

Term 1 Week 10

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# WHALER NO 5

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## Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk 11	7	8 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	9 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	10 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	11 Easter Hat Parade 12.30pm Yrs K & 1
<b>HOLIDAYS - 12<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Staff Development Day – Pupil Free)</b>					
TERM 2 MAY Wk 1	28 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE	29	30	1 Cross Country	2
Wk 2	5	6	7	8 Cross Country Wet Weather Back Up	9 Mother's Day Stall
Wk 3	12	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN	15 NAPLAN	16
Wk 4	19	20 Kindergarten 2015 Information Morning 9.30am Computer Competition	21	22	23
Wk 5	26	27	28 BAND CAMP	29 BAND CAMP	30
JUNE Wk 6	2	3	4 Science Competition	5	6
Wk 7	9 Queen's Birthday	10	11	12 Grandparents Day – Yr 1	13 15 Mini-Mos
Wk 8	16	17	18	19	20
Wk 9	23	24	25	26	27
<b>HOLIDAYS - 28<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> July (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Staff Development Day – Pupil Free)</b>					
Term 3 JULY Wk 1	14 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE	15	16	17	18

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

**Young Leaders Day:** This week Ms Moroney and the school captains, Emily and Julian, attended the Young Leaders day. Some of the key speakers included Ita Buttrose, Andy Griffiths, Bob Carr and Coen Anderson. Emily's **excellent recount** follows in this edition.

**Year 5 at Bathurst:** Wow! It was an early start to the day; however, the up-side was I got the chance to have a café breakfast after seeing the students off on their long journey. It is always fun to see the wide eyes and excited faces of the students leaving and then seeing the tired, sleepy faces on return. This is a fun excursion as some children have never seen so many varieties of farm animals. All seemed to cope with the wet...wet...wet weather. Thank you to the teachers who planned, organised and went on this excursion. Teachers do this type of excursion above their normal duties. It was nice to see parents thank the teachers on their return. It is a huge responsibility taking students away for overnight camps. **Well Done Year 5!**





**P&C WELL DONE!:** Another great event to bring out the community spirit of MPS. Thank You P&C for a great Mosman Mixer and a fantastic night. Well done to Sue, Stefanie and Margot and the committee whose organisation was fantastic. Special thanks to all parents who attended this function. Also kudos to the many parents who took up the wish list challenge. Teachers and students appreciate your generosity and support. These items will be ordered soon and be in classes early next term.

**Blue Day:** Wednesday was a very **BLUE** day but very enjoyable. The canteen was extremely busy for all sessions with children lining up for their “sometimes” food. Aspect Vern Barnett School is very grateful for the fundraising we can do for them. Well Done canteen staff and helpers.

**K-6 Assembly:** On Wednesday all the school assembled in the MOLA for our termly get together. Students from 6S lead the assembly – WELL DONE! This is a great place to meet when the weather is so good. The Performance Band played and sounded wonderful. 2B and Mrs Brown performed an old favourite - ‘Tie Me Kangaroo Down’ and had us all jumping. KB gave us tips about toast and bread with their rendition of ‘Bread and Butter’.

**Reminder: SAFETY AFTER SCHOOL – These rules apply as there is no direct teacher supervision of the playgrounds in the afternoon. The rules are to support the safety of all children.**

- Students should not organise play activities in the school playground after school.
- Students who need to walk home after school should do so directly after the school bell. They should not hang around at school and play.
- No student should be in the playground in the afternoon unaccompanied by a parent, nanny or designated person picking them up.
- Football, rugby or other tackle games are not permitted in the school grounds as these sports or games need direct supervision at all times.
- Please do not allow students to climb trees or walls in the school grounds.
- On wet weather days please do not play on artificial grass areas or under the MOLA in the Myahgah playground.
- Students should wear their shoes in the school grounds as there may be pins, nails or broken glass.
- Parents – Please discuss with your child/ren: Students waiting for parents should wait 10 minutes at designated pick up spots. If parent does not arrive in this time then the students should come to the office so we can contact parents.



*Good Work Amber and Daniel - KA*



*Left Day – Erica - KB*

#### Next Week:

**Student Celebrations:** Each grade will organise a celebration for good behaviour. This celebration is part of the Student Welfare program and rewards students who have shown good behaviour, school spirit and manners during the term.

**Year 6 to Canberra:** Good luck to the teachers and Year 6 students for your Canberra excursion.

**Easter Hat Parade:** This event is always a highlight of the calendar so don't forget to come along.

Best wishes,  
Colin Cobcroft  
Acting Principal



# STUDENT HAPPENINGS

## National Young Leaders Day

On Monday I was lucky enough to attend the National Young Leaders Day at The Sydney Entertainment Centre with Ms Moroney and my fellow School Captains. We walked up to Spit Junction to catch the bus, all the while we were wearing blazers that made you feel like you were trekking the Sahara Desert. The bus ride was about forty-five minutes, due to the Monday morning traffic.

When we arrived in the city, thanks to Ms Moroney's extraordinary navigating, we made it to the centre in time and early enough for Ms Moroney to put an end to her morning coffee craving. We took our seats and the host introduced himself and the first speaker, Michael Martin who we later identified as belonging to the media. Michael Martin made an excellent presentation and convinced the audience that all things cool, successful or popular never start out that way.

The next speaker was the amazing Bob Carr who told us a lot about his political past.

Next was Coen Anderson. For those of you who don't know, Coen is a sixteen year old who recently underwent a lung transplant and the most time he spent out of hospital was five months! He had a very emotional story to tell and was a favourite among the crowd. I was particularly excited as I received his autograph after waiting in a line for at least half an hour.

The next, was the outstanding author Andy Griffiths who had the audience wetting themselves by the end of his presentation.

Last and my favourite was the colossal Ita Buttrose who is no doubt my role model. The extraordinary thing about her is the fact that she worked in a time when women were understated and believed to be unimportant or not *as* important as men, shocking I know.



All of the speakers were brilliant and all gave valid arguments on why leadership was so important and what it meant to each of them. I felt very privileged and honoured to represent Mosman Public School on such an enjoyable day out and have lots of leadership qualities to present to Mosman Public throughout 2014. **Emily H (School Captain)**

## Nude Food Day

Thank you to all students who participated in Nude Food Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. It was wonderful to see 'package free' lunch boxes filled with a range of healthy food items. SRC representatives did lunch box audits during eating time and chose two winners per grade. Well done to all winners!

## Nude Food Winners

*Kindergarten*- Millie KM and George KL, *Year 1*- Lily 1V and Samuel 1A, *Year 2* - Ben 2M and Isabelle 2V, *Year 3* - James 3H and Sam 3W, *Year 4* - Jazmin 4G and Zac 4P, *Year 5* - Olivia 5D and Archie 5R, *Year 6* - Poppy 6D and Finbar 6S.





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2. They are nutritious - full of vitamins and fibre
3. They come in their own biodegradable packaging
4. They don't bruise easily
5. They are a perfect size for kids to eat during Crunch&Sip®



## Performing Arts Wrap

The Performing Arts has had a very busy start to the school year. The focus in Term 1 is organising in-school instrument lessons, establishing our group rehearsal timetable and auditions for our Dance and Drama Groups. It's hard to believe that Term 1 is almost over! A lot has been achieved so far, and I'm happy to report that our 4 Instrumental Groups, and Dance and Drama Groups have all been busy rehearsing, and as you can see from the following pictures, our Junior and Performance Bands have also performed in front of the school. Both the students and their audience loved the experience. Next term we look forward to our Junior and Senior Strings Ensembles performing, as well as some solo performances. **Junior Band**



### Performance Band French Horns and Bass Guitars

This term we have introduced a new database for managing the Performing Arts. My School Music, is a web based system that has centralised our student, tutor, contact, instrument and event information. Currently only the PA Committee had access to the system, but we look forward to rolling it out to all PA families in Term 2.

Keep your eye out for our new Noticeboards soon to be installed at the front and back of

the school hall. Here you'll find news, rehearsal times, event dates and pictures all highlighting our enthusiastic and engaging students. A big "thanks" to the P&C for funding these noticeboards.

Looking forward to Term 2, Senior Strings will have their Acacia rehearsal and concert, all 4 Instrument groups will be invited to attend Band Camp and Mrs Tauber will return from leave.

Finally, thanks to all the wonderful volunteers on our PA Committee, who have worked tirelessly in getting the program up and running this year. Whilst the program is predominantly available to Students in Years 4-6, we hope that by extending our performances into every school Assembly, the entire school can enjoy the benefits of a musical education. Special thanks to our new Band Administrator, Tina Skidmore and to Mr Cobcroft and Ms Davis for their continual support of the Performing Arts at Mosman Public School.





## P&C NEWS

### **Mother's Day Stall 2014**

Our Mother's Day stall will be held on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. Children are given the opportunity to purchase something special for their Mum, Grandma and carers. There is a great selection of gifts to choose from costing \$10.00 each. Your child may also purchase more than one gift and gift wrapping is included. **Gifts must be prepaid** otherwise the children will be unable to attend the stall. This ensures we have no money handling on the day of the stall and that we have plenty of gifts for all the children to choose from.

A note to all parents with more details will follow next week. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN PAYMENT UNTIL YOU RECEIVE NEXT WEEK'S NOTE.**

Stay tuned for payment options. We look forward to seeing your children at this very special event.

Mosman Public School P & C

### **P&C VACANCIES**

We have two volunteer vacancies at the moment that we would like to see filled as soon as possible. Please contact Sonia at [secretary@mosmanpublicpandc.org.au](mailto:secretary@mosmanpublicpandc.org.au) if you are interested or would like more information.

#### **Canteen Roster person**

Time estimate: 3 - 4 hours per term, then possibly 20 minutes per fortnight

There is a database of volunteers who regularly offer their time for a shift in the canteen. Prior to the start of each term, a roster is prepared which allocates volunteers over the term to various time slots, depending upon their noted availability. The roster is prepared and then sent for review to everyone on that database. Final changes are made and then the Roster is posted outside the canteen. We are looking for an energetic team player, keen to become the new Canteen Roster person. This job has scope for review if you have ideas on how to fast track this system or implement change. This role is ready for an immediate hand over.

#### **Graphic design and email marketing**

Time estimate: 30 minutes – 2 hours per week pending demand throughout the year and volunteer availability.

The P&C exec team would like to run a monthly newsletter to all parents to keep them informed of updates, volunteers required and money raised via fundraising activities and loyalty programs. We currently use campaign monitor.

In addition we often have requests for graphic design such as the following:

- Kate Cooper's farewell invitations last year
- Mini-Mos revised logo annually
- Mini-Mos cocktail party invitations

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Registration still open for girls' touch football

Over the past 5 years Mosman Rugby Club has run an extremely successful girls' touch football program (non-contact) for 9 to 13 year olds. Registrations for the program are still open and we encourage all girls from beginners to an experienced level to join up - if you have already registered we are including you on this e-mail to update you on how the program will run this year.

Girls touch football is taking off. Womens' 7's rugby is to be included in the 2016 Olympics to be held in Brazil - Australia currently has the number 1 ranked team. We are excited to announce that this season members of the Australian 7's womens' squad will be working with the Mosman girls. This is an incredible opportunity for the girls to learn from the world's best female players and to develop the skills that could take them to the 2020 Olympics.

The training and game session runs from 5.30 to 6.30pm on Tuesday nights at Rawson. Training starts on 6th May and there are no weekend commitments.

You can register on [www.mosmanjrc.org.au/playing-info/registration-info/](http://www.mosmanjrc.org.au/playing-info/registration-info/)

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Andrew Boustred (0404 876 460) or Libby Adler (0411 386 444).

## Hygiene Basics for Kids

Washing your hands is the best way to stop **germs** from spreading. Think about all of the things that you touched today – from the telephone to the toilet. Maybe you blew your nose in a tissue and then went outside to dig around the dirt.

So when are the best times to wash your hands?

- When your hands are dirty
- Before eating or touching food (like if you're helping cook or bake, for example)
- After using the bathroom
- After blowing your nose or coughing
- After touching pets or other **animals**
- After playing outside
- Before and after visiting a sick relative or friend

It's All About technique

Forget the **hand sanitizers** or those antibacterial soaps for beating germs (you don't want to kill all germs; some are beneficial and necessary for maintaining a healthy immune system). A good old-fashioned hand washing with plain soap and warm water will do the trick. Hands should be thoroughly lathered, rubbed, and rinsed for at least 15 seconds (one verse of the "Happy Birthday" song is a good measure), then thoroughly dried on a clean, dry towel. **Paper** towels are your best bet, so install a roll in the bathroom today.

Also teach your child to keep his hands out of his mouth and nose.

## Latest news

### Chess class

The chess class at Mosman Public School runs on Friday afternoons from 3:15pm - 4:15pm.

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).

### Upcoming chess events

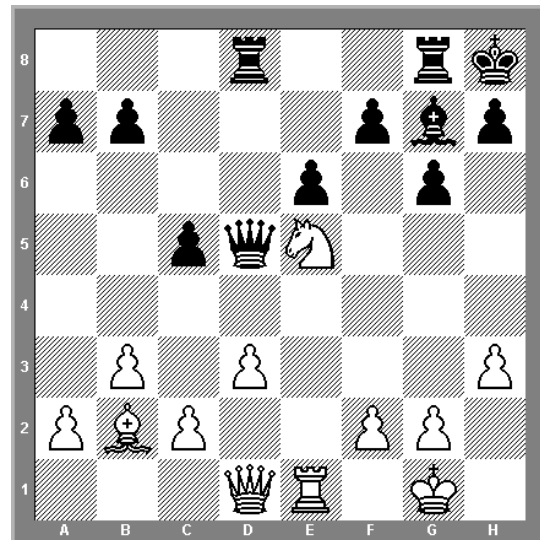
15 April: Inner West Chess Challenge

14-28 April: Holiday Coaching Clinics

More information on events and coaching can be found on:

[www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au)

## Chess puzzle



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



## AN UNBROKEN YELLOW EDGE LINE IS A NO STOPPING LINE

Vehicles are not allowed to stop  
on a road with a continuous  
yellow edge line.

There does not need to  
be a sign accompanying the  
yellow line.

Please park safely.



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COUNCIL