

Term 3 Week 6

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WHALER NO 12



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Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk 7	27 Life Education	28	29	30 Character Book Parade	31 Father's Day Stall
SEP Wk 8	3 ArtsNorth Opera House Concert 12.00am	4	5	6	7
Wk 9	10	11	12 MPS GALA – an evening performance of the arts.	13	14
Wk 10	17	18 Daintree Concert – Town Hall	19	20 Kindergarten -IMAX	21
Holiday					
OCT Term 3 Wk 1	8 STUDENTS AND STAFF RETURN	9	10	11	12

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

As you can see from the photograph, **Whacky Wednesday** was a huge success!

Special thanks to Erica Pizzolato & the SRC for your organisation of such a fun day with a great outcome in fundraising for reusable items for the school canteen.

Congratulations to Alysa Bovington & Emma Renaud whose entries have been shortlisted for the **Mosman 2012 Youth Awards in Literature**. Well done girls, we are very proud of your achievement!

Emma also appeared on the Channel 7 morning show as a member of the **Sydney Children's Choir**, singing with Katie Noonan, a wonderful opportunity.



In the last edition of the Whaler, I outlined all the items spent this year from P&C fundraising and resource fees. I neglected to mention that as well as the \$3,000 allocated for replacement of sport equipment, an additional \$7,000 has been used to relieve Stephen Dowler from class for half a day each week for the administration of sport programs. Steve has done an excellent job this year, not only in organising all our carnivals and PSSA, he has also written the **Sport Newsletter** each fortnight which has gone out with the Whaler. **Thank you Steve for a fantastic job!**

Best wishes to the **String Group** who perform at the **Opera House** tonight as part of a large orchestra in the ArtsNorth Instrumental Music Festival and to the **Choirs** who will perform at the Opera House in the **Primary Proms** and later in the month at the **Sydney Town Hall** in the ArtsNorth Choral Festival. Our own **Gala Evening for Performing Arts** is on Wednesday next week.

I'm looking forward to the **Book Week Parade** on Thursday this week; everyone is encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Best Wishes,
Kate Cooper

From the office...

A size 12 'Valley Girl' jacket has been handed into the office.

A few remaining items are still at the office from Band Camp...a hoodie, a pair of track pants and socks.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MORE STEWART HOUSE BAGS IN TO SCHOOL AS THE COLLECTION DATE WAS THE END OF JULY. *Thank you.*

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Library news



Congratulations to all **192 children** who have already completed the **Premier's Reading Challenge!** This is a wonderful achievement. There is still time left. All reading records need to be completed by August 24th so I am able to validate the entries. Please encourage your children to complete the challenge by showing an interest in what they are reading and helping them enter books into their reading records.

All the details can be found at: <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Log in using your child's school internet log-on username and password.

Thank you to the Term 3 Library Monitors from 6D and 6S who are doing a fantastic job shelving books and keeping the shelves ordered and tidy – Lily C., Kaitlyn W., Sophia C., Adelaide A., Jacque C., Seisa B., Sasha A., Jordyn H. and Ecem D.

There has been a separate mailing detailing the exciting events happening in and around Book Week (w/b August 20th), culminating in our **Book Character Parade** on **Thursday, August 30th**.



**National
Year of
Reading
2012**

Get Caught Reading!

Book Week Activity

Gus Gordon

Yesterday, the 21.08.12, 5R and 5D went to the Mosman Library to listen to an author called Gus Gordon who has written and illustrated more than 70 books. It was very interesting. He read one of his books called 'Wendy'. Then, he read another book – 'Herman and Rosie'. We went there to listen to him talk about his work. *By Amelie 5D*



Gus Gordon

On Wednesday, 5D and 5R went to Mosman Library to listen to an author talk as part of book week. At the library Gus Gordon told us about his book 'Wendy' and his newest release 'Herman and Rosie'. Those two specific books are about animals doing human activities. He also told us about how he became an illustrator and later an author. We learnt a lot and had a great time. *Luke McK 5D*

Robotics

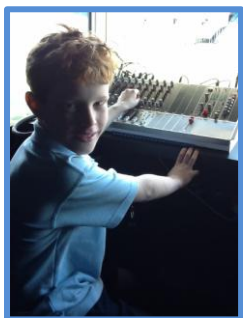
First we got introduced to our robotic master Shelly Hoy, who taught us everything we know about robots. First we got our robots. I called mine Robi. After that we opened the computers which had a program on it that we used to program our robots. We started with programming our robots to move forward with the computer and with a little help from Shelly we succeeded. After that we programmed the robots to go in reverse (but they did a circle instead).



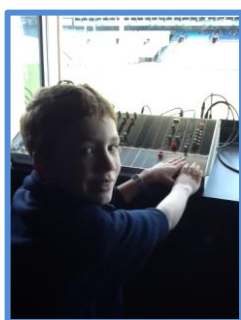
Then we did forward reverse witch was really fun because the robots would move forward and then before they rolled off the desk they would go into reverse and stop. The day was really fun. I enjoyed pivot. Pivot is where the robots turn around in a circle until you say stop. The day was great and I bet we all can't wait until Year 6 for another day of robotics! *By Emma S 5D*

First we were introduced to Shelly Hoy, who was our robotics instructor. She first told us to turn on the computer and to click the little LEGO mind storms program and we got started. We got our robots and she told us how to turn them on. After that we programed our robot to move forwards. We had to download the program on to the robot. After that we programed our robot to move backwards, so we made another program, we downloaded it on to the robot and it worked fine. After that we programed our robots to go forwards and backwards. Then we programed a right turn and a left turn. We also did a pivot to make it go in circles. When we finished that we had recess. After recess we made our own program which was really fun. We programed it to go forwards, backwards, a pivot, a right turn, a left turn and some sounds. After making our own program we tested it out. The robots were quite good but they weren't working very well so we did it again. It worked that time. That went on until lunch. After lunch we programed our robot to go when we clap and to stop when we clap again. Finally at the end of the day, we did line tracking which is getting the robot to move forward on the black line. Robotics was really fun and we will do it again in Year 6. *By Izzy F 5D*

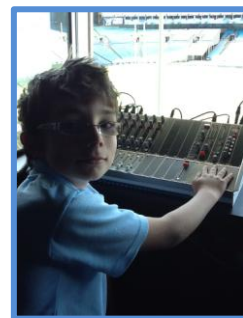
Year 3 Visit ANZ Stadium



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"On Monday 3P, 3H, 3W and 3J went to Olympic Park in Homebush. Firstly, I sat next to Luke and Aaron. When we got there we went to the Cathy Freeman Park we also played with a giant chess set. After that, we went to the Valley of Poles and had to do some work. Then we went into the stadium and it was incredible, even though it was empty. It was an awesome day!" *Toby C 3P*



Whacky Wednesday



This Wednesday we had Whacky Wednesday. We all brought in a gold coin to raise money to buy reusable lunch order bags to reduce the rubbish in the playground. Lots of people were wearing funny ties, crazy wigs, different coloured socks and shoes and really wacky costumes. It is great seeing everyone in their whacky costumes and helping the school raise money to be more environmentally friendly.

Elizabeth D 5D



Today is Whacky Wednesday and most of the people in Mosman Public have dressed up in something wacky. It is all colourful in the playground. Some people have got different shoes, long socks, wigs, moustaches and weird hats. These are all different ways of being whacky on Whacky Wednesday.

By Max.L 5D

Computers in the Classroom



Years 6 have been busy this term using computers in the classroom. Students have undertaken many tasks including weekly Edmodo class assignments, research and presentations on China, Mathematics, Prezi creations and PowerPoint presentations.

Students have enjoyed the challenges of presenting their work using a variety of media.

Marco E of 6S researching China



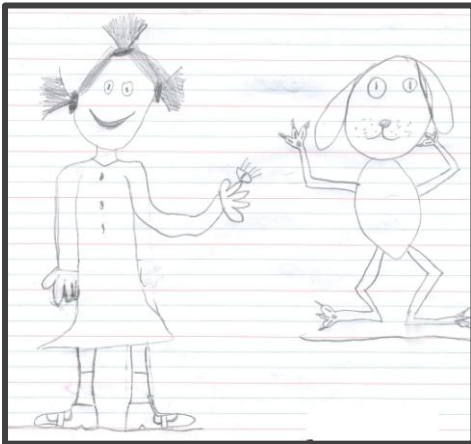
China



This term, Years 5 & 6 have been studying and learning about China. Students have researched and identified different parts of Asia, Chinese Foods, Chinese beliefs and practices and described how another culture has changed the way we live. In Weeks 8 and 9 Years 5 and 6 will travel to Berkley to experience humanistic Buddhism first hand at the Nan Tien Temple. *Stephen Dowler*

Art by Samuel R & Alexandra J of 6S

MPS Students visit Mosman Council Library to see Duncan Ball



Yesterday I went to Mosman Library to listen to Duncan Ball talk about being an author. He read us a bit of an Emily Eyefinger book. He said that he has made the last Selby book in the series. Duncan Ball said that there was a play of Emily Eyefinger down at Darling Harbour a few weeks ago. Finally we went back to school. I had a magnificent time at the library. *Isaac F 2B*

Yesterday 2B and I went to Mosman library. When we entered the HUGE library we saw loads of books. (Oh, sorry, I'll get to the Duncan Ball part right now). So...we were walking down the carpeted floor then suddenly, not to our surprise, we saw Duncan, the Duncan, Duncan Ball, the guy who writes Selby and Emily Eyefinger (you know, the author). Anyway, it was cool. He told us a little bit of the latest Emily Eyefinger, then lots of other stories that he wrote. Then he told us where he was born and more about him and then we went back to school. *Wilbur 2B*

Emily and Selby by Olivia R



Year 4's excursion to ANZ stadium – Tuesday 21st August

The trip to ANZ Stadium! By Harriet Williams, 4F

It all started when we got on the bus. It took us one whole hour to get there. When we got there, we all had recess. After recess we sat down and got our tour guide. There were three guides and our guide's name was Carol.

We went to lots of places. The first place we went to was the outside of the stadium. Then we went down on the field and we weren't allowed on the grass because then we would be fined \$5000. 4F's girls

went up on the podiums first; most of the girls went on gold of course. After we got off, the boys went on and some of them did the Usain Bolt pose. Before we went on the podiums, we went in the warm up room and change room. When we went in the warm up room, our guide Carol made us do some warm ups like push ups, sit ups and lots of others.

When we went in the change room, we went and saw a blue spa bath. We went up into the stadium and Carol talked to us about what it was like when the Olympics were on. We went into a little room then we saw a short film about the 2000 Olympics.

We went and looked at the poles for our worksheet. After we had finished, we had lunch. We played tip. After we had finished, we got on the bus. I think it was one of the best excursions this year!

Excursion to ANZ Stadium. By Finbar W 4F

Yesterday we went to ANZ stadium for an excursion. We went there by buss. It took about one hour to get there. Me and Sam basically talked for that one hour about games and other stuff like that. When we got



there, we had recess. I had jelly and an Uncle Toby's Oat Slice. It was lime jelly. After that, we got a tour guide and we went to the warm up room and then looked



at the changing room. We got to put our hand in the plunge pool. It was pretty cold. We went to the podium and according to the guide, you get fined \$5000 if you step on the grass. Then we went to the media rooms, where all the TV stations filmed and radio stations broadcasted. When

we went out, we looked at the poles and did the quiz. When we were done, we went to Cathy Freeman Park and had lunch. I played tip and I wasn't tipped once. When lunch was over, we went on the bus and left. On the bus, me and Sam talked the whole time, then after an hour we got back to school.

The Olympic Park. By Pippa B 4F

Yesterday, all of Year 4 went to Sydney Olympic Park. On the way to the Olympic Park, 4F were in a bus with the 4G girls. I sat with Maddy, Ellie and Miss Fitzgerald and we had a great trip to the stadium. When we got there, all of us had recess. For recess, I had an apple and a banana.

After that, we met our tour guide. All of the classes went in different directions. Our class walked around the stadium and learned that some of the seats moved backwards after a game to help the grass get some sun.

Next, we went to the change rooms and got to sit in the chairs. We also saw a really deep and narrow hot tub. Then 4F went to warm up room. We did star jumps, push ups, sit ups and ran on the spot. After that, we ran onto the pitch and got to stand on the podium the Olympians stood on when they received their medals. The last thing we did was an activity at the poles.

The excursion was my favourite this year. It was so much fun! I hope I can go back there again and again.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

MOSMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL TWILIGHT CONCERT



Coming up in Week 9 on Wednesday, 12th September is the annual Twilight Concert or Gala Evening. It is from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the school hall and all Performing Arts Groups will be taking to the stage plus a few surprises. This will include the Junior Band, Junior String Ensemble, Performance Band, Senior Strings, Primary Proms Choir, ArtsNorth Choir, Dance Group and Drama Group. Please put this date in your diary and try to pre-organise an early departure from work that day. The students are looking forward to putting on a fine show hosted by our school captains. A few solos and duets may appear throughout the program. We will be hoping to hear from Yasmine in Year 6 who is a flute soloist at the ArtsNorth Opera House Festival.



YEAR THREE INSTRUMENT TRIALS



Last Thursday was a huge success for our Year 3 and other band groups. At 9.00am we hastily crossed over Belmont Road to watch Mosman High School Concert Band in rehearsal. Their Conductor Todd Hardy is amazing. He also conducts one of the Regional High School Bands for the North Shore. Our students got to see themselves a few years down the track if they pursue learning a concert band or orchestral instrument. We returned to school to the school library where students were invited to look and play a few



musical instruments they were interested in. Students have now put in an expression of interest. To follow up a note will go to all Year 3 parents to offer them the opportunity of joining the band or string program. The rest of this year will be spent obtaining an instrument and having a few private lessons to get students started and build some confidence with their chosen instrument. There are a few instruments that the school owns for hire and we will send these options out in the next note home. Most students however will be looking at hiring an instrument.

PRIMARY PROMS AND ARTSNORTH CHOIR REHEARSALS

On Tuesday, last week the Year 3 Primary Proms choir went to the Salvation Army Hall in town for their combined rehearsal. The ArtsNorth Choir on the same day went to Chatswood High School for their combined rehearsal. Both had a successful day and we are looking forward to their upcoming concerts. The ArtsNorth on Monday, 3rd September and the Primary Proms on Tuesday, 18th September. Good luck to all involved. I am sure you will say the practice was worth it after the concert!



On Wednesdays after lunch 5D have started meeting up with Georgia from THE SYDNEY THEATRE COMPANY!

We have started a new game called 'me-you'. The way 'me-you' works is Georgia gives the power to someone then that person points at someone else and says you! They both keep eye contact until the person who received it points at themselves and says me! Then that person points at someone else and says you! Then it keeps going on. Then after a while Georgia puts another one in there then it starts to get confusing.

We are also reading 'The Gift' and playing acting games.

Georgia has made acting a really fun thing to do and has inspired us all!

By Will T. 5D



Georgia is an actress from the Sydney Theatre Company who is going to be working with 5D for 8 weeks. On the first day she arrived, she introduced herself and we got started.

First we went around in a circle and said our names and where we like to go when we are sad. Then we had to think of someone sitting alone somewhere and where they were, what they were wearing, if they were sad or happy. Then we played a 'me-you' game where if I say you and point to

someone then they say (me)? And then they point to someone and say (you) and then it goes on and on.

We played a scarf game which was a lot of fun!! The way this game works is you have to think of what the scarf could be and then you have to turn it into something (ANYTHING!!)

Another activity we played was hot seating. What we have to do is put yourself in someone else's shoes and you also have to answer questions that Georgia asks us. The reason Georgia is working with us is to work on improving our descriptive writing. Working with Georgia is HUGE fun and we all have had a heap of fun so far and are looking forward to the next few weeks.

By Darby E 5D

On Wednesdays 5D does drama with a lady called Georgia from the Sydney Theatre Company. We do this so we can improve our descriptive writing. These lessons are very fun. We play games such as 'Me, You'. This is a game where we pass gestures, words and sounds. We started off by saying me and you while pointing. Right now we are working on a book called The Gift. It is about what happened after the Pied Piper took the children. We have also done hot seating where we put ourselves in the character's shoes while people ask us questions. Georgia also did sculpting with us. We were in partners, one person was A and one person was B. Person B first sculpted person A into a parent of one of the missing children. Next, person A into the Pied Piper. After we had done that we got to swap characters. It was funny how the feeling changed while changing character from a happy person to a devastated person. Georgia is a very nice person and the lessons have been great. I wonder what is to come.

By Olivia K 5D



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CANTEEN NEWS

We are thrilled that so many of you are trying out the new on-line site and loving how easy it is to place an order! A reminder – please use the emailed version of instructions rather than the hard copy to help you start up.

You will note some minor price rises in our Term 3 Menu due to suppliers' increases. In particular, meat pies and sausage rolls are now \$3.50, and sushi is now \$3.20. The kids seem to love our new hot Milo in the morning, just \$1.

Many thanks to all our precious regular and casual volunteers for your continued support. Thank you also to those new volunteers who have recently jumped in to help out. Our canteen could not run without your help and we love meeting and working with you. Each and every shift is appreciated no matter how many or few you can offer. Please keep in mind, we would still love to see you even if you can spare a few hours between 10.30am and 12.30pm. If you would like to volunteer, please email Nina below, or fill your name in a spare pink spot on the roster board.

Nina will be ending her three year stint as roster person at the end of this academic year to let someone fresh take charge. We need a super keen, organised and patient parent or carer, familiar with the basics of Excel and with a few hours to spare each term. Make LOADS of new friends and get involved in one of the most enjoyable and easy ways to help the whole school community. Have questions on how the roster is produced? Contact Nina on gloucesterwalk@yahoo.co.uk or 0432 098310. Want to know more about the canteen and how it works? Ask Sonia (sonia.renwick@optusnet.com.au), Simone (simmarshall@bigpond.com) or Tara (tara_julieann_1969@live.com.au) or drop by the canteen for a chat. It's quiet at about 2pm.

We are looking forward to seeing loads of Dads at the Canteen during the week of 27 – 31 August in celebration of Fathers' Day. A flyer has been sent home with your child. If you can spare some time please contact Nina to let us know when you might pop in!

Sonia, Simone & Tara

MPS Families head to Muogamarra Nature Reserve

The P&C Green Team organised a special invitation for MPS families to catch the early spring flowers at Muogamarra Nature Reserve on Sunday 5th August. Muogamarra is generally closed to the public except for six weekends during spring when visitors can enjoy one of Sydney's most vibrant natural flower displays.





Approximately 10 families took up the offer, enjoying perfect weather for guided walks led by the dedicated Chase Alive volunteers. One group headed around Point Loop, a beautiful ridge-top walking track offering spectacular views over Peats Crater and beyond to Bar Island, Berowra Creek and the Hawkesbury River. The other group chose the Lloyd Trig walk, following an old convict road and bush track before a short rock scramble up to the Lloyd Trig cairn and panoramic views.

On Sunday we went on a walk with lots of other people from Mosman Public School. There were two walks, one walk we had to scramble up some rocks at the end of it and the other one included activities but was less adventurous. We went on the scramble walk and at the end there was a hole in the rocks so you could go down from the rocks and come back up through the hole, which was really fun. *Lucy M 3W*

On Sunday, my family, friends and I went to the Muogamarra Nature Reserve. To start off we went on a bushwalk. We found all sorts of different plants, like Spider Flowers, Wattles, Prickly Moses leaves, etc. At the end we got to a cliff. It had an amazing view over the mountains, Hawkesbury River

and loads of green trees. When we got back to the start we had lunch and played some games. We learnt an Aboriginal Emu dance and did face painting. For the face painting we were given two rocks. Then Tom (one of the volunteers) poured some water on the rocks and we rubbed the rocks together to make a brown/red paint. Then we dipped our fingers in and started painting our faces. Muogamarra Reserve is a wonderful place. It is exciting and very interesting. The volunteers, Tom and Jill were very kind and told us lots of interesting things. I had a great time! *Lexie F 3J*



COMMUNITY NEWS

Become an Ethics Teacher at Mosman Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

We need several new volunteers to teach Years 3&4 or Years 5&6 ethics classes in 2013. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

For more information about the role and to volunteer, please go to <http://www.primaryethics.com.au> or contact Kylie Strawbridge (Ethics Coordinator) on (0405)655974.

The Fun way to become bilingual! Fun French Club!

- ❑ Fun French Club at Mosman PS on Tuesdays after school at 3.20pm
- ❑ Lots of fun activities, drama music & games
- ❑ Experienced and enthusiastic teachers
- ❑ Supported by fantastic fun activities online at Babelzone - visit our website for a FREE TRIAL www.lcfclubs.com.au

BROTHERS OZ TAG (Non Contact Rugby League) Competition

Our Summer OZ TAG Competition will start on Tuesday 16 October 2012 at Tunks Park, Cammeray. All games will be played on a Tuesday after school and during daylight savings. The competition is for both Boys & Girls from ages 5 to 16.

There is no training for OZ TAG and it's lots of fun and safe. OZ TAG is a game of Non Contact Rugby League. We are encouraging Winter & Summer Sports Teams such as Soccer, Cricket, Netball, Rugby Union and Rugby League to register and play together as a Team. It is easy to register by going onto our website.

For all enquiries please contact Annette Hema on Ph: 0404 610 048 or email: brothersoztag@hotmail.com and please visit our website: www.brothersoztag.com.au to register online.

Parenting Programs

Child & Adolescent Parenting

Northern Sydney Local Health District
(Phone: 9887 5830)

NEW **Tuning in to Kids** 5wks/2.5hrs
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
◆ Chatswood (21/8)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)
Behaviour management program suitable for parents of children (3-8yrs). Clear strategies on how to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
(7wks/2.5 hrs - 4 group sessions/ two 1:1 phone sessions over 3 weeks, with final group session Wk 8)
◆ Chatswood (1/8)

Communicating with Kids (based on PET)
6 week/2.5hrs course providing communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children and other important people in your life. (Age group: 4-12 yrs)
◆ Chatswood (16/8)

Communicating with Teens 5wks/2.5hrs
Aims to increase your understanding of your adolescent's needs & behaviour with skills to relate to them.
◆ Chatswood (20/8)

Workshops for Parents (2.5 hours)

- ★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums at Chatswood (31/7) or Cremorne (6/9)
- ★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training at Chatswood (7/8) or Cremorne (13/9)
- ★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep at Chatswood (14/8) or Cremorne (20/9)
- ★ Bully Busting Workshop, at a school near you
- ★ Transition to School, at a school near you
- ★ Transition to High School, at a school near you
- ★ Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years) and (Teens)
- ★ Resilient Kids at Chatswood (29/8)
- ★ Teens Workshop Dealing with Teen's Back Chat at Chatswood (13/8)
- ★ NEW Grand Parenting Workshop (dates on request)

Workshops/Seminars available on request – to organise these or for details of those scheduled for this term, phone 9887-5830

Term 3, 2012 Courses/Workshops begin from 31/7
Please phone for a brochure or information
about the courses/workshops/seminars on 9887 5830