

Term 2 Week 3

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# WHALER NO 7



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## Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk 4	19	20 Kindergarten 2015 Information Morning 9.30am Computer Competition	21 Mini-Mos Mufti day  P&C Meeting 7pm – school library	22 Zone X-Country	23 PSSA
Wk 5	26	27	28 BAND CAMP	29 BAND CAMP Wet weather back up for Zone X-Country	30 PSSA
JUNE Wk 6	2	3	4 Science Competition	5	6 PSSA
Wk 7	9 Queen's Birthday	10	11	12 Grandparents Day – Yr 1 Regional X-Country	13 PSSA <b>15 Mini-Mos</b>
Wk 8	16	17 Spelling Competition	18 Writing Competition	19	20 PSSA
Wk 9	23	24	25	26	27

## HOLIDAYS - 28<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> July (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Staff Development Day – Pupil Free)

Term 3 JULY Wk 1	14 STAFF DEVELOPMENT PUPIL FREE DAY	15	16	17	18 PSSA
Wk 2	21	22	23 OC Test	24 Yrs 3-6 Athletics Carnival	25
AUG Wk 3	28	29 English Competition	30	31	1
Wk 4	4	5	6	7 Wet weather back up for Yrs 3-6 Athletics Carnival	8
Wk 5	11 Maths Competition	12	13	14	15

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

**Mosman Reconciliation:** Emily and Julian, school captains, and I attended a flag presentation ceremony on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at Mosman Art Gallery. This presentation was organised by the Mosman Reconciliation group. The captains accepted the gift of Aboriginal and Torres Strait flags. Both captains represented the school well. They conversed with official guests and demonstrated why they were selected to be our school captains. I was impressed with how confident they were and how they went around to all official guests to say 'goodbye'.



**Mother's Day Stall:** Excited faces, frenzied gift selection or prolonged decision making to choose the best present for mum. Feverishly wrapping presents with colourful and personally made wrapping paper took place. Thank you Pam Heuer for organising the day and selecting the presents. The selection was excellent. Hopefully, all mums had a great day last Sunday. From the discussions at the wrapping stations you were all in for wonderful treats, flowers, eggs, sleep-ins, trips to the park, books for lazy reading sessions and leisurely lunches at expensive cafes.

**NCCD:** Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disabilities. Last week I sent an email out to all parents with some information on this new data collection process. Over the next few weeks the information will be entered into our school registration system. This is where the data will be collected on the 18<sup>th</sup> July. Later in the term I will email home another information sheet on the NCCD which will include an exemption slip for parents who do not want their child's information to be extracted. From 2015 onwards this data collection will be important as it will determine funding support for children tied to the needs of students identified in individual schools.

**Mini-Mos:** Four weeks to go..... and I guess you have upped your training sessions by now. MPS students are talking about their goals for the big day. Sponsorship sites are now live and active and students are able to follow the progress of their class team responses. The Mini-Mos Mufti Day will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May and students can wear colours to support the charity they are raising money for.

**Kindergarten 2015:** An information session will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May in our school hall at 9:30am. If you have a friend or neighbour that has a child of starting age for 2015, please let them know about this information session.

**P&C:** Next Meeting - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm in the school library. All welcome. **WISH LIST items-** Most of the wish list items have arrived and are now in classrooms. Thank you parents for being so generous.

Best wishes,  
**Colin Cobcroft**  
Acting Principal

## Performing Arts Wrap

Welcome Back Mrs Tauber! Term 2 started with the very welcome return of the School's Music Teacher, and driving force behind the Performing Arts, Mrs Tauber. The focus this term is on Band Camp, which will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May. It's a wonderful opportunity for the students in each instrumental group to improve their skills over 2 days of intense practice and fun. Please ensure that if your child is in one of our instrumental groups that you have completed your Band Camp forms as they are now overdue.



Our assembly performances continue to impress. Last week Junior Strings performed to a very excited K-2 audience, who were also treated to a beautiful cello solo by Year 5 student Annie Howse. Next Wednesday Senior Strings will play one of the pieces they have been practicing for the Acacia Concert. All parents are welcome to attend.

On 26<sup>th</sup> May our Drama Group will audition for inclusion in the Arts North Festival of Drama being held at NIDA in July. The festival showcases talent from both primary and high schools in the Northern Sydney area. Good luck students and thanks to Mr Van Biljon and Ms Duke for your enthusiastic guidance and support.

One of our new Noticeboards has been installed on the COLA side of the hall. Come and take a look at our vibrant orange notices that will inform you on group rehearsal dates and times, events for the term and other PA news. Finally, a reminder that even though the mornings are becoming chilly, and it's harder to get out of bed, it's vital that all students enrolled in the various PA groups turn up for rehearsal on time every week. Just like a netball team can't play well without a centre, a band cannot perform well without a bass section. All for now...



**Tracy Miles for the Performing Arts Committee**

## STUDENT HAPPENINGS



*2B performed 'Batman Shimmy' at our latest K-2 Assembly. These students wrote excellent sentences about it:*

I felt like I had stage fright because I was acting in front of the whole of our junior school. **Hudson**

I felt happy because my Mum was watching me. **Daniel**

I felt very nervous and excited because I was performing in front of K-2. **Lachlan D**

I felt happy because I was performing. **Jacob**

I felt very excited but also nervous because I was performing on stage. **Maya**

I felt scared and excited because I wore a Batman costume. **Maddison**

I felt nervous because I had to do it in front of K-2. **Ava**

I felt happy because I like Batman. **Angela**

I felt happy but scared because I was Robin. **Samuel**

I felt happy and excited because I like the Batman song. **Olivia**

I felt excited because I love the Batman song. **Blake**

I felt very proud and a bit nervous because I love a great audience! **Ella**

I felt excited because I was performing in a Batman suit! **Jack**

I felt scared but excited because this was my first time performing on the stage. **Ollie**

I felt excited because I like Batman. **Balazs**



*We have also started  
Gym with Rumen on  
Fridays.*

*Everyone is enjoying  
this healthy activity.*





# NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2014

It is just over 2 months into the reading challenge and there are a number of students who have already completed it. Congratulations to:

Emily C (1A), Annabelle F (1A), Rory H (1W), Eloise W (1W), Imogen C (2T), Jack C (2B), Olivia D (2B), Allegra E (2M), James F (2M), Jack K (2M), Sophia K (2B), Maya L (2B), Delfina M (2B), Sholto M (2M), Phoebe O (2M), Michelle P (2M), Marco V (2M), Sam W (2T), Tom B (3G), Isabella H (3N), Sam H (3H), Elise P (4A), James W (5W) and Rachel L (6S).

I can see that many students have started the challenge and hopefully we will have a record number who complete it.

Remember that all students are automatically registered. To logon they need their DEC username and password.

**For your clarification, here are some of the rules:**

## Rules

1. The Challenge runs from **3 March to 29 August (11:59pm) 2014. Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 22 August (11:59pm).**

Ongoing reading is encouraged. Books read from 1 September 2013 can count towards the 2014 Challenge.



It is a condition of entry that students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and may appear on the PRC Gold and Platinum Honour Roll.

2. Teachers, teacher-librarians and public librarians can assist students to choose the Challenge level and books that are appropriate for their age, interest and maturity levels. K-2 students who can read simple chapter books independently are encouraged to attempt the 3-4 Challenge.
3. Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge.

K-2 read 30 books

3-4 and 5-6 read 20 books

## Special Notes

- Independent Year K-2 readers should attempt the 3-4 Challenge.
  - Years K-2 students can experience their books; Years 3-9 students read their books independently. To experience a book a child can listen to the book, participate in a shared reading of the book or read part or all of the book independently.
  - On the 7-9 booklist, books marked  are for mature readers or denote books with more mature themes or language. These books are usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
  - On the 7-9 booklist, easier reads are marked .
  - Students who require special support may listen to unabridged audio versions of the books as they read along to them.
  - Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 can experience PRC books in their home language.
  - For students in Years 3 to 9, all books selected from PRC booklists should be read in English.
  - Students in Years 3-9 can read choice books in their home language.
4. All Student Reading Records are submitted online. Students can enter their books as they read them.
  5. It is a condition of entry that all students entering and successfully completing the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive an official PRC certificate and their names may appear on the PRC Gold and Platinum Honour Roll.

6. To successfully complete the Challenge the student must have an online reading record entered and validated by 29 August (11:59pm) 2014.

Schools registering students must ensure that a parent/caregiver understands that all students entering the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear in the PRC Gold and Platinum Honour Roll. The certificate shows the student's name and school. Only the students' name will appear in the Gold and Platinum Honour Roll with no other identifying factors. Participating schools appear as a separate list and home-schools are not listed individually.

Students who do not wish to receive a certificate or be on the Gold and Platinum Honour Roll should not register for the Challenge. These students may take part in the Challenge unofficially - they may use the PRC booklists and can seek recognition in their local school community but they cannot enter an official record.

7. A reading log can be used to keep a personal ongoing record of books read (ID number, title and author). Students will also need to supply information on whether they have completed the Challenge before and if it was at a different school. This information must be entered on the online Student Reading Records.
  8. Paper copies of Student Reading Records are not submitted to the PRC. Personal reading logs may be kept by schools for their records.
  9. Students, whose online entries are received by the **closing date of 22 August 2014**, and following validation by the school, are eligible for certificates.
  10. Only one certificate per year will be issued to each student regardless of the number of books read.
    - A student who completes 1 year receives a completion certificate.
    - A student who completes 2 years receives a completion certificate.
    - A student who completes 3 years receives a completion certificate.
    - A student who completes 4 years receives a Gold certificate.
    - A student who completes 5 years receives a completion certificate.
    - A student who completes 6 years receives a completion certificate.
    - A student who completes 7 years receives a Platinum certificate.
    - A student who completes 8 years receives a completion certificate.
    - A student who completes 9 years receives a completion certificate.
- Students who complete the Challenge each year from Year 3 to Year 9 inclusive receive a PRC medal.

### Kindergarten

At Mosman Public School PRC books will be read to Kindergarten students during library lessons and these titles will be submitted online on behalf of each child. Therefore, each Kindergarten student will receive a certificate towards the end of the year. However, if you wish to complete the challenge at home, feel free to do so.

**Gabi Hodge**  
**Teacher-Librarian**

## MPS Presented Flags

A few weeks ago, Emily, Mr Cobcroft and I walked up the road from Mosman Public School to the Mosman Art Gallery. We were there to be presented with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags by traditional owners of the land. Many representatives from other schools in the area took part in this ceremony.

We had our picture taken and then Mr Eddie Goodall, Indigenous Co-Chair of Mosman Reconciliation and Ms Rasme Prior, a Torres Strait Islander spoke about their flags and the history of the flags. After talks, we were presented with flags to be flown at MPS.

After all of the representatives from the schools were presented with their flags, a delicious free morning tea was supplied. While I was eating, I found out that there were a few adults at the ceremony who went to Mosman Public School as children. I also met a friend of mine from another school. After the morning tea, we said our 'goodbyes' and walked back down to school.

*Julian 6D*



## Walk Safely to School Day Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014

The annual National Walk Safely to School day (WSTSD) when all primary school students are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school, will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014. We encourage all Mosman Public School students to take part in this activity with the assistance of parents and carers.

Objectives include:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure children up to 10 years of age hold an adults hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need to as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of public transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.



## WISH LIST ITEMS ARRIVE



*Kinder mat and letter beads*



*Boxes of goodies*




*1V enjoy new puzzles*



## Mother's Day Stall



*Thank you to the parent helpers for your time and wrapping skills*



**5 facts about kiwifruit**

1. Another name for them is Chinese Gooseberry
2. They come in green and gold varieties
3. Their brown skins are edible, however they can be tough so some people prefer to scoop out the flesh
4. They are a good source of Vitamin C
5. They are a perfect snack for Crunch&Sip\*!



***Olive has returned from her adventure***

## Year 6 Student Happenings

This term Years 5 and 6 participated in the Scienza Viva workshop that was held in the school hall. We learnt about how electricity is made, how it travels from atom to atom, what conducts it and how it powers the objects around us. After we had learnt about all that we went and experimented and tested some of the theories by rubbing balloons on our hair to make static electricity and then using it to bend water and make cola cans move without touching them. We also used magnets to make a coil of wire spin continuously and used a lamp and solar panel to make a fan spin. Everyone learnt a lot and had fun while doing it. I hope the program can continue so other years can enjoy themselves as much as we did. *Jac M – 6S*



## **SPORT NEWS**

### **PSSA RESULTS - Week 2 Round 1**

#### **Soccer**

Mosman A's Lost 1-0

Mosman B's Lost 6-0

Mosman C's Lost 7-0

Mosman Girls Lost 6-1

#### **Netball**

Red team lost against Cammeray: 24-10

Blue 1: Bye

Blue 2 tied with Castle Cove: 6 - 6

Green lost against Cammeray: 0 – 6



### **Netball**

The recent Sydney North Netball Trial was held at Middle Harbour Public School. Mosman sent 3 students to the trial, Ruby C, Sophie G and Taylor B. The competition was tough but Taylor B stood out from the crowd and was selected to attend the next level of trials to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> May at Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre, Warriewood. We wish her all the best.





## Touch Football

The recent Sydney North PSSA Boys Touch Football Trial was held at Northbridge Oval. Mosman sent 4 students to the trial, Tom G, James I, Gab N and Ethan B. The trial was fast and extremely competitive and the level of skill displayed on the day were the highest that the convenor had seen in years. Ethan B was selected to attend the next level of trials to be held Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May on Northbridge oval.



## Hockey

The recent Sydney North PSSA Hockey Trial was held at Wyong. Mosman sent 2 students, Emily P and Harriet W. There were many experienced players and skill level was extremely high. Emily P was selected in the 2014 Sydney North Girls Hockey Team. Emily will now travel to Narellan to represent the Sydney North Region in the NSW PSSA State Carnival. A wonderful achievement. Well done Emily.

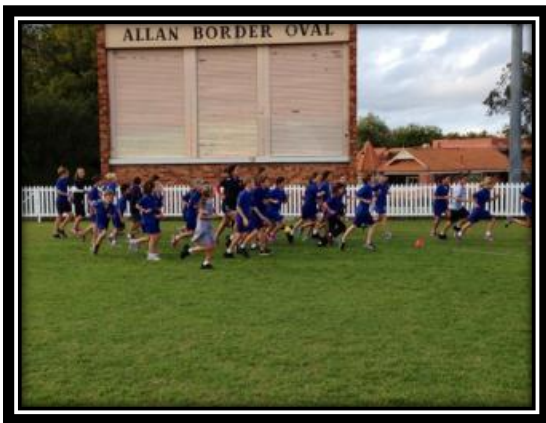


## Rugby Union

Tom's previous representative experience allowed him to be selected to participate at Sydney North PSSA Rugby Union Trials. Trials will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Pittwater Rugby Park. Good Luck Tom.



## Zone Cross Country Training



A big thank you to all the children who have been participating in the Zone Cross Country training. Also, all the parent support is very much appreciated.

We are very impressed with the students' enthusiasm and dedication to fully prepare themselves for their upcoming race. We wish them the best of luck next week and look forward to hearing their great results.

*Miss Polito & Mrs Daffas*



## Indoor Soccer

Last Monday saw 8 boys attend the Football NSW Futsal Schools championship at the Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre. After a delayed start to proceedings, the M.P.S. team were eager for their first match against one of Killarney Heights Public School's teams. Mosman showed passages of high tempo passing football, but were unable to withstand the quick transitions and accurate finishing of Killarney which eventually gave them the win. The Mosman boys came up against some strong sides in the remaining fixtures of the round robin, which gave them a chance to refine both their defensive structure and their composure during attacking plays. By lunch time Mosman had secured enough points to proceed to a semi-final.

Hornsby North was a well-trained and confident outfit that made Mosman enforce a disciplined and hardworking defence. A half time score of 0-0 was reward for withstanding the pressure of a skilful and confident attacking team. With Mosman searching for scoring opportunities and trying to pounce on the counter attack, we were left exposed twice and the Hornsby players made the most of their chances. A 0-2 defeat was of course disappointing, but the boys showed fantastic sportsmanship in congratulating their opponents. Well done James I, Oscar D, Gabe S, Sam G, Malachy H, Vinnie L, Luc K and Bailey M!

*Mr Bagnall*



## P&C



**The Mini-Mos will be held on Sunday 15 June 2014.**

We need your help to make our biggest fundraiser a success.

- First, please register at [www.mini-mos.com](http://www.mini-mos.com).
- Then **VOLUNTEER!** Even just an hour of your time is great. Email [volunteer@mosmanpublicpandc.org.au](mailto:volunteer@mosmanpublicpandc.org.au).



## Canteen – Volunteers needed for Nude Food Day

The canteen is in need of volunteers for food preparation on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> June (1.30-3pm). They also need helpers to serve at recess and lunch on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> June. Please see the canteen if you are available for either day.

*Thank you*

*School Canteen and SRC*

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Boys and Girls Club



Years K-6

- **Games**- running games, circle games, ball games
- **Music**- Sing and dance
- **Memory verse**- Test your brain!
- **Bible talk**- Listening to God talk to you
- **Supper**- Eat and relax
- **Discussion**- Ask your questions and explore the bible more deeply
- **Craft**- Create something to take home

**New?**  
Come on the 30<sup>th</sup> May for a...  
**'Age Mix' night**  
Come dressed as old or young or anything in between



**Fridays 5:30pm-7pm**  
(during school term)

144 Raglan St Mosman,  
St Clement's Church

\$5/week or \$40/term

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# FIREWORKS NIGHT

**Beauty Point Public School**  
17 Medusa Street Mosman

**Saturday May 24th 2014 2.30pm to 7pm**  
Fireworks start at 6.30pm  
*Back up date Saturday May 31st 2014*

Annual family fun fair with rides, slides, food stalls, games, prizes, entertainment and spectacular fireworks!

Entry tickets:  
Family: \$22 | Adults: \$12 | Children: \* \$5 (4-16)  
\* under 4 years FREE