

Term 3 Week 8

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WHALER NO 14



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Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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
Week 8	24	25	26	27	28
Week 9	1	2 Stage 3 Musical	3 Stage 3 Musical	4	5

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ice Bucket Challenge: The recent inclement weather refrained long enough for several hundred students, parents & teachers witness 3 brave souls [parents Tanya Menzies & Paul Evans and myself] pour buckets of icy cold H2O over the heads of 3 hapless parents [Simon Menzies (2V) Sonia Renwick (5R) Tara Green (2V)]. Confined to plastic chairs, they patiently awaited the deluge thanks to a nomination to partake in this great fund raising cause for the Motor Neurone Association by fellow parent Paul Evans.





K-2 athletics carnival: Our last chance to run this year's carnival will be on Thursday October 16 at Allan Border Oval commencing at 9.30am. Parents are most welcome to attend, so make sure you take up your position outside the fence line to get the best possible view of the action. To enter on to the hallowed grounds of ABO, parent volunteers, who have already returned a volunteer slip will be informed by the classroom teacher in week 1 next term. Permission notes will be sent home next Friday – only those students who have returned their permission slip will be able to attend.



Child Protection: Lessons will take place in all classrooms during term 4 as an integral part of the NSW curriculum. Parental permission is not required for students to take part in these lessons, unlike the Interrelate lessons that are run for Stage 3 students. Lesson content can be found at <http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/primary/pdhpe/safe/cpe.htm> should you wish to review the content. Or you can scan the QR code to make it easier [just download a QR reader].

Behaviour: I am concerned to learn that students are using swear words as part of their playground talk. We are clamping down on this inappropriate behaviour and I urge parents to reinforce this with their children. Students have also been reminded to keep hands and feet to themselves – for obvious reasons.

Zone athletics: Congratulations to all students who participated at the Zone athletics carnival and to Ms Davis, Mr Dowler, Mrs Hodge and Mrs Goto for accompanying our team. Thanks also to all parent helpers for your support. A full report can be found further on in this Whaler.

Morning Fitness: sessions will commence next term for 60 lucky students [positions already filled] under the guidance of Mr Jones and Miss O'Neill. Students will follow a program working on general cardio fitness, strength and agility training, held each Friday from 8:25 to 8:55am on the Belmont playground.

Public speaking: Well done to all students who participated in the competition this year and congratulations to the grade finalists. The Kindergarten to Year 5 grade winners presented their speech most animatedly this week at assembly and received their medallions. The Year 6 winner will be announced at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony late next term.....



Hugo - Kindergarten , Bryce – Year 1, Marielle – Year 2



Freya – Year 3, Angus – Year 4, Jasper – Year 5

Best wishes,
Steve Connelly
Acting Principal

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Father's Day Stall

The COLA has been a hub of activity today with busy mums and students purchasing lovely gifts for Father's Day on Sunday. Thank you Vicki Anderson and your amazing team of mums, for braving the cold weather to set up great gifts, and wrapping them for all our wonderful dads and grandads.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
from the students at Mosman Public School



CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Year 5 Senior Drama Group

Due to the amazing performance at NIDA by the Senior Drama Group, they have been selected to perform 'Never Centre Stage' at the 2014 NSW Public Schools State Drama Festival. It is a tremendous achievement and well-deserved after all their hard work. Since the beginning of the year, they have all been committed to turning up to rehearsals at 8 am on Friday mornings.

The students are all very excited and Miss Duke and I are very proud of this achievement. The Primary matinee is on Thursday October 23 at 11 am and Friday October 24 for the night performance at 7.30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Ben van Biljon
Drama Coordinator

WELCOME NEWS FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts Committee has just received fantastic news on two fronts.

Firstly, we have received a thousand dollars from the Mosman Council Community Grants Scheme to purchase an electronic drum kit for the bands. We will be receiving this from the Mayor next Wednesday morning. A big thank you to Tracy Miles and Tina Skidmore for the hours put in to the application.

Secondly, the P&C approved a grant to turn the drum tutorial room in to two teaching studios for instrumentalists. This will greatly improve the situation for private lessons as we have been significantly short of space over a number of years.

North Shore Band Festival

On Friday and Saturday last weekend the Junior and Performance Bands played at the North Shore Band Festival at Chatswood High School. Both groups represented our school admirably and put on a good show. Thank you all for attending and for the extra rehearsals.

GALA NIGHT REMINDER

This year's Gala Night will be on Thursday night, October 23. Please put this date in your diaries. All our Performing Arts groups will be on stage, the Dance Group, Drama Group, ArtsNorth Choir, Senior Choir, Junior Strings and Junior Band, Senior Stings and Performance Band. The concert will run from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

The official dance photo has just been received by the school. Don't they look fantastic!



MUSIC COUNT US IN

This year, Mosman Public School is participating in Music Count Us In, which is an educational initiative to celebrate the role music plays in our lives. All the students are learning the song, **'Paint You a Song'**, written specifically by Year 11 and 12 songwriters. The whole school will perform it with 2,000 schools and 600,000 students on October 31 at 12.30pm via a video link set up throughout Australia.

Barbara Tauber
Performing Arts Coordinator

Mandarin News

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who completed their entrance examination for the Mosman High School Accelerated Mandarin Program. A total of 63 children sat the test and the results have been outstanding, with 48% of students achieving above 80%! Mosman High School is now in the process of making offers for the program.

Hao Lu
Assistant Principal – Mandarin Coordinator



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.



Coming Next Term ... **The Scholastic Book Fair**

We are pleased to announce that the Book Fair is coming back to Mosman Public School. At the fair you will be able to purchase books for your children, to further develop their love of reading. It is also a source of fund raising for our school.

Your children will have a chance to explore the fair between 16th and 21st October with their classes. The fair will then be open for sales Wednesday October 22, Thursday October 23, and Friday October 24.

Book Fair Dates: **Wednesday October 22 – Friday October 24**

Shopping Hours: **8.30-11.10am & 2.00 – 3.45 pm each day**

Where: **The School Library**

Payment for books will be by cash or credit card at the fair or (for the first time) you can prepay online (by credit card) and then submit your order using the wish list / invitation that your child will receive.

We hope to see you there!

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.

SPORTS REPORT

Well done to all students who participated at the Zone Track and Field Athletic Carnivals on Thursday 28 and Friday August 29.



Both days were affected by rain, but this didn't deter our students who performed well in their individual events.

Thank you to Rowena Harvey-Palmer for training the zone team. Thank you also to all parents who turned up to watch and cheer the students on - we appreciate your support. A special thanks to our parent coordinators Louise Lehmann and Jacqui Macho who helped to supervise, support and organise the students, ensuring all students were ready for their event. We could not have done it without you! Thank you!

Well done to the Regional Qualifiers below:

Ratchaphak P, 6S - qualified for 100m and 200m

Taylor B, 6S - qualified for 100m

Maggie G, 4C - qualified for 800m

Finnlay B, 3H - qualified for 100m



MPS ArtFest

ArtFest is about exposing our children to a wide variety of artistic mediums. Giving them the opportunity to co-create with their peers & gain satisfaction from being involved in a creative & meaningful project.

Each individual class in all years will create and work on a piece of art in term 3. This will happen in class time with artists from within the school & local communities in a range of mediums – paint, drawing, wood sculpture, mosaic, metal sculpture & more.

You can be involved!!

Each class has a lead artist and room for lots of volunteers! An hour, or a day or what ever you can spare! all is possible & no experience is necessary.

Check out the blog at www.mpsartworks.wordpress.com to see all the details, each class's project & the artists involved. Some of the many talented artists include Ken Done, Jumaadi & more.

The ArtFest will run in term 3 with artwork being auctioned as part of a fundraiser at the [ArtFest party on Saturday November 15 \(save the date\)](#). Think a fun night out with live music, wine/beer & delicious food!

MosPAF Prize (Mosman Public ArtFest Prize)

All MPS students are invited to complete an artwork in one of three categories (not compulsory):

1. MosPAF Portrait Prize
2. MosPAF Landscape Prize
3. MosPAF Genre Prize

This work must be the student's own work, completed outside of school time & will be exhibited together with the class artworks at the MPS ArtFest Auction night on Saturday November 15.

The student can choose if they would like their work to be sold as part of the MPS ArtFest Fundraiser (red sticker anyone?) or keep it.

Submissions are due by Monday November 3.



Important Notice - Research in the School

The school is participating in the Aspirations Study, a research project run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at the University of Newcastle.

Students in Years 5, 7, 9 and 11 will be completing a survey during class time. If you do not want the data to be given to the researchers, please return a withdrawal form to the school. Withdrawal forms are available from the school office.

For more information or to download a withdrawal form, please visit www.newcastle.edu.au/aspirations.



Parents and carers of students in Year 5 at Mosman Public School are invited to complete the annual Aspirations Study survey. If you would like to participate, you can complete it online at:

<http://goo.gl/EyF24>

Scanning the QR code with your smartphone or tablet will also take you to this link.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Latest news

Chess class

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

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.

Puzzle information

Answer Puzzle nr. 7:

1. Rb7 #

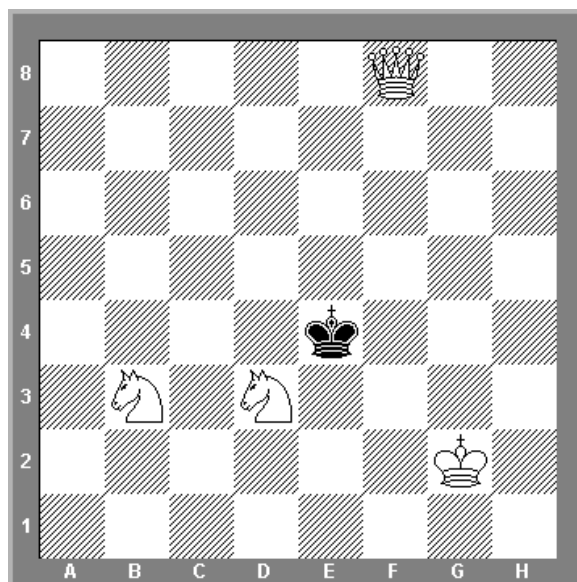
Upcoming chess events

August 30: Pymble Saturday Fun Tournament

September 27: Pymble Saturday Fun Tournament

More information on events and coaching can be found on: sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Chess puzzle



Puzzle nr. 8: White to play and checkmate in 1 move