

Term 3 Week 4

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## Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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 Great Book Swap	5	6
Wk 9	9	10	11	12	13
Wk 10	16	17	18	19	20
21 <sup>st</sup> September 7 <sup>th</sup> October HOLIDAYS					
Term 4 OCT Wk 1	7 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	8	9	10	11
Wk 2	14	15	16	17	18
Wk 3	21	22	23	24	25
NOV Wk 4	28	29 K2014 Orientation Day	30	31	1
Wk 5	4	5 K2014 Orientation Day	6	7	8

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our **Open Morning** held last week. I do apologise again for the short notice but it was wonderful that so many parents, grandparents and special friends were able to join us. I am sure you will agree that the MPS classrooms are fantastic, stimulating places with happy children busily engaged in learning.

**Special thanks to all our teachers for an amazing job!**

**Congratulations to Year 6** who did a fabulous job planting shrubs and grasses last week for **National Schools Tree Day**. As well as planting, Year 6 students spoke to all classes about caring for the natural environment and the importance of trees.

**Thank you to:**

- **Year 6 and their teachers** for excellent work.
- **Colin Cobcroft** for organising the day.
- **The P&C Green Team** for all their support, assistance and ordering the plants.
- **Bunnings** for their generous donation of mulch, tools, aprons, gloves and compost bins, also to Derek and Lucy for your help on the day.
- **Tony Firth** for digging the holes and helping with the planting.

I am currently looking at the MPS staffing for 2014. If you have not yet enrolled your child for Kindergarten next year, or know someone who has not, please do so ASAP. Also, if your child will not be returning to MPS next year, could you please let the office know.

Let us keep fingers crossed for good weather for the postponed **K-2 Sports Carnival** next Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> August) after it was rained out by the only wet day in a while! I hope to see many of you there.

Best wishes,  
Kate Cooper

## STUDENT HAPPENINGS

### Library News

All Premier's Reading Challenge reading records for students in Years 1-6 need to be completed by August 23<sup>rd</sup> (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 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### Multicultural Public Speaking



Congratulations to Emily of 5P. On Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, Emily competed in the Multicultural Public Speaking Regional Finals and won. We wish her luck for the State Finals later in the year. Well done Emily!

## Creative and Performing Arts News

### NSW Band Festival

On Saturday, the Junior Band and Performance Band performed at the NSW Band Festival at the UNSW in Kensington. It was a great experience for our young players, playing in a giant auditorium for their parents and extended families. Both bands achieved a bronze award and the Junior Band an award for future development. Thank you to all who made the effort.



*A big bright hello from our wonderful Performance Band and their conductor, Cheryl.*

## BALLYKIN PRESCHOOL EXCURSION

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August the Junior String Ensemble played for the students at Ballykin Pre-School. The young pre-schoolers sat mesmerised during the concert and then had some time with the students looking and learning about the violin and cello. Thank you Isobel Rolfe (Gabriel and Naimh's mother), the Junior String Coordinator and their conductor, Ella Jamieson. Thank you to the parents who helped to carry the music stands. We plan to keep the visits a regular feature of our music program.



*Rosie shows off the cello*



*Gretel shows off the violin*



*Intently bowing*



## P&C NEWS

### Father's Day Stall

Our Father's Day stall will be held on **Friday 30th August**. Children are given the opportunity to purchase something special for their Dad, Grandad and carers. Gifts cost \$10 each and there is a great selection available; gift wrapping is also included. Your child may purchase more than one gift. The permission slip is attached and this must be signed and returned with the full amount by Friday 23rd August. Alternatively you can purchase online via the canteen website at [mosman.school24.com.au](http://mosman.school24.com.au). We look forward to seeing your children at this very special event.

### National Schools Tree Day

On Friday 26th July each of our Year 6 students participated in planting out 70 native shrubs and ground covers in the garden beds between the covered playground and Myahgah Rd. The activity was part of Planet Ark's National Tree Day, an event inviting everyone to venture into the great outdoors, do something positive for the environment, and connect with nature.

We are becoming increasingly aware of the benefits of interacting with nature for the health, wellbeing and development of our children. Planet Ark has a number of downloadable research reports including Climbing Trees: getting Aussie kids back outside (2011), Planting Trees: just what the doctor ordered (2012), and Missing Trees: the inside story of an outdoor nation (2013) <http://treeday.planetark.org/about/health-benefits.cfm>.

Our sincere thanks go to Colin Cobcroft for his continual commitment to involving our students in events like National Tree Day and steering everyone along the path to make the experience as smooth as possible. Thanks also to Tony for his assistance on the day, and to Charlotte and Tegan from the Green Team for selecting and organising the plants and also for their assistance on the day. Our final thanks go to Harvest Seeds & Native Plants for the great discounts on purchases and the healthy and varied plant stock, and to Bunnings Belrose for donating planting compost, hand trowels and gloves, and two new compost tumblers.

Keep your eyes tuned to the Green Team page (<http://www.mosmanpublicpandc.org.au/category/green-team/>) of the P&C website for a post about each of the species we planted on the day and what they will hopefully look like as they settle in to our gardens.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### JOIN IN THE FUN WITH NORTH STEYNE NIPPERS

Sydney Northern Beaches Most Outstanding Club for Youth  
and Junior Development 2012/13

North Steyne Nippers invite boys and girls aged from 5-14 years to join for the upcoming season. The emphasis is on FUN and education and includes activities such as beach sprints and flag races, wading, swimming, board paddling and other novelty events. Everyone is encouraged to join in and have a go. A Surf Education program is also included to raise surf awareness and help keep our children safe on the beach.

We are very interested in hearing from runners or swimmers who would like to compete for the club this season.

We have 2 official registration days – September 8th and 15th between 9am to noon at North Steyne Surf Club (we are the middle surf club on the stretch of beach at Manly). If registering for the first time, please bring your child's birth certificate.

For more information please call Chris Dooley on 0433 648 615