

Term 4 Week 4

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Dates to Remember

Term 4					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
NOV Week 5	3 Yr 3 Swimming	4 Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Day – 9.15am Yr 3 Swimming	5	6	7 Yr 6 Interrelate
Week 6	10 Yr 3 Swimming, National Recycling Week	11 Yr 3 Swimming	12 Stage 3 2015 parent meeting: 6-7pm	13	14 Yr 6 Interrelate
Week 7	17 Yr 3 Swimming	18 Yr 3 Swimming	19 Year 6 Fair Day	20	21
Week 8	24 Yr 3 Swimming	25 Yr 3 Swimming	26 Student well-being parent forum: 6-7pm	27	28 International day of People with Disability - Year
DEC Week 9	1 Yr 3 Swimming	2 Yr 3 Swimming Stage 3 Musical – Performance Night	3 Stage 3 Musical – Performance Night	4 Kinder Teddy Bear Picnic	5 Kinder Teddy Bear Picnic
Week 10	8 Yr 3 Swimming	9 Yr 3 Swimming	10 Year 6 Camp	11 Year 6 Camp Year 2 Concert – 10-11am Kinder and Year 1 Concert 12:30-1:30	12 Year 6 Camp Student Reports home
Week 11	15 Year 6 Student Reports home	16 Year 6 Presentation Assembly Year 6 Dinner Year 3 & 4 to Chinaman's Beach	17 Last day for students	18 Teacher Professional Learning – Students on Holiday	19 Teacher Professional Learning – Students on Holiday
HOLIDAYS - December 18 to January 28					

15 ArtFest
Show

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to the 21 entries from our school in this year's Combined Schools Art Exhibition run by Mosman Council through the library. Our School Captains Emily & Julian proudly accepted a gift of books for our school library on behalf of our artists. Many thanks to Mrs Hodge for coordinating our entries in to the competition.

World Teachers' Day – Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that our teachers have made to the community. Internationally, WTD is celebrated on the first Friday in October, however, as that day is usually during school holidays, in Australia we celebrate on the last Friday in October. I know all our students and parents join me in acknowledging the magnificent work our teachers do every day at Mosman PS – they truly make our school great! On behalf of a grateful school community, I presented each teacher with an apple and chocolate as a token of our appreciation.



Drama Festival – congratulations to our drama group who performed to a full house at the Seymour Centre last week as part of the NSW Drama Festival. Our dramatists wowed the appreciative audience with humour, stage presence and some over the top melodramatics. The group have been rehearsing their playbuilt piece since the beginning of the year under the guidance of our equally dramatic Ms Duke & Mr van Biljon. My thanks to the whole team for a great Festival.

Kindergarten Orientation – started on Tuesday and the parents of 126 pre-schoolers eagerly hung upon every word of wisdom uttered by Mr Cobcroft. Our Year 6 helpers were fantastic in their roles as parent chaperones and classroom support. I can report the shedding of no tears – even by the children! Our second session will be held next Tuesday, November 4 at 9.30am in the hall.

Student Well-being – parents / carers are invited to participate in a forum on the future shaping of our student well-being programs at Mosman PS. Held in our library on **Wednesday November 26, 2014** from 6pm, parents are asked to indicate their interest in writing [note, phone, email to school] by Friday November 21.

Student invoices close on Friday November 21 in time for our financial roll over. All accounts must be settled by this date. We ask that no payments via cash, cheque or credit card or **direct deposits** be made in to the school's bank account. Outstanding invoices after 21/11/14 will be reissued in December. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Exemption from school – whilst not ideal, absence from school during term time can sometimes be unavoidable. If you are planning to take your child/ren out of school for a period greater than 10 school days, you must apply for an exemption. Forms are available from the school office. Exemptions need to be received 2 weeks before the absence to for processing. All students granted an exemption will receive an *Exemption Certificate* which can be presented should an official [truant officer, border control, etc.] ask why your child is not at school.

Steve Connelly - Acting Principal

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Professor Andrew Visits 3W

On Friday October 24, Arlo's Dad, Professor Andrew came in to talk about astronomy. He did an experiment to show why the sky looks blue and how the sunset is red. Professor Andrew asked us the question "What is light?" Olivia said, "energy" which was the correct answer.

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Here are a few facts that Professor Andrew taught us;

- The sky is blue because the atmosphere scatters the red light
- The sunset is red because the atmosphere absorbs the blue light
- If you are looking towards Earth from Saturn, Earth looks like a speck because of the particles floating around in space
- The atmosphere makes the sun look dimmer

Arlo 3W



Luke looking at the torch shining through the water.



3W were amazed to see the water turn red and blue.



Arlo with his father, Professor Andrew.

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

On behalf of **Mrs Tauber and the PA Committee** I would like to thank some very important people without whom this fabulous Gala would not have occurred.

Firstly, the **performers**. From Year 2 through to Year 6, you have sung, acted, danced, plucked, strummed, bowed, blown, beaten and banged your way through a wonderful array of acts. Well done! I hope you are all proud of your efforts here tonight. A special mention to our three soloists, Natalia, Ana and Maddie who not only have enormous amounts of talent but great courage in performing on their own. Well done girls.

We are very fortunate to have passionate **tutors and conductors** and I'd like to thank them for their patience, dedication and inspiration. They like all of you understand that having a musical education is just as important as sport and the academics, and as we've seen here tonight, music and performance engage human emotion across a far broader range.

Mrs Tauber and the school's teachers not only support our children behind the scenes at events like these but throughout the school year, by allowing weekly participation in instrumental learning during class time, and at this time of year, dance, drama and choir as well. Without the constant support of the school and its' teachers, the PA program would not be as vibrant and ubiquitous as it is today.

The **P&C** play a very important role in our ability, to deliver a well-managed program, through funding, that has enabled the purchase of instruments, hiring of 2 part time staff and the creation of an extra learning space. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Finally and most importantly, I'd like to thank the **parents** for encouraging your children to take this journey. For both the time and financial commitment, and the endless encouragement to practice, and get out of bed early to attend rehearsals. For understanding that exploring what they can do through performing, allows all of your children the opportunity to discover something new about themselves, and gives each of them a chance to shine.

Thank you all
Tracy Miles
Performing Arts President



Junior Band

Elliot, Harry and Charlie on percussion.

The Junior Band conducted by Debbie English played Star Wars by John Williams and The Spook by Brian West. The Junior Band rehearses on Wednesday mornings starting at 7.30am. They have lessons with our fantastic peripatetic teachers on woodwind, brass and percussion. Junior Band begins in Year 3 with instrument trials and private lessons in Term 3 and 4.

Coordinator: Pia Kostianen



Individual Item: Natalia

Natalia, in Year 4 is learning the tuba from Ben Croker, our low brass teacher. The low brass instruments are the most important parts for us to cover in band and Natalia is GOLD!



Junior String Ensemble

Charlotte, Olivia, Ellie, Belle and Sophie are so lucky to be in Junior Strings because they have endless support and fun. They were conducted by our new second cello teacher, Sophia Clark as Ella Jamieson was performing herself that evening. They meet Thursday mornings from 7.30am in the music room. String players can start from as early as Kindergarten or Year 1. They played Gavotte by Handel and Peanut Butter and Celli by Joseph Compello.

Coordinator: Catherine Speechly



Individual Item: Maddie

Maddie entertained us with a very jazzy version of Homework Blues. She is an ace on the piano.



Drama Group

Jasper leads The Drama Group in their hit play of the season, 'Never Centre Stage'. They have progressed to the State Finals and performed at the Seymour Centre last week. They are directed by Mr van Biljon, who wrote the play and our musical director Ms Duke. Drama auditions are open to Year 5 at the beginning of each year. The Drama Group meet on Friday mornings in the hall.



Individual Item: Ana-Maria – flute

Ana-Maria has a long line of distinctions and honours in her flute playing and performed Romance by Arthur Honegger and Espanola by JH Maunder. Her flute teacher, James Fortune an ex-pupil of Mosman Public over 30 years ago accompanied her.

Also, a big thank you to our School Captains Julian and Emily for their fantastic compering on the night.



Year 4 ArtsNorth Choir

Olivia, Paris, Charlie-Belle, Evangeline and Leila. The year 4 choir are looked after by Miss O'Neill and Mrs Grayson. Miss O'Neill is their conductor and their beautiful singing of 'Scattered Islands' wowed us all. The Year 4 Choir performed at the Opera House and they are regulars in the ArtsNorth Choir Festival.



Dance Group

The dance item was to the music 'Nicest Kids in Town' from Hairspray and these students really were the nicest. Their director and choreographer is Ms Hudson and the stage was awash with colour and action. The Dance Group rehearse on Monday mornings at 8.00am in the hall. Auditions open at the beginning of each year for students from Year 5 & 6.

Coordinator: Stephanie Hart



Year 3 Choir

The Year 3 choir are looked after by Ms Hudson and Mrs Gates. They sang a very boppy version of Happy by Pharrell Williams. It was certainly an appropriate song for these happy faces.



Senior String Ensemble

Annie, Tess and Caitlin warm up for their performance. The Senior String Ensemble, conducted by Doug Cotterill, performed his arrangement of 'Let It Go', from the movie, 'Frozen'. The Senior Strings meet Thursday mornings from 7.30am in the hall.

Coordinator: Isobel Kerridge



Senior Choir

The Senior Choir are, of course, one of my favourites as they are so alive and expressive and fun to be with. They sing with a lovely free spirit and meet on Monday mornings at 8.00am in the music room. They sang a tribute to Nelson Mandela with two songs, Holi Hla Hla and Obwisana.



Performance Band

The Performance/Intermediate Band played Mamma Mia and a Spiderman/Skyfall combo. Above are James and Will in action. They meet early Tuesday mornings from 7.30am to rehearse with their conductor Cheryl Oxley. They are our top musicians and really get to play the best music available.

Coordinator: Sonia Renwick

Music Count Us In

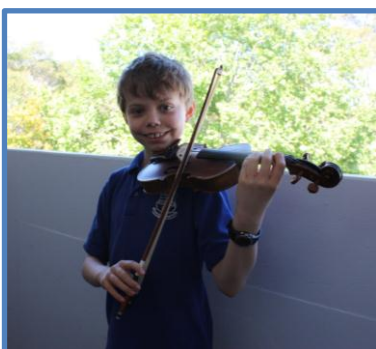
Thursday, October 30 at 12.30pm was the final countdown to sing the song from Music Count Us In, 'Paint You a Song' with John Foreman running the proceedings from Parliament House, Canberra. The whole school watched the video link from Parliament House in Canberra in the hall and the library. We all celebrated the song and its development and meaning for a half hour then got on with the day. Everyone loved the final countdown 10,9,8,7,..... and launched in to the song singing with over half a million students K-12 across the nation. The key message was that music has a role to play in all our lives and we should take the opportunity when young to make the most of what is on offer.



K-1 watched from the library



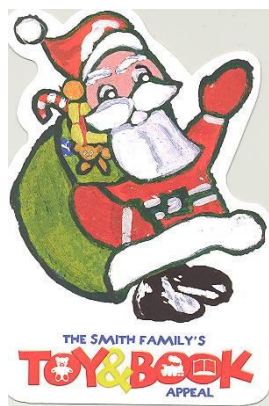
Years 2-6 filled the hall for the occasion



Assembly Performance

Theo entertained us with 'Tsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini', played on the violin. Thank you Theo, we all really enjoyed your item.

Barbara Tauber - Performing Arts Coordinator



Smith Family Christmas Appeal

Each year Mosman Public School excels in providing wonderful gifts for the Smith Family Christmas Appeal. Once again, we ask students and parents to support this appeal. Gift tags are available in the office foyer which can be attached to gift bags. Just a reminder that all gifts and books should be **new and not second hand** and should **not** be wrapped as the Smith Family needs to check their suitability. We suggest you send them **in a large gift bag no bigger than a school backpack**. This worked well last year. Could you please bring gifts in by Thursday December 11 for delivery to the Smith Family. **Thank you for your help and support.**

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2016?

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement



Key dates

Tuesday 14 October 2014
Application website opens

Monday 17 November 2014
Application website closes

Thursday 26 February 2015
Test centre advice

Thursday 12 March 2015
Selective High School Placement Test

Early July 2015
Outcome advice

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There is more information at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Year 5 Parents

You still have until Monday November 17 2014 to apply for your child to sit the selective high school Year 7 entry test for entry in 2016.

Please contact Mr Cobcroft if you need to discuss.

P&C

WEEK 5	NOV 3	NOV 4	NOV 5	NOV 6	NOV 7
TIME	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRIDAY
8.30-11.30	Adi G	Elena	Amanda M	M Banks	Evie
8.30-11.30	Lisa M	Liz W			Sheen
8.30-11.30	Suzy F				
11.30-2.00		Heidi W	M Zwar	P Evans	Julie D
11.30-2.00		Rachel D	Age D	Pia K	Rashi
WEEK 6	NOV 10	NOV 11	NOV 12	NOV 13	NOV 14
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRIDAY
8.30-11.30	Tegan B	Elizabeth H	Sylvie P		Evie
8.30-11.30	Karen N				Dale V
8.30-11.30					
11.30-2.00	Steph H	RowenaH-P	Jane C	Rashi	Jo B
11.30-2.00		Lisa B-S	Age D	S Angus	

This is the Roster for Weeks 5 and 6. Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate your commitment. We have a few more gaps during this period. We need at least one volunteer for Monday November 3 PM Shift, and Thursday November 13 AM Shift if you can help at all. Thank you.



ArtFest Party & Auction

The finale of our wonderful ArtFest will be an evening of live music, delicious food and of course, the opportunity to ooh and aah and bid on the wonderful class artworks that your children have been busy creating this term.

You have an exclusive opportunity to purchase works by some extremely talented artists who have collaborated with your children's class to create the artworks at our Auction.

The music stylings of Berne Segedin will entertain so bring along a cushion, a picnic blanket & BYO to enjoy along side the fantastic food on offer.

We will also have on display the winners and highly commended for the MosPAF Art Prize as judged by Ken Done.

Date: Saturday 15th November

Venue: MPS (artworks in the hall, party under the stars) **Time:** 6.30 for 7pm

Cost: \$35 pp **BYO:** your own drinks, rug & cushion (optional)

All money raised goes to MPS.

Tickets can be purchased on the MPS canteen website schools24.com or trybooking.com/FXQK

Please complete and return to the MPS office.

K-5 STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO MOSMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 2015

My child / children will not be attending Mosman Public School in 2015.

Please print student names below.

NAME: Class:

NAME: Class:

Last day of attendance:

Name of new school:

Signature: Date: Please return this notification to the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Road safety around your child's school Your child's safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools.

Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

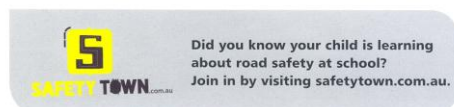
STOP! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.



BOOK FAIR

21-23 November 2014

Dear Lifeline Book Lover,

The countdown to Christmas and the holiday season has begun and so too have the preparations for our final book fair for 2014. Traditionally, this is a bumper event both for Lifeline Northern Beaches fundraising and for all book lovers who support our important work in the local community.

Please find the details below and please put into your diary and remember to share with family, friends and colleagues!

VENUE	Balgowlah Boys Campus		
	Sydney Road and Maretimo Street		
	BALGOWLAH		
DATES/TIMES	Friday	21 November	4.00pm – 9.00pm
	Saturday	22 November	9.00am – 5.00pm
	Sunday	23 November	9.00am – 2.00pm

GOLD COIN ENTRY WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Over the 3 days, you will have the opportunity to browse and shop from over 25,000 books, some new, most "as new". What better time to build up your Summer reading collection, select a title to say Thank You to someone who has helped you out this year or to put together a book gift pack to fill out a Christmas stocking or place under a wishing tree. Of course, we'll have a selection of beautiful Christmas books to excite children and families.

For information about the work of Lifeline Northern Beaches and what's happening, please visit Lifeline Northern Beaches or call 9949 5522

Somewhere in Australia there is a new call to Lifeline every minute and it costs Lifeline \$27.96 for every call that we respond t.

This is why your ongoing support is important and valued.

If you do not wish to receive any Book Fair notices in the future, please respond with UNSUBSCRIBE.



Book Fair Wrap-Up

A huge thank you to all parents, students and teachers who supported the Book Fair by buying books. As a result we have earned a whopping \$7,500.00 of Scholastic rewards. means that for the next year, this money can be spent on the wonderful Scholastic classroom resources and books for our kids and their fantastic teachers.

Thanks again for your shopping!

The Scholastic Team



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Newsletter Mosman Public School

Latest news

Chess class

The chess class at Mosman Public School runs on Friday afternoons 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.

Puzzle information

Answer Puzzle nr. 10:

1. Ne4+ Kd3 2. Nf4 #

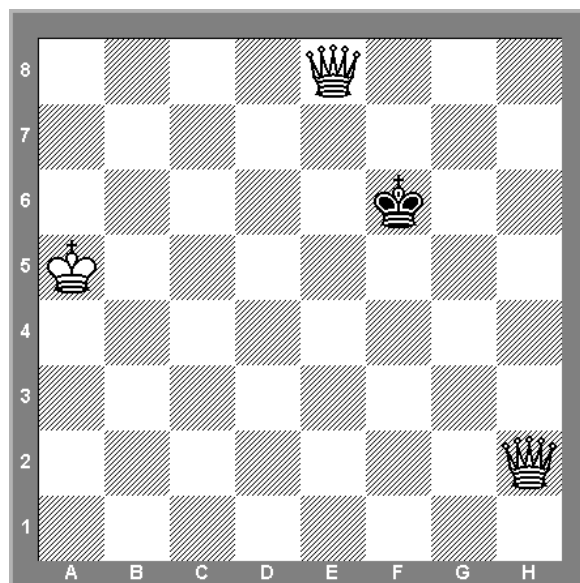
Upcoming chess events

October 25: Pymbe Saturday Fun

November 23: Xmas Swiss Chess Challenge

More information on events and coaching can be found on: sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Chess puzzle



Puzzle nr. 11: White to play and checkmate in 1 move

Student Happenings

Year 6 Exploring Colour

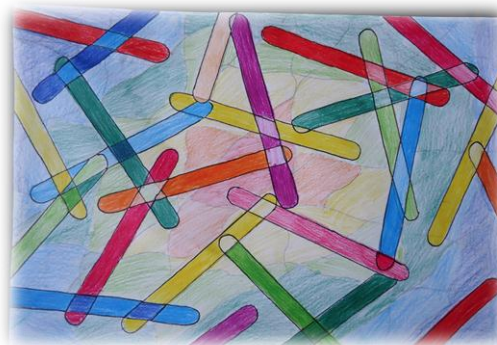
Year 6 Students have been creating artworks that do not attempt to represent a recognizable reality but instead use shapes, colours, forms and textures to achieve their effect.

Students were asked to create something personal that represents their emotions.



Abstract Art

The word abstract strictly speaking means to separate or withdraw something from something else. In that sense, it is applied to art in which the artist has started with some visible object and abstracted elements from it to arrive at a more or less simplified or schematised form.



Dance Practice

Year 6 students have begun preparation for the 'Year 6 Dinner Dance' to be held on Tuesday December 16 in the school hall. The students have been learning and practising many different dances. Dances include partner dances such as the 'Pride of Erin', bush dances such as the 'Heel and Toe Polka', line dances such as the 'Nutbush', 'Macerena' and 'Boot Scooting' and other modern dances. It is very exciting to watch all students pull on their dancing shoes and groove to the music. We might even practice some 'Gangnan Style' next..... stay tuned!!

Year 6 Gymnastics

Year 6 students are attending a weekly gymnastic session with a specialist gymnastic teacher.

During gymnastic sessions students are working towards developing their balance, core strength, flexibility and self-discipline.



Year 6 Fair

2014 YEAR 6 FAIR COME AND JOIN THE FUN!



WHO? ALL K-6 students

WHEN? Wednesday November 19
12:50 to 2:15pm

WHERE? School Playgrounds - Belmont, Gouldsbury and Myahgah

WHY? Year 6 fundraising to buy a gift for the school.

WHAT?

Splat *Ice Cream Sundays* *Rainbow Spray Day*

Slippery Sponges *Soccer Shoot out* *Lucky Treasure Hunt*

Knock down the cans *Basketball shots* *Super Soccer Shoot-out*

Choose your topping *Lucky Dip* *Raffles and Prizes*

PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

COST? 20c, 50c, \$1 and \$2 coins

