

The Library - 2011

The Library supports and enriches the educational programs of the school and its community by providing a relevant, dynamic and responsive collection of information resources and a teaching program to develop attitudes, skills and competencies necessary for lifelong effective use of those information resources in both work and leisure.

The collection of some 25000 items include picture books, novels, non-fiction books, reference books, audio books, ebooks, charts and posters and an extensive teacher reference section, including DVD and video. The library is also equipped with an interactive whiteboard and iPads.

There is a lively community of readers at MWPS. The Library is open before school daily, when children may borrow and parents of younger students are encouraged to come in and read with them...a great start to the day! It is also open for the second half of each lunchtime. Students are encouraged to drop in and borrow at need, providing plenty of opportunity for recreational reading.

Each Grade has an hour-long Library lesson each cycle, during which students are introduced to good literature and encouraged to become keen readers. They also learn to think about the stories they read in various ways, for example, looking at the plot, thinking about the characters and looking out for ways authors and illustrators influence the way we regard certain characters, places or issues.

Children also learn to use the catalogue to find resources, and how to approach the task of getting the information they need from book and electronic resources, (research skills).

Students are keen to participate in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge and look forward every year to the excitement of the Scholastic Book Fair, a fundraiser which has provided fantastic equipment for our students to enjoy.

Many authors and illustrators have visited our students as part of the Library program over the last five years; Morris Gleitzman, Phil Kettle, Michael Wagner, Rachel Flynn, Sophie Laguna, Anna Ciddor, Kym Lardner, Sally Rippin, Kirsty Murray, Doug MacLeod, Jeanette Rowe, Craig Smith, and Glenda Millard have entertained and inspired young readers and writers.