

Term 4 Week 6

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Dates to Remember

Term 4					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Week 7	17 Yr 3 Swimming	18 Yr 3 Swimming	19 Year 6 Fair Day	20	21 Nude Food Day
Week 8	24 Yr 3 Swimming	25 Yr 3 Swimming	26	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
Week 11	15	16 Year 6 Presentation Assembly Year 6 Dinner Year 3 & 4 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					

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Film Stars – congratulations to Rory [5D], Jasper [5W], Jasper [5R], Finn [5W], Gabriel [5W], Niamh [5R] and Molly [5W] and Mr van Biljon on their recent film debuts on the silver screen of Dendy Opera Quays. Their 2 entries as part of the ArtsNorth Film Festival drew great applause and Highly Commended awards for *Most Engaging Characters* and *Most Original Plot*. Well done to all our film stars and many thanks to the proud parents who joined me in the audience.

Junior Strings – congratulations to our group who won a silver award in their section at the Nigel Butterfly Event held at Abbotsleigh School on November 12. A big thank you to parents for transporting our musicians and to Catherine Speechly, the Junior Strings Coordinator. Well done everyone!

A big THANKYOU on behalf of the whole school community to **Tina Bradstreet, Cherelle Martin & Sonia Renwick** whose service on the P&C Executive was recognised today at the final P&C meeting for 2014. Their tireless work with a very active P&C group of volunteers has achieved a great deal for our school and supports our students in their daily learning. Well may they have a rest from their official roles, but I'm sure they'll continue being proactive volunteers for our school.

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.

Steve Connelly - Acting Principal

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY REPORT 2014



It is an honour to be the Principal for a Day at MPS. I thank my mum and dad for this wonderful opportunity. My friend Erin is my Deputy Principal for a Day.

Yesterday Erin, Mr Connelly and I went shopping at IGA and Arena's to purchase fruit, juice, cream and jam. This was for a teacher's breakfast at their morning staff meeting. After shopping, we visited classrooms to say well done for completing their artworks and to ensure the class had signed them. After this we arranged a message for 5R and we wished Mrs Rooney well for the pending birth of her second child.

On Wednesday November 12, we went to the K-2 Assembly to hand out awards to awesome students. After this, we needed lunch. After lunch, we attended the 3-6 Assembly and handed out two trophies and loads more merit cards. We enjoyed amazing songs, a dance, talks and a wonderful performance by the junior band.

This was exhausting so we had delicious, scrumptious scones for afternoon tea. All washed down with cool apple juice.

Our day was nearly over but we still had to mark loads of outstanding work.

Last of all, I loved being Principal because it was fun going to all the classes and seeing all the great things at MPS. Erin agreed that this was the best day.



Ms Isabelle – Principal and Ms Erin – Deputy Principal



The Kindergarten Orientation Day was a great success. Thank you to KH, KB, KM and KA parents for a scrumptious morning tea. A special thanks to those parents who helped set up and stayed to chat.

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Performing Arts



On Sunday November 2, the MPS Junior String ensemble with their conductor, Ella Jamieson, performed at the Australian Schools Orchestral Festival at Abbotsleigh. The auditorium was full of students from schools all over Sydney (and their instruments and parents!). The ensemble confidently performed Gavotte (Handel) and Peanut Butter and Celli (Compello).

It was a great experience for the students to perform in front of a large audience in a music festival atmosphere. They received a silver award in their section, which the students were very excited to collect on behalf of the school.

A big thank you to the Junior String coordinator, Catherine Speechly, Tahlia's mum for all the hard work and organisation for the event.

Our very handsome looking Junior String Ensemble



The Junior Band look fabulous on stage as they play Star Wars



The Junior Band entertained the K-2 and 3-6 assembly with a revelling version of Star Wars. Their conductor, Debbie English has done an outstanding job in bringing the group together as a team of united players. The students were then presented with their Band medallions. Year 4 received Bronze and Year 5 received Silver.

Some of the wonderful Junior Band show off their medallions



Student Workshops

We have had a busy Term 4 so far with plenty more action to come. Our Drama Group recently enjoyed an Improv Workshop at school and last week each of our instrumental groups took part in the very dynamic TaikOz drumming workshops. You may have heard the beautiful sound of the Taiko resonate throughout the school during these early morning sessions. The students were treated to a history of the art of Taiko – used mainly during religious ceremonies and festivals, before experiencing the power of these beautiful instruments in a very hands-on way.



and Caitlin, and here by Olivia and a visiting student.

As in Japanese culture shoes are removed to encourage students to respect their inside space and keep it clean. Intermediate and Performance Band were treated to a performance, featuring the Shimedaiko, Miyadaiko and Takebue.

Junior and Senior Strings experiencing the power of the Taiko.

Playing the Taiko requires rhythm, coordination, concentration and strength as shown here by Intermediate Band members, Milly, Quentin, Alicia



We hope all the students enjoyed their Taiko experience and for those wanting more, please see <http://taikoz.com/TaikOz/default.aspx>.



Debbie English, continuing the journey with them.

Junior Band's Final Assembly Performance

On Wednesday November 12 2014 Junior Band played their last performance, last two in fact as they played at both the K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies performing a very well received Star Wars. Junior Band has worked very hard this year to develop their skills and we look forward to hearing from them as members of next year's Intermediate Band. We are very fortunate to have their conductor –



After their performance each member of Junior Band was awarded a Bronze Medallion, in recognition of their first year's commitment to band. The Medallion Program, a great initiative of Mrs Tauber's, recognises each student's ongoing commitment to band, through the award of bronze, silver and gold medallions. The Medallions were presented by Tina Skidmore, our Band Administrator. Tina has worked closely with all three bands this year. She's been responsible for initiating the assembly performances, streamlining our sheet music delivery, working with our conductors on planning and organising external events, and the myriad other small tasks required to make band rehearsals and performances run smoothly. Thanks to the P&C for recognising the value of such a role and providing the necessary funding.



Well done Mosman Public School 2014 Junior Band!

Report by Performing Arts President Tracy Miles & 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.**

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.

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/9placement

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/9placement

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?

<i>Splat</i>	<i>Ice Cream Sundays</i>	<i>Rainbow Spray Day</i>
<i>Slippery Sponges</i>	<i>Soccer Shoot out</i>	<i>Lucky Treasure Hunt</i>
<i>Knock down the cans</i>	<i>Basketball shots</i>	<i>Super Soccer Shoot-out</i>
<i>Choose your topping</i>	<i>Lucky Dip</i>	<i>Raffles and Prizes</i>

PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The students in Kindergarten and Year 1 would like to invite you to our ...

K-1 End of Year Concert!



When? Thursday December 11
 12.15pm - 1.00pm

Where? Myahgah Playground


Why? To celebrate all the wonderful achievements of our students in Kindergarten and Year 1.

In the event of rain, we will proceed with the concert; however, we will perform as individual grades in the hall.

Year 1: 12.15pm Kindy: 12.45pm



We hope to see you there!



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:

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Last day of attendance:

Name of new school:

Signature: Date:

Please return this notification to the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS



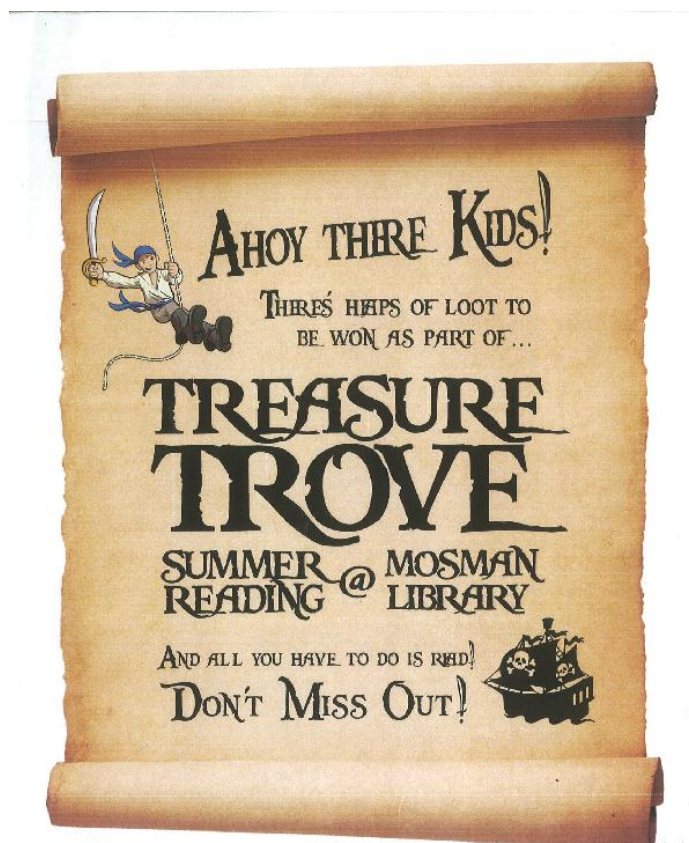
Tennis

Is your child interested in learning to play tennis??
I'm looking at putting squads together with a long

term view of competing in competitions. If you are interested, please phone Mandy Hewitt-Park on 0416 513 366. All ages welcome.

Winners - Stephanie and Madeleine won their last (will be sadly missed as off to High School next year)

Primary Schools Challenge held Saturday November 8, playing against Cammeray, Roseville, Loreto and Holy Family Primary. This is an extremely well organised and fun event organised by the Northern Suburbs Tennis Association.



**MOSMAN
LIBRARY**

Sign up from 4 December at Mosman Library
605 Military Road, Mosman

**Mosman
COUNCIL**

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. 11:

1. Qh2-e5 #

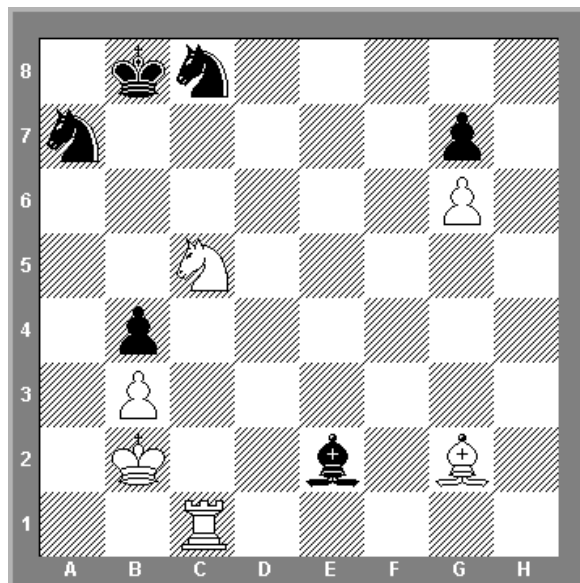
Upcoming chess tournaments

November 23: Xmas Swiss Chess Challenge

November 29: Pymble Saturday Fun

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

Chess puzzle



Puzzle nr. 12: White to play and checkmate in 1 move

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 Marett 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 to.

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.

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North Sydney to Palm Beach

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