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Our vision at MPW is to foster a community of life-long learners. We strive to develop socially responsible and resilient individuals who are working towards achieving their full potential.

Tuesday, 7th February

FREE ACTIVITY DAY – Tuesday, 28th March

What's F.A.D. all about?

Grade 5/6 students, teachers, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and other friends of MPW organising a day of interactive activities where the students get to choose what to sign up for! It develops students' time-management, leadership, organisational and social skills. It's fun and **educational** and has been an important part of the Grade 5/6 students' experience at MPW for many, many years.

What needs to happen to make it work?

Students, teachers, parents, etc. are invited to plan and run an activity for small groups of students to do on the day. All that's required is some enthusiasm and a willingness to have a go (as well as a **current working with children certificate**, if you are an adult)!

Here are just some ideas for activities from previous successful F.A.D.s: football clinic, cooking, tie-dyeing, drama games, trivia, drawing, karaoke, dance, organ dissection, soccer match/skills games, table tennis tournament, crafts, card making, sushi making, construction, basketball match/drills, puppetry, science experiments, aerobics, cartooning, jewellery making, fishing, learning a new board game, how to set up a tent, etc.

When is it?

Tuesday 28th March, 2017 - 9:00am to 3:30pm. This is the final Tuesday in Term 1!

How do I get involved?

If you're interested in running an activity on the day, please fill out the attached form and pass it on to Fiona in Room 10, or your child's teacher, by **Friday 10th March!** If you would like to find out more about F.A.D. before committing, or if you would like some help deciding on an activity, feel free to discuss this with one of the 5/6 teachers or other parents who have been involved in previous years.

Other commonly asked questions:

“Do I have to be available the whole day? “

NO – Usually activities run for one hour or two hours (it is up to you). So you can come for just one hour if that suits, or you could offer the same activity to three or four different groups throughout the day, or you could run one two-hour session, etc. As a guide, session times are usually 9:00-10, 10-11, 11:30-12:30, 12:30-1:30 and 2:30-3:30 (or back-to-back hours for double sessions, e.g. 9:00-11:00, 11:30-1:30 for a longer activity).

“Do I have to pay for all the materials or ingredients (if there are any)?”

NO – You can nominate an amount for participating students to pay that will cover the costs of any materials or ingredients, students are then expected to pay this before the day. We try to keep expenses to a minimum for F.A.D., therefore we ask that activity costs don't exceed \$5 per student.

“What if there are too many volunteers?”

FANTASTIC! The more the merrier. F.A.D. is for all students in grades 5/6, so we will require plenty of support to ensure enough activities are available for more than 150 students. We prefer to run F.A.D. for the entire day, but this will only be possible if we have enough activities to fill all sessions. We will, however, attempt to provide a range of different experiences for the students, so if there are too many activities of the same type (e.g. cooking) we may suggest combining with another group or suggest an alternative activity.

“How many students do I have to have in a group?”

You get to decide depending on your activity. The group sizes may range from about 5 students to 20 or more!

“What spaces are available to run my activity?”

We generally negotiate to reserve all or most of the communal spaces in the school (Community Room/kitchen, Staffroom kitchen, Performance Space, soccer field, football oval, basketball court, gym, Jack's Paddock) as well as the senior classrooms. Please indicate on your returned form what sort of space you will require and we will endeavour to accommodate everything, while considering other groups as well as the comfort and safety of the students and volunteers.

Thanks,

Ryan, Lisa, Fiona, Maddie, Kim and Brigitte

Parents and students:

PLEASE fill out the following form and return to your classroom teacher by Friday 10th March.

Remember: F.A.D. can only go ahead with plenty of support, so we'd love to have you involved!

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Name of parent/adult/student: _____ Room no.: _____

Activity being offered: _____

Number of students: _____ Cost to students: _____

Length of activity (including set up & pack up): _____

Session times (please tick each session you are available to run your activity):

9:00 – 10:00 10:00–11:00 11:30–12:30 12:30–1:30 2:30–3:30

Equipment/space you would like us to provide: _____

Does your child want to be included in this activity? YES/NO Child's name: _____

CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CERTIFICATE? YES/NO

(this needs to be organised before the day – see the office)

