

Term 4 Week 6

15<sup>th</sup> November 2013



# WHALER NO 17



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## Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk 6	11 Yr 3 Swimming	12 Yr 3 Swimming	13	14	15 Yr 6 Interrelate
Wk 7	18 Yr 3 Swimming	19 Yr 3 Swimming	20 Year 6 Fair 12.50-2.15pm	21	22
Wk 8	25 Yr 3 Swimming	26 Yr 3 Swimming	27	28	29
DEC Wk 9	2 SCHOOL MUSICAL Yr 3 Swimming	3 SCHOOL MUSICAL Yr 3 Swimming	4	5 SCHOOL MUSICAL	6
Wk 10	9 Yr 3 Swimming LAST DAY FOR SMITH FAMILY XMAS APPEAL	10 Yr 3 Swimming	11 Yr 6 Camp	12 Yr 6 Camp	13 Yr 6 Camp K-2 Christmas Concert 12.00
Wk 11	16	17 Yr 6 Presentation Assembly and Dinner	18 Last day of term for all students	Students go on holiday. Teachers Professional Learning Days	

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

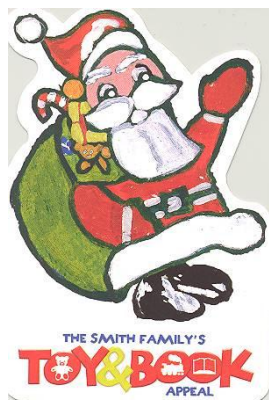
Dear Parents,

This term is absolutely speeding by! It will be Christmas before we know it!

Rehearsals for the School Musical, 'Change the Channel' are in the final stages, this could well be the best ever!!! **Tickets for Years 3-5 go on sale from Monday.** A reminder to those **Year 6 parents who have not yet purchased tickets**, after Monday all seats are on sale, including the front three rows which we have held for Year 6 this week.

The annual **Year 6 Fair** will take place next week, on **Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>**. This fantastic event is completely organised and managed by Year 6 students and their teachers and raises money to purchase a farewell gift for the school. You may have seen the colourful posters around the school advertising the event. All children K-6 look forward to the 'fun of the fair'.

Best wishes,  
Kate Cooper



### Smith Family Christmas Appeal

Each year Mosman Public School excels in providing wonderful gifts for the Smith Family Christmas Appeal. Once again, we ask students and parents to support this appeal. Gift tags are available in the office foyer which can be attached to gift bags. Just a reminder that all gifts and books should be **new and not second hand** and should **not** be wrapped as the Smith Family needs to check their suitability. We suggest you send them **in a large gift bag no bigger than a school backpack**. This worked well last year. Could you please bring gifts in by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December for delivery to the Smith Family. **Thank you for your help and support.**

# STUDENT HAPPENINGS

## Year 1M Recounts of Taronga Zoo Excursion

Today 1M went to Taronga Zoo. First we looked at a peacock, and then it was crunch and sip. Next we saw the birds. I was looking for the little lorikeet. Then we went to see the giraffes and they were massive! After that we saw the apes. They are very good at climbing. Then we had lunch. Next we went to the seal show. My favourite seal was Lexie.

*By Braden, 1M*

Today Year One went on an excursion to Taronga Zoo. I was in a group with Hamish, Braden and Alex P. First we went to see a beautiful peacock; it looked a bit like a male one. Then we started to walk past the colourful birds. Then we went to the giraffes and we also went to the fake grass for a break. After that we went to the seal show. My group sat at the top of the crowd. It was a good show. After that we went past the gorillas. They were funny and cheeky. We finally went to the playground in the farmyard and it was fun. Then we went to sit down and finish our lunch.

*By Henry, 1M*

Today Year One went for an excursion to Taronga Zoo. We were in groups and I was in the Leopard group. First we entered the zoo. After that we saw a peacock. Next we went to see the giraffe. They were very tall. Eventually we had morning tea by the rhino statue. Then we ran to the chimps and they were funny. Next we saw the mountain goats. They are very good at climbing. After that we saw the meerkats and they were so adorable. Next we went to the seal show and it was good. Then we went home.

*By Ella, 1M*

## SPORT NEWS

### 2014 Swimming Carnival

The 2014 MPS Swimming Carnival will be held in Term 1, Week 3 on Thursday 13th February at Lane Cove Aquatic Centre. The carnival will involve all students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The carnival will be run in the same format as this year with events available in either the 25m or 50m pools.

Early Term 1 a permission note will be sent home and children will be asked to nominate whether they want to participate in 25m (non-competitive) or 50m (competitive) events. The carnival comes around very quickly in Term 1, so over the holidays children may like to practice swimming in a 50m pool so they (and you) know what distance they are capable of. Once entries have been received it will not be possible to change or add events as the program is set.

In order to run the swimming carnival we need a large number of parent volunteers to help with timekeeping and marshaling. There are 2 shifts for volunteering: a morning shift from 9:30 till 12:00 and an afternoon shift from 12:00 till 2:30. We require a minimum of 14 parents per shift for the 50m pool and 8 parents per shift for the 25m pool.

If you can help out please email Sonia Renwick on [sonia.renwick@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sonia.renwick@optusnet.com.au)

Sport Committee

### Student Achievements

On 1<sup>st</sup> November one of our grade 3 students, Charlie M (3H) travelled with his family to Noosa to participate in the Noosa Superkidz Triathlon. The Superkidz Tri is open to all kids aged 7 – 13 years and it is not timed or placed with the emphasis being on fun and participation. Charlie participated in the 8 year old category and therefore swam 100m, cycled 3km and then ran 500m to complete the course. Charlie was the second in his age group to come out of the water and then followed it up with a good bike leg and a great run, overtaking many in older age groups on the run leg. Charlie said “It was such a great experience. I felt really good after it and I am definitely doing it again”. His race has inspired his siblings to join him next year in a fantastic weekend of fun and fitness.

If anyone else has any great sporting achievements to share we'd love to hear about it. Please email Michelle McKinnon [michellermckinnon@hotmail.com](mailto:michellermckinnon@hotmail.com).



## P&C NEWS

### Donations to the Bushfire Appeal

In mid-October Sydney was shrouded in smoke while wild fires swept through bushland and houses in the Blue Mountains and the Central Coast. In response, families from Mosman and Middle Harbour Public School gave generous donations, first to a small collection for Bin-A-Toy and then to a much larger collection of household items which were delivered to NSW Rovers for redistribution to those who are rebuilding their homes and lives after the fires. Thank you to all the families who donated such an amazing amount and array of items, and a big thank you to those who helped with the process of collecting and delivering. Our local contributions were greatly appreciated.

### Year 2 Garden Adventures

The Green Team is very pleased to say that all Year 2 classes are now getting involved in regular visits to the school herb & vegetable gardens, with great enthusiasm being shown for all the regular jobs - planting, weeding, feeding, watering, harvesting. When faced with the challenge of how best to share our recent delicious but small broad bean harvest, the canteen once again came to the fore with a free taste testing of freshly peeled beans. Keep a keen eye on the gardening corner as some new arrivals will be appearing very soon.



*Year 2 tending to the herb and vegetable gardens.*

### “Paint the Rhino” Competition

The following students have been highly commended for the “Paint the Rhino” competition. All 101 entries will be working with Tara (Canteen) from the 25<sup>th</sup> November:

Isabella W (KB), Issy A (KS), Ruby M (KM), Olivia D (1M), Harry M (1P), Ardy B (1R), Isabella H (2H), Catie H (2H), Kit H (2T), Amelie T (3J), Claudia H (4S) and Maddy H (5P).

### Kindy Bubblers

At long last, the Kindy bubblers are fixed, with the addition of a water bottle filler in the drinking trough as well. To prevent any further vandalism of the trough, the P&C and the school have together also purchased a vandal proof trough guard to enable the trough to be locked up over the weekend and at the end of each day.





A big thank you to Marko Steel and also Shaun the plumber who spent all day installing the new equipment. Shaun from Savvy Solutions Plumbing is happy to give Mosman Public families a discount off their plumbing bills.

Thanks to this P&C initiative, the older kids will also now have a chance to fill their water bottles up at the bubblers with these new bottle filling taps – just in time for Summer!

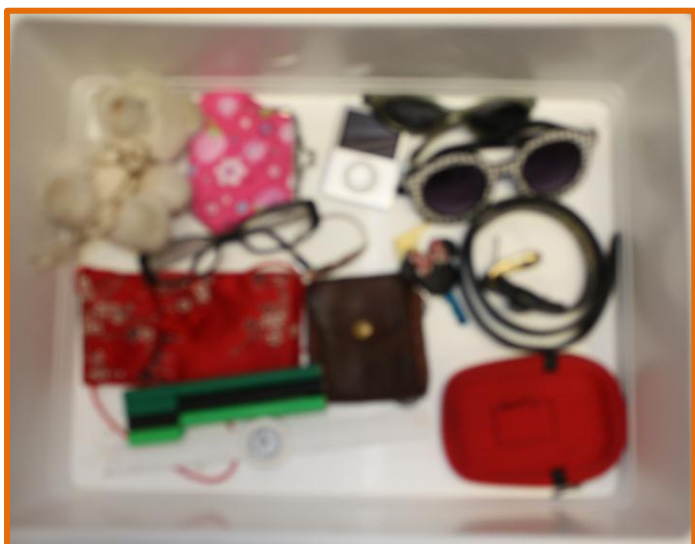


## LOST AND FOUND

These items have been handed into the office. As it is hard to know who owns the items, they will be given to the first person who comes to retrieve them. At the end of the month these items will be disposed of.



Bear, blue glasses case, orange glasses, iPhone in pink case, boomerang, blue gel ice, red gel ice, Clinique lipstick, silver heart shaped purse, pink flowered purse, Sun sense for kids, small orange ball, key.



Soft red Japanese style bag, white teddy, pink flowered purse, sunglasses, belt, silver iPod, red purse, brown leather key chain, Mini Mouse key chain.

One **blue** USB with pictures of rainbow, one green USB with pictures of an American holiday, 7 sets of keys, **blue** rubber purse, Darth Vader key chain, Mini-Mos medallion on lanyard, 1 **green** Matchbox car, 1 **gold** Matchbox car, Slazenger watch, **pink** bracelet, **turquoise** bracelet with Eiffel Tower charm.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Rudolph's Christmas** – For a truly unique Christmas experience.

Now open in the old Greater Union cinema complex at 9 Spit Road, Mosman Ph: 9969 5905 or visit [www.rudolphschristmas.com.au](http://www.rudolphschristmas.com.au) Fabulous new range of stock instore now. The biggest range of outdoor lighting and thousands of tree decorations.

Russel has been very generous in his support of our school musical providing us with all sorts of goodies. If you are in need of any Christmas decorations please remember to visit Rudolph's Christmas.

# Parenting Forum

**Free**

Are you working with CaLD families/youth/children

Then you are invited to attend this forum looking at :

- Key issues affecting CaLD parents in the Northern Region
- Strategies to address key issues from a bicultural perspective
- Stories from parents who are in cultural transition (Afghanistan, Iran, Sri Lanka, Korea, China & India)

Date: Wednesday 27 November 2013  
 Time: 9:30am - 1:00pm (Refreshments will be provided)  
 Venue: West Ryde Community Hall  
 3-5 Anthony Street, West Ryde 2114  
 Inquiries and booking: 9858 1925 (Mon, Wed-Fri)  
 or [cmrc.northernregion@gmail.com](mailto:cmrc.northernregion@gmail.com)

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## Passionate about working with children?


Would you like to operate a  
family day care business from your home?  
Find out how at a free information session

The Drill Hall, 1A Cross Street Mosman  
21 November 2013, 6.30–7.30pm  
Register today with Mosman Family Day Care on 9799 4844  
or email [cmitchell@theinfantshome.org.au](mailto:cmitchell@theinfantshome.org.au)

For more information visit  
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# BOOK FAIR

Balgowlah Boys Campus


*Sydney Road*

**BALGOWLAH**

<b>Friday 29th Nov</b>	<b>4 pm – 9 pm</b>
<b>Saturday 30th Nov</b>	<b>9 am – 5 pm</b>
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## Newsletter Mosman Public School

### Latest news

#### Chess class

The chess class at Mosman Public School runs on Friday afternoons from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm. If you are interested in joining the chess class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au).

#### Puzzle information

Answer Puzzle nr. 3:

1. Qxg8+ Kxg8 2. Rf8#

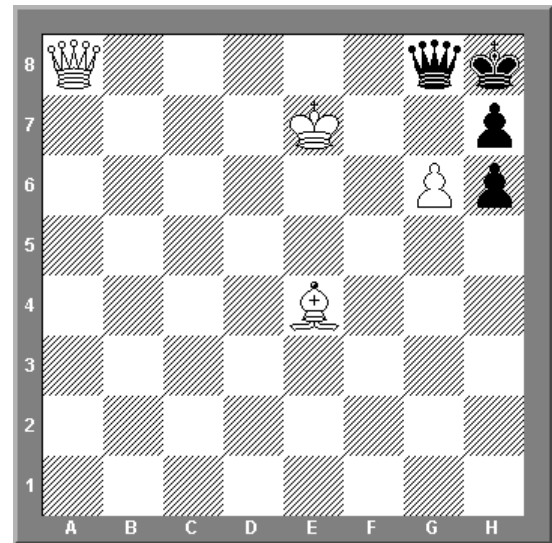
#### Upcoming chess tournaments

24 November: Xmas Chess Challenge

30 November: Pymble Saturday Fun

[www.sydneyacademyofchess.com](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com)

### Chess puzzle



**Puzzle nr. 4:** White to play and checkmate in 2 moves