

Term 2 Week 1

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# WHALER NO 6

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## Dates to Remember

|  | Mon   | Tues  | Wed                    | Thurs                      | Fri                       |
|--|---|---|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wk 2   | 5   | 6   | 7                      | 8                          | 9 Mother's Day Stall PSSA |
| Wk 3   | 12  | 13 NAPLAN   | 14 NAPLAN              | 15 NAPLAN                  | 16 PSSA                   |
| Wk 4   | 19  | 20 Kindergarten 2015<br>Information Morning<br>9.30am<br>Computer Competition | 21                     | 22 Zone X-Country          | 23 PSSA                   |
| Wk 5   | 26  | 27  | 28 BAND CAMP           | 29 BAND CAMP               | 30 PSSA                   |
| JUNE<br>Wk 6   | 2   | 3   | 4 Science Competition  | 5                          | 6 PSSA                    |
| Wk 7   | 9 Queen's Birthday                          | 10  | 11                     | 12 Grandparents Day – Yr 1 | 13 PSSA<br>15 Mini-Mos    |
| Wk 8   | 16  | 17 Spelling Competition   | 18 Writing Competition | 19                         | 20 PSSA                   |
| 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<br>JULY<br>Wk 1   | 14 STAFF<br>DEVELOPMENT DAY –<br>PUPIL FREE | 15  | 16                     | 17                         | 18 PSSA                   |

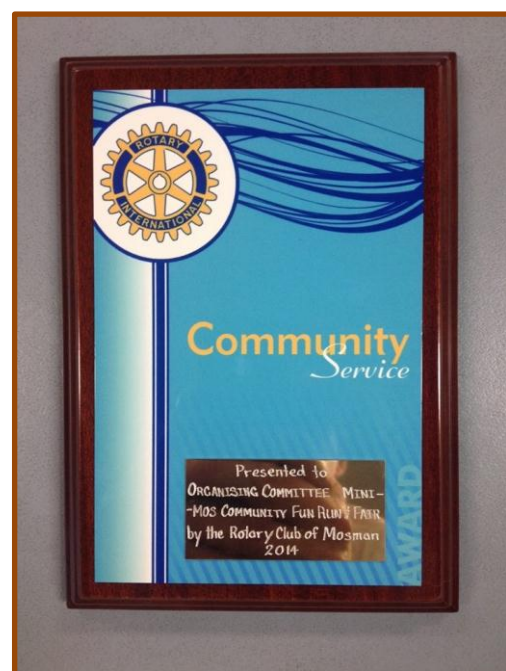
## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

**Well-deserved award:** CONGRATULATIONS go to the Mini-Mos Race Organisers, past and present, who were acknowledged for their ongoing community service. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April I attended a Rotary Club meeting with Cherelle Martin (representing the Mini-Mos Race Committee) and Kristen Pollard (MPS parent representative). Cherelle accepted the Rotary Community Service Award on behalf of all the Mini-Mos organisers and helpers who have made this a community event over the past 33 years. It will not be long before the next Mini-Mos will be upon us. The school is overwhelmed each Mini-Mos by the organisation and the volunteers who contribute to the ongoing success of this event.

**Principal Position:** The fourth round has now concluded with no Principal being selected for the position at MPS. At this stage our Director is in consolation with the Staffing Directorate to determine when the next advertising for the position will take place. I will update when this occurs.

**Year 6 Canberra Trip:** Thank You Year 6 students for your excellent behaviour while you were away on your Canberra excursion. It is always pleasing to hear reports like this on the return of students. Enormous thanks to the Stage 3 team of teachers for making this a successful learning experience for the students. It takes many hours to plan and organise the excursion and then two nights away from your own families. It is an enormous responsibility and I thank you on behalf of the students.



**Cross Country:** Thank you Mr Dowler for your organisation of an excellent Cross Country. Students have been well prepared for the run and I hear a lot took advantage of the holidays to put in extra hours of training. A pat on the back for the parents who helped on the day. It was great to see so many spectators. Well done to all who took part.

**Interrelate:** A concern has been raised about the onset and changes that occur around puberty and entry into the teenage years. In Term 4 of each year, Year 5 & 6 complete the Interrelate program that addresses issues and life events, and provides knowledge and skills with the on-set of puberty. If your child has entered puberty before these sessions, then we ask parents to inform and talk to their class teacher as we have support procedures in place. For further information about Interrelate please speak to Year 5 and Year 6 teachers or visit: [www.interrelate.org.au](http://www.interrelate.org.au).

Best wishes,  
Colin Cobcroft  
Acting Principal



## STUDENT HAPPENINGS

### AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION



Students in Year 6 undertook an educational tour of the National Capital at the end of Term 1. While on this tour, students participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of this excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards travel expenses incurred. The contribution will be paid directly to the school. We would like to thank the

Australian Government for their support of this program. The excursion was a very rewarding experience for all students.

### School Garden

On the last day of Term 1, 4P visited the school garden. The class planted some winter vegetables including peas, carrots, lettuce and snow peas. They also pulled out a big carrot and each tasted a piece during crunch and sip. We had a lot of fun!







## **SPORT REPORT**

### **2014 Cross Country**

Our annual Cross Country Carnival was held at Allan Border Oval on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Most of the students from Years 3 to 6 were involved. Eight, nine and ten year olds had to run 2km and eleven, twelve and thirteen year olds ran 3km. Those who participated in the Cross Country earned points for their house. The results of the event will be announced at next week's assembly.

The conditions were perfect for running, and many parents and relatives attended to cheer on the students.

Special thanks to Adrienne Gale for her amazing efforts in coordinating the countless parent helpers (the most I have ever seen) and also thank you to all the parents that volunteered to help on the day. Teachers and students appreciate you giving up your time to assist with the Carnival. Without your help, the Carnival would not have been the achievement that it was.

Students from each age group race that qualified for Zone Cross Country will attend the Carnival which will be held Week 4 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Artarmon Reserve, Artarmon. Well done to all students who participated in our school Cross Country Carnival.

Stephen Dowler  
Sport Coordinator



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- Then **VOLUNTEER!** Even just an hour of your time is great. Email [volunteer@mosmanpublicpandc.org.au](mailto:volunteer@mosmanpublicpandc.org.au).

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Basketball**

On the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April, the Mosman Warriors, a team of Year 4 boys from Mosman Public played in the grand final of the Div 4 basketball comp at North Sydney. They went down in the last 20 seconds of the match to the top team by 1 point. The boys are 9 years old, have been playing for less than a year and were playing in the under 12s comp so it was an amazing effort. Well done Warriors!

For more information or if you would like to nominate a team to join the comp, go to [www.nsba.com.au](http://www.nsba.com.au)

If anyone has any stories of sporting achievements they would like to share please email them to [michellermckinnon@hotmail.com](mailto:michellermckinnon@hotmail.com).





## Book Fair

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# COMMUNICATING WITH KIDS

3-12 Years

## WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS



- Learn communication skills for building positive relationships
- Problem ownership
- Listening and assertiveness skills
- Problem solving skills

This 2 ½ hour workshop will be facilitated by **Wendy Henningham, Parent Educator and Psychologist, Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health**

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