

Term 3 Week 10

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Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
21st September 7th 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 Scholastic Book Fair	17 Scholastic Book Fair	18 Scholastic Book Fair 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,

The **Performing Arts Gala Night** held last week was amazing! We enjoyed wonderful performances from the bands, string ensembles, choirs, dance group and drama group as well as two terrific individual performances.

Congratulations to:

- **All our young musicians, singers, dancers and actors** – you made us all feel very proud. Your performances were stunning.
- **Barbara Tauber, Tracy Miles and the Performing Arts Committee for a truly brilliant job!** The organisation ran like clockwork, no mean feat with so many children involved.
- **Our fantastic music teachers, conductors, dance, drama and choir leaders – Brad Madigan, Cheryl Oxley, Doug Cotterill, Ella Jamieson, Leisha Scott, Sam Jessop, Vanessa Grayson, Barbara Tauber, Elise Hudson, Aisling Duke & Ben van Biljon.** No wonder our students perform so well with teachers of such high quality.
- **All the MPS teachers** who gave up their night to help in so many ways to ensure that the night flowed so smoothly.

You all gave us a night to remember!

On Monday, the **Year 3 Choir** performed as part of a massed choir in a sensational concert for the **Primary Proms** held at the **Sydney Town Hall**.

Special thanks to the children and especially to **Sam Jessop** who trained and accompanied the choir. **Well done!**

As mentioned previously, I am in the process of organising staffing for 2014. If your child will not be returning to MPS next year, please let the office know. Also, if you have not yet enrolled your child for Kindergarten 2014 (or you know someone who has not) please can you do so ASAP.

I have never known a term fly by so quickly! I hope you enjoy a safe and happy school holiday and look forward to seeing you all when Term 4 commences on Tuesday October 8th.

Best wishes,
Kate Cooper

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Sport News

The Primary Schools Challenge tennis tournament was held on Saturday evening 7th September. Charlie B and Josh G were runners up. Well done.

The next tournament is on Saturday 2 November.

<http://www.nsta.com.au>



Library News

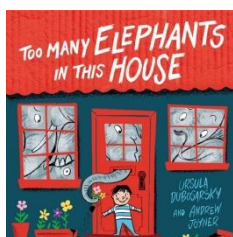
Congratulations to the record number of children who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year – 338 in total!

Special congratulations to the three Year 5 students, 23 from Year 4, 18 from Year 3, 51 from Year 2 and 66 from Year 1 who completed the challenge independently. The remainder of Year 1 and all Kindergarten students completed the challenge in their library classes and their classrooms – a great achievement by all! Well done!

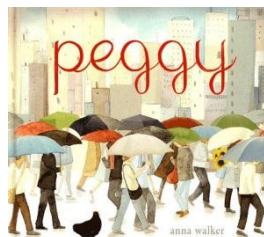
As part of Book Week celebrations, children in Years 3-6 were challenged to Read Across the Genres, reading a variety of novels from eight different genres. Congratulations to Natalie W. (4A), James W. (4G) and Kanav A. (4G) for completing this challenge.

Year 1 read five of the books that were shortlisted by the Children's Book Council of Australia for Early Childhood Book of the Year and voted on them. Here are the results:

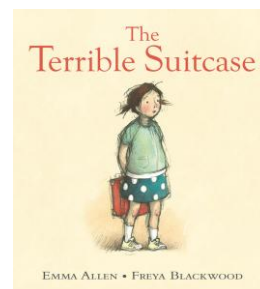
1st place



2nd place

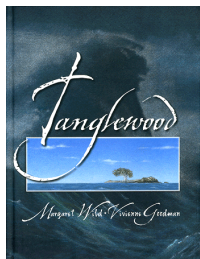


3rd place

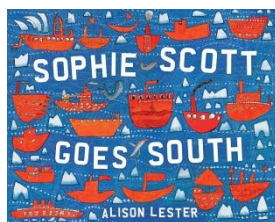


Here are the results of the five books read by Year 2 from the CBCA Picture Book of the Year category:

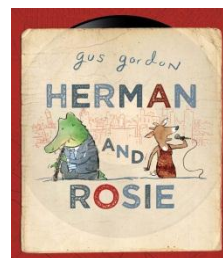
1st place



2nd place



3rd place



Creative and Practical Arts News

What a great term everyone. As they say in the movies, 'thanks for the memories.'

The Gala Night was a final triumph for all.



The Junior Band ready to rock



Here comes the Senior Choir



Ready to dance up a storm



All choirs joined for the Finale

Barbara Tauber

Performing Arts Coordinator

Newsletter Item for Parents and Carers



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Important Notice - Research in the School

The school is participating in the Aspirations Study, a research project run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at the University of Newcastle.

Students in Years 4, 6, 8 and 10 will be completing a survey during class time. If you do not want the data to be given to the researchers, please return a withdrawal form to the school. Withdrawal forms are available from the school office.

For more information or to download a withdrawal form, please visit www.newcastle.edu.au/aspirations.



P&C NEWS

Coming Next Term ... **The Scholastic Book Fair**

We are pleased to announce that the Book Fair is coming back to Mosman Public School. At the fair you will be able to purchase books for your children, to further develop their love of reading. It is also a source of fund raising for our school.

Your children will have a chance to explore the fair between 10th and 15th October with their classes. The fair will then be open for sales.

Book Fair Dates: Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th October

Shopping Hours: 8.30-11.10am & 2.00-3.45pm each day

Where: The School Library

Payment for books will be by cash or credit card at the fair or (for the first time) you can prepay online (by credit card) and then submit your order using the wish list / invitation that your child will receive.

We hope to see you there!

