

Term 1 Week 4

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## Dates to Remember

Term 1					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>Week 4</b>	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
<b>Week 5</b>	23/2/15 Swimming – year 2	24/2/15 Swimming – year 2  Cricket – Stage 2	25/2/15	26/2/15 Cricket – Stage 2  12.30 – 1.10pm – K-6 Assembly	27/2/15 Gym for yr 1, 3S & 3B  Stage 3 tennis
<b>Week 6</b>	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
<b>Week 7</b>	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  12.30 – 1.10pm – 3-6 Assembly	13/3/15 Gym for yr 1, 3S & 3B  Stage 3 tennis
<b>Week 8</b>	16/3/15 <b>Parent/teacher interviews commence</b>  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  12.30 – 1.10pm – K-2 Assembly	20/3/15 Gym for yr 1, 3S & 3B  Harmony Day Parade – 9.15am  Stage 3 tennis  Kindergarten LEFT day
<b>Week 9</b>	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
<b>Week 10</b>	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 <b>Good Friday Public Holiday</b>
<b>HOLIDAYS - April 3 – April 20</b>					

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Parent Information Nights** were well-attended and I thank our wonderful teaching staff for their time preparing and presenting such valuable information. A re-cap of general information provided by me to all stages:

- bell times have changed slightly and all breaks are now 40 minutes. Eating time at lunch break for all students is supervised by the duty teacher to ensure your children are eating;
- when communicating with the school, please follow the steps on the information sheet sent home on Friday week 1. Your child's teacher is most times the first point of call to prevent issues [perceived or otherwise] getting out of proportion. The **Skoolbag app** will be launched this term [starting with the Senior School] as a means of getting information in to the palm of your hand;
- note and email day is on Wednesdays, so check your child's bag. On the odd occasion, a note may need to be sent on other days [eg. health notes, payment reminders, etc]. The Whaler is emailed on every even Wednesday.
- mobile phones are dissuaded at primary school. If absolutely necessary, they must be off and in bags. They will be confiscated if seen and parents will be contacted to collect them from the office. The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage;
- the school is defined as inclosed lands which requires all people to leave the site straight after the bell, unless participating in a school-endorsed activity;
- both sets of fixed equipment are out of bounds at all times unless directly supervised by the classroom teacher with his/her class;
- parents volunteering to help in the classroom, on excursions, in the canteen or uniform shop are always welcome. Please complete a Working with Children declaration and provide 100 points of identification to the office. [Forms are available from the office].
- we have introduced a 100% Attendance Award which will be presented to all students who are at school on time, all day, every day. The award is 'refreshed' each term;
- Subject Contributions pay for additional resources which have, over the years come to be expected by parents. This includes additional resources in all subject areas, iPads, iPad apps & the associated maintenance, additional personnel for our performing arts and sporting program administration. P&C fundraising provides additional staff to support our students. In 2015 these staff include additional time for our learning & support teacher [Mrs Daffas], additional time for our school learning support officer [Mr Robinson] and our 2 teachers' aides [Mrs Linwood & Mrs Patchett]; and
- parent online payments can be made via the school website [follow MAKE A PAYMENT link]. No direct deposits in to the school bank account can be made. Payment envelopes will also be included with future payment requests should this be a method preferred by some parents.

**Scripture and Ethics classes** commenced today and I congratulate all students who sensibly moved around the school to find their groups. Thanks to Mr Cobcroft for his organisation of this whole school activity and to our visiting clergy and ethics teachers who give up their time to support our students.

**Student Absence** from school due to family holidays is discouraged due to the disruption to your child's learning program which is planned and delivered by professionals who cater to their ever-changing needs. Students on extended absence from school are encouraged to keep a diary [written &/or pictorial] of the trip, read daily to an adult and immerse themselves in the experiences of the trip. If Internet access is available, students can access Mathletics, Reading Eggs &/or Spellodrome. Students WILL NOT be provided with additional work by the teacher.

#### **Some reminders from the Council rangers about parking signs and rules:**

- Parking restrictions are a compromise between the many competing demands that exist around schools. The restrictions include a mixture of drop off zones (No Parking Zones), bus access zones (Bus Zones) and vision safety zones (No Stopping Zones). Parents are expected to respect the restrictions for the safety of all children.
- The parking restrictions in the vicinity of Schools have been developed over many years in response to a worrying number of pedestrian crashes and are supported by state and local governments, education authorities and Police. This is partly because children represent some of our most vulnerable road users as they lack a developed road sense.
- The following signs have the same meaning everywhere. However, there are higher penalties and demerit points for non-compliance in school zones compared to other places.
  - No Parking signs are used in areas where drop off and pick up is permitted. You may only be there for 2 minutes and must remain within 3 metres of your vehicle. This is not a waiting area and you cannot leave your vehicle.
  - No Stopping signs are usually installed for safety and visibility at intersections and near crossings or blind corners. A No Stopping sign means that you must not stop in this area. Where times are shown on the sign the restriction only applies at those times.
- Time restricted parking e.g. P5min or 1P allows you to park and leave your vehicle for the time nominated on the sign. If you need to go into the school, make sure you have moved your vehicle within the time allowed on the sign.
- Bus Zones are a no stopping zone unless you are driving a commercial bus. Do not pull up in these zones, park or load/unload passengers as you seriously inconvenience the bus services.
- Driveways and footpaths must not be blocked by vehicles. This is illegal, dangerous and inconveniences the neighbours of the school. Be sure to find a safe and legal parking space.

**Steve Connelly**  
**Principal**

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

School class photographs will be taken on Monday March 16 for all students in Kindergarten to Year 6. Envelopes have been sent home today. Please complete and return your payment envelope to the class teacher by no later than Friday March 13. Students will need to return their individual envelope, even if payment is enclosed in a sibling's envelope.

Family photos for all years will be taken on Monday March 23. If you would like to order a family photo, envelopes are available at the school office. Family photographs are only for siblings attending Mosman Public School.

## **MOVING INTO YEAR 7**

All Year 6 students have received a booklet today called, Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2016. The guide provides you with information about the different types of government secondary schools. Included is an Expression of Interest form that you will need to complete. Please complete this form and return in to the class teacher by no later than March 13 2015. This form still needs to be completed and returned even if your child will not be attending a government school.

**Nadia Tobia**  
Deputy Principal

## **STUDENT HAPPENINGS**

### **CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

Hello everyone and welcome back to another jam packed year full of exciting opportunities in the Performing Arts. Starting with Stage 3, there will be auditions for Drama Group (Year 5), Senior Choir and the Senior Dance Group in Week 4. Please make sure you obtain a copy of the audition notes and return them to the school office before Wednesday February 18. All Bands and String Ensembles are back rehearsing and we are looking forward to hearing the first items from all groups. This year the school has been extremely successful in its auditions. There will be a Year 3 Primary Proms Choir to perform at the Town Hall, a Year 4 choir to perform at the Opera House and a Year 5/6 choir to perform in the Choral Festival at the Opera House.

Barbara Tauber  
Creative & Performing Arts Coordinator



### **1T Celebrates Chinese New Year**

1T performed the Chinese New Year Song, Gung Hay Fat Choy at the K-2 Assembly last week. They made actions and movements from the song to welcome the new year. It is the Year of the Goat or Sheep.

## 2015 Swimming Carnival

On Thursday February 12 one of the key sporting events on the school calendar was held at Lane Cove Aquatic Centre, the annual School Swimming Carnival.

The forecast for clear weather proved correct. With clear skies and an enthusiastic group of staff, students and parents, a great day was had by all. It is fair to say the carnival lived up to the expectations that had been set.

Behaviour on the day was impeccable and as is always the case, Mosman Public School certainly showcased itself in the best possible light when at out of school functions and students should be congratulated on this.

The swimming carnival is a fantastic way to start the sporting year and I would like to congratulate both staff and students on the way in which they contributed to the smooth running and seamless way the day progressed.

Thank you very much to the parents who braved the heat and were timekeepers, as well as the parents and friends who came along to enjoy the day. A special thank you to Sonia Renwick for organising all the wonderful parent volunteers.



Ribbons will be awarded and the zone team announced at our next assembly.

Stephen Dowler

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Willoughby Girls High School**

*Open Night* to be held on Wednesday March 11 2015 from 5.00-7.30pm in the school hall. For more information please phone 9958 4141 or fax 9967 2174.

### *Extension Class Placement Test for Year 6 2016*

Year 6 students will have an opportunity to sit a placement test for our Year 7 extension class for selected students. To be held on Saturday March 14 2015 from 9.15-11.30am in the school hall. For further information please phone 9958 4141 or fax 9967 2174.