Come and Yarn with the Principal!

Hello, my name’s Mr Luke and I’ve been a Deputy Principal at the school for almost 2 years. When Principal Terri left, I was asked to step up and be the Principal. My new job keeps me very busy - running here and there, talking to this person and that person. So when friends asked me to go fishing last weekend, I almost said “Sorry, I’ve got too much to do”. But for some reason I said “Yes”. I’m glad I did because I had a great time and I caught the biggest fish I’ve seen in my life. Before I put that fish out of its misery, it spoke to me and said, “Slow down. Talk less. Listen more”. Well I’m going to try and take that fish’s advice. So if you see me around town, please come and have a yarn with me because I want to listen to what you have to say about your school - what you think we are doing well and what you think we could do better. If you don’t know what I look like, that’s me in the photo, holding up an ENORMOUS fish. If you can’t find me around town, just walk into the school and have a talk. With your advice we can make the school bigger and better in 2021.

Please have a read of this Newsletter to find out what’s happening at school over the next few weeks. We’ve got a Sports Carnival this Wednesday (go Dolphins!, go Sharks!) and don’t forget the Awards Night Concert in the last week of school.

Thanks to Coreen and Mark for taking me out on their boat. Thanks to Miss Cassie for working so hard to get this Newsletter out on time! And thanks to Chase for being Chase - he’s one of our newest staff members and he’s been a legend from the day he arrived! Check out his profile on the back!

Thanks for listening,
Principal Luke
Our last few weeks IN PICTURES

I AM SAFE

- I follow instructions first time every time
- I stay in my seat
- I make deadly choices about my health
- I keep my hands and feet to myself

I AM RESPECTFUL

- I use my 5 star listening
- I follow instructions first time every time

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ATTENDING—Everybody’s business! LEARNING—Sharing! FUTURES—Anything is possible!

Our last few weeks IN PICTURES

I come to class on time every lesson

I AM A LEARNER

I stay on task

I BELONG

I am in the right place at the right time

I show pride in my school

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Book Fair opened on the 16th of this month with an afternoon tea and fully stocked Scholastic bookshop. It didn’t take long for students to start making their book wish lists! Our Book Fair ran for two weeks with lots of fantastic activities in the school library including daily readings of Gywn Perkins 'A Walk in the Bush', reading with Maali, class visits to the bookshop, making bush themed art and a teacher book themed dress-up parade. The fair closed on Friday the 30th with a fantastic afternoon sausage sizzle, shopping in the outdoor bookshop and listening to live music provided by some of our fantastic teachers and students.

To round out the fair the library will soon be sending home copies of 'A Walk in the Bush with the kids of Mornington Island'; a collection of creative writing and storytelling from our students with contributions from kids all the way from kindy to year 10. This professionally collated and bound collection has a cover illustrated by the wonderful Gywn Perkins and was edited by Mr Jared and Miss Sarah K. Hold your camera over the CR code below to get a preview!
What’s on at school this term?

Pancake Fridays

Good day starts with PANCAKES

Come to school to get your yummy pancakes for breakfast @ the Nutrition Centre
Serving from 7:30am to 9am

SPORTS CARNIVAL

★ Running races
★ Long Jump
★ Spear Throwing
★ Fastest Woman and Man on Island
★ FREE BBQ
★ Lots more!

WEDNESDAY
4th of November
4pm - 7pm
Community Sports Oval - Marndatharrkan St
Come and support your team!

Awards Night Concert
on Monday 30th November

Reports and My Learning @ MISS from Friday 27th November

Music with the Wahoo Boys from 25th November

(Early) Last Day of Term!
11am on Wednesday 2nd December

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Experiments, Fun & Games in Science!

Science in Term 4 has involved exploring the world of chemistry and physics for the primary students. This has ranged from the Year 1 and 2 making paper cups, boats and toys to Year 5 and 6 making biscuits for irreversible changes and exploring how electricity works. Year 3 and 4 have had viscosity races, played minute-to-win-it games and explored effects of melting and freezing.

In high school, Year 7 and 8 girls have found out about the range of forces and the effects of these forces on the movement of everything from making paper planes to catapults. During term 3 they looked at water, visiting the towns water plants. For their final assessment they made a balloon-powered car.

- Ms Jenni

Kindy Transitions

Do you have a child who will move from Kindy to Prep in 2021? Parents and carers, if you have not come into the school to fill an enrolment form for your child for next year please do so before the end of the year. Miss Nikki and Miss Jodie will also be coming around to visit families to help with enrolments for next year.

The Arts @ MISS!

During Term 4, students in Visual Art have used a range of art tools including pencil, oil and chalk pastel, paint and clay in their creations. They have been developing skills in cartooning, sketching, landscape or street art. We have seen detailed sketches of horses, birds and turtles, along with vibrant artworks completed with pastel and paint.

High School students have developed personal projects in areas of textiles, painting, collage and sculpture and have been making handbags, pencil cases, murals, canvases, and 3-D models. Year 9 and 10's have also begun to explore the process of Lino Print.

In Music, students have been learning how to play hand drums as a group. Students have been echoing simple and complex rhythms and are developing their listening skills by recognising changes in music and adjusting their playing accordingly.

Students have been singing songs as a group and are working towards singing and playing drums at the same time. We have been singing Bob Marley songs, Charlie Anderson’s Gununa Song and even writing our own songs. Senior students have had the opportunity to explore the bass guitar and the acoustic guitar, with some students playing along to a drum beat.

One of the biggest projects in the art room this term is the decoration of 18 cajons (box drums) to add to the school’s music resources. Students have been inspired to paint the box drums in the style of Mornington Island artists.

Mr Dan & Ms Carmen

The High School Girls recently completed their Wearable Art Project in conjunction with Marie Claire magazine. They used some traditional techniques and gained inspiration from their island in the design of their outfit.

They have named their piece ‘Mula’. A huge thanks to Bereline from Mirndiyan Gununa for taking time to photograph their work.
**Connecting with the Environment**

In Community Connect, the high school boys are growing native trees at BYNOE for planting near the boat ramp and at the point past the jetty. In years to come, they may enjoy sitting in the shade of these trees with their children.

The trees in the photo are *Terminalia catappa* or native almond trees. The nuts are edible. The flowers and fruit feed butterflies, birds and flying foxes. Because the seeds float in the ocean, they have spread from Africa to Asia and Australia. They have large leaves and provide great shade. Their deep roots also stabilise the dunes during storms.

- Mr John

**“When are we going to Prep?”**

We have had some great leaders from Prep show the Kindergarten children how we behave in the big school. The kindergarten children now ask their teacher, “When are we going to Prep?”

We have learnt how to line up before entering the classroom, joined in with some learning and rotations with the prep children in Miss Oliva’s classroom, and had some HPE lessons with Mr Matt. We go to big school every second Friday if any family members would like to come along.

**Reading, Counting and Design in Prep!**

This term in Miss Olivia’s Prep class, we are learning all about narratives during English! We are learning to describe characters and explain the beginning, middle and end of stories. At the moment, we are working on changing the ending to one of our favourite stories - *The Three Little Pigs*!

In Maths, we are learning all about numbers and the order they go in - our family can help us sequence numbers by practising to count all the yummy fish, berries and mangoes we share! We are also learning how to care for our special place in HASS, and design and create puppets in Technology.

**Learning with Miss Ness & Miss Lara**

In 3/4A this term, we have been working with Miss Vanessa on our poetry unit in which we have to read, write and present poems. We loved working outside when we were planning our poems and finding out what we could see and hear. It made us feel so calm, focused and ready to learn!

In Maths this term we have been working on fractions and calculating the value of money. We also have had Miss Lara join our class as a Student Teacher and love having her help teach us. Thank you Miss Lara!
It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the year. It is at this time that we want to remind everyone of the importance of excellent attendance. Attending school is extremely important for children’s social, emotional and educational development. Children who miss a lot of time at school can suffer in the long term from significant gaps in their learning. We need your support to ensure that children’s education is not affected.

Send children to school every day (all day!) to get the most out of their education.

Did you know that…

- Attending school every day makes learning easier and helps build and maintain friendships
- Attendance matters as early as Kindy. Studies show children who miss too many days in kindy and prep can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade.

What can family do to help improve attendance?

- Set positive attendance habits at an early age.
- Reach out to the school when you no longer feel in control of your child’s attendance
- Encourage your child to reach out when facing any concerns at school
- Notify the school if your child is going to be absent
- If your child does not want to go to school, contact the school immediately for assistance and support.

Important times & dates

8:00am - Breakfast and Pancake Fridays!
8:30am - Be ready for the bus
8:55am - School day begins
2:40pm on Mondays – School parade, including weekly attendance awards for 100% attendance with some great prizes!
3:10pm - School finishes (Monday- Thursday)
1:35pm - School finishes (Friday)

Is your child going to miss school today?
Please let one of our friendly bus drivers know! Or call us on 4747 9333

Get to know Mr Chase, the new friendly face bringing our kids to school in the bus in the mornings!

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AT THE SCHOOL?
Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) Coordinator.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
Born in Rockhampton and moved to Brisbane later in life.

WHY ARE YOU IN THE ROLE YOU ARE IN NOW?
To help make a difference to our young people by increasing awareness of the importance of attending school, as everyday does count towards a better future and positive outcomes.

WHY SHOULD CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL?
Children who attend school every day and complete Year 12 have better health and greater job opportunities throughout their lives.

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL?
HPE and Science.

WHAT EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND DO YOU HAVE?
Diploma of Fitness, Diploma of Community Services.