Dear Parents, Carers & Community Members,

Welcome back everyone! It is a true pleasure to be starting the year on such a positive note. All staff have been on deck since the week starting on the 18th of January and spent many hours preparing for the year ahead to ensure that your child’s safety, wellbeing and learning is to our usual Mena Creek State School exceptional standard.

This year, we start the year with exactly the same amount of students, 38. This means that our staffing and funding model should remain the same as 2015. Already our attendance is excellent and should continue due to your perseverance and your child’s understanding of the importance of attending school. Every day counts.

Our Prep students have settled in remarkably well and are already showing signs of enjoying their learning journey at MCSS. We should congratulate Mrs Abbott and our team and also to our students who are demonstrating great leadership in order to assist their peers. Everyone has the opportunity to be a part in their child’s school through discussions held closely with these students in order to further progress our school.

Our Team includes:

- Cameron Wedgwood — Principal/ 4-6 Class teacher
- Jennifer Abbott — P-3 Class teacher
- Jenny Murray—PE Teacher (Wednesday Afternoon)
- Kerry Linton—Music Teacher (Thursday morning)
- Sarah Taifalos—Librarian (Every second Friday)
- Gerrie Christensen—Learning Support
- Sharon Berkahn—Teacher Aide
- Dee Wedgwood—Teacher Aide
- Breanna Collins—Teacher Aide
- Carmen Marks—Administration
- Mandy Harper—Relief Cleaner

Next Friday, our elected Student Leaders will be attending a GRIP Leadership Conference in Cairns, followed by a badge ceremony in the weeks following. I look forward to working closely with these students in order to further progress our school.

Finally, our P&C will meet for the first time in 2016 this Thursday 04 February at 4:30pm. I certainly hope that we see many parents attending as your P&C is your avenue to influence your school directly.

Cameron Wedgwood
Principal
**Term Dates:**

- **Term 1**  
  Wednesday 27th January - Thursday 24th March

- **Term 2**  
  Monday 11th April - Friday 24th June

- **Term 3**  
  Monday 11th July—Friday 16th September

- **Term 4**  
  Tuesday 4th October—Friday 9th December

---

**Get involved in our P&C**

Getting involved with a Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, but many people may be unsure of how it works. If you've never been involved in a P&C before, don’t be shy, come to a meeting, meet other parents and form new friendships.

Our P & C Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 4th February at 4:30pm.

Everybody is Welcome

---

**Medications at School**

The administration of medications to students by school staff is only considered when a prescribing health practitioner has determined that it is necessary or when there is no other alternative in relation to the treatment of a specific health need.

Schools require medical authorisation to administer any medication to students (including over-the-counter medications such as paracetamol or alternative medicines).

**Pharmacy label**

A label attached to the original prescription medication container including the:

- Student’s full name
- Strength and description/name of the medication
- Dose and route of administration (may include the duration of therapy)
- Initials/logo of the pharmacist taking responsibility
- Time or interval the medication is to be taken
- Any other relevant directions for use, e.g. whether the medication is to be taken with food.

The pharmacy label may also include the name of the medical practitioner, which indicates that it has been prescribed.

---

**MCSS Uniform Prices**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Size/Description</th>
<th>Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Shirts</td>
<td>Size 4 to 14</td>
<td>$25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Size XS to XXL</td>
<td>$27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hats</td>
<td>55cm &amp; 57 cm</td>
<td>$10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shorts</td>
<td>Size 4 to 8</td>
<td>$11.10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Size 10 to 16</td>
<td>$10.55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Skorts</td>
<td>Size 4 to 12</td>
<td>$11.70</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**School Banking**

Every Thursday morning

---

**Contact Details**

It is very important that the school has current parental and emergency contact details. Please notify the office if there have been any changes to your contact details.