

Term 4 Week 10

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# WHALER NO 20

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## Dates to Remember

### Term 4

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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
<b>HOLIDAYS - December 18 to January 27</b>					

### Term 1

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Week 1	26/1/15 Australia Day holiday	27/1/15 Staff Development Day – students on holiday	28/1/15 All students in Years 1 to 6 return	29/1/15	30/1/15
Week 2	2/2/15	3/2/15	4/2/15 Kindergarten start 1-2 Assembly 3-6 Assembly	5/2/15 Harper sales day in the school hall	6/2/15 Stage Newsletters home Senior School tennis
Week 3	9/2/15 Senior School parent information night 6.30-7.30pm	10/2/15 CyberSmart presentation for Senior School: 2pm CyberSmart presentation for parents: 6.30 – 7.30pm	11/2/15 Stage 2 parent information night 6.30-7.30pm	12/2/15 Stage 1 parent information night 6.30-7.30pm Swimming Carnival	13/2/15 Senior School tennis
Week 4	16/2/15 Early Stage 1 parent information night 6.30-7.30pm	17/2/15	18/2/15	19/2/15	20/2/15 Senior School tennis
Week 5	23/2/15	24/2/15	25/2/15 K-6 Assembly	26/2/15	27/2/15 Senior School tennis
Week 6	2/3/15	3/3/15	4/3/15	5/3/15	6/3/15 Senior School tennis
Week 7	9/3/15	10/3/15	11/3/15 K-2 Assembly 3-6 Assembly	12/3/15	13/3/15 Senior School tennis
Week 8	16/3/15 Parent-teacher interviews this week	17/3/15	18/3/15 Year 6 Fair	19/3/15	20/3/15 Senior School tennis
Week 9	23/2/15	24/3/15	25/3/15	26/3/15 Senior School Electives day	27/3/15 ½ of Year 3 to The Rocks Senior School tennis
Week 10	30/3/15 ½ of Year 3 to The Rocks	31/3/15 Senior School Canberra Camp	1/4/15 K-6 Assembly Senior School Canberra Camp	2/4/15 Last Day of Term 1 Senior School Canberra Camp	3/4/15 Good Friday Public Holiday
<b>HOLIDAYS - April 3 to April 20</b>					

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This **last Whaler for 2014** comes with best wishes for a happy and safe festive season and great thanks to all parents and community members for the on-going support offered to our great school. To our wonderful students who've worked hard throughout the year – the greatest of good luck to our Year 6 students who will begin their high school journey in just over 6 weeks. Finally, to our amazing teaching and administrative staff who've worked tirelessly all year and are most deserving of a relaxing holiday. Staff changes continue next year: we farewell Mrs Cheryl Wilson & Mrs Jennifer Jones to enjoy their



respective retirements; and Mrs Sally McCowatt, Mr Caleb Jones, Mr Tristan Wallis, Miss Anna O'Neill & Miss Naomi Beecher all leave us to take up roles in other schools. I thank them all for their time, dedication and commitment to Mosman Public School. Our second Deputy Principal also starts next year and we will welcome Ms Nadia Tobia who has been appointed permanently to our school and will start with us on January 27 2015.

**Toy & Book Appeal** gifts have almost prevented my entry to my office. To all those families who so generously contributed I thank you most sincerely on behalf of The Smith Family. The gifts will be delivered to the charity today by Mr Cobcroft and Mrs Tauber who, I am sure, will feel like Santa's off-siders.

**Semester 2 student reports** have been sent home today in a white A5 envelope. Inside you will also find information regarding the beginning of 2015 to help you prepare for a running start – even some potential Christmas stocking fillers.

2014 Grade	2014 Grade
<b>Kindergarten</b> Report Year 1 Statement of Account – Term 1 [eldest child in family only] Gymnastics Permission Year 1 Classroom Requirements	<b>Year 1</b> Report Year 2 Statement of Account – Term 1 [eldest child in family only] Gymnastics Permission Year 2 Classroom Requirements Year 2 Swimming Program Permission
<b>Year 2</b> Report Year 3 Statement of Account – Term 1 [eldest child in family only] Gymnastics Permission 3-6 Swimming Carnival Permission Cricket Program Permission Year 3 Classroom Requirements	<b>Year 3</b> Report Year 4 Statement of Account – Term 1 [eldest child in family only] Gymnastics Permission 3-6 Swimming Carnival Permission Cricket Program Permission Year 4 Classroom Requirements
<b>Year 4</b> Report Stage 3 Statement of Account – Term 1 [eldest child in family only] Gymnastics Permission Tennis Permission [2 sheets] 3-6 Swimming Carnival Permission Senior School Classroom Requirements	<b>Year 5</b> Report Stage 3 Statement of Account – Term 1 [eldest child in family only] Gymnastics Permission Tennis Permission [2 sheets] 3-6 Swimming Carnival Permission Senior School Classroom Requirements
<b>Year 6 - Report</b>	

### IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child's hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

**The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.**

**Talk with your child daily about road safety.**

**Remind other adults and carers about this too.**

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html).

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**Steve Connelly - Principal**



## STUDENT HAPPENINGS



### MPS Uniform Shop helps disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka

An ex-MPS student, Alice Lindsay, will spend part of her holidays packing boxes to ship to Sri Lanka as part of her school's "Service Learning in the Community" Program. Agencies in Sri Lanka nominate disadvantaged children, many of whom live in former war torn areas, as recipients of these boxes of donated goods. Fortunately, education is available to these children, but many of them do not have clothing to wear to school. The MPS Uniform Shop has kindly donated 10 pairs of second-hand shorts and it is most appreciated.

### Canteen News

Thank you to all our volunteers in the Canteen this year, we could not operate without you. We have volunteers for all shifts next week but could do with an extra volunteer on the Tuesday and Wednesday morning shift if you are available please.

The new roster for Term 1 2015 is now on the noticeboard next to the canteen so please add your name!

The role of Canteen Roster person is also vacant next year so if you are interested please email [laylecarlos@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:laylecarlos@yahoo.co.uk)

Merry Christmas and Safe Holidays!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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. In 2015, the class starts on 6 February. 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).

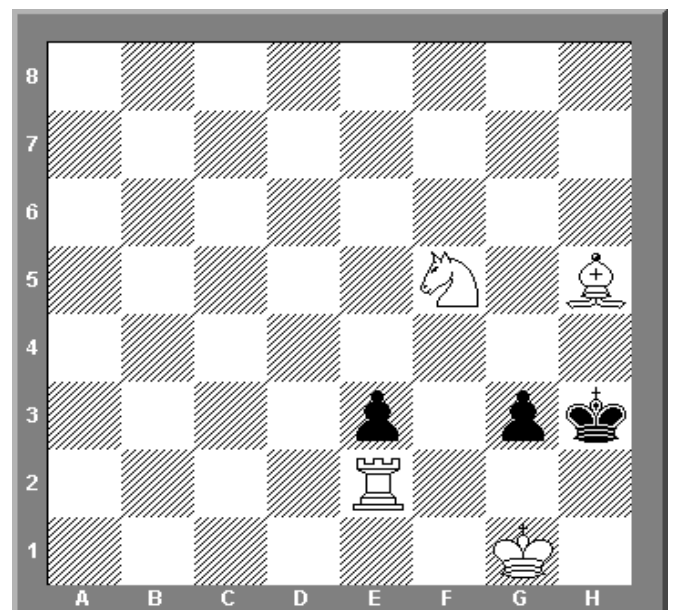
#### Puzzle information

Answer Puzzle nr. 13:

1. Nd6 #

More information on events and coaching can be found on: [sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](http://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au)

#### Chess puzzle



Puzzle nr. 14: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves

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.