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How time flies.....

It seems only a few short weeks ago that we getting ready for Christmas and New Year, but here it is the end of term one for 2016. How time flies when you're having fun!

Boys, Boys, Boys: Understanding, Nurturing and Connecting to Today's Boys – this was the theme for an inspiring and informative talk by Maggie Dent held in mid-February.

Maggie Dent is an author, educator, and parenting and resilience specialist with a particular interest in the early years and adolescence. Maggie is a passionate advocate for the healthy, common-sense raising of children in order to strengthen families and communities. She has a broad perspective and range of experience that shapes her work, a slightly irreverent sense of humour and a depth of knowledge based on modern research and ancient wisdom that she shares passionately in a common-sense way.

Scitech presented an exciting an interactive show called "Beyond the Beaker". This was a free production for Years 7-10 and it challenged students to think outside the square with game playing in relation to invention and career pathways. It



was lots of fun, with students making some interesting discoveries.

We had both the Interhouse and Interschool swimming carnivals held over at the Three Springs swimming pool. Ruby was the winner, followed by Emerald, then Sapphire. With Cobweb from the WACOA- Morawa taking out the Senior School Shield.

The Interschool Swimming Team had just as much success at the Interschool Carnival, which was held again



at Three Springs town pool on Friday 18 March against students from Dongara and Carnamah District High Schools. Carnamah DHS won the overall shield and the handicap shield many records were broken.

Our new Kindy Boat Playground look amazing, all thanks to our Kindy / Pre-Primary Committee who erected it all. It was a huge effort and a fabulous asset for our Kindergarten children for years to come. A massive thank you to: Linda & Brad Collins, Ben Chappel & Mia Andrews, Graham & Kristy Milloy, Alex Haeusler, Mark & Sara Coaker and a special thank you to



Geoff Flavel for the loan of his digger.

The annual Easter Hat Parade for Kindy and Pre-Primary was held at the Kindy building just before Easter. The student performances were delightful – with lots of colour and movement – all very entertaining. Thank you to the P & C for providing the Easter Eggs, to all the parents that attended and bought the morning tea, to Ms Tulloch, Mrs Atkinson and all staff involved in organising this fabulous event.

Students also got to enjoy some great assemblies throughout the term, put on some wonderful performances for the guests and certificate winners were able to enjoy the proud moment with their families.



We are planning to design and construct a nature play space incorporating the Pre –Primary and the adventure playground. This is a really exciting project for our school. Nature play spaces are play areas that use natural, locally sourced and recycled materials such as logs, rocks, stumps, sandpits, tyres, wood and plants. They encourage cooperative play, quiet play, risk taking play and active play. Not only are nature play spaces really fun spaces for our children but research shows that there are many benefits such as: gross motor skill development; increased creativity; improved ability to recognise, assess and negotiate risk; increased physical activity higher resistance to stress; and a reduction in bullying behaviour.

The Morawa DHS Grounds Committee will oversee the planning and implementation, together with representatives from the P&C and P&C Pre- primary Committees. The secondary students enrolled in Certificate II Resources and Infrastructure (Work Preparation) will be building a play structure as part of their assessment task and the Engagement Program students will also be involved in a construction project as part of their learning program. Watch this space!

“I would like to extend a warm invitation to the school and the wider community to the combined MDHS and WACOAM ANZAC Assembly. This will be held on Friday 29 April at 9.15am at the MDHS Undercover area. Mrs Tracy Tapscott will be taking some well-deserved long service leave Term 2. I would like to thank Tracy for her dedication and outstanding input to MDHS and wish her well for a relaxing break. Mrs Wendy Glassford-Hill will be acting Primary Deputy in her absence. I look forward to working with Wendy in this role.

Thank you to all staff, students, parents and the community for your hard work and commitment to the school this term. I wish you all a happy, enjoyable and safe holiday. School resumes for students on Wednesday 27 April. “

Mrs Tonia Carslake
Principal