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#### CHARACTER TRAIT FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Our final character focus for 2008 is *Joyfulness*, a perfect focus as we approach the festive season of Christmas. Remember to spread a little more *Joyfulness* wherever you can and to use the poster attached to display around your school, business or club.

#### BEING A GOOD SPORT DAY 2008

Another successful day was held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, with 150 students attending and our MPC ambassador, Michelle Timms, fresh back from the Beijing Olympics, hosting the activities. Our thanks to Michelle, all schools involved, the sports representatives and, especially, Judi Byrne who co-ordinated the whole event. Look out for news of next year's event on the last Wednesday of Term 3, 2009.

#### MANNINGHAM SPRING FESTIVAL

Come and visit our new Marquee\* to learn more about positive character traits and meet Buddy, the Manningham leaf. Children can spend time colouring sheets featuring each of the character qualities for 2008. There will be lots of free give-aways. \* Our thanks to the Manningham Council for the Ward Allocation Grant that has enabled us to purchase the marquee.

#### FRIENDS OF MPC LUNCHEON

This event will be held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Manningham Council chambers. If you have contributed to the success of our activities in 2008, we hope you can join us then.

#### AWARDS

Award presentations during 2009 have gone to:

- The Donvale Magpies (MPC Cup)
- secondary students at colleges in the City of Manningham. Each recipient receives an MPC & Bendigo Bank Good Character Awards of a \$50 Bendigo Bank account as well as a copy of "Manningham From City to Country" from the Manningham City Council.
- MPC Australia Day Award to Henry Betchel of the Faithland Church and Manningham Promoting character
- Recognition of outstanding displays of good character when brought to our attention.

#### CHARACTER TRAITS FOR 2009

Determination, Discretion, Generosity, Patience, Resourcefulness and Thoroughness... not necessarily in that order.

#### NEED A GUEST SPEAKER?

#### NEED TO RECOGNISE SOMEBODY'S GOOD CHARACTER?

Don't forget to let us know if you would like to nominate someone for an award. Members of the MPC steering committee are also available to speak to community groups. Simply contact us via the email address above. We'd love to hear from you.

*The Manningham Promoting Character Steering Committee*