

Term 1 Week 2

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WHALER NO 1



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Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk 3	11	12 Years 1 and 2 Parent Information Night 6.45 pm Hall	13	14 Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival, Lane Cove Pool. Kindergarten Parent Information Night 6.45pm Hall	15
Wk 4	18 Years 5 and 6 Parent Information Night 6.45pm Hall	19 Years 3 and 4 Parent Information Night 6.45pm Hall	20	21	22
MAR Wk 5	25	26	27	28	1
Wk 6	4	5 Zone Swimming Carnival	6	7	8
Wk 7	11	12	13	14 Year 5 Selective High School Test	15
Wk 8	18 Regional Swimming Carnival	19	20 Year 5 Camp	21 Year 5 Camp. School Photo Day	22 Year 5 Camp
Wk 9	25	26	27 Family Photo Day	28 K-2 Easter Hat Parade	29 GOOD FRIDAY
APR Wk 10	1 EASTER MONDAY	2	3	4	5
Wk 11	8	9 Year 6 Camp	10 Year 6 Camp	11 Year 6 Camp	12 LAST DAY FOR TERM 1

HOLIDAYS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2013 School Year. An especially warm welcome to the many new families with children from Kindergarten through to Year 6, I hope you soon feel 'at home' at MPS.

What a wonderful sight greeted us as we returned to school! The synthetic grass on the Belmont Playground is magnificent and the rubber softfall under the Gouldsbury Play Equipment makes it so much safer, with the added benefit of no overspill of dirt onto the footpath!

Special thanks to P&C from us all, we are absolutely thrilled!

Congratulations Amanda Daffas on her permanent appointment as our Learning and Support Teacher. **Very special thanks to P&C** who will supplement this position to enable it to be full-time rather than the two and a half days provided by DEC.

We also welcome **new members of staff**, Lisa Gates, Sally McCowatt, Anna O'Neil and Lauren Mellenbergh

Special thanks to **Nicola Dumbrell & her team** for a much needed 'Tea & Tissues' at the start of Kindergarten's first day of school. All children are now happily in class, most with beaming smiles!



Classes for 2103 are as follows;

KB Mr Scott Bagnall
 KM Ms Sally McCowatt
 KL Ms Lauren Mellenbergh
 KH Ms Kate Haslingden
 KS Ms Sarah Sullivan
 1R Ms Amanda Rhall & Ms Jennifer Jones
 1M Ms Brenna Macdonald & Ms Samantha Lloyd
 1P Mrs Simone Paikea
 1V Ms Vanessa Polito
 1W Ms Julie Watson



2B Mrs Jo Brown	2H Mrs Gabi Hodge	2V Mr Ben van Biljon
2T Mrs Delia Tyler & Mrs Katie Rowley	2M Mrs Lorraine Mollard & Mrs Renee Phegan	3G Ms Lisa Gates
3H Ms Elise Hudson	3J Ms Samantha Jessop	4S Mrs Leisha Scott
3W Mrs Cheryl Wilson & Ms Jackie Sullivan	4G Mrs Vanessa Grayson	5/6D Ms Fiona Davis
4A Ms Anna O'Neil	5P Ms Erica Pizzolato	
4N Ms Barbara Napier	6S Mr Stephen Dowler	
5D Ms Aisling Duke		
6M Ms Janet Moroney		
Library Ms Maddy Goto	Music Mrs Barbara Tauber	Chinese Mr Hao Lu & Ms Xin Rui

Parent/Teacher Information Nights start next week. You should have received the email I sent this week regarding the format for the nights, the dates are in the calendar above. These evenings are for parents only.

Reminders:

- **Please take care when parking and driving around the school**, especially in the area opposite the school in Belmont Road, close to the traffic light crossing. **Please do not** double park or allow your children to get out of your vehicle from the road side or beckon them across the road when you are parked illegally in a no-stopping zone!
- **Council Rangers and the Police** are currently being very vigilant regarding illegal parking. **The rules are outlined in detail later in this Whaler.**
- Children are **not** permitted to **ride bicycles, scooters or rollerblades (including roller shoes)** to school. Apart from safety concerns, the school does not have space for any of these and cannot take responsibility for their storage.
- **MP3 players, iPods** and electronic games are not allowed at school.
- We will not take responsibility for **mobile phones** which must be kept in the child's bag and switched off during the school day. Children are not permitted to use their mobile phone to contact you during the day, all telephone contact must be via the school office.
- **Dogs** are not permitted to be in the school grounds before, after and during school hours.
- Please do not block the footpaths in the school with **prams & strollers**. With close to 700 children in the school, it is important to keep the footpaths as clear as possible so that our children can move safely to and from class.
- Please note that Public School Teachers and Principals are **not permitted to provide references** for students going to private schools. This is considered to be in breach of the Department of Education and Communities' Code of Conduct.

I look forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming Information Nights.

**Best wishes,
 Kate Cooper**

The Performing Arts

Performance Band and Junior Strings are on next Thursday before the Swimming Carnival. Buses do not leave until 9.15 or later. We will finish a little early and have a snack to restore the energy levels! If you have an early race and are going to the pool privately, please let Mrs Tauber know to mark you as an explained absence on the roll.

Welcome back to another year of the Performing Arts. We have a great group of helpers led by **Tracy Miles**, who is our wonderful and dedicated Performing Arts President. These are the positions below. There are more to follow!! The first Performing Arts meeting will be on **Friday 15th February at 9.15am** in the staffroom. All are welcome to come.

President	Tracy Miles
Treasurer	Charmion Rowe
Secretary	Tina Skidmore
Performance Band Parent Coordinator	Yasmin Grover
Junior Band Parent Coordinator	Nina Harrison
Senior Strings Ensemble Parent Coordinator	Kate Crowe
Junior Strings Ensemble Parent Coordinator	Isobel Kerridge

All bands and ensembles resumed in Week 2. The dance, band and choir auditions will take place next Wednesday, 13th February, during the school day in the hall. Notes are at the Office window for anyone who did not receive a note.

BAND AND ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL TIMES

ALL GROUPS SET UP AT **7.30** AM.

PLAYING SHOULD BE UNDERWAY AT **7.45** AM

JUNIOR BAND – Wednesday morning – HALL – Brad Madigan

PERFORMANCE BAND – Thursday morning – HALL – Cheryl Oxley

JUNIOR STRINGS – Thursday morning – MUSIC ROOM – Ella Jamieson

SENIOR STRINGS – Friday morning – HALL – Doug Cotterill

All private lessons have also begun. It may take a few weeks to tweak the timetable. Put your teacher's number in your contacts and remember to inform them if your child is sick. Just as important is to let them know well in advance if an excursion or carnival (eg. PSSA) is coming up. Like homework, regular practice will deliver amazing results so if you can get a routine started early in the year our bands and ensembles will be sounding super-doooper!

Have a great start to the year. May the Performing Arts open the window to delight, wonderment and imagination for your child(ren).

Barbara Tauber
(Performing Arts Coordinator)

BAND CAMP 5th & 6th JUNE



Tom and Zane



Laser Tag

STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House clothing appeal bags will be sent home with your child next week. Please fill if possible and return to the area around the corner from the canteen by 22nd February. Thank you.

FROM THE OFFICE...2 pairs of reading glasses are in the office to be claimed. One pair is for an adult with a purple frame and the other pair is for a child with a brown frame. Both pairs have their own cases.

STUDENT HAPPENINGS



Having a lovely time on the first day of Kindergarten



All ready and excited for the start of Kindergarten's first day!

Chinese New Year Mufti Day



Well done to all the children, teachers and parents who made this day a wonderful success. The kids looked great in their red clothes, as did the teachers! Thank you to Tara Green and her wonderful canteen helpers for getting into the spirit of things by decorating the canteen and playgrounds with beautiful red lanterns and serving spring rolls! We hope you all have a wonderful year in the Year of the Snake!

Hao Lu



The new rubber surface under the play equipment.



'Tea and Tissues'

COMMUNITY NEWS

Road Safety Around Mosman Public School

No Parking zones:

'No Parking' signs have been installed on Gouldsbury Street, Myahgah Road and Belmont Road as drop-off/pick-up zones. In order to use these zones correctly you must follow these rules:

- You **must not** stop in this zone unless you are dropping off or picking up children.
- You must complete the dropping off and picking up process and drive on within 2 minutes.
- The time limit applies from the moment you arrive in the area, even if you stay in your car.
- You must not wait in this zone before school finishes.
- You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times.
- Fine exceeds \$165 and 2 demerit points.

Gouldsbury Street No Parking Zone:

- YOU MUST NOT QUEUE OR DOUBLE PARK down Gouldsbury Street to wait for a spot in the No Parking zone.
- If there are no more spots available you must not block the road to wait for a spot. This is deemed as double parking and also obstructing traffic.
- This can result in drivers dangerously overtaking and driving on the opposite side of the road.
- You will have to drive around the block or find a park somewhere else and walk.
- Fine exceeds \$298 and 2 demerit points.

Bus Zone on Myahgah Road:

There is a large Bus Zone on Myahgah Road for school buses.

- You must not stop in a bus zone at any time.
- When times are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies at those times.
- Fine exceeds \$298 and 2 demerit points.

AFL

- On the back of an AFL Premiership in 2012 for the Sydney Swans, 2013 is the year to play AFL with the Mosman Swans. Registration is now open at www.mosmanswans.com.au
- In 2012 the club ran a fantastic Auskick program for boys and girls aged 3 to 7, and fielded teams from under 9s through to under 16s.
- And for the first time in its history the Mosman Swans fielded a Youth Girls team. In 2013 the club hopes to field under 12 & 16 Girls only teams
- Live the Dream, Play AFL in 2013 for the Mosman Swans

KIDS KARATE

For boys and girls 5-12, advance from beginner to black belt. \$15 per class for beginners. Classes held in Mosman Public School Hall. For more information please phone 1300 304 532 or www.kids-karate.com.au