



### Dates to Remember

Follow this link to the yearly calendar: [www.mosman-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar](http://www.mosman-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar)

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our new financial management system has now *gone live* and the Parent Online Payment Portal is once again operational. Many thanks to parents for their patience whilst we migrated over. The new system has many new functions and requirements, one of which may impact parents is that all payments at the front counter [cash & card] need to be completed by 3pm each day in order for reconciliation to take place.

**Electricity Safety Week [September 5-9]** aims to teach children to stay safe around electricity both at home and outdoors. It is a hands-on program that shows young people how electricity works, how to use it and how to stay safe around it. Through the Electricity Safety Week curriculum, developed by the NSW Department of Education as part of the NSW Science & Technology and PDHPE syllabuses, students learn about a wide range of electrical equipment, from substations that power whole suburbs to everyday household appliances. Have you checked the powerpoints, extension cords, powerboards and electrical appliance in your child's room recently?

**Project Playground Upgrade is a go!** Over the next 18 months, gradual improvements will be made to the playground thanks to 3 phases of development. The rationale of the project is **to address safety concerns of students and teachers, replace aging equipment, and improve the aesthetics of the school playscape.**

Students were surveyed as to safe / unsafe areas of the playground in Term 2, 2016 as part of the PBL initiative.

**SAFE:** areas supervised by teachers; soft surfaces; where there are gates & fences; where there are red boundary lines; areas with tables; adventure playground because it's for children

**UNSAFE:** adventure playground because you might fall; the pole on the bridge; scratches from trees; you can hurt yourself; rock in Myahgah because sometimes it's slippery; wall in Myahgah because you could fall off; spiders in trees; open gates; sand pit because there are sticks & stones and it's dirty.

**PHASE 1 - Fort Area - TIMEFRAME: Term 3/4, 2016 - COST: c.\$30,000 P&C to fund**

- 1 Use rubber to cover the ground and fort including some handholds for playing on, which will link to the existing rubber surface under the MOLA. Design / colouring determined through SRC.
- 2 Integrate the existing slides into the mound.
- 3 Fencing & hedging of area to improve security with a view to extend around the perimeter of the school in the future.

**PHASE 2 - Library Play Equipment and Large Sandpit - TIMEFRAME: Jan. 2017 - COST: TBC - School to Fund**

1. Remove Play Equipment to comply with external assessment as to safety
2. Make good the surface after removal
3. Replacement of sandpit [for health & safety reasons] with new rubber surface and slides linked to playground facing library
4. Designs to be determined through consultation with teachers & students [SRC]

**PHASE 3 – Adventure Playground facing Belmont and Myahgah - TIMEFRAME: 2017 - COST: TBC**

1. Upgrade/Remove existing timber fixed equipment to comply with external assessment as to safety
2. Play Structure - Adventure Playground / sand pit with cover
3. Design to be developed in consultation with teachers & students

The Project has been conceptualised following the synthesis of student and teacher feedback with the help of parents Margot Turnbull, Kate Blunden and Justine Kinch, and was presented at the last P&C meeting. On-going discussion will continue in term 4 and throughout 2017, with parent comment / advice / support welcome via email to the school or by attending P&C meetings. There will be upcoming working bees to help us keep costs to a minimum.

**Steve Connelly – Principal**

# STUDENT HAPPENINGS

On Friday September 2, Mosman Public School sent out one of the two Senior Debating teams to go head to head with Beauty Point PS. Our team members included: Olivia S, Wilbur B, Paris O and me. Our topic was: All Students Should Play a Team Sport on the Weekend! It was a friendly debate so there was no winner, just feedback on how we can improve for next time. Ms Burnet and Ms Connors prepared us for the event beforehand; they informed us that we were the affirmative side. We all assumed that we would have the stronger points, although we were proven wrong. Beauty Point were amazing, they had such great reasons for such a hard topic.

In the end we all had a marvellous time. Everyone did a really good job. We can't wait for our next debate against Neutral Bay PS.

Leila H-B – Year 6



## Live Life Well @ School

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

### WHY DON'T WE SELL SOFT DRINKS?



In Australia, children are consuming too many sugar sweetened drinks, which are high in kilojoules and low in nutrients. Since 2007, the Sugar-Sweetened Drinks Ban has been in place in all NSW schools.

This ban applies to soft drinks, energy drinks, fruit drinks, flavoured mineral water, sports drinks, cordials and iced teas.

Be sure to try some of the nutritious and tasty drink options at the canteen instead.

For more information on the policy:

<http://healthy-kids.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/SugarsweetendDrinksBan.pdf>



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# CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

**A HUGE THANK YOU to Mosman Council** who have given our school a grant to assist in the purchase of guitars for the music program. We may soon have a guitar ensemble to add to our list of wonderful performance groups.

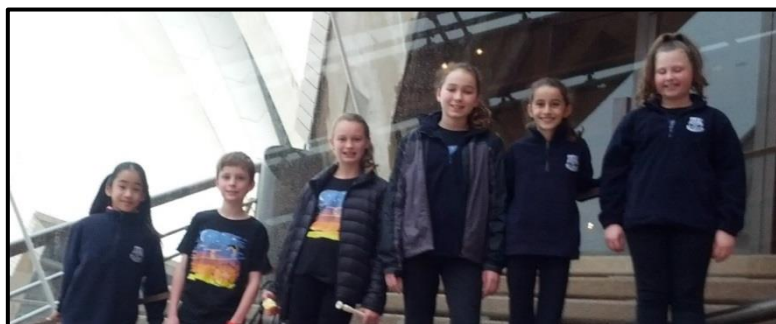
The **Festival of Instrumental Music** was held last week and 20 of our talented students joined with 1000 students from across NSW to present music of a very high standard at the **Sydney Opera House**.

The students were so excited that even the pouring rain could not lower their high spirits. Our string players joined with 300 students to create an orchestra of primary school students, while our 15 piece recorder ensemble of players from year 2 through to year 6 learned very challenging pieces to play with 700 students.

Thanks to **Mrs Paikea** for many early morning recorder rehearsals and **Ms Speechly** for coordinating practices for our string players and **Mr Bagnall** for giving up his time to rehearse the strings.

Congratulations to our string group – Lydia, Ellie, Maggie, Chloe and Tahlia.

Congratulations also to our recorder ensemble – Lucy, James, Annabelle, Sophia, Harley, Grace, Saman, Freya, Harriet, Mei Yu, Veronika, Aaliya, Ruby, Emelia, Joel and Lola.



**The Primary Proms Choir** are practicing and perfecting their voices for their upcoming rehearsal in the city on Wednesday September 7, and their performance at the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday September 21. It is always a spectacular concert and I

know that the year 3 students in the choir this year will make us all proud with their beautiful voices. Congratulations to their choir teacher **Ms Higman** for her wonderful guidance and support throughout this year.

**The Performance Band** has an exciting performance coming up at the Chatswood Concourse as part of the Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble Spring Concert Series. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform in a wonderful concert hall and to meet students from many other schools and community bands. We wish them, and their conductor Mr Collins, all the best for this concert. They will perform on Sunday September 11 at 1pm.

**Year 2 instrumental enrolments for 2017** are coming in rapidly. We have so many musical students eager to start learning a new instrument and create wonderful new ensembles. If your child is in one of the older grades, it is still possible to start an instrument and join an ensemble.

There will be an information day where students have the opportunity to try out many of the instruments on Saturday September 10. Please come along and hear our junior performers; meet the conductors; and find out what band and strings are all about. Please feel free to bring students in year 3 or year 4 to try out the instruments along with our year 2 students.

If your child is interested in starting an instrument soon please contact Cherelle Martin (Instrumental Program Manager) or Caroline Cady (Music Specialist Teacher) in person, or by email at [mpsinstrumentalprogram@gmail.com](mailto:mpsinstrumentalprogram@gmail.com)

# P&C NEWS

## P&C Meeting - MINUTES Thursday September 1 2016

Liz Crowley, Ginny Andrews, Layle Carlos, Jane Shankland, Melissa Richards, Kate Blunden, Nadia Tobia, Colin Cobcroft, Lisa Paff, Tammy Hewlett, Jacqui Macho, Rio Chisholm, Steffi Stevenson, Christine Davis, Michelle Brown, Catherine Speechly

The meeting commenced at 6pm with a quorum.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

#### ***Staffing:***

- Janet Moroney retired – replacement starting Term 1 2017
- Colin Cobcroft on leave in Term 4 – Jackie Sullivan to teach 3S full-time

#### ***Building / Grounds:***

- Play area development – thanks to Margot Turnbull for organising companies. Current fixed equipment inspected – removal recommended [report available]. Justine Kinch [landscape architect]
  - o Stage 1: removal of non-compliant timber equipment, fencing & remediation of fort
  - o Stage 2: removal of non-compliant steel equipment, lowering of sand pit and resurfacing of area to open up space for easier flow of students
  - o Stage 3: replacement equipment in new adventure playground
- Demountable will be installed by the end of the year

#### ***General:***

- Toilets / canteen – the Department's Asset Management Unit will not allow us to use our annual maintenance funds to repurpose spaces
- CEGs merged – discussion included:
  - o Myahgah playground refurbishment
  - o Before and after school care, not viable
- ICT usage agreement [for students]
- Leadership policy – more than 10 days on holiday/ planned move from MPS
- Parent guide: supporting your child with public speaking [2017]

### **P&C DISCUSSION**

#### **P&C EXPENDITURE**

AGM will be held at the Term 4 P&C Meeting where we will present 2015 accounts, which includes a financial update on the all areas managed by the P&C.

#### **2016 Expenditure (Agreed in 2015)**

- Teachers Aide Program, \$92800, funded from money raised in 2015.
- School Learning Support Officer, \$12000 funded from money raised in 2015.
- Instrumental Program, \$15000 funded from money raised in 2015.

#### **New Expenditure for 2016 Approved (Expenditure not included in 2016 Budget)**

##### **Guitars**

- P&C voted and approved \$1,200 expenditure to add to grant from Mosman Council of \$1000 to purchase guitars for use by all students at MPS. Total cost of guitars \$2200. Thanks to Kate B, C Martin and Mrs Cady for applying for the grant. This will be funded from money made at the School Disco. Raised L Carlos, Second M Richards

##### **Playground**

- P&C voted and approved \$2,000 survey of school site, which is needed before planning of Stages 2 and 3 of playground refurbishment can take place. Raised L Carlos, Second M Richards
- P&C voted and approved to proceed with Playground – Stage 1 Fort Area – Design by parent & landscape designer Justine H (free – Thank You), Approximate Build and Equipment Cost: \$30,000. 3 quotes will be sought for the construction and P&C will keep parents informed during this process. Thanks to Margot, Steve, Justine and Kate B for their help in planning to date. This will be funded from Cash in Reserve that was raised in previous years. Treasurer will determine if Building Fund can be used for funding. Raised L Carlos, Second M Richards



## **Proposed Expenditure/Projects 2016/2017**

### **Playground**

- Stage 2 – Library play equipment will be removed in the Christmas Holidays and ground filled in. School to fund new playground in this area. P&C will discuss with school whether or not they require financial support. Justine H to design.
- Stage 3 – Lower Rectangle Belmont and Myahgah. – Proposed adventure playground to be designed by Justine H. P&C will review and discuss with parents the best use of this space as determined by students and teachers, and approximate budget prior to commencement of planning.
- Belmont Playground – Quotes arranged by Nadia T for printed banners with PBL slogans to cover fences. First quote - \$4100. P&C to review and add to 2017 budget proposal.

### **Teacher's Aides for 2017**

- MPS confirmed they would like the P&C to continue funding this at current level, which is \$92,800. P&C Treasurer to review and include when planning budget proposal for 2017.

### **Canteen refurbishment**

- As it is not possible to move the canteen, the P&C is looking to upgrade the existing canteen. Initial phase will involve structural engineer to determine if wall can be moved and then quotes for design and construction will be sought. If you have knowledge in this area and would like to be involved please contact the P&C.

### **Demountable for 2017**

- MPS to advise P&C funds required to equip the building for teaching. P&C to include in budget. Approximately \$12,000

## **P&C FUNDRAISING in 2016**

### **Updates**

- Mini-Mos 2016 raised over \$72,000 for the school and over \$35,000 for our charities. Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work. An amazing result despite the torrential rain!
- Disco: The disco was a great success with \$3,300 raised. Many thanks to Michelle Brown, helpers and teachers.
- Election Day Cake Stall: Raised \$900, thanks to Kate Blunden and Kate O'Brien.
- Father's Day Stall raised over \$2,000. Thanks to Tara and Michelle. (Held after P&C Meeting)

### **Future Fundraising Events**

#### **Artfest**

- Event to be held on Saturday November 5.

#### **Disco**

- MPS happy to have another disco
- Suggestions that K-2 in school time and 3-6 after school in Terms 1 & 3

#### **Christmas cakes, puddings and ginger bread houses**

- This will be run through the canteen as a Christmas fundraiser with funds raised to go towards the canteen refurbishment.
- Ensure products are nut-free

## **P&C Opportunities**

- 2017 Committee positions available, will be advertised in the Whaler
  - Secretary
  - Please let Layle or Mel know if you are interested in joining the 2017 Committee or to ask any questions – email [melissa.jane.richards@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.jane.richards@gmail.com)
- 2017 Min-Mos positions – Fair Lead/s, Event Co-ordinator, Marketing, IT
- Sam Hellyer will now manage salaries and taxation as Assistant Treasurer. Thank you Sam.

## **Canteen**

- Volunteers always required, in 2017 year groups will be responsible for providing volunteers for certain weeks per term as introduced by Monika. A revised procedure will be documented and sent to all parents.
- Michelle Zwar will be finishing up running School24 for us at the end of the year. She has done this for a number of years and we thank her for all her hard work. Jacqui M to investigate possible alternative products and look at using it for managing rosters also.
- Parents reminded that no sales allowed after 8.50am
- \$800 new mixer purchased, other equipment such as toaster, knives and popcorn maker to be purchased.

### Uniform Shop

- Tammy H is now running the Uniform Shop. Thanks so much to Sunny for doing such a wonderful job as Uniform Shop Manager.
- Enquiry raised as to whether hoodies could be introduced for Year 6 in 2017. Will be discussed with Stage supervisor. Tammy happy to source.
- Request by MPS to manage Kindy Tea Towels through Uniform Shop. Agreed by Tammy. MPS to follow up with Tammy to arrange.

### Instrumental Committee

- Year 2 Instrument trials to be held Saturday, September 10 so that parents can be involved.
- Some questions raised about Band Camp 2017 - P&C Committee to review points raised and report back to parents.

### Road Safety

- RMS rejected Zebra Crossing supervisor at the corner of Belmont & Myahgah Roads
- Need to write letters to Gillian Skinner to express our displeasure

### Security

- No further update on requests for perimeter fence for school.
- Concern raised about doors open to Gouldsbury during the day by parent. MPS advised necessary for free flow of students through school.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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**Mosman RSL**  
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# The Motherhood Inspire Sessions

Wednesday, 17 August 2016, 10.00am

Boronia House, Mosman

Join us for a mini high-tea, meet other mums, and hear the stories of three women who started their own business while managing the juggle of being a mum. (Limited onsite childminding available.)

Tickets - \$49

[www.themotherhood.com.au](http://www.themotherhood.com.au)

## FEATURING:

Karen Ciano, *Quincy Lane*



Karen started her specialty cakes, meringues, and cake pops business, Quincy Lane, when her son Julian was two years old. 18 months and another baby later, Karen's success has been phenomenal, with sales coming mostly through word of mouth and her beautiful Instagram account @quincy.lane.

Penny Thoms, *In My Hood*



Penny started her business, In My Hood, selling unique children's apparel, toys, home and decor, and accessories when her son William was 2½ years old. The business begun online, however her vision was always to build a dual-format children's retail boutique and Penny recently opened a beautiful store in Dural. [www.inmyhood.com.au](http://www.inmyhood.com.au).

Judith Treanor, *Temples & Markets*



Judith created her online store Temples & Markets, showcasing artisan made accessories, jewelry and home decor from South East Asia to allow her to enjoy more time with her 11 year old son, Callum. Callum has also been known to help out on the back end of the website and coaches her on social media. [www.templesandmarkets.com.au](http://www.templesandmarkets.com.au).



## OPEN MORNING

Thursday, 15 September 2016  
9.30am – 11.30am

*Address by Principal and performances by students 9.30 – 10.30am  
Tours of the school 10.30 – 11.30am*

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*Please note – there is no parking in the school grounds*

*Enquiries: Mrs Jenni Cooper, Telephone 9922 6666 ext 104*

*Website: [www.northsydgi-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.northsydgi-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)*

*Booking RSVP by: Monday 12 September 2016. Email: [northsydgi-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:northsydgi-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au)*



***Northside Youth Theatre***

***School Holidays are fast approaching and we have some wonderful Holiday Workshops for children. For more information please contact:***

Julia Robertson

Director

Northside Youth Theatre

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