

Term 3 Week 2

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Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
JUL/ AUG Wk 3	29	30 Education Open Day 10-11.10am	31 English Competition	1	2
Wk 4	5	6	7	8 K-2 Sports Carnival 9am- 12.15pm Maths Competition	9
Wk 5	12	13	14	15 Zone Field + 800m race K-2 Carnival back-up	16
Wk 6	19 Zone Track Life Education	20 Life Education	21 Life Education	22 Life Education	23 Life Education
Wk 7	26 Life Education	27 Life Education	28 Life Education	29 Life Education Book Parade	30 Life Education Father's Day Stall
SEP Wk 8	2 Life Education	3 Life Education	4	5	6
Wk 9	9	10	11	12	13
Wk 10	16	17	18	19	20
21 st September 7 th October HOLIDAYS					
Term 4 Wk 1 Oct	7 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	8	9	10	11

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Term 3 has started very smoothly. A special welcome to the many new families who have joined us this term, we hope you are all feeling very much 'at home' at MPS.

Last Thursday we all enjoyed a fantastic **Athletics Carnival** for Years 3 – 6.

- Congratulations to **Steve Dowler** for your highly efficient organisation and management of the event. Your commitment and work, above and beyond the call of duty, ensured the success of the carnival.
- Special thanks to **Tina Baird** and her wonderful team of **parent volunteers** for your fabulous work – we could not manage without your amazing support.
- Special thanks to **all teachers** and to **Matt Fletcher** for a terrific job across all areas of the carnival.
- Last, but certainly not least,
Congratulations to all our runners in Years 3-6, you were fabulous! It was particularly good to see how well you support each other and clearly demonstrate excellent sportsmanship.

Well Done All! Congratulations to those who made it to **Zone Level**.

Our **Drama Group** has performed at **NIDA** this week. I hear that you were all magnificent, well done! Very special thanks to **Aisling Duke & Ben van Biljon** for your wonderful work in training the children.

Oscar Blaxland (brother of Wilbur, Year 3) and his fellow musicians performed superbly at our Years 3-6 Assembly this week. Everyone raved about the performance! Thank you so much Oscar and friends for giving up your time to entertain our students.

Special thanks to **Eloise King** (mother of Max 2B) for organising **Gummaroy and Derek** to perform at the K-2 Assembly this week. Gummaroy is a very well-known Aboriginal performer and we were so privileged to have him give such an enthralling and wonderful demonstration of Aboriginal music, dance and culture for our children.

Thank you Gummaroy and Derek for donating your time and fabulous skills so generously to our school.

You all should have received an email this week regarding a **Chinese Language Information Evening** to be held in our library at **7pm on Tuesday August 6th**. I urge you to attend, as both myself and Mrs Susan Wyatt, Principal of Mosman High School; will talk about the continuum of learning in Chinese language from Kindergarten through to Year 12 and the exciting opportunities it will provide. The teachers of Chinese language, both from MPS and the High School, will also be at the meeting.

Best wishes,
Kate Cooper

From the Office...Just a reminder that Stewart House bags are to be dropped off under the mural, near the canteen by next Wednesday, 31st July. Thank you!

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Library News

All Premier's Reading Challenge reading records for students in Years 1-6 need to be completed by August 23rd (the end of Week 6) in order to be validated.

Book Week 2013 (Week 6) is almost here! This year the theme is 'Read across the Universe'.

Kindergarten students are experiencing the shortlisted picture books in library time.

Students in Years 1 and 2 will be junior judges to see if their favourite shortlisted book wins the CBCA book of the year award as deemed by the panel of adult judges.

Students in Years 3-6 are being encouraged to 'Read across the Genres', experiencing a wide variety of genres, beyond what they would normally choose.

Our Book Parade, when book characters come to life and the celebration of children's literature moves to the playground, is taking place on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 29th**. On this day students are asked to dress up as a character from a book. They need to know the name of their character and, for the older grades, to what book the character belongs. Please note that this is not a mufti day and if your child does not want to take part, he or she should wear his or her school uniform.

Athletics Carnival

This year's Athletics Carnival was an entertaining event for all involved. All competitive events had high levels of participation. Students and parents were very encouraging, which made for an exciting and spirited atmosphere.

A big thank you must go to Tina Baird (Parent Organiser) all the teachers and the many parents who assisted with the running of the Carnival. The Carnival would not have been such a triumph without everyone's invaluable assistance.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the day's events and earned valuable points for their house. Well done to the students who excelled in the competitive events and have been selected to go on to the next level of competition. We wish them well at the Zone Athletics Carnival in weeks 5 and 6. Athletics champions will be announced and ribbons awarded at an assembly.



Grace and Julie enjoying the Carnival



Lots of fun playing tunnel ball

Creative and Performing Arts News

Acacia String Rehearsal



On Monday 22nd July, the String Ensemble had their first combined rehearsal for their Opera House Concert. It was a raging success, though everyone had to work very hard. The music must be played from memory and it is challenging, to say the least.

TICKETS GO ON SALE FROM THE OPERA HOUSE BOX OFFICE next Monday 29th July at 9.00am. The phone number is 9250 7777 or online at www.sydneyoperahouse.com. There will be a huge rush, so stay committed until you get your seats. Only 4 tickets can be purchased at a time and there is an \$8.50 booking fee. Cellos are on the right hand side and First Violins on the left, as you look at the stage.



THE ARTSNORTH FESTIVAL OF DRAMA

The Year 5 Drama Group is performing at NIDA this week in the ArtsNorth Festival of Drama and they were excitedly putting the finishing touches to their performance on Tuesday morning.

We look forward to seeing their play in the next few weeks.



BRAVO SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE THIS WEEKEND FOR JUNIOR AND PERFORMANCE BAND

at The Sydney Life Church, 31 the Crescent Mosman

SATURDAY, 27th July AFTERNOON at 1.45pm

Performance day is fast approaching, to follow are the details you'll need to ensure your kids arrive on time ready to make great music together.

Where to drop off: The Village Green (square patch of grass where the Mosman Markets are usually held).

When to drop off: 1.45pm at the Village Green for a quick rehearsal at 2pm in the venue which is just down from our meeting point.

What to Bring: instrument (those that are larger and normally stored at school will be picked up beforehand), and sheet music. We will use the school music stands.

What to Wear: Performing Arts Uniform (PA white polo shirt, black pants, black socks and black shoes).

Where to Listen: to yours and other talented children: The Sydney Life Church 31 The Crescent Mosman. The doors will open at 2.15pm and tickets are approx \$12 per family - no cost for performers. High tea will be available to buy at the venue.

Running Order: Performance starts at 2.30pm, and is broken into 2 parts with an interval for high tea from 3.15pm until 3.45pm - during which time the stage bands will keep you entertained. Part 2 commences at 3.45pm and we'll be finished and ready to pack up by 4.30pm. All bands will be playing in both parts.

This is going to be a great event with bands from Wheeler Heights Public School also playing, and a few singing items as well. Thank you all for supporting your children and the PA program at Mosman Public School.