

Term 1 Week 10

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WHALER NO 5



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Save the date and get ready to join the fun!

Sunday 19 June 2016

Registrations are open! www.mini-mos.com

Volunteers are urgently needed for the following coordinator roles:

Fair - Rides & Activities

Fair - Logistics & Signage

Fair - BBQ

Contact Claudia Sanchez at minimosvolunteer@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

TERM 1 - 2016

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 10 | Mar 28 EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday | Mar 29 Yr2 Swimming Yr3&4 cricket Yr1&2 dance | Mar 30 Year 6 Fair Yr1&2 dance | Mar 31 Yr3&4 cricket | Apr 1 Senior School Tennis |
| 11 | Apr 4 Yr2 Swimming | Apr 5 Yr3&4 cricket Yr1&2 dance | Apr 6 Yr1&2 dance | Apr 7 Senior School to Bathurst Yr3&4 cricket 12.30: K-4 ANZAC assembly | Apr 8 Senior School to Bathurst |

Upcoming events:

April 2 – P&C Trivia Night in the school hall. 7.30 – 10.00pm

April 5 – Free parent event – *How to Make and Keep Friends*. See flyer in this Whaler

April 8 – end of Term 1

April 25 – ANZAC day

April 26 – school starts for TEACHERS ONLY

April 27 – all students return to school. Morning assembly on the Gouldsbury playground

May 3 - 2017 Kindergarten Information session. 9.15 – 11.00am

Follow this link to the yearly calendar on the school's website: www.mosman-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to all parents & carers who were able to join us at the school for the K-1 Easter Hat Parade last week, it was great to see the joy on the faces of children & adults alike. It was a shame that the weather dampened our Harmony Day parade, but the event was ever brightened by the traditional & colourful clothing donned for the day. Many thanks to Ms Haverkamp & Ms Macdonald for organising the event.

Today's Year 6 Fair was thoroughly enjoyable and a sure sign of the entrepreneurial skills of our Year 6 students. Thank you to all Year 6 parents for supporting this creative learning opportunity, and to our Stage 3 team for coordinating the event.





Community Engagement Groups met last week to review last year's Annual Survey results and reflect on practices in our 2 focus areas of **Wellbeing & Communication**.

The **Wellbeing CEG** discussed the new POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR for LEARNING structures; the feasibility of extending before and after school care places; the school's anti-bullying plan; and plans to redevelop the corner of the school facing Belmont & Myahgah Roads.

The **Communication CEG** devised a plan to streamline how our many communication methods are used. We also discussed information parents would find beneficial at the end of year and on day 1 of Term 1.

An email with the full details of discussions of both groups will be sent next week seeking parent input in order to affirm &/or ratify each group's deliberations.

End of Term is almost upon us and I take this opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and restful break. School finishes on Friday April 8 and the students return on Wednesday April 27 in **Winter uniform**.

Sun-safe tip – The Cancer Council NSW recommends that when the UV Index is 3 or above, you should protect your skin in 5 ways:

- slip on clothing that covers your arms and legs;
- slop on 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen;
- slap on a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat;
- seek shade; and
- slide on wrap-around sunglasses.



For more information on skin cancer prevention and sun protection, visit www.cancercouncil.com.au/sunsmart

Steve Connelly – Principal

Opportunity Class Placement - detailed instructions on how to apply online are now available at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ocplacement.php>. The application website opens on Tuesday April 26 and closes on Friday May 13. No late applications will be accepted. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr Cobcroft.

Nadia Tobia- Deputy Principal

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

Band Camp

The weekend before Easter, 140 students and at least 50 of their parents spent a weekend of fun, friendship and music. This year's band camp took on a new format, led by the amazing Cherelle Martin and a dedicated team of parent volunteers. Students in the senior years arrived at camp on the Friday night and set up rehearsal spaces for the weekend.



The seniors were able to rehearse as a large group with strings playing along with the concert band parts. All the seniors had a wonderful night followed by an early morning and a busy weekend.

On Saturday the rest of the students arrived and began many hours of practice on their instruments.



Amongst the hours of rehearsals and tutorials, the students also enjoyed some exciting activities. There was, of course, the usual team building with the flying fox, rock climbing, laser tag, high swing, archery and abseiling.



There were also some special guests with lots to teach. A wonderful girl named Jess came along to share her experiences as a visually impaired musician and Australian representative in the sport of goal ball.

Another young musician, Maddi, brought along several instruments that she plays in various ensembles. The students were thrilled to be awakened in their rooms by "Reveille" played on the piccolo at 6am on Sunday. The students were also treated to a performance and workshop with the fabulous jazz ensemble "The World According to James". Thanks to Mary from MusicaViva for making this happen. A highlight of the camp was the first ever "Mosman's Got Talent" show where we enjoyed the performances of so many of the students. There was so much talent that we were able to continue the show on Sunday morning before more rehearsals.

The finale of the camp was a wonderful concert with a hall bursting at the seams with very proud parents, siblings and friends. This was such a wonderful experience and I know that all of the students involved are already planning and looking forward to their next band camp, as well as many more wonderful performances throughout this year.

P&C NEWS

Don't forget our first social event for the year will be the P&C Trivia Night, to be held on Saturday April 2 from 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are available now so please use the following link <http://www.trybooking.com/KPUK> to book your tickets. Tickets are \$20 each plus booking fee (30c).

Join parents from your class for a fun evening. BYO food and drink with prizes for the winners of the quiz. Thank you to Belle Property who is providing a Trivia master for the evening and for their continuing support of Mini-Mos as our Gold Sponsor. All funds raised will go to supplying classroom items requested by class teachers. We hope to see you all there. Any questions to pandcevents@yahoo.com.au

Thanks again to all the parents who were involved in running Band Camp 2016. It was the first time the camp was held on a weekend and it would not have been possible without the support of the Band Camp organising committee Cherelle Martin, Catherine Speechly, Jane Shankland, Lisa Eldblom and Sonia Renwick plus all the parents who volunteered their time over the weekend to supervise the children. Thank you also to the Conductors and Tutors and of course Mrs Cady who spent the entire weekend at Collaroy. Thank you also to Michael Gribbin for the Band Camp slideshow.

Thanks to the Mini-Mos team who are doing an amazing job getting ready for the big event. Please think about how you can help on the day. You can add your name to the volunteer list <https://goo.gl/4uvZf8> or email minimosvolunteer@gmail.com

If you are a bookkeeper, accountant, whizz with figures or just looking for a challenge we need some help with some of the Treasury functions of the P&C. We need a Min-Mos Treasurer and an Instrumental Committee Treasurer or some help with some aspects of these roles. If you can help at all please contact our President and acting Mini-Mos and Instrumental Committee Treasurer laylecarlos@yahoo.co.uk to discuss.

Please feel free to contact the P&C via our Secretary, Mel Richards – melissa.jane.richards@gmail.com.

P&C Committee 2016

Mother's Day Fundraiser Friday May 6, 2016

**Last year the 2015 Mother's Day Stall raised almost \$3000 for the school!
Let's see if we can beat that target in 2016!**

Our annual Mother's Day Fundraiser Stall will be held on **Friday May 6**. Children are given the opportunity to purchase something special for their Mum, Grandma and/or carer. Gifts cost **\$10 each**, there is a great selection available and gift wrapping is included. Your child may purchase more than one gift.

Gifts must be pre-paid; otherwise the children will be unable to attend the stall. This ensures we have no money handling on the day of the stall and that we have plenty of gifts for all the children to choose from.

Please look out for the Mother's Day Note in your child's schoolbag before the end of term and help support our school.

We look forward to seeing your children at this very special event.

If you can complete the form and return, regardless of whether or not your child is participating, this would help the P&C enormously. This way we don't miss anyone who wishes to be involved, and we don't keep asking if you wish to opt out!

Mosman Public School P & C

COMMUNITY NEWS

Art Attack aims to introduce children to a variety of art media in fun and creative ways.

Workshops are targeted at a range of ages and abilities and aim to give children a positive experience in the visual arts. By looking at examples of art, discussion, demonstrations and hands on making, children are introduced to new skills and concepts in each workshop.



Birds of Paradise

Tuesday 12 April 2016
10am - 12pm
Ages 5 - 8 years
\$15 per child
Venue: Mosman Art Gallery
Tutor: Penny Walton

Birds of Paradise have many beautiful, coloured feathers. In this mixed media workshop led by Penny Walton you will work with cardboard, oil pastels and coloured feathers to make your own bird of paradise.

Please bring morning tea and an old paint shirt.

Book online:
www.trybooking.com/187795



Still Life Painting

Tuesday 12 April 2016
1.30pm - 3.30pm
Ages 8 - 12 years
\$15 per child
Venue: Mosman Art Gallery
Tutor: Penny Walton

Be inspired by the work of Australian artists such as Margaret Preston and Margaret Olley who produced beautiful still life paintings and prints. Artist, Penny Walton will teach you how to paint 3 dimensional objects and then, working at an easel, you will paint your own still life painting.

Please bring an old paint shirt.

Book online:
www.trybooking.com/187802



Meet my Mini Monster

Friday 15 April 2016
10am - 12pm
Ages 5 - 8 years
\$15 per child
Venue: Mosman Art Gallery
Tutor: Bianca Couchman

In this workshop you will make your own soft toy monster using fabric, felt and ribbon. Educator, Bianca Couchman will teach you how to design your monster. Then you will select your materials and glue and stitch them together to make a special new friend.

Please bring morning tea and an old paint shirt.

Book online:
www.trybooking.com/187808



Weaving a Nest

Friday 15 April 2016
1.30pm - 3.30pm
Ages 8 - 12 years
\$15 per child
Venue: Mosman Art Gallery
Tutor: Jan Hook

Basket maker, Jan Hook will demonstrate a range of weaving techniques and show us some of the beautiful objects she has made. Then you will go across the road to the park to source some Lomandra (or Basket Grass) to create your own small, coiled nests.

Please bring a bottle of water.

Jan Hook's exhibition, *Branching Out* will open in the In Profile space on the 30th of April.

Book online:
www.trybooking.com/187818

WIDE OPEN SKY IN CINEMAS APRIL 14

WIDE OPEN SKY (G) - Winner of the Audience Award at the Sydney Film Festival - is set to open nationally in cinemas on Thurs April 14, including at Palace and Dendy Cinemas in Sydney.

WIDE OPEN SKY is an uplifting documentary about a children's choir in a remote corner of outback Australia. Out here, footy is king and music education is rare as rain. The children travel far from home to music camp to prepare for a big concert in Coonamble. They have three days to learn a demanding repertoire. **Wide Open Sky** follows four primary-aged children brave enough to dream big. While the choir means something different to each of them, it matters a hell-of-a-lot to all of them.

Shot in far north-west New South Wales, featuring choir director Michelle Leonard (Carols on Norton, Leichhardt Espresso Chorus) and edited in the inner-west, the film has just previewed at screenings in Lightning Ridge, Bourke, Brewarrina and Cobar to much laughter and tears.

Moving and funny, the film reminds us why no child, anywhere, should grow up without music.

"Wonderfully uplifting" Iain Sheddon, *The Australian*

Trailer: <http://www.wideopenskymovie.com/trailer/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Wide-Open-Sky-561833037294708/>

WIDE OPEN SKY is a real crowd-pleaser! Bring the kids, bring the grandparents and aunts and enjoy.





WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2016!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



FREE PARENT EVENT

How to Make AND Keep Friends

This event is a Kids First Community Service Seminar

Tickets are
absolutely **FREE**,
however places
are limited.
Bookings are
essential

To reserve your place,
book on-line at
[www.kids-first.com.au/
makingfriends](http://www.kids-first.com.au/makingfriends)

Or call Kids First now on
9938 5419

Does your child...

- Have trouble fitting in with other kids?
- Struggle to meet like-minded mates?
- Feel excluded by friendship groups?
- Feel lonely after starting at a new school?
- Always want to be 'the boss' of games?

Child Psychologist Corrine Mescher has helped hundreds of kids to overcome friendship challenges.

At this valuable & absolutely **FREE** parent event, Corinne will give you practical tips & ideas for supporting your child's social skills so that your child will be happier at home and school.

Don't delay – this event is already filling fast!

**TUESDAY
5 April 2016
7.30pm – 9.30pm**

The Chairman's Lounge
Brookvale Oval
Alfred Street Brookvale

Located in the Ken Arthurson Stand.
Enter via main gate on Alfred Street.
Ample parking available


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