanting what is best for kids can cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their children’s long-term best interests.

If you buy the line that the promotion of resilience is in the best interests of kids then check out the following common parenting mistakes that reduce children's resilience.

Robber #1:
Fight all their battles for them.

- Nothing wrong with going into bat when kids struggle or meet with difficulty inside or outside school but make sure this is the last resort, not the first option.

Robber #2:
Make their problem, your problem.

- Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Heres a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

Robber #3:
Give kids too much voice.

- In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

Robber #4:
Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform.

- Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them. Too high and kids can give up. Too much and kids can experience anxiety.

Robber #5:
Keep expectations in line with children's abilities and don't put excessive pressure on them.

- Resilient learners link success with effort. They don't give up because they don't like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don't bail out of a sporting term half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying its.

Robber #6:
Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren't perfect.

- Neglect to develop independence.

- Don’t wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

Robber #7:
Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations.

- There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that kids usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opting for avoidance.

Robber #8:
Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.

- Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities. They help kids to stretch and grow. Dealing with them effectively also teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life's curve balls. And that is a huge lesson to learn at any age.