

Term 2 Week 4

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# WHALER NO 7



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## Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk 5	27	28	29	30 Zone X-Country Back-up	31
JUN Wk 6	3	4	5 BAND CAMP. Science Competition	6 BAND CAMP	7
Wk 7	10	11	12	13	14
Wk 8	17 Writing Competition	18 Spelling Competition	19	20 Grandparents Day – Yr 1 – 9.20am	21

JUNE 16  
Mini-Mos

**At the end of this Whaler is a form with “Change of Contact Details”. If you have any changes, please complete the form and return to the front office. Thank you.**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

**Congratulations to Holly (5P).** Holly entered a competition to ‘paint the Harbour Bridge in light’ for the Vivid Sydney Festival. She had to write, in 20 words or less, what colours she would use. Holly won the competition and will be the first person to light up the bridge when the festival opens tonight. What a wonderful experience - **well done Holly!**

**Special thanks to the wonderful parents of a little girl in Kindergarten** who have donated money to the school to enable us to purchase two small sets of iPads (6 in each set) for use in the Kindergarten classrooms to support literacy and numeracy programs. Sometimes our parents make extra donations to the school; recently one of our dads also made a special donation in addition to his resource/technology fee and we have another mum who has donated every year since her daughter commenced Kindergarten. **This really demonstrates the generosity of the MPS community.**

The **Mini-Mos** is speeding towards us! This week we welcomed **Pat Farmer** back to our school. Pat spoke to the children at assembly and also led a training session on Allan Border Oval for two children from each class K-6 (names drawn from a hat). Pat is extremely generous with his time and great support of MPS and the Mini-Mos, it is always an enormous pleasure to have him in our school. We all look forward to seeing him on race day.

**Thank you Pat Farmer!**

**A reminder** that you can support our **Mini-Mos Charities - ASPECT (Autism Spectrum Australia) and the Unicorn Foundation** online, there is a link from the P&C & the Mini-Mos websites. We would love to reach our target of raising \$15,000 for each charity.

**Information Morning for Kindergarten 2014** was held this week with a large number of prospective parents attending. If you know of someone who is planning to send their child to MPS next year and could not attend, we will be holding another one on June 18<sup>th</sup>. **Thank you to Sandra Obakpolo and the Kindy 2013 mums who provided a delicious morning tea.**



You may have noticed the increased pick-up/drop-off space in **Gouldsbury Street**. Whilst we really welcome this safety initiative by Mosman Council, it has resulted in decreased long term parking for our teachers. There are a few spaces on the opposite side of Gouldsbury Street but these are taken quickly so that teachers often need to park a considerable way from the school, carrying heavy bags of marking etc. We have very limited parking in the school grounds with no viable way to increase it, so that is not an option. Could I ask that if you come to school early in the morning for band and other activities that you

consider parking in a 2 Hour Zone so that the few long term street spaces available can be used by teachers who are often at school from 8am to as late as 6pm.

Please remember that the school grounds become slippery in wet weather, especially the artificial grass surfaces. Please do not play soccer and other games in the grounds in wet weather; we had a number of accidents yesterday after school. Also, please don't forget that all children must be supervised by their own parent/carer when using the grounds after school.

Many of you are accessing our website for up-to-date information. A reminder that sport news, including grade sport, is also on the website which can be accessed on [www.mosman-p.schools.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mosman-p.schools.det.nsw.edu.au).

Best wishes,

Kate Cooper

## Just a reminder....BAND CAMP 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE

### STUDENT HAPPENINGS

#### Kindergarten Information Morning

A Kindergarten Information Morning was held at Mosman Public School for prospective parents to meet the Principal, Mrs Kate Cooper, and to tour the school to view the playgrounds and classrooms. Kate Cooper began the Information Morning at 9:15am by addressing the parents in the school hall before mums and dads observed students working in class. Morning tea followed where parents had an opportunity to socialise and talk to some of this year's Kindy parents.



#### Netball NSW Schools Cup

On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, Mosman Public School's Red Netball Team took part in the Netball NSW Schools Cup, held at Willoughby Leisure Centre. The team played six round robin games versing schools from a variety of areas. The girls displayed outstanding team work and skill on the day, winning five out of their six games. They were Runners Up for Pool A. Fantastic effort girls!

Miss Erica Pizzolato



## P&C NEWS

### **Mother's Day Stall**

A big thank you to all our Year 2 volunteers who helped out at the Mother's Day Stall. The children had a wonderful time selecting gifts for the very special people in their lives. We hope you all enjoyed your presents and had a lovely relaxing Mother's Day! Very special thanks to the stall co-ordinators, Michelle Brown, Melanie Hirst, Samantha Clayton & Lisa Blackwell-Smith for an outstanding job!

### **Uniform shop news**

#### **Buy your uniform online**

The uniform shop is now online! You can order all your children's uniform items from the School 24 site and they will be delivered to your child's class within a few days. Just head to [www.school24.com.au](http://www.school24.com.au) via the MPS P&C website and sign in with your canteen login. Then click on the 'uniform shop' button and start ordering!

**Please note that you cannot purchase items of uniform using funds in your canteen account. Instructions for payment via paypal or direct transfer are given during the order process.**

Of course you can continue to come to the shop in person (open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8.30am to 10.00am) or drop your orders with payment to the school office instead.

### **We're always on the lookout for new volunteers**

Fancy getting in on the action? If you feel you could use an hour of life in the fast lane once in a while, come and volunteer at the shop one morning a term. Guaranteed to be hectic and heaps of fun. Your kids will love seeing you behind the desk!

### **Have you got plastic bags to spare?**

We are always looking for recycled plastic or paper bags at the shop, so if any of you are hoarding a pile of supermarket bags and would consider donating them we'd be really grateful. Just drop them into the shop on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning before 10am.

### **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 a new volunteer to teach Years 3-4 ethics classes.** 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.

**If you have had a change of address, phone numbers or email please complete the following information and return it to school.**

**Student's name:** ..... **Class:** .....

**Parent's name:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Email address:** .....

**Mum (home)** ..... **Mum (work)** .....

**Mum (mobile)** .....

**Dad (home)** ..... **Dad (work)** .....

**Dad (mobile)** .....

**If at any time during the year the above information changes please let the school know.**

**If at any time you do not receive the WHALER via email please check with the office to see if you are on the mailing list.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Office Staff**