

Term 1 Week 11

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WHALER NO 5



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Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk 11	8	9 Year 6 Camp	10 Year 6 Camp	11 Year 6 Camp	12 LAST DAY FOR TERM 1
HOLIDAYS					
TERM 2 MAY Wk 1	29 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	30 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	1 STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	2	3
Wk 2	6	7	8	9	10 Mother's Day Stall
Wk 3	13	14 NAPLAN – Language Conventions & Writing	15 NAPLAN - Reading	16 NAPLAN - Numeracy	17 NAPLAN – Catch up
Wk 4	20	21 2014 Kindergarten Information Morning 9.15am. Computer Competition Yrs 5&6	22	23	24
Wk 5	27	28	29	30	31
JUN Wk 6	3	4	5 BAND CAMP. Science Competition	6 BAND CAMP	7
Wk 7	10	11	12	13	14
					JUNE 16 Mini-Mos

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful **Easter Hat Parade!** All students from Years K&1 paraded, sang and danced in their fantastic creations, all made in class. **Well done K&1 children, you were absolutely fabulous!**

Special thanks to the Kindergarten & Year 1 teachers, especially Brenna Macdonald who choreographed the event and taught the dances.

Best wishes for a great Canberra Camp to all our **Year 6 students** and their **teachers**. All of Year 6 will be in Canberra this week for a three day visit as an important component of their current study about **Government**. I am sure we will have lots to report in the next Whaler!

At the end of this week, we sadly farewell our School Administrative Manager, **Jan Morcos**, who is retiring after 24 years of service at MPS. Jan first came to our school as a teacher's aide special, supporting a disabled boy. After he went to high school she then worked as an office assistant before moving into her current role in 1996. Jan's wonderful work has ensured that all the financial operations of the school have run exceptionally smoothly and she certainly has made sure that every audit requirement has been strictly adhered to; no mean feat when you consider the frustrations associated with our system. In addition to this, Jan has carried out many other jobs, including administering first aid to children when needed. As someone said today, “Jan would have put more band-aids on knees than anyone else they knew!” I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Jan for her work at MPS and wishing her a long and happy retirement. She will be truly missed, however, we look forward to hearing news of her future adventures.

A reminder that dogs should not be brought into the school grounds or tied up at the gate. We have a number of children who are genuinely afraid of dogs, especially a little girl in Kindergarten who fearfully has to pass several dogs on her way into the school gate – not a great way to start the day.

It's hard to believe that the end of Term 1 is upon us! **School resumes for all students on Wednesday May 1st.** Along with all public schools in NSW, our teachers will be undergoing mandatory professional learning focussing on the new English Curriculum on the Monday and Tuesday of that week. Please also remember that the school day for Kindergarten ends at 3.10pm from next term which adds considerably to the traffic and lack of safe parking around the school. It would be a great time to start walking to school!

I hope you all have a safe and happy school holiday.

Best wishes,
Kate Cooper

STUDENT HAPPENING



Students in Year 3 and Year 4 have been studying the indigenous inhabitants, discovery, exploration and colonisation of Australia. **Dr Tanya Evans** (Lara and William's mum who lectures in Modern History at Macquarie University), presented an informative talk on the early days of Australian colonisation. Her talk centred on the many diverse peoples who came as convicts, free settlers, explorers, ship personnel and English Government Officials. She described that history was collecting information from many sources. Some important sources were tracing family trees (genealogy), art works, places or sites remaining from the time of settlement and government written records.

Gardening with 2B

We are very excited to be involved in the care for the new garden in the top section of the Belmont playground.

Each week, we head out to the garden with Tegan from the Green Team to tend to the herbs, vegetables and flowers that are growing.

Josh wrote this recount:

On Monday, 2B went gardening with Tegan.

First she told us what the plants were. The herbs included chives, basil and parsley. Vegetables included cauliflower and carrots. Marigold flowers were planted to keep the bugs away.

Next, we watered the plants.

Finally we went back to class.

It was great.

Here's some comments from the students about our first session:

*It was magic – Oscar *The marigolds were breathtaking – Douglas

*I'm looking forward to the next session because it is awesome gardening. - Lucas

*My favourite plants were the carrots. The watering cans were so heavy. – Elodie

*I loved gardening! - Lily



5P Van Gogh Artworks

Belle A.



Eve H.



Sean Y.



Just a reminder....BAND CAMP 5th & 6th JUNE

P&C NEWS

Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day stall will be held on **Friday 10th May**. Children are given the opportunity to purchase something special for their Mum, Grandma and carers. Gifts cost \$10 each and there is a great selection available and gift wrapping is included. Your child may purchase more than one gift. Permission slip is attached and these must be signed and returned with the full amount by **Monday 6th May**. Gifts must be **prepaid**, otherwise the children will be unable to attend the stall. We look forward to seeing your children at this very special event.

Mosman Public School P & C

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Parent's name:

Address:

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