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Follow this link to the yearly calendar: www.mosman-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The **Communication CEG [Community Engagement Group]** had their second meeting yesterday to go through parent feedback collected last term. A few verbal responses were received by parent reps. These were discussed, with the resultant communication protocol to take effect:

NOTES IN BAGS:

- Home on Wednesday [except incidental eg lice, zone carnivals, etc.]
- Notes requiring permission [ie signature] that are to be returned to school
- Also available on the school Website by Thursday for download if lost [spare copies in the office]

EMAILS TO PARENTS:

- Whaler on Wednesdays of even weeks
- Notes with information only on Wednesdays [eg Stage Newsletters]
- Optional activity notes [eg ICAS]. Parents will be referred to the note section of the school website to download a copy, or to collect one from the office

SKOOLBAG:

- Alerts to remind parents of special events, changes to routine, upcoming changes – sent on any day without attachments.

WEBSITE UPLOADS:

- All notes [permission, information, optional activities] by the Thursday after distribution
- Yearly calendar & upcoming events

WHALER:

- Fortnightly emailed on Wednesdays
- Link to YEARLY CALENDAR on website
- Uploaded to school website by Thursday

LEAFLETS / ADVERTISING:

- Annual Mini-Mos sponsor and charities letter in the bags of eldest sibling
- Mini-Mos sponsor information on the canteen noticeboard
- Not For Profit/Non Business promotion placed in the Community section of the Whaler [eg Council, Sporting Groups, parent courses, Scouts, other state school activities pertinent to our community]
- Hall Hire clients information on the noticeboard outside the front of the hall

OTHER COMMUNICATION:

Term 4 report envelopes to include:

- Class requirements list [eg tissues, handsoap, etc.]
- Link to company for stationary order to purchase equipment packs
- Statement of Account [K-5 only]
- Date of return for students and where to line up

Term 1 Day 1 email to include:

- Link to Yearly Calendar
- Link to company for stationary order to purchase equipment packs
- Library / Mandarin / music starting weeks
- Sport day for each class

The **Wellbeing CEG's** second meeting ratified the **PBL** *Expectation Matrix* and *Managing Inappropriate Behaviours* having received no feedback from the wider parent body, other than the *Behaviour Flow Chart* is still unclear for some parents - this will be sent home in the Whaler this term. The **Student Leadership Policy** will be revised: removing the requirement for students to have been enrolled at school since Year 3; and re-wording the appropriate behaviour expectation of no suspensions or Planning Room attendance. The Student Leadership Policy will be available on the school website with a link herein. The **fixed equipment** in the Gouldsbury playground does not meet code and a P&C team is looking in to a playground upgrade [see next item]. A **buddy bench** will be installed in the Belmont playground for students to use when they are in need of someone to play with at break time. More information will be communicated to students and parents once the buddy bench is installed. The CEG also discussed the **Anti-bullying plan**, which will be sent home at the end of this term.

A **playground upgrade** is being investigated to increase open space and to comply with the findings of a recent fixed equipment safety audit conducted by a specialist company. Some urgent works will take place within the next month including: removal of the slides at the fort as the softfall is non-compliant and some timbers are rotten; temporary handrailing installed to the edge of fort; and replacement of some timber platforms on the timber climbing structure. The report highlights the general non-compliant nature of the metal unit in the Gouldsbury playground. The team looking in to upgrading the playground were hoping to relocate the unit, but instead, we will replace it with a version that meets current code. Further updates to the playground upgrade will be communicated as they develop. If you have any questions, concerns or expertise in playground design, please let Margot Turnbull [via the P&C] or me know – many hands make light work!!!

Pedestrian Crossings around the school need to be safe places for our students, but unfortunately there have been a few near misses recently. The school is liaising with the Roads and Maritime Services as to reviewing the crossings surrounding the school, and in the meantime, I implore parents to call the police should they witness any infractions of road rules – especially those that endanger our students.

A **HUGE** thank you to the 473 students who gave up part or all of their break time last Tuesday to join in the SeeBeyondBorders charity activity in the hall. A big thank you also to Heather Kent and the numerous mums who helped out. The artistic talents of our students will be enjoyed by the Cambodian recipients of the colourful Maths Treasure Bags. SeeBeyondBorders founder Kate Shuttleworth couldn't hide her delight and praise for our students' manners and enthusiasm for the task.



Stage 3 worked with our second Mini-Mos charity – **Raise Foundation** on understanding their personal support networks and developing their mentoring skills. A raising of balloons on the school flag pole was fittingly symbolic. The Senior School students in turn practiced their newly-honed skills with Kindergarten, culminating in a 3-legged race on Allan Border Oval.

The P&C will be hosting a free workshop on **Communicating with Kids**, presented by the Child and Adolescent Parenting Unit of Northern Sydney Local Health District. The workshop will take place at school – more details later in this Whaler.

Steve Connelly – Principal

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

K-6 Tropical mufti & GOLD coin
donation

Wednesday June 1

Students are encouraged to come to school wearing bright colours. Supporting Fiji's Sanasana village and their local schools.

New & small stationery items also welcome to be donated. Collection tub in school foyer.

Ms Burnet, Ms Sullivan & the SRC thank you for your support & generosity.

Live Life Well @ School

A joint initiative between NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

Did you know?

Australia has recommendations on how much time children should be using small screen technology for recreation.

These recommendations state that children between 5-12 years should limit use of electronic media for entertainment to no more than two hours per day.



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

Premier's Reading Challenge started March 7

All the students at MPS have been registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge. If your child is interested in completing the challenge, you need to log on the Premier's Reading Challenge (NSW) site to enter the codes or titles of the books read. You can only do this on or after March 7. The website is:

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Then proceed to **Logon**. The **username and password** is your child's department internet login name and his/her individual password. (See your classroom teacher if unsure of username or password).

The booklists and codes are on this site as well.

Kindergarten is completing the challenge at school. I will read the PRC books during library lessons. I will enter their details. (If you wish to complete the PRC with your child at home, then you need to enter the specific titles onto the website).

The rules for the Challenge are on the website. Your child will need to read the following number of books.

Challenge	Number of books needed to complete the Challenge	Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklist selection
K-2	30	25	5	K-2 , 3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6 , 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6 , 7-9

If your child is in Year 2 and prefers reading chapter books **by himself/herself**, then he/she may complete the Year 3-4 challenge but needs to adhere to the rules for that particular challenge. Come and see me if you need help in changing to the 3-4 challenge.

Please be aware that your child might be on his/her way to a gold award for 4 years of successful participation. Year 9 students who have completed every year from Years 3 to 9 are eligible for a Premier's Reading Challenge medal. Please encourage your child to continue with the Challenge.

Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by August 19 (11:59pm).

A certificate will be presented to your child by the end of Term 4.

Start reading and don't forget to record your titles.

Thanks,
Gabi Hodge
Teacher/Librarian

P&C NEWS

Workshop – Communicating with Kids

The P&C is delighted to announce we will be hosting a free workshop on "**Communicating with Kids**", presented by the Child and Adolescent Parenting Unit of Northern Sydney Local Health District. The workshop will take place in the School Hall on Thursday, June 9 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Please join us for a fun and informative evening looking at communication skills for building positive relationships with our children. Suitable for parents/carers of all primary age children. See the flyer included in this whaler and posted around the school for more details. Numbers are limited: RSVP and any enquiries to pandcevents@yahoo.com.au. *(Please note, this is a parents/carers only event.)*

P&C Meeting for Term 2

Thursday, June 9 at 9.15am so please save the date. The minutes of the Term 1 meeting are now available on the school website <http://www.mosman-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c/meeting-minutes>

P&C Activities

Thanks to Pam and her team of helpers the Mother's Day stall made over \$4000 this year for the school. Thank you to everyone who helped and we hope you enjoyed your Mother's Day treats. We are looking for someone new to take over from Pam so please contact us if you are interested.

The P&C donated the \$3500 raised at the Trivia Night to the school to spend on the class wish lists. We will keep you updated on the new purchases.

Mini-Mos is coming up and the team are working harder than ever as Race day approaches, Sunday June 19. The Fair team need a number of volunteers to manage stalls and rides on the day. Much of the hard work has been done and we just need support on the day, so please consider offering your services if you can. You can volunteer by adding your name to the volunteer list <https://goo.gl/4uvZf8> or email minimosvolunteer@gmail.com

The Canteen Managers and volunteers are doing a fabulous job everyday in the Canteen. If you can spare an hour or two they always need extra help, especially in the mornings.

Upcoming Projects

The P&C are working with the School to develop a plan for improving the sandpit area and the playground on the corner of Belmont Road and Myahgah Road. If you are a Landscape Architect or can recommend someone we would be interested in hearing from you. At this stage we are getting an idea of costs and timeframes. We will give an update on our progress at the next P&C Meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment
P&C Committee 2016

COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteer to Teach Ethics at Mosman Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for students who don't attend scripture classes to participate in philosophical ethics classes. Classes at Mosman Public School are taught by a team of 15 volunteers from our parents and wider community. Classes take place for 30-35 minutes on Wednesday mornings.

To continue to offer these classes we need additional teachers now. No previous teaching or philosophy experience is required. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

For more information about the role or to volunteer, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Kylie Strawbridge, Ethics Coordinator, on 0405 655974. Current ethics teachers are also available to speak with you re their experience.

PLEASE JOIN
DALWOOD SPILSTEAD FOR OUR

Annual Gala Fundraiser

LIVE MUSIC, FABULOUS PRIZES,
GOURMET DINNER, LOCAL PERSONALITIES
AND DANCING

Make a difference...

Saturday, 9 July 2016
6:30 pm at Balgowlah RSL
\$80 per person
Includes gourmet dinner and
The Barry Leef Band with Peter Northcote

At Dalwood Spilstead, we provide critical support to local families in need.
Benefits raised on the night will fund our renowned programme
assisting children in our community with disrupted development,
trauma or abuse in the early years.

Rally the Troops | Friends, girls' nights, boys' nights or school class events
Make a difference to 'Your Community' and book today
Tickets: www.trybooking.com/LGGP | Individual tix or table of 10 available
Dress: A little sparkle | RSVP: 24 June 2016
Enquiries: simone.grace@health.nsw.gov.au or 9951 0365

Girls Football Development Clinic

11th, 12th, 13th July 2016
9.00am-12.30pm

Webbs Avenue,
Playing Fields,
Auburn

Professionally Coached
Holiday Camp
Girls aged 8-17

Football Edge

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Northern Beaches



Support Group

A problem shared is a problem halved

The Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group is a voluntary, parent-run group
offering support for parents of children/teenagers with ADHD via monthly meetings.
The group provides a safe & supportive environment to discuss and learn more about ADHD.

SPEAKER EVENING WITH ANTONIA CANARIS
DIRECTOR, NEUROSENSORY



"ADHD & DIFFICULTIES IN READING, WRITING & ARITHMETIC"

Antonia will discuss the overlap between ADHD, dyslexia and dyscalculia. She will also mention helpful
strategies and how to find reliable advice and remediation. This presentation would suit parents, teachers
and other professionals assisting children with ADHD as well as adults with ADHD.

Antonia holds a Master's in Education (Literacy and Numeracy) & a Graduate Certificate in Professional
Studies majoring in Autism. Antonia is a qualified Orton-Gillingham multisensory educational therapist
having studied through the Institute of Multi-Sensory Language Education (IMSLE).

Antonia is a member of the International Dyslexia Association and the Australian Dyslexia Association.
Antonia is a director of Neurosensory, an educational and remedial teaching practice, specialising in multi-
sensory learning for children & adults with dyslexia, ADHD, ASD and other learning disorders.

Tuesday, 10th May 2016 @ 7.00-9.00pm
The Pittwater RSL, Main Sail Room, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale

\$\$ CONTRIBUTION ON THE NIGHT

Ticket reservations essential via the website or
<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/org/4222746751>



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Email: nbadhsupportgroup@hotmail.com
Website: www.northernbeachesadhsupportgroup.com.au
Entertainment Book available online at: www.entbook.com.au/219519



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FIREWORKS NIGHT

**BEAUTY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S
FAMOUS FAMILY FUN FAIR**
Great rides, slides and games for 2016!
Lots of stalls, food and fun.

DATE

SATURDAY, 21 MAY 2016

Fireworks start at 6.30pm

Gates open 2.30pm

Entry via Medusa Street / Newton Lane only

Wet weather back up date: Saturday 28 May 2016

LOCATION

BEAUTY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL
17 Medusa Street, Mosman

COST

Family \$25 Adults \$15 Children (4-16) \$5
Under 4 years free

BUY NOW

COMMUNICATING WITH KIDS

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS



- Learn communication skills for building positive relationships
- Problem ownership
- Listening and assertiveness skills
- Problem solving skills

This FREE 2 hour workshop will be hosted by **Mosman Public School P & C** and facilitated by a Parent Educator from **Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District**.

VENUE: Mosman Public School Hall

DATE: Thursday June 9 2016

TIME: 6.30pm - 8.30p.m.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Places are limited: enquiries and RSVP by Monday 6th June to
[**pandcevents@yahoo.com.au**](mailto:pandcevents@yahoo.com.au)

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING



Health

Northern Sydney
Local Health District

www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/Services/CAP



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
NSW & ACT

Mosman Girl Guides invite you to Come and Try Guides!

Monday 23 May 6.00 – 7.30pm

For girls aged 10 – 13 years

At the come and try we will be finding out what Guides is all about.

Mosman Guide Hall - Parriwi Park Upper Spit Road

Please call Maria on 0431 101 773 to register for this free event.

Or to find out more visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

