



Quiz Night is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, the 25 of February 2012**. This is HUGE fundraising event for the MZIS school and has proved to be a fun and popular community event over the past 2 years. Last year, through the generosity of our community members and corporate sponsors we were able to raise \$19,000 USD in one night! Funds have been used to buy special extra classroom equipment; sponsor the Halloween Carnival; Christmas parties; special Hot Lunches and an amazing week of Bazil Grumble.

The Quiz Night Committee is once again asking you to consider donating a unique item or two from your travels over the next few months. All items donated will be put up for silent or live auction during the night. Anything and everything is welcome - art, music, food, clothing, drums, Starbucks mugs, alcohol, candles, ethnic or cultural carvings/paintings, jewellery, home decor, season or holiday decor, etc. Whatever you find that you are willing to donate to our auction will be greatly appreciated.

The more unique the item, the greater the interest and sale price... Anyone have an painted egg from South Africa, a totem pole from Papua, bacon from Australia... And if all else fails bring in some alcohol; we throw it all together it's a show stopper! Alternatively feel free to work with friends and put together a creative/theme basket (Hamper for the Aussies). If you are a creative person, feel free to make something to donate!

As Quiz Night approaches we will need help selling tickets, setting up and running the event. As we get closer to the date I will send out more information and different ways you can help before, during and after the big night.

For those of you not familiar with Quiz Night, here are the basics:

Teams of only 6 (six) players compete to answer a variety of questions for points, very similar to trivia nights held at pubs. The team with the most points wins bragging rights for a year (or 2, in some cases!) Silent and Live Auctions, games and drawings are held throughout the night. It's a fun, adults-only event that benefits all students of MZIS.

Thanks in advance for bringing something back from your travels! I will be happy to store whatever you bring back until it's time to put it up for auction. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Cheers,
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CONGRATULATIONS

A HUGE thanks to all those readers at MZIS who have made Bookie grow and grow!

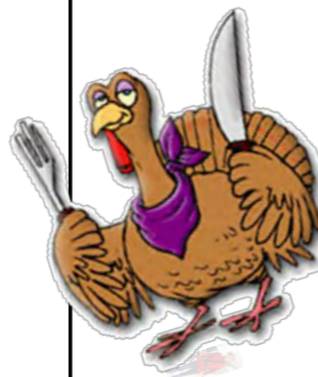
He is now stretching all the way down the corridor and back.

We will celebrate our achievement with a PTA sponsored **pizza lunch on Friday, 2 December**.

THANKSGIVING?

Thanksgiving, celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, has officially been an annual tradition in the United States since 1863, when during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26. Thanksgiving is one of the "big six" US holidays (along with Christmas, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day).

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated to give thanks to God for guiding them safely to the New World. The first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days, providing enough food for 13 Pilgrims and 90 Native Americans. The feast consisted of fish and shellfish, wild fowl, venison, berries and fruit, vegetables, harvest grains, and the Three Sisters: beans, dried Indian maize or corn, and squash.



Turkey Trivia:

- **The long fleshy skin that hangs over a turkey's beak is called a snood.**
- **The color of a wild turkey's naked head and neck area can change blue when mating.**
- **Male turkeys are nicknamed "toms" while females are called "hens."**
- **When turkeys reach maturity they can have as many as 3,500 feathers!**
- **Faster than a speeding bullet--Wild turkeys can run up to 55 miles an hour!**

Thursday 24th there will be a Thanksgiving Hot Lunch at MZIS, Thanks!

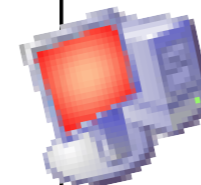


Calendars now on sale, 150,000Rp each. Great Christmas presents for friends and family. Two styles available (samples in front office). Be sure to order yours; form sent home today. Questions, contact Julz Clulee: 081240363794 or email: jkclulee@bigpond.net.au

Christmas Gift shop forms must be returned by Monday, NO MONEY REQUIRED until purchases made. One form per child, no form -no shopping!
Questions, contact Donna Gibson:081354074114 donna4tim@yahoo.com.au



The new and improved revamped MZIS Website (www.mzis.org) is almost complete and soon you will be able to access it for all of your up-to-date school related information and announcements.



Any questions please see Blair or Mark.



3 Top Tips from Leading Psychologists:

1. **Put Down the Blackberry** "When you're with your child, make every effort to be fully present," says Dr. Davis. "Parents forget that the most valuable thing they can give your child is undivided attention and time -- even if only for a moment," she adds. Consider turning your phone off when you walk into the house or designating a certain time to unplug every day.
2. **Acknowledge when you are Wrong** "when you have yelled too loud, or said something you regret, take a time-- out on yourself and repair the situation with your child," suggests Landon. "You expect your kids to say they're sorry when they're wrong, so set the example for them".
3. **Hugs and Kisses Go a Long Way** "How do you want your child to feel when he goes out to world?" asked Dr Davis. "Healthy self esteem and a sense of security start with eye contact, a kiss, or an 'I love you,' make time for that every day".

What is Movember ?

Movember is an annual month long charity event that raises funds and awareness for men's health issues. It was started by a group of Australians in 1999 and since then has been seen in multiple countries from multiple different continents.

Anybody that can grow a mustache can participate in this event because it is so simple. There are a few rules but by the end of the month all participants will have one thing in common; a mustache that is either brilliant, disgusting or invisible.

The point of Movember is for people all over the world to not shave there upper lip region from November 1st until the last day of the month. This simple act has been raising money and awareness for tons of health issues including prostate cancer, depression, testicular cancer and much more.

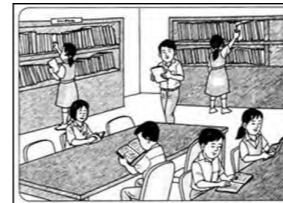
If you are wanting more information or willing to support this worthy cause we have a group set up called 'Cloudy with a chance of MO' www.movember.com/m/2463084

Dear Parents,
We have a new website for the students at <http://mzismusic.com>. Right now the site contains some of the music they are working on for the Christmas concert and some links they can go to for music games. I regularly check these sites, and they have always been reliable as far as content for kids. I will be adding more soon.
In the future, I plan to use this site to keep kids and parents involved in what is going on in music at both MZIS sites, as well as community music opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact me at anita_arden@fmi.com or 082199981065 (cell).
Tarima Kasih ,

Anita

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Fridays, this quarter Gr. 4-8 Swimming lessons**
- **Saturdays, 9:30am - MZIS Softball Season**
- Monday, Nov 21st - Awards Assembly 8am
- **Thursday, Nov 24th - Thanksgiving Hot Lunch**
- Monday, November 28 - Christmas Shop Set Up
- Tuesday, November 29 - Christmas Shop
- Friday, December 2nd - Book Worm Pizza Lunch
- Monday, December 5th - Awards Assembly 8am
- Thursday & Friday, December 8-9th Concert Rehearsals at Lupe
- Saturday, December 10th - End of Year Concert
- Tuesday, December 13th - Last day of school and Report Cards distributed.



There is a variety of Parent Resources, (covering a selection of topics) now available in the library. Feel free to borrow these books.

Also, parents wanting to assist their children with reading at home are encouraged to visit the library and explore our large selection of books, from Early to Young Adult Readers.

MZIS End of Year Concert is fast approaching!

Families and friends are invited to meet at the Lupe, Saturday December 10th, 5-7pm for a sit down meal, class presentations and a special visitor!

Students meals are FREE (sponsored by the PTA). To assist with catering, please ensure you complete attached form.

Questions, ask Rachel

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Message from Blair...

This Quarter is flying by. It is difficult to believe that we only have three and a half weeks left before this semester is over. In many ways it seems like yesterday when I landed in Timika to begin preparing for the year, but in other ways it seems like many ages ago.

I am reminded every Wednesday and Thursday that this semester is ending when I walk down the hall and hear our students preparing for our semester end concert. Our students are very excited about what they are accomplishing with Miss Anita in Music class.

You should have received an order form for the PTA calendars today. I want to thank the PTA for their work in producing a high quality product. It makes a great gift for friends and family. Please fill out the order form and return it, along with your payment, in the envelope provided. Envelopes should be placed in the PTA Hot Lunch box.

A reminder of the Christmas shop on Tuesday, November 29th. If you have not returned the form to the school please do so. This will be a fun day for our students to go shopping for Christmas gifts. Please do not send money and return the complete form.

Our students are continuing to enjoy their After School Activities. If your child will not be attending on a specific day please contact your teacher or the office. It is important that the leader of the ASA know if the child is attending or not. Thanks for your help with this.

I hope you will have a great weekend and remember that if you have questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact either Mark Brandin or me.

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