

Term 3 Week 6

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WHALER NO 13



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Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk 7	25 Fruit & veg month begins.	26	27	28 Zone – Field. Wet weather back-up K-2 Carnival.	29 Zone – Track. North Shore Band Competition 30/31st Aug
SEPT Wk 8	1	2	3 Nude Food day	4	5 Father's Day Stall. Footy Colours Day
Wk 9	8 Regional Athletics Carnival	9	10	11	12
Wk 10	15	16	17	18	19 Fruit & veg month ends.

HOLIDAYS - September 20 to October 6

Term 4 OCT Week 1	6 Labour Day Holiday	7 STUDENTS & STAFF RETURN Yr 3 Swimming	8	9	10 Yr 5 Interrelate
Week 2	13 Yr 3 Swimming	14 Yr 3 Swimming. Book Fair and Book Fair Book Talk	15 Book Fair. State Athletics Carnival TBA	16 Book Fair. State Athletics Carnival TBA	17 Book Fair. Yr 5 Interrelate
Week 3	20 Yr 3 Swimming. Book Fair	21 Yr 3 Swimming. Book Fair	22 Book Fair	23 Book Fair	24 Book Fair Yr 6 Interrelate
Week 4	27 Yr 3 Swimming. Book Fair	28 Yr 3 Swimming. Book Fair	29	30	31 Yr 6 Interrelate
NOV Week 5	3 Yr 3 Swimming	4 Yr 3 Swimming	5	6	7 Yr 6 Interrelate
Week 6	10 Yr 3 Swimming. National Recycling Week	11 Yr 3 Swimming	12	13	14 Yr 6 Interrelate
Week 7	17 Yr 3 Swimming	18 Yr 3 Swimming	19	20	21

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

It's been a busy fortnight at MPS – Life Education, Year 1 cricket, Nan Tien, PSSA final rounds, Year 3 instrument trials, MPS public speaking competition, book character parade, great book swap, Stage 1 robotics, Year 6 Mandarin assessment @ MHS and the term 3 P&C meeting. It is indeed indicative of the rich learning opportunities that are available to our students and testament to our skilled teachers to juggle timetables and routines.

Book Character Parade: I only wish I'd invented the onesie – I'd be a very rich man considering the number on show at last week's parade. My thanks and congratulations to students [and their parents] on what was a brilliant celebration of a multitude of book characters. Participation rates were high and smiles were wide – it's always nice to see Year 6 parading with their buddies. A big thanks to Mrs Hodge [aka Cat in the Hat] for her organisation of the event.



Uniform: Studies indicate parent and community perception of a school's success is portrayed in the commitment of students to wearing the school uniform. Whilst I don't necessarily agree with this, I do firmly believe commitment to wearing uniform demonstrates student [and parent] pride in their school, and the desire to belong. Whilst all students are individuals, I encourage this to be demonstrated through their character rather than clothing choice.

School Security: It has come to my attention that there are people on the school site out of hours *attempting* parkour [aka free running] and uploading photographs on to social media. Remembering that schools are inclosed lands, parents are asked to report any people on site to school security on 1300 880 021.

Father's Day Stall: On **Friday September 5 2014**, the P&C is holding the traditional Father's Day Stall. Our students are given the opportunity to purchase something special for their dad, grandad or carer. Gifts cost **\$10** each and there is a fantastic selection to choose from, all beautifully wrapped in your child's personally designed wrapping paper. Why stop at one gift? Feel free to order as many as you'd like, don't leave Pop out! Information with details was sent home in your child's bag and also via email. Please return one note per child to your child's class teacher by Friday August 29.

Fun Run: The Soft Sand Shuffle will take place at North Steyne Beach on Sunday September 14. This community event is based on the great Aussie tradition of beach running and features a range of 'shuffles' for beginners through to more serious runners, everything from 250m for kids to the 'Super Warrior Challenge' for adults. All funds raised go directly to charities Life Education, ReachOut.com and the Foundation for Life Sciences who are doing critical work in the field of youth mental health. Every dollar brings us closer to changing the statistics for the better. Visit the website for more information www.softsandshuffle.org.au and to register online.

Planning for 2015: The organising of Kindergarten Orientation groups will start soon. If you have a child who will start at MPS in 2015, please ensure you have completed an enrolment form. Next year we will take up all our classrooms. To help with strategic planning I ask you to indicate if you will not be attending MPS in 2015. A notification slip is located at the end of this Whaler. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mosman Public School will be taking part in Fruit and Veg Month 2014, beginning Monday August 25. This year's theme is 'The Rainbow Journey' and students will be encouraged to bring an array of coloured fruit and veg as part of their lunch and Crunch and Sip. There will be associated classroom activities with curriculum links for all stages.

Fruit & Veg Month



Best wishes,
Steve Connelly
Acting Principal

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Year 3 Instrument Trials – Wednesday August 13, 2014



On Wednesday August 13, all Year 3 students were invited to participate in the Annual Instrument Trial for Junior Band and String Ensemble in 2015. The classes converged on the Library and students were treated to playing a multitude of instruments guided by our school parapet etic music teachers and conductors. The tutors and conductors have looked carefully at each student's strengths on each instrument and, as a result of the assessments students will be matched to a suitable instrument to bring together a Junior Band and Junior String Ensemble next year. The instruments trialled were flute, violin, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, baritone, trombone, cello, French horn, bass guitar and drums. The students displayed positive energy and fascination at the range of instruments available. Good luck to all those who trialled instruments and please keep an open mind to the directions recommended when notes are returned home. All recommendations come with the best intentions but please feel free to discuss the options if the choice does not resonate well for you.

A big thank you to Liz Williams, Tracy Miles, Tina Skidmore, Catherine Howell, Pia Kostiainen, Charmion Rowe and other parent helpers who escorted students around to the music studio locations.

The Clarinet Cats



The Clarinet Cats of Year 4 entertained us at Assemblies this week with their version of Roar by Katy Perry. Charlotte, Milly, Annabelle and Caitlin all learn clarinet from the wonderful Natalie and are great ambassadors for the School Band Program.

Barbara Tauber
Performing Arts Coordinator

Mandarin News

Well done to all the Year 6 students who today sat their Term 3 assessment for Mandarin at Mosman High School. The assessment also formed part of the selection process for entrance to Mosman High School's accelerated Mandarin Program. We are very fortunate at Mosman Public School to have such a strong link with our local high school that enables our students to have continuity between their primary school learning and high school studies.

This fantastic link with the high school is opening up important opportunities for both schools, such as potential sister school relationships which we hope to pursue for the benefit of our students. In 2015, our plan is to send a small delegation of teachers to a sister school in Shanghai with a reciprocal visit to take place later in the year. It is our hope that the fostering of this relationship will give our students the opportunity to further their Mandarin language studies and make real life global connections.



Hao Lu
Assistant Principal – Mandarin Coordinator

Year 6 Student Happenings

Personally, I really enjoyed Nan Tien. It was really interesting and I learned a lot. When we arrived at the Nan Tien temple I was so amazed at the view of the temple. It was so big and it had red roofs that were slanted. I couldn't wait to go inside. Before we went inside we were told to be very quiet because in the temple people pray and worship. When we got inside the temple we went up a lot of stairs and then we went through the temple then outside again. We were told that we were doing Tai Chi so we all had to find a space. A man came out of the temple and he put on some music and we had to follow what he was doing. Unfortunately, it started to rain so we moved into the temple. Before we went in we had to take our shoes off. Afterwards we had a tour of the temple and went inside a worshipping room to learn all about a prince 2,600 years ago who wanted to help the poor. There were five big different statues of him meaning different things. Then we had lunch. We had rice and potato wedges and we had to eat in silence. Everyone was very calm. After lunch we learnt some calligraphy in the conference hall. We wrote over some writing using a special pen. We then had a tour of the museum and it was mind blowing. I was told that someone took a grain of rice and then sharpened it with a stone. Then he dipped it in ink, and drew something. We looked through microscopes and they were so good. It was like a miniature masterpiece. It was an awesome day. I recommend it to everyone. It's a place you have got to go to. **Oscar D – 6D**





Premier's Spelling Bee 2014

On **Tuesday**, September 10, 4 students will represent our school at the **Regional Spelling Bee** at Lindfield East Public School.

Our **Junior Finalists** are **Angus G** (Year 4) and **Kai S** (Year 3).

Our **Senior Finalists** are **James W** (Year 5) and **Maddie F** (Year 6).

Good luck team!

Thank you to the teachers who trained the children, Mrs Wilson, Ms Gates, Ms Sullivan, Ms Duke, Ms Campbell and Miss Pizzolato.



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2014

Lots of students are taking the opportunity to find their last books so they can finish their PRC before **August 29**. Congratulations to the following students who have now completed the PRC:

Mitch T (KH), Samuel T (KH), Sam B (1W), Lily P (1V), Issi B (1P), Claudia H (1P), William B (2V), Asher S (2T), Hudson H (2B), Angela G (2B), Ella K (2B), Sofia M (2M), Lachlan S (2M), Amy T (2T), Kane T (2T), Jacob D (2M), James H (3H), Hans H (3G), Finnlay B (3H), Gabriel K (5W), Niamh K (5R),

The closing date is August 29, 2014.



Gabi Hodge
Teacher Librarian

Fruit Salad... Yummy Yummy!

Fruit salad is a great idea for Crunch&Sip®, full of colour, flavour and nutrients.

Why not chop up your child's favourite fruit and pop it into a sealable container. Don't forget a fork!



Footy Colours Day - Friday September 5

The SRC has decided to support Footy Colours Day in Week 8 of Term 3. Each year thousands of Australians unite and wear their favourite footy colours to help raise money to give to children and teens living with cancer, a brighter future. Students from K-6 are encouraged to show their true colours and team spirit! Children can wear their football team's colours and provide a gold coin donation in support of Fight Cancer Foundation's education support programs.

Thank you

SRC teachers – Miss Pizzolato, Ms Gates and Ms Hudson



SPORTS REPORT



2014 NSW Junior State Championship

The team coached by Sylvester W finished fourth on the ladder in the Metro League and qualified to play in the Junior State Championship that was held on Friday August 1-3 in Maitland.

Ratchaphak P who plays in North Bears U12 Men's Div 1 (Northern Suburb Basketball Association) competed in Maitland at the NSW State Championship.

The State Championship consisted of 8 teams with the top 4 teams from the Metro League and 4 other Country teams. The matches against the country teams were very challenging; however, the metro teams were much stronger than the country teams. Unfortunately, North Bears lost to the Hills and Penrith teams. North Bears finished 4th in the State Championships, which is a great achievement for the team as they were going up against much stronger teams. *Ratchaphak P – 6S*

PSSA Soccer Results

Round 11

Mosman A's Drew 1-1

Mosman B's Lost 1-0

Mosman C's Lost 4-1

Mosman Girls Lost 2-1

Round 12

Mosman A's Drew 2-2

Mosman B's Lost 2-0

Mosman C's Won 3-1

Mosman Girls Won 5-0

PSSA Netball Results

Round 11

Red v Cammeray Loss 28-7

Blue 1 v Mowbray Won 18-2

Blue 2 v North Sydney Loss 13-3

Green v Artarmon Won 10-6

Round 12

Red v Middle Harbour Drew 21-21

Blue 1 v Lane Cove West Lost 29-3

Blue 2 v Lane Cove Lost 26-1

Green v Lane Cove West Lost 21-1

Round 13



2014 Athletic Carnival House Results

House Totals		
House		Place
Glengarry	524	1 st
Boronia	516	2 nd
Monterey	493	3 rd
Ranger	453	4 th

Age Champion	Division
Matthew B	8/9 Year Boy
Maggie G	8/9 Year Girl
Ratchaphak P	11 Year Boy
Ruby C	11 Year Girl
Gabriel S	12/13 Year Boy
Madeleine F	12/13 Year Girl



COMMUNITY NEWS

Live on stage at the Orpheum

Andy Griffiths, author of The 52-Storey Treehouse.

After school at 5pm on Tuesday September 2.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Orpheum box office, at Pages & Pages or online at Orpheum.com.au



Road safety

Road safety around your child's school

Your child's safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools.

Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always **give way to pedestrians** particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the **school side of the road** in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It's safest for children to get out of the car on the **kerb side of the road** to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always **hold your child's hand**. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road.

STOP! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these **safe pedestrian habits** from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.



SAFETY TOWN
safetytown.com.au

Did you know your child is learning about road safety at school?
Join in by visiting safetytown.com.au.



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Transport for NSW

Centre for Road Safety

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:

NAME: Class:

Last day of attendance:

Name of new school:

Signature: Date:

Please return this notification to the office.