

Term 1 Week 2

February 4, 2015

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Dates to Remember

Term 1					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Week 2	2/2/15	3/2/15	4/2/15 Kindergarten start	5/2/15 Harper sales day	6/2/15 Stage 3 tennis
Week 3	9/2/15 Swimming – year 2 House meetings – 2.30pm Senior School parent information night 6.30-7.30pm	10/2/15 Swimming – year 2 Cricket – Stage 2 CyberSmart presentation for Senior School: 2pm CyberSmart presentation for Stage 2 & 3 parents: 6.30 – 8.00pm	11/2/15 Stage 2 parent information night 6.30-7.30pm	12/2/15 3-6 swimming carnival @ Lane Cove Pool Stage 1 parent information night 6.30-7.30pm	13/2/15 Gym for yr 1, 3S & 3B Stage 3 tennis
Week 4	16/2/15 Swimming – year 2 Early Stage 1 parent information night 6.30-7.30pm	17/2/15 Swimming – year 2 Cricket – Stage 2	18/2/15 Scripture & Ethics starts	19/2/15 Chinese New Year mufti day – gold coin donation, wear red clothing Cricket – Stage 2	20/2/15 Gym for yr 1, 3S & 3B Stage 3 tennis
Week 5	23/2/15 Swimming – year 2	24/2/15 Swimming – year 2 Cricket – Stage 2	25/2/15	26/2/15 Cricket – Stage 2	27/2/15 Gym for yr 1, 3S & 3B Stage 3 tennis
Week 6	2/3/15 Swimming – year 2 Year 4 excursion	3/3/15 Cricket – Stage 2 Swimming – year 2	4/3/15	5/3/15 Cricket – Stage 2	6/3/15 Gym for yr 1, 3S & 3B Stage 3 tennis
Week 7	9/3/15 Swimming – year 2 Brainstorm productions – K-6	10/3/15 Cricket – Stage 2 Swimming – year 2	11/3/15	12/3/15 Cricket – Stage 2 Selective high school test	13/3/15 Gym for yr 1, 3S & 3B Stage 3 tennis
Week 8	16/3/15 Parent/teacher interviews commence Swimming – year 2 Class photo day	17/3/15 Cricket – Stage 2 Swimming – year 2 Regional swimming carnival	18/3/15 Year 6 Fair	19/3/15 Cricket – Stage 2	20/3/15 Gym for yr 1, 3S & 3B Harmony Day Parade – 9.15am Stage 3 tennis Kindergarten LEFT day
Week 9	23/2/15 Swimming – year 2 Family photo day	24/3/15 Cricket – Stage 2 Swimming – year 2	25/3/15 State swimming carnival	26/3/15 Cricket – Stage 2 State swimming carnival Stage 3 electives day	27/3/15 Gym for yr 1, 3S & 3B Year 3 excursion Stage 3 tennis
Week 10	30/3/15 Swimming – year 2 Year 3 excursion	31/3/15 Senior School Canberra Camp Cricket – Stage 2 Swimming – year 2	1/4/15 Senior School Canberra Camp	2/4/15 Senior School Canberra Camp Cricket – Stage 2 Last Day of Term 1 9.30am – K-1 Easter hat parade – MOLA 12.30 – K-4 assembly	3/4/15 Good Friday Public Holiday
HOLIDAYS - April 3 – April 20					

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to the 2015 school year, and an especially warm welcome to the Mosman Public School community to all our new students in all grades across the school. The Kindergarten cohort started today following a week of Best Start interviews with our Early stage 1 team. A big thank you to our P&C who held the traditional ***Tears & Tissues*** morning tea to ensure all our Kindergarten parents left school a little less red eyed. Thanks to our great transition program, all Kindergarten students settled quickly in to the routines of school life.

I also officially welcome Ms Nadia Tobia to our school in her capacity as Deputy Principal. Ms Tobia will be leading the Early Stage 1 team as well as supporting our Senior School. Welcomes also go to Mrs Amy Mettam [KA], Miss Emma de Robillard [KD], Mrs Caroline Cady [music], Mrs Janelle Patchett [P&C teachers' aide] and Mrs Rose Linwood [P&C teachers' aide] who take up full-time roles this year. For those who may have missed the announcement, I am now permanently appointed to Mosman PS and commenced my duties [officially] last Tuesday.

Best wishes go to Mrs Watson who finishes with us this Friday to commence her maternity leave to prepare for the arrival of baby number 1.

Our active and supportive P&C are already at work supporting the operation of our great school. The P&C executive comprise: President – Maddie Beaumont; Vice Presidents - Simone Marshall & Kate Blunden; Treasurer – Layle Carlos; Secretary – Mel Richards; Events Coordinators – Margot Turnbull & Steffi Stevenson. I encourage all members of our community to take part in the events coordinated by the P&C.

Supporting the teaching and learning endeavours in our wonderful school are:

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Class Teachers			
Early Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3 Senior School
KT – Ms Tobia & Mrs Tyler	1T - Mrs Tauber	3G - Mrs Brooks [term 1] & Mrs Gates	Senior Dazzle - Ms Davis
KL – Ms Lloyd & Ms McDonald	1P – Mrs Paikea	3B - Mrs Brown	Senior Stars – Mr S Dowler
KG - Mrs Goto	1A – Mrs Murphy	3N - Mrs Napier	Senior Vivid – Ms V Polito
KA – Mrs Mettam	1M - Mrs Munro	3S - Mrs Sullivan & Mr Cobcroft	Senior Aura – Ms A Duke
KD - Miss de Robillard	1S – Mrs Sullivan	4G - Mrs Grayson	Senior Lightning – Mrs Lakin
KM – Mrs Menary	2V - Mr van Biljon	4P - Miss Pizzolato	Senior Bulb – Mr Bagnall
	2P - Mrs Mollard & Mrs Phegan	4H - Ms Hudson	
	2M - Mrs Moroney		
	2N – Ms Campbell		
	2C – Miss Connors		
Specialist Teachers			
Music – Mrs Cady	Mandarin – Mr H Lu & Mr C Lu	Library – Mrs Hodge	Learning & Support Teacher – Mrs Daffas
EAL/D teacher – Mrs Haverkamp	School Counsellor – Mrs Vine		
Administration and Support Staff			
Administration Manager – Mrs McCann	Adminstration Officers – Ms Phillips, Ms Wiles, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Laybutt	General Assistant – Mr Firth	SLSO – Mr Robinson; Teachers’ Aides – Mrs Patchett & Mrs Linwood

100% Attendance Award: 2015 will see the introduction of a new award for those students who are at school every day – no late arrivals or early departures. Awards will be given to students at the end of each term.

A few reminders:

- Unless it is an absolute emergency, please do not ring the school office asking for messages to be relayed to your children. This also includes emails, as there is no guarantee the message will be seen in time.
- If your child is late to school, parents must accompany him/her to the school office to obtain a late note.
- When making payments to the school, please DO NOT deposit in to the school's Westpac account. The POP [Parent online payment] system has been set up – just follow the MAKE A PAYMENT link on the school's website.

- All notes / brochures / emails will be sent home on Wednesdays ONLY. Please check your child's bag and your email account. Very few exceptions will see notes / emails going home on other days – eg health issues [lice, etc], industrial action]. A list of notes will be listed in the Whaler [see below] for the preceding fortnight. All notes are available on the school website on the Thursday after dissemination.
- Please ensure your current email address has been supplied to the school office. If you find you are not receiving electronic communications, check your spam / junk mail folders.
- The fixed play equipment in the Gouldsbury playground is not to be used unless under the direct supervision of teachers with their class.

Notes Sent Home Today:

Senior School – PG media permission [note]

Stage 2 – PG media permission [note]

3G note re class teachers for 2015

Kindergarten & new students - Whaler

Steve Connelly
Principal

MANDARIN NEWS **Chinese New Year – Mufti Day**

Also known as the Spring Festival, Chinese New Year is the most important date on the Chinese calendar. This year, Chinese New Year falls on Thursday, February 19 when the **Year of the Goat** will commence. The Chinese character for goat (羊) still retains aspects of its pictographic origins. Look closely enough and you'll see 2 horns. People born in the year of the goat are said to be creative, intelligent, dependable and calm.



Students across Kindergarten to Year 6 will engage with the new year celebrations through their Mandarin lessons. This will culminate in a **Mufti day** on Thursday, February 19, the first day of the Chinese New Year. All students are encouraged to come in **red** clothing – a colour associated with Chinese celebrations. We ask that students bring in a gold coin donation. Chinese New Year is about new beginnings; reflecting on the past but looking positively to the future. The school will put the funds collected towards student welfare within the school to ensure that we provide everyone with the best opportunity for a happy 2015. The canteen will also have some special items for sale on the day with proceeds contributing to the same cause:

M&M topped muffins \$1.50

Sour Straps \$0.30

Starburst 2 headed anacondas \$2

Chomps \$1.50

Freddo \$0.50

Hao Lu
Assistant Principal – Mandarin Coordinator

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

The Term 1 Statement of Account was sent home with the 2014 School Reports. These statements included the costings for all activities and excursions for Term 1, together with some items that cover the entire year.

Unfortunately there has been some confusion in relation to the Voluntary Subject Contribution and this was due to an error on behalf of the Office. This item is not the old Voluntary P&C Resource payment, but is in fact a Subject Contribution. The statements have now been amended to reflect the correct position.

Please note that in 2015 payments for excursions/activities need to be paid prior to attendance, failure to pay before the excursion will mean that the students will remain at school or not participate in the activity. For activities that have been scheduled for the first weeks back at school, students have been given a grace period for payment and will be allowed to participate this week, provided a signed permission note has been returned. Payment must be received prior to Wednesday February 11 in order for the student/s continuing participation.

In respect to the Yr3 – 6 swimming carnival scheduled for Thursday February 12, permission notes need to be returned by Friday February 4 at the latest and payment for this event needs to be made by Monday February 9 in order for the student/s to attend. **Please note, that entries for competitive races have now closed.**

Payments can be made by cash/cheque or credit card at the office or over the phone. Payments can also be made online via the School's Website, by clicking on the "Make a Payment" link. **NO DIRECT DEPOSITS PLEASE.** Should you be experiencing difficulties in making these payments, or wish to discuss a payment scheme please contact Mr Connelly or myself directly. All discussions are strictly confidential.

In regards to arrangements for accounts to be paid by persons not named on the account, please send a written request to the school's email account, mosman-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au including the name of the person who will be responsible for the payment, together with their mailing and email address. Requests for this arrangement need to be made each year, and any prior arrangement made with the school is now void.

There has been a reported problem with Quickstream timing out for some parents and I have contacted the technical support team who have advised that it is likely to be exclusive to the Safari browser on Apple computers. Please follow these steps to assist with debugging: check that cookies are enabled in the browser. The website uses cookies to track the payment session, if it is unable to save/find a current cookie on the user's computer then the session will timeout. Secondly ensure that you are using the most up to date version of the browser (select the apple > software updates). If the issues persist after updating please advise the office of the browser and version so we can investigate further (settings > about).

Payment could also be attempted in a different internet browser such as Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome.

Robyn McCann
School Administrative Manager

Canteen News

Welcome back to school for another exciting year in the Canteen. This is the Roster for Weeks 3 and 4. Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate your continuing commitment. We have quite a few more gaps during this period, so if you can help at all please add your name to the roster outside the canteen or contact me laylecarlos@yahoo.co.uk. We also need a volunteer for the afternoon shift on Thursday of this week. Thank you.

WEEK 3	FEB 9	FEB 10	FEB 11	FEB 12	FEB 13
TIME	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRIDAY
8.30-11.30	Lisa M	Simone M	Liz W	Monika C	Evie
8.30-11.30					Sheen
8.30-11.30					
11.30-2.00	Steffi	Pam H		S Angus	Becky L
11.30-2.00					
WEEK 4	FEB 16	FEB 17	FEB 18	FEB 19	FEB 20
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRIDAY
8.30-11.30	Tegan B		Karen K	Tracy M	Evie
8.30-11.30					Tegan B
8.30-11.30					
11.30-2.00		Nick S	Jane C	Fleur C	Julie D
11.30-2.00			M Smith	S Angus	