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Michelago Public School

Term 2 Week 6 - 6 June 2025

## Free Hot Dog Lunch - Wednesday 11 June



To celebrate a fantastic semester of learning we will be rewarding all students with a **FREE** Hot Dog lunch next Wednesday, 11 June.

Each child will get a Hot Dog, Hot Chocolate Drink and Cookie for lunch.

Students should still bring in their fruit break and recess food for the day.



## What's happening in our Classes - Weeks 7 and 8

Year 3-6 class will be studying:-

**Maths:** Students will learn to tell time using both analog and digital clocks. They will explore the duration of events and practice calculating elapsed time. These skills will help them understand and manage time effectively in their daily lives.

**Novel Study:** We will continue to read "The Silver Donkey", which the students are enjoying to read. We will use this text to also focus on enhancing their writing. They will learn to use various literary tools, including personification, to add depth and creativity to their sentences.

**Reading:** In our reading sessions, we will be using the Cars and Stars program to help students recognise cause and effect relationships. This will improve their comprehension skills and encourage critical thinking as they connect events and ideas within the stories.

**History:** In our history unit we will learn about The Australian Colonies. Students will explore the foundations of our nation, learning about key events, figures, and the daily lives of people during that period. This will foster an appreciation for our history and heritage.

**Science:** In Science, we will delve into The Material World. Students will investigate various materials, their properties, and how they are used in everyday life.





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### K-2 Class

#### Literacy:

- Continue exploring the book *Spoon*, focusing on rhyme and the author's use of language to describe characters. Encourage students to identify examples of descriptive language and discuss how it enhances their understanding of the characters.
- Reinforce explicit phonics teaching through engaging activities that promote reading fluency and comprehension.

#### Maths:

- Dive into the world of shapes by exploring both 2D and 3D forms. Students will identify, create, and draw various shapes.
- Engage them in activities that involve finding smaller shapes within larger ones, fostering spatial awareness and shape recognition.

#### Dance:

- Dedicate time to learning and perfecting the dance routine for the upcoming performance. Focus on teamwork, rhythm, and expression as students practice their choreography.

#### Science:

- Investigate the use of different materials in creating various products. Students will design their own products, considering the properties of materials and their suitability for specific purposes.

#### History:

- Utilise artefacts to help students understand historical events and contexts. Discuss how these items provide insight into past lives and cultures.
- Begin exploring the evolution of technology over time, examining how advancements have changed the way we live and work.





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### End of Term Celebration Assembly

We are excited to launch a new initiative this term—our End of Term Celebration Assembly! This special event will feature our usual assembly items, along with something extra: a showcase of our students learning from across the semester.

Following the assembly, we warmly invite all parents and carers to stay and visit student-run stalls, where you can view and celebrate the incredible work our students have produced. To make the event even more enjoyable, we will also be hosting a barbecue for everyone to enjoy.

We will be holding this assembly/ celebration on the final Friday of each term. We believe this will be a great way to wrap up a term and share our successes.

Our first Showcase Assembly will be on **Friday 4 July at 2:00pm**

We hope this new tradition brings our school community together to reflect on the term's achievements and to celebrate the amazing learning happening every day here at Michelago Public School. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Sydney Excursion for Stage 2 and 3

This year, our Stage 2 and 3 students are heading to the big smoke for three days and two nights of unforgettable fun, laughter, and adventure! We'll be joining forces with Captains Flat Public School and Bredbo PS as we travel by bus to Sydney for a jam-packed experience filled with learning, exploration, and memories to last a lifetime.

Our accommodation will be at the Metro Aspire Hotel in Ultimo, providing a comfortable and central base for our city adventures.

The itinerary includes some of Sydney's top attractions:

- \* Chinese Garden of Friendship \* Paddy's Markets \*SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium
- \* Justice & Police Museum \* Madame Tussauds Wax Museum \* Walking Tour of The Rocks
- \* Paddy's Markets \*A night at the theatre to see Cats \* Cockatoo Island \* Taronga Zoo

Students will be accompanied by Mr Smith, Miss Gittoes, Mrs McPherson (Abby), and staff from CFPS and BPS, ensuring a safe and supportive environment throughout the trip.

Permission notes have been sent home. Please remember, no student will miss out due to financial circumstances. If you need support or would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact Mr Smith to organise a confidential meeting.





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## Principal's Letter

Dear parents and carers,

This week, I had the privilege of representing our school at a meeting with the Director of Eden-Monaro and Executive Director of the Rural South and West Directorate to discuss our outstanding student attendance. I was asked to share what we do at MPS to support attendance—and the truth is, there's no single answer. It's the result of countless small and significant actions by our dedicated staff, students, and families.

I spoke about our reliable and caring staff, our inclusive and nurturing environment, our skilled teachers and support staff, and the high expectations matched by high support in every classroom. I highlighted our positive behaviour and attendance awards, extracurricular programs, explicit teaching, working with our families and our whole-school wellbeing focus through Grow Your Mind.

But if I had to name one thing that truly underpins our success, it's in our motto: School and Family Working Together. The shared commitment between home and school is what creates the special atmosphere that visitors feel the moment they walk through our doors.

So, thank you. Thank you for making the daily effort to get your children to school. Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your belief in our little school. We are proud of the work we do and are grateful that you choose our school each and every day!

Geoff Smith

## Emergency Management Drills

Next Wednesday morning, June 11, we will be conducting our emergency management drills. These include our lockdown, classroom evacuation, and full site evacuation drills.

You may hear alarms coming from the school—please don't be concerned, as these are part of our regular safety procedures.

If your child is feeling anxious about the drills, you can support them by:

- Talking calmly about the purpose of drills: keeping everyone safe.
- Reassuring them that teachers will guide them every step of the way.
- Practising simple "stop, look, listen" instructions at home.
- Encouraging them to ask questions and share their feelings.





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## Year 3 - 6 Class War Memorial Excursion

### Our Visit to the War Memorial by Jessie

First we had to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Ash and Charlotte laid the wreath, Olivia said the Ode and Brax thanked Andy for coming to talk to us.

After that we went to find the names of some people who used to come to Michelago Public School on the wall. We found John Ryan and put a poppy next to his name.

Then we split into two groups. My group went inside and we talked about an Aboriginal man who went to World War I and captured 14 enemy soldiers by himself.

We saw the painting called 'The Ghosts of the Menin Gate' and then we went into the World War II area. We learned about a hospital ship that was torpedoed by the Japanese. Only 64 people survived including one nurse.

After that we did a scavenger hunt outside the War Memorial, then walked down Anzac Parade to see the memorials.

After lunch we got back on the bus and came back to school.





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## K-2 Class National Botanical Gardens

On Tuesday the K-2 class went to the Australian National Botanical Gardens for their materials science unit.

We met a guide who showed us different plants that are used by some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for food and utensils. We crushed wattle seed for flour, and lemon myrtle for its smell and collected Bunya Pine seeds. After the tour we went to the Inland Australia section to see the red sand and desert landscape and then to the rainforest.

On reflection the students commented on what they liked -

**Abby** - The rainforest was really green and pretty

**Kayden** - the rainforest was full of mist and we drew a picture

**Nikoda** - The lookout at the desert was really pretty

**Mabel** - There was a bee hotel, like ours but heaps bigger

**Darcie** - There were heaps and heaps of plants, too many to count

**Camila and Gregory** - I liked the big Thorny Devil.

**Bastian** - the rainforest where we were washed by the mist





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## Award Winners

This weeks award winners were:

**Lawson:** Positive attitude in class

**Ariana:** Working hard in class

**Arthur:** A conscientious attitude at school

**Sophia F:** Always trying hard in class

**Darcie:** Excellent effort and focus in class activities.

**Nikoda:** Enthusiasm and progress in reading.

And our Bee Award winners were: Olivia, Mila, Marquel, Troy, Harriet and Nikoda

Congratulations to everyone who received an award.



## Key Dates

- **11 June** - FREE Hot dog lunch for all students
- **20 June** - School Assembly
- **26 June** - Snowy Monaro Performing Arts Festival
- **4 July** - Showcase Assembly 2.00pm  
Followed by a family BBQ
- **4 July** - Last day of Term 2
- **22 July** - Students first day Term 3



The big Thorny Devil from the K-2 class excursion