



# WHALER NO 20



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## Dates to Remember

### TERM 1 - 2016

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Jan 25	Jan 26 AUSTRALIA DAY Public Holiday	Jan 27 Staff Development Day – no students	Jan 28 All students in Year 1 to 6 return <b>Best Start Day 1</b>	Jan 29 Best Start Day 2
2	Feb 1 Best Start Day 3 Yr2 Swimming	Feb 2 Kindergarten Start Yr2 Swimming	Feb 3	Feb 4 12.30: 3-6 assembly	Feb 5 Senior School Tennis
3	Feb 8 Yr2 Swimming Chinese New Year Mufti	Feb 9 Yr2 Swimming	Feb 10	Feb 11 12.30: K-2 assembly Y3-6 Swimming Carnival	Feb 12 Senior School Tennis
4	Feb 15 Yr2 Swimming 6.30pm - Kindergarten Parent Information Night	Feb 16 Yr2 Swimming 6.30pm – Stage 1 Parent Information Night	Feb 17 6.30pm – Stage 2 Parent Information Night	Feb 18 6.30pm – Senior School Parent Information Night	Feb 19 Senior School Tennis
5	Feb 22 Yr2 Swimming	Feb 23 Yr2 Swimming	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26 Senior School Tennis <b>Clean Up Australia [Schools] Day</b>
6	Feb 29 Yr2 Swimming	Mar 1 Yr2 Swimming	Mar 2	Mar 3 Selective High School Test	Mar 4 Senior School Tennis
7	Mar 7 Yr2 Swimming	Mar 8 Yr2 Swimming	Mar 9	Mar 10 12.30: 3-6 assembly Yr1 Excursion	Mar 11 Senior School Tennis
8	Mar 14 Yr2 Swimming Senior School Science Incursion	Mar 15 Yr2 Swimming Class photos	Mar 16 Regional Swimming Carnival	Mar 17 12.30: K-2 assembly	Mar 18 Senior School Tennis
9	Mar 21 Yr2 Swimming Harmony Day Senior School Science Incursion	Mar 22 Yr2 Swimming Family & group photos	Mar 23	Mar 24 Senior School Enrichment Day K-2 Easter Parade Kindergarten Left day Instrumental Program show	Mar 25 GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday
10	Mar 28 EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday	Mar 29 Yr2 Swimming	Mar 30 12.30 – 2pm: Year 6 Fair	Mar 31	Apr 1 Senior School Tennis
11	Apr 4 Yr2 Swimming	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7 12.30: K-4 assembly Senior School Camp - Bathurst	Apr 8 Senior School Camp - Bathurst

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This is the final Whaler for 2015 and I take this opportunity to wish all members of the school community an enjoyable festive season. To my staff, I thank you all for your dedication to our students: be it in your role in the classroom, office or grounds. It's been a busy and successful year made all the more achievable by the wonderful support of so many of our parents volunteering in multitudinous capacities.

**Good luck** to all Year 6 students who leave our school gates for the last time next Wednesday ready to tackle the thrills and challenges of high school. You've been a wonderful group of students and I wish each of you all the best in your new school. We also farewell many families as the youngest in the brood heads off to high school – I thank you for your support of the school and trust you hold many fond memories of Mosman Public School.

As the year ends and we prepare to farewell 2015, we also farewell several members of staff:

- Ms Fiona Davis – promotion to Cammeray PS as Deputy Principal, leaving us after 19 years of service to the students of Mosman Public School;
- Ms Vanessa Polito – promotion to Mona Vale PS as Assistant Principal leaving us after 4 years;
- Mrs Renee Phegan - transfer to Forestville PS after 9 years at Mosman PS;
- Ms Aisling Duke – permanent appointment to Cammeray PS;
- Mrs Lauren Lakin – permanent appointment to Lindfield East PS;
- Mr David Robertson – permanent appointment to Cammeray PS;
- Ms Maddy Goto – permanent appointment to St Catherine's School; and
- Mr James Lockwood – permanent appointment to Canterbury PS.

All these teachers have contributed greatly to Mosman Public and will be great gains indeed for their respective new schools.

**Generosity** knows no bounds it seems with a wonderful contribution by our school community to the Smith Family's Toy & Book Appeal. The Christmas tree *[pictured right]* is flooded with gifts. An additional \$273.10 was raised from cookie sales at the Senior School Musical on Wednesday night – well done and thank you to Sarah Angus', Michelle Mitchell's & Christine Davis' families who organised these tasty morsels.



**Congratulations** to all our Instrumental Program students on their final performances over the last 2 mornings. It was wonderful to hear all our groups perform for their parents and receive the accolades for which their deserving. A big thank you to Cherelle Martin and Ms Cady for organising the events with our wonderful parent helpers and conductors. A special mention to our Jazz Band on their performance last Friday at MacKillop Grange. The manager expressed her gratitude to our students, saying they were fantastic and so professional and gave so much joy to the residents.

I'm sure all parents who attended the **Senior School Musical, Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 Concerts** will attest to the joy and fun had by all our student performers. Months of rehearsal time has been interwoven with the core teaching and learning program to ensure each of the performances was a success. My thanks to our teachers for their creativity and to the many parent helpers who also played a part – the K-2 Christmas themed shirts looked brilliant!

**Bell Time changes in 2016:** K-2 & 3-6 will swap break times next year to allow longer literacy sessions for our older students to take place in the mornings. The longer afternoon session for K-2 will also enable our younger students to participate in a full lesson, with enough time to pack up for home. The times are as follows:

K-2 morning tea	10.30 – 11.10	K-2 lunch	1.10 – 1.50
3-6 lunch	11.10 – 11.50	3-6 afternoon tea	1.50 – 2.30

**Administration building changes** - as advised in the first Whaler of this term, changes to the building will be completed over the course of the Christmas break, with the new entry to the front office being relocated to wall facing to the hall. Students, parents & visitors will no longer need to manoeuvre through the carpark and up the *slippery-when-wet* front steps. It is strongly advised that entry from Belmont Rd be through the entrance demarcated by the brick wall.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
**Steve Connelly – Principal**

# STUDENT HAPPENINGS

## Creative and Performing Arts

What an amazing year of performing we have had during 2015 and there is more to come in 2016. Next year our school will have 4 bands, 2 string ensembles, 3 choirs a dance group and a drama group. There will also be the addition of a recorder ensemble which will perform at the Opera House with some of our string students as part of the NSW DEC Festival of Instrumental Music. We look forward to many wonderful performances from all of these ensembles.

The staff and students of Mosman Public School would like to thank the parents, tutors and conductors who make all of these performance opportunities possible. A special thank you to Cherelle Martin, Catherine Speechly, Jennifer Hoppe-McRae, Lisa McIntyre, Lisa Eldblom, Sonia Renwick, Paul Hense, Tegan Burton, Isobel Kerridge and Adam Vernon for the many moments throughout every week that they have assisted the instrumental ensembles at our school.

## Jazz performance at MacKillop Grange Retirement Village

The Senior Jazz Band made the most of the opportunity of performing at the MacKillop Grange Retirement Village Christmas Party on Friday December 4. With a combination of band pieces and individual performances, the group performed beautifully and professionally. There was even some dancing within the crowd, and singing along to Bill's trumpet solo of Danny Boy. Residents expressed great joy, saying the Jazz Band and the lovely Christmas Party will be remembered for a long time. We really enjoyed this opportunity to give a little something back to our local community, and can happily say that MPS has been invited to perform again next year.

Sincere thanks go to: band parent Emma for making contact with the Village; Ms Cady for school co-ordination; Mr Cobcroft for accompanying us on the day; and band parents Aga, Amanda, Liz, Maggie, and Sheen for all their logistical support on the day. Finally, the biggest thanks of all goes to our wonderful conductor Debbie English and the eleven Senior Jazz performers - Bill, Cullynn, Emma, Hania, James, Louie, Luc, Malachy, Matt, Quentin and Rory - congratulations to all involved!



## CHOIR OPPORTUNITY on the shore of Sydney Harbour as part of the Australia Day Celebrations

Families with students in years 3,4,5 and 6 this year who are interested in taking part in this very special choir should contact Ms Cady by email at [caroline.cady@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:caroline.cady@det.nsw.edu.au)

The NSW DoE Arts Unit has invited a choir of Mosman Public School students to perform as part of the official Australia Day Ceremony on the shore of Sydney Harbour. If your child is available on Thursday, January 21 to practice with Ms Cady [in the school music room] and then also on Monday, January 25 and Tuesday, January 26 [at a venue TBC], then they might be able to be involved in this very special event. Official information given to our school is as follows:

*The Australia Day Council of NSW would once again like to invite choirs from NSW Public Schools to join the Governor of NSW in singing the national anthem at the tri service Salute to Australia at midday on Australia Day January 26 2016 around Sydney Harbour.*

*The Salute to Australia is the ceremonial moment of the Sydney Harbour program, with the involvement of Australian Army, Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air force.*

*The Salute will have a shore audience of approximately 100,000 who will be encouraged to sing the anthem. The media will be encouraged to use this as a key moment for the Australia Day Celebrations. The Australia Day Council's plan is to encourage as many people to sing the national anthem as possible.*

*To lead the singing of the anthem, they would like to have 6 separate combined choirs of up to 60 students around the foreshore at key audience areas with one conductor at each location. Your school is invited to be one a part of one of these choirs.*

*The Australia Day Council of NSW has added to the program from 2015 and in 2016 the program will also include a smoking ceremony at each site. Choirs would be asked to be part of this ceremony and sing a song (Waratah Chant). Choirs will also sing I Am Australian after the anthem.*

*Your commitment to this wonderful event would be:*

- Monday January 25, 2016 – 1pm-4pm: Attendance with your child/ren at a rehearsal, venue TBC.
- Tuesday January 26, 2016 – 10am – 12:30pm: Event: Salute to Australia. This includes the smoking ceremony.
- Learn and perform three songs – Waratah Chant, Advance Australia Fair and I Am Australian

*Your school's choir teacher and your child/ren will receive a special t-shirt to be worn on the day.*

# P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting on Friday. We covered quite a few areas so the key points were as follows, with further details in the minutes which will be available soon:

## **Expenditure for 2016**

The following amounts were proposed and agreed for next year in addition to the \$92,500 already agreed for the Teacher's Aide program.

- a. \$1000 towards Buses to Zone sporting events in 2016
- b. Quotes for pinboards for Year 1 rooms, to possibly be extended to all classrooms (requested by teaching staff)
- c. \$100 Per Class for iPad apps, total of \$2,900

We are also looking at funding improvements to the toilet areas, spending on technology as requested by the school, improvements to the canteen and resources for the EAL/D and Learning Support teachers. These will be discussed and voted on at future P&C meetings. We welcome your suggestions and comments for other funding ideas.

## **P&C Committee for 2016**

The new committee for 2016 is as follows : *Those in bold are new to the role or committee in 2016*

**President: Layle Carlos,**

Secretary: Mel Richards,

**Treasurer: Kate O'Brien,**

Committee Members: – Steffi Stevenson, Margo Turnbull, Kate Blunden, **Jane Shankland, Fleur Collyer, Michelle Brown.**

The meeting also covered updates on the security fence, the buddy bench, school communication and the years 5&6 camp. A summary of the points covered is included in the minutes which will be available later this week.

There are a number of volunteer roles still vacant that we need to fill as early as possible in the new year, particularly those related to Mini-Mos. Please have a think about it over the holiday period and contact [laylecarlos@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:laylecarlos@yahoo.co.uk) if you think it might be something you would be interested in doing.

## **Roles:**

1. Mini-Mos Fair Co-ordinator/s
2. Mini-Mos BBQ – Co-ordinator
3. Mini- Mos Logistics
4. Instrumental Committee Treasurer
5. Father's Day Stall Co-ordinator/s
6. Sports Committee Lead
7. Green Team Lead

Finally, a big thank you and farewell to all the families leaving MPS at the end of this year. We wish you the best of luck in the future and thank you for your volunteering efforts during your time at MPS. A special thanks to our P&C president Maddie Beaumont who is leaving the committee next year. Maddie has been on the P&C committee for 3 years, two as Treasurer and one as President. An amazing effort and very much appreciated. We wish her well in the future.

A big thank you also to Paul Evans who is leaving the school at the end of the year. He has helped the school in many areas over the years, particularly his management of the Mini-Mos BBQ and help with the Mini-Mos Fair.

Thank you to everyone for your help this year. Have a safe and relaxing holiday and see you all in 2016.

Layle Carlos – 2015 Treasurer

# COMMUNITY NEWS



Every year hundreds of people enjoy  
**Prince Albert Street's Christmas lights**

Join us this year for  
**Family fun & refreshments**

with proceeds and donations going to  
**Starlight Children's Foundation**  
brightening the lives of seriously ill children

**Sausage Sizzle & Ice-cream**  
**\$5 Kids meals, \$14 Steak & Schnitzel @ the BV**

**Sunday 20 December 6.30 – 9.30pm**

Street closed to traffic from 6.00pm between  
Queen St & Whiting Beach Road

**FREE PARKING AT TARONGA ZOO CARPARK**

Proudly supporting



**Karen Roberts**  
Senior Sales Agent



## Art Attack!

MOSMAN ART GALLERY

11 & 12 January  
18 & 19 January 2016

Creative School Holiday  
Workshops  
for 5 - 12 years

ART ATTACK! every school holidays visit [www.mosmanartgallery.org.au](http://www.mosmanartgallery.org.au)

**ROCK POOLS & WATER SWIRLS!**  
Book Illustration Workshop  
Monday 11 January 2016  
10am - 12pm  
Ages 5 - 8 years  
\$15 per child  
Venue: Mosman Art Gallery  
Tutor: Penny Walton  
See the new artist book, The Seahorses of Balmain by artist Peter Kingston. Penny Walton, will show you how to draw your own illustrations. You will use these to make your own artist book filled with all the sea life you find living in rock pools.  
Book online: [www.trybooking.com/772281](http://www.trybooking.com/772281)

**SUPER STRUCTURES OF SYDNEY**  
Monday 11 January 2016  
1.30pm - 3.30pm  
Ages 8 - 12 years  
\$15 per child  
Venue: Mosman Art Gallery  
Tutor: Penny Walton  
What makes Sydney special? Is it the Sydney Opera House, Luna Park or the Harbour Bridge? See how artists have included these icons in their artworks and then using wire and recycled materials you can make your own 3D super structures to take home.  
Book online: [www.trybooking.com/772282](http://www.trybooking.com/772282)

**WATERY WORLD**  
Art inspired by John Olsen  
Tuesday 12 January 2016  
10am - 12pm  
Ages 5 - 8 years  
\$15 per child  
Venue: Mosman Art Gallery  
Tutor: Penny Walton  
In this workshop we will look at the artworks of Sydney Harbour by famous Australian artist, John Olsen. Then you will experiment with different painting techniques to produce your own painting of a watery world.  
Book online: [www.trybooking.com/772283](http://www.trybooking.com/772283)

**EN PLEIN AIR**  
Outdoor Landscape Workshop  
Tuesday 12 January 2016  
1.30pm - 3.30pm  
Ages 8 - 12 years  
\$15 per child  
Venue: Sirius Cove Reserve, Mosman  
Tutor: Penny Walton  
Join us at picturesque Sirius Cove Reserve for an outdoor landscape workshop. Please meet at Sirius Cove Reserve, bring a bottle of water, a sunhat and sunscreen. All materials will be supplied.  
In inclement weather this workshop will be held at Mosman Art Gallery.  
Book online: [www.trybooking.com/772285](http://www.trybooking.com/772285)

**NIDA ACTING BOOTCAMP at MOSMAN ART GALLERY**  
Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 January, Grades 3-6, Course fee: \$280 - Book by Friday 4 December to save with a 10% early bird discount  
A fast-paced intensive course for acting recruits: build skills in fundamental acting techniques including improvisation, character development and scene work. Perform scenes for family and friends at the end of the course. For more information and to book visit [nida.edu.au/summer](http://nida.edu.au/summer) or call 02 9607 7626

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[www.mosmanartgallery.org.au](http://www.mosmanartgallery.org.au) | Open 7 days, 10am - 5pm (closed public holidays)

## SNOWSPORTS INTERSCHOOLS COMPETITION 2016

Mosman Public School has now been registered to compete in the Sydney Regional Interschools Snowsports Competition. The competition in 2016 will be held at Perisher on July 13 – 15 (last week of the holidays).

There are five events that can be entered, 3 for skiers and two for snowboarders. The Interschools encourages entries by teams in a race by division, but individuals can also enter. Information can also be obtained from the website: [www.nswinterschools.com.au](http://www.nswinterschools.com.au)

If you are interested in entering or would like more information please contact Mark Harrison on [Harrison.mark@bigpond.com](mailto:Harrison.mark@bigpond.com)