

Term 1 Week 6

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# WHALER NO 3

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## Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
MAR Wk 7	10 The Human Race Performance K-6	11 Zone Swimming Carnival – North Sydney Pool	12 Barber of Saville K-6	13 Selective High Test	14
MAR Wk 8	17	18 Class Photo day	19		21 Left day - Kinder
MAR Wk 9	24	25 Regional Swimming Carnival	26 Yr 5 Bathurst Excursion	27 Yr 5 Bathurst Excursion	28 Yr 5 Bathurst Excursion
					29 Mosman Mixer 7.30pm
APR Wk 10	31 Family Photo day	1	2	3 Cross Country	4
Wk 11	7	8 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	9 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	10 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	11

**HOLIDAYS 12<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Staff Development Day – Pupil Free)**

TERM 2 MAY Wk 1	28 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE	29	30	1 Cross Country Wet Weather Back up	2
Wk 2	5	6	7	8	9 Mother's Day Stall
Wk 3	12	13	14	15	16
Wk 4	19	20 Kindergarten 2015 Information Morning 9.30am Computer Competition	21	22	23
Wk 5	26	27	28	29	30
JUNE Wk 6	2	3	4 Science Competition	5 BAND CAMP	6 BAND CAMP

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

One of the favourite parts of the Principal's role is reviewing good work. This enjoyable task is shared between Ms Davis and myself. Today, Harry (Between the Flags), Guy (Maths), Olivia (The Crab) and Lucy (Handwriting) from 3W arrived to show their wonderful work.

**Clean-Up School:** Thank you to the classes who took on this task over the week. It was disappointing that the school could not do a clean-up on mass due to the rain, rain and more rain.

**School Sign:** Thanks to a joint project between the P&C and **belle** PROPERTY, we have another way of communicating weekly events. So stay focussed on the



corner of Myahgah Road and Belmont Road. Staff members had some training this week but it may take us some time to utilise the sign to its full potential. Unfortunately, it was vandalised last night and we will now need to wait until it is repaired.

**Sister City Visit:** Recently we had a visit from representatives of Jingshan School who are Mosman High School's sister school. The Principal of Jingshan Junior school, the Administrator and the Head of English enjoyed a tour of our school. We have been invited to become a sister school to Jingshan along with Mosman High. We will work closely with Mosman High and have a minor role in this relationship. This could mean sending one teacher to accompany the Mosman High delegation when they travel to China. We had already established a sister school relationship with Shanghai Pudong New Development Area No 2 School. A group of teachers from MPS will travel to China later this year. Most likely in the September holidays.

**School Musical:** During our staff meetings the teachers have conducted a review of the annual school musical. The main issue raised was the number of students in Years 3 to 6 who needed to be included in the performance. We also listened to feedback from some parents, particularly regarding the performances extending over three nights. Therefore, if a teacher volunteers to be the director, we will still have a musical but it will only involve Years 5 and 6.

**Class Photo Day:** Photographs will be taken on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure all students are in their summer uniform with correct black shoes.

**Family Photo day:** This photo shoot will be on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March and it is only for Mosman Public students.

Best wishes,  
Colin Cobcroft  
Acting Principal

## STUDENT HAPPENINGS

### Sport News

#### Basketball Success

Congratulations to James I, Ratchapak P and Olivia H for being selected at the Zone basketball trials. They will now attend the Regional Area basketball trials on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 for possible selection into the Sydney North Regional Primary basketball team.



#### Cross Country

The Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at Allan Border Oval or Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 (wet weather back-up).**

The Cross Country Carnival is **NOT compulsory**; however, all students are encouraged to participate. Students will be called from their classes to participate in their age races. Students who choose not to participate will remain in classrooms.

**Students requiring asthma medication need to ensure they are carrying it with them.**

The races will take place in the following order:

1. 8/9 years boys and girls
2. 10 years boys and girls
3. 11 years boys and girls
4. 12/13 years boys and girls

**N.B. Each child competes in the age group that he or she turns this year.**

The 8/9/10 year old age group will run approximately 2km i.e. 2 laps of the course - 2 laps inside oval, 2 laps outside.

The 11/12/13 year old age group will run approximately 3km i.e. 3 laps of the course - 3 laps inside oval, 3 laps outside.

Competitors are encouraged to wear their house colours or their sports uniform with **suitable running shoes**.

**Parent helpers are essential to the running of the Carnival.** If you are able to assist on the day, please email Adrienne Gale at [basj@bigpond.net.au](mailto:basj@bigpond.net.au)

All classes are running the cross country course in grade PE timeslots. Permission notes will go home shortly.



## **Zone Swimming Carnival 2014**

The 2014 North Shore PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival will be held at North Sydney Pool on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. **All competitors should aim to arrive at the pool around 8.30am.** The **first race** is the **Individual Medley** and first marshalling call will be at 8.45am. **The carnival will commence at 9.00am.**



- Mosman Swimming caps (cost per cap: \$9.00) will be distributed at the pool and must be worn by all competitors.
- Children must bring sunscreen, hat etc.
- Private transport must be arranged. Each child will need to organise his/her own transport to the pool. Please email Sonia Renwick [sonia.renwick@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sonia.renwick@optusnet.com.au) if you would like assistance to arrange transport for your child.

All spectators will need to pay a pool entry fee on the day. Each school is required to provide **eight parents** to act as timekeepers at the Carnival. If you are interested in helping as a timekeeper or managing the teams (boys/girls) on the day, please email Sonia Renwick [sonia.renwick@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sonia.renwick@optusnet.com.au)

Two teachers (Mr Dowler and Ms O'Neill) will be attending and acting in an official capacity on the day.

*Stephen Dowler*  
*Sport Coordinator*

### **Grapes are great for Crunch&Sip®!**

Sweet, easy to eat and full of nutritious goodness, grapes are a perfect snack for Crunch&Sip®.

For a cool treat, why not try freezing grapes?  
Delicious!





### Groovy Guitars

Each week all Year 6 classes visit their buddy class. Our buddy class is KM. 6S enjoys visiting KM. We have got to know our buddies a little bit more by talking about their birthday, when it is and how old they are turning. My buddy's name is Eloise and she is a sweet little 6-year-old girl and I see her every day in the school playground. If she needs my help, she knows that she has a friend to ask. Last Thursday, Week 5, we met our buddies once again and made groovy paper guitars. All the guitars were covered in colourful patterns. We all had lots of fun making the guitars. After we finished we sat down and listened to them read their favourite book. We then posed for a few cool photos with the whole class and our groovy guitars. *Belle S - 6S*



### P&C NEWS

# JOIN US FOR THE

## MOSMAN MIXER

A FUN EVENING OF WINE, CANAPES AND COMPANY!

SAT 29TH MARCH 2014 - 7.30pm  
MOSMAN Public KATE COOPER HALL

Tickets for sale online from the CANTEN WEBSITE OR AT MPS ON 13TH, 18TH & 20TH MARCH AT: COLA 8.45-9.15AM & MYOLA 2.30-3pm - CASH, CHEQUE, CARD.

Tickets (including ONE RAFFLE TICKET):  
\$40 single,  
\$70 double

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Vokal Youth Singers Neutral Bay 2014

Vokal Youth Singers is an exciting new initiative in group and choral singing that will be continuing in 2014 at Neutral Bay Public School. It caters for children attending public schools of any singing level from the age of 8 to 12 and is non-auditioned.

With expert leadership from our director Alex Pringle, our aim is to help children to discover and refine their voices in an engaging & fun way.

A wide range of styles of singing is covered in order to broaden the student's musical landscape and give them the chance to discover where their own musical tastes lie.

We also spend time developing listening and music reading skills – vitally important for singers and instrumentalists alike. We have concerts each term at all different venues. The Noodle Market recently was a huge success, let alone the food, and running in the park with newly found friends!

Rehearsals will take place every Wednesday during term time. Supervision will be provided from 3:15-3:40pm under the Cola and rehearsal will run from 3:40-4:40pm in classroom 1B. The cost is \$12 per rehearsal paid by the term (as well as an annual administration fee).

All levels of ability are welcome! It's heaps of fun...come along and try it to see if you like it!

To register please go to [www.vokalyouthchoirs.com](http://www.vokalyouthchoirs.com). If you have any questions please call 0412353088 or email [vokalyouth@gmail.com](mailto:vokalyouth@gmail.com).

### Willoughby Girls High School

#### Open Night

To be held on Wednesday 12 March 2014 from 5.00-7.30pm in the school hall. Ph: 9958 4141.

#### Extension Class Placement Test for Year 7, 2015

Year 6 students will have an opportunity to sit a placement test for our Year 7 extension class for selected students. Saturday 15 March 2014 from 9.15-11.30am in the school hall. Please ring the school for further information and to book a test place. Ph: 9958 4141.

### TAFE Course

The start date for the TAFE course we are running for single mums on Centrelink Benefits has changed to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014 between 10am – 2pm at Naremburn Family Centre. **Please see information below for details of course.**

Morning tea will be provided and participants can bring a plate of some healthy food to share for lunch.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 8425 8700.

#### Naremburn Family Centre

I P: 02 8425 8700 I F: 029438 4700 [naremburnfamilyservice@dbb.org.au](mailto:naremburnfamilyservice@dbb.org.au)

I W: <http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au>

## FUNDED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE PARENTS

#### What is it?

This course for Single and Teenage Parents aims to improve the job readiness of parents who receive parenting payment. Eligible participants will receive mentoring, assistance with job seeking, plus workshops on topics such as:

- ☐ Goal Setting – how to work towards your dream job!
- ☐ Resume & Cover Letter Writing
- ☐ Personal Presentation and Grooming – how to look good on a budget
- ☐ Interview Skills – sound good, look good!
- ☐ Healthy Relationships/Nutritious Family Eating
- ☐ Time Management/Budgeting

#### Who is eligible for this program?

Recipients of the Parenting Payment from Centrelink.

Other PPS recipients can access training as part of this program, if places are available.

This 6 week course will run on Friday's at Naremburn Family Centre from 10am – 2pm commencing March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The course will be project based, hands on and provide participants with a pathway into further education and training or employment.

Interested? Call today to register on 8425 8700. Childcare may be available.

