

Term 3 Week 8

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## Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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 Yr 5 Interrelate
Wk 2	14 Yr 3 Swimming	15 Yr 3 Swimming	16	17	18 Yr 5 Interrelate
Wk 3	21 Yr 3 Swimming	22 Yr 3 Swimming	23	24	25 Yr 6 Interrelate
NOV Wk 4	28 Yr 3 Swimming	29 K2014 Orientation Day Y3 Swimming	30	31	1 Yr 6 Interrelate
Wk 5	4 Yr 3 Swimming	5 K2014 Orientation Day Yr 3 Swimming	6	7	8 Yr 6 Interrelate
Wk 6	11 Yr 3 Swimming	12 Yr 3 Swimming	13	14	15 Yr 6 Interrelate
Wk 7	18 Yr 3 Swimming	19 Yr 3 Swimming	20	21	22
Wk 8	25 Yr 3 Swimming	26 Yr 3 Swimming	27	28	29
DEC Wk 9	2 SCHOOL MUSICAL Yr 3 Swimming	3 SCHOOL MUSICAL Yr 3 Swimming	4	5 SCHOOL MUSICAL	6
Wk 10	9 Yr 3 Swimming	10 Yr 3 Swimming	11 Yr 6 Camp	12 Yr 6 Camp	13 Yr 6 Camp K-2 Christmas Concert 12.00
Wk 11	16	17 Yr 6 Presentation Assembly and Dinner	18	Students go on holiday. Teachers Professional Learning Days	

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

### Congratulations to:

- **our Senior String Ensemble** who performed superbly at the Opera House recently in the Acacia Instrumental Concert. **Well done and special thanks to Doug Cotterill** for your wonderful work with our young string players.
- **our Year 4 ArtsNorth Choir** who performed at the Opera House this week in the Northern Sydney Choral Festival. You sang beautifully as part of a large massed choir. **Well done and special thanks to Leisha Scott** for training our fantastic singers.
- **Ruby in 2V.** Ruby and other children from around the world took part in the International Children's Comic Festival held in South Korea. As well as her own entry, Ruby took comics drawn by her classmates in 2V which were also displayed at the festival. **Ruby won a trophy** which she presented to me and I accepted on behalf of the school and 2V. **Well done Ruby!**

Everyone looked amazing at the **Book Week Parade** held last week **Congratulations children (and parents) and our teachers** for your brilliant costumes. **Congratulations and thank you to Maddy Goto** for a wonderful day.

**A reminder that you should not post pictures of teachers and students** on websites, facebook, instagram, youtube etc. **without their knowledge and permission.** Please be aware of privacy issues and that there are often safety and security reasons as to why such pictures should not be posted.

**A reminder that the Gouldsbury Play Equipment is out of bounds both before and after school.** We have had some quite serious accidents and there are no teachers on duty on the play equipment at these times.

We are all looking forward to the **Performing Arts Gala Night** to be held in the hall next **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm.** As always, it should be a wonderful concert. **Thank you Barbara Tauber & the Performing Arts Committee** for organising this annual event.

Best wishes,  
Kate Cooper

## STUDENT HAPPENINGS



### Book Parade 2013

A fantastic morning was had by all, students and teachers alike, at our Book Parade last Thursday. The sun shone and the playground was transformed into a colourful celebration of books and literature. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm from the children and to hear animated discussions about their book characters!



### One Fabulous Day

On a sunny Thursday morning, our school held a fantastic book parade. Everyone dressed up as a character from one of their favourite books.

Some of the most popular characters included Wally, from Where's Wally?, Harry from Harry Potter, Darth Vader from Star Wars and Tweedle Dum or Tweedle Dee, from Alice in Wonderland. The teachers' outfits were amazing! Mrs Grayson and Miss Watson dressed up as Sadako from Sadako and the Thousand Cranes, Mrs Scott was Santa Claus and Mr Bagnall dressed up as Willy Wonka.

Everyone paraded around Belmont Playground in their wonderful outfits with their buddies and friends. The music was playing loudly as class by class walked around. The atmosphere was great with the sound of laughing children and happy voices.

Everyone had a brilliant day and we are already talking about our costumes for next year's Book Parade.

By Charlotte and Alisa

### Our 2013 Spelling Bee finalists are:

**Juniors:** Angus G & James W

**Seniors:** Sophie G & Maddie F

Unfortunately James and Maddie are not available to participate in the Regional Final on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.**

A big thank you to our runners up; Claudia H & Stephanie B for stepping in to help represent our school. We wish both the junior & senior team lots of luck. Our gratitude also to the following teachers who have given the children the opportunity to participate again in this year's Spelling Bee; Mrs Wilson, Ms Gates, Ms Jessop, Ms Hudson, Ms O'Neill.

Ms Sullivan, Spelling Bee coordinator



### **The Great Book Swap**

Wow what a success the Great Book Swap was this week - together we raised **\$567** for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation! Well done everyone!

The ILF will use these funds in their programs to raise literacy levels and improve opportunities for Indigenous Australians living in remote communities . . . check the map at [www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/community-map.html#](http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/community-map.html#) to see just where those communities are. \$10 buys one book; \$20 buys 3 more books for an indigenous child living in a remote community. \$100 buys a series of books for remote communities, and \$140 buys a Book Buzz early literacy pack for a child or family. To find out more about the work of the ILF please go to [www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au](http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au)

We were fortunate enough to also have a good number of books left over, which will be donated to another great initiative; the Australian Literacy & Numeracy Foundation. ALNF is an independent charity dedicated to raising national language, literacy and numeracy standards, again focussing on remote and marginalised communities. For more about their work, please go to [www.alnf.org](http://www.alnf.org)

Thank you to Tegan, Layle and all the parent helpers for their work in the lead up and on the day. Thank you also to the library for accommodating us so well, and to our great teachers for all their support. Also, a very big special thank you to all the children who got involved. We hope you had as much fun as we did choosing your new book and that you enjoy reading it; it might even be a genre or author you've never read before!

Be very proud of your willingness to share and of the great fundraising we have done together. Let's look forward to an even bigger Swap next year!

### **Book Swap**

The book swap of 2013 has been a massive success. A team of 3 mothers, led by Tegan Burton organised this lovely event! The book swap is where children in Years 3-6 donate loved books that they know will entertain new readers. Classes were called down to the library for students to donate a gold coin so they could choose their new book. The gold coins are then donated to the indigenous literacy association where the money will be used to buy essentials. The left over books are given to the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation for other children to enjoy.







*Ruby presenting her lovely glass trophy to Mrs Cooper, 2V and Mr van Biljon*

## **The Aboriginal Experience**

At 9.45am on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 5A walked down to the Aboriginal Experience in the Gouldsbury playground. We were greeted by Les who told us all about the Aboriginal times before the First Fleet came. We learned what the different types of spears are and how they were used; we also learned what the three types of Boomerangs were. He told us that when they were children they were not allowed to talk or even look away when their elders were teaching! The consequence was a hard beating.

After learning tons about the Aboriginal culture we played two games that the Aboriginal children played to improve their hunting skills. One was we had to throw bean bags into two hoops; the further one being two points and the closer one being one. We tallied the scores up and it was great fun! After that we played a game where you have to throw a tennis ball at the painting of a kangaroo which was a moving target. It became harder and harder and eventually the target turned into a small snake.

We all found it extreme fun! 5A all agree that the Aboriginal Experience was an excellent class!

*Sam G 5A*

## **The Aboriginal Experience – Recounts from KH**

Yesterday, I went to the Aboriginal Experience with KH and Les. First Les taught us about boomerangs. Next Les taught us about long sticks. Then we got to play some games. I had a fantastic time. *Holly R*

Yesterday, KH went to the Aboriginal show. First Les told us about all different Aboriginal stories. Next he taught us about the bush. Last we played a game, team two won. I had fun. *Tom G*

Yesterday, I went to the Aboriginal Experience with KH and Les. First Les taught us about the boomerangs. Next Les taught us about bush animals. Then we played some games. *Novak P*

## **SPORT NEWS**

### **Zone Athletics**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Zone Track and Field Athletic Carnivals on 15th and 19th August. The conditions were perfect at the Narrabeen Athletics Centre: the sun was shining, the events ran on time and the students participated with enthusiasm and had fun. Many parents turned up in support and enjoyed cheering the athletes on. A huge thank you to our parent helpers Bianca Lopes Cardozo and Charlotte Blaxland for excellent organisation on the day. It was wonderful seeing the children representing our school and performing at their best against students from other local schools. The quality of competition was very strong. Special congratulations go to the following athletes who will progress through to the regional carnival:

Ruby C - 1st in 800m

Ratchaphak P - 1st in 100m

Luke Mc - 2nd in 800m

For more information and photos see this link:

Zone athletic information and photos link is below:

<http://www.mosman-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/zone-track-and-field-carnivals>

### **Age Group Champions**

At a recent assembly a small cohort of very talented athletes were acknowledged as Athletics Champions for their age group for their excellent athletics prowess displayed during the year. Congratulations to:

Junior Boys Champion - Ratchaphak P  
Junior Girls Champion - Maggie G  
11 Years Boys Champion - Gabriel S  
11 Years Girls Champion - Madeline F  
12/13 Years Boys Champion - Luke Mc  
12/13 Years Girls Champion - Jessie B

Age Group Champions link and photo link is below:

<http://www.mosman-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/sports-physical-activity/carnivals>

## **MPS Sport Committee**

### **Creative and Practical Arts News**

See the attachment for organisation for the Gala Evening this Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm.

### **Instrument and Arts North Festivals**

Thanks you to the Senior Strings, involved in the Instrument Festival on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August, and the ArtsNorth Year 4 Festival choir on Tuesday evening this week. Without a doubt, this would not be happening if not for the dedicated teachers and parents involved in supporting great programs offered by Public Schools in NSW. Our kids were fantastic ambassadors and they were involved in musical experiences to talk about for many years to come.

Barbara Tauber

Performing Arts Coordinator



**The Senior Strings were magnificent and the stage looked amazing.**

## **P&C NEWS**

### **Father's Day Stall**

A big thank you to all our Year 3 volunteers who helped out at the Father's Day stall held last Friday. Also, a big thank you to Tara and the team in the canteen, who sent out nourishing goodies for the Mums.

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 Father's Day!

Very special thanks to the stall co-ordinators, Michelle Brown, Melanie Hirst, Samantha Clayton, Lisa Blackwell-Smith & Amanda Mullaney for a truly outstanding job!

Mosman Public School P & C

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### MOSMAN SCHOOL GIRLS JOIN FIGHT FOR CURE OF RARE CANCER

Year 3 Students from local Mosman public school want your help to raise money and awareness for a rare form of cancer, by supporting the not for profit *Unicorn Foundation*.

**WHERE:** MOSMAN MARKETS @VILLAGE

**WHEN:** This Saturday 7th September

**HOW:** Lime'onade stall, tasty refreshing drinks

You can help support the girls by visiting their stall at this Saturday's Mosman Market and buying a tasty, refreshing home made Lime'onade drink



Unicorn  
Foundation

*Seeking the cure for  
Neuroendocrine Cancers*



## Latest news

### Chess class

The chess class at Mosman Public School runs on Friday mornings from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm.

If you are interested in joining the chess class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au).

### Upcoming chess events

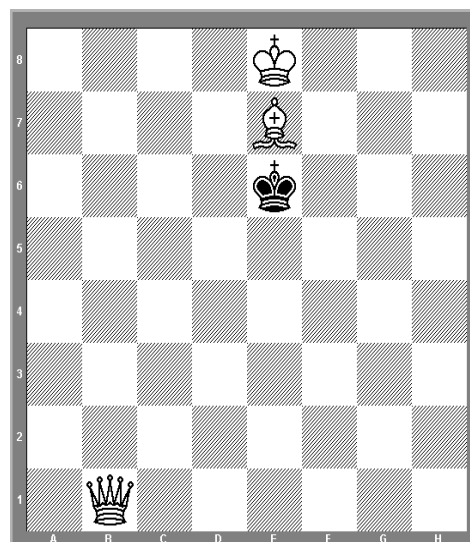
24 September: Inner West Chess Challenge

26-30 September: Holiday Coaching Clinics

28 September: Pymble Saturday Fun

[sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](http://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au)

## Chess puzzle



**Puzzle nr. 1:** White to play and checkmate in 1 move



Invites everyone to the Bowls Club at  
82 Bradleys Head Road to enjoy the fun of

# COMMUNITY MARKET DAY

Sunday 15th September 2013  
10am – 3pm

**Great food and refreshments**

Come for breakfast, egg and bacon rolls, Devonshire tea/coffee, soft drinks, and an all day Sausage Sizzle.

**20+ market stalls, more available**

Browse jewelry, produce, white elephant, fashion, Chilean clothing, bring your knives to be sharpened, travel vouchers and many more plus a Scouts Car wash.

**Bowls and Spiders**

Free demonstrations and barefoot bowls. Spiders every hour for fantastic prizes donated by local businesses. \$5 entry for a bowl. All bowl at same time from around the green at a central target to determine winners.

**Major Raffle tickets \$5**

Benefiting the Royal Flying Doctor Service. First prize & 6 additional prizes. First prize is a weekend stay for 10 persons at Beautiful Heatherton House Blackheath five minutes walk from village shops & cafes plus voucher x2 for High Tea at Lilianfels, tea at Paragon Katoomba, horse rides at Packsaddlers Megalong, Family discovery pass at Scenic World and a tour with Blue Mountains Historical Society.

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