



Dates to Remember

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4 to all returning families and a special welcome to those families joining the Mosman Public School community. As always, Term 4 is a busy and exciting time – particularly for our Year 6 students who are in the build-up to celebrating the end of their primary school years. I take this opportunity to welcome back Mrs Erica Dreverman who will be supporting various programs on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the year.

Stage newsletters were emailed home last Wednesday, so please check the email address you have provided the school [and update us if it's changed] – you can also find the Newsletter on the school website.

ICT usage information – Smart Watches

With the advancement of technology and their successful implementation, almost every pre-existing device is getting transformed into a new one with a more convenient approach and a considerable number of new features. Therefore, the upgrade of traditional analogue wristwatches into modern smart watches should not come as a surprise. At the beginning, the purpose of designing these watches, especially for children was very noble. However, schools globally are enforcing a ban on wearing these devices because of many potential issues.

1. Watches can be the principal cause of distraction in a classroom if they beep or ring due to specific reasons.
2. Many of these watches come with inbuilt cameras which can be a threat to someone's privacy. If the camera gets activated inadvertently, it can cause a vast range of exasperating problems inside the school.
3. There are several cases where this device was used iniquitously during certain assessments by accessing certain websites on the Internet to write specific answers. Smart Watches can provide inequitable advantage to particular students and it is almost impossible to catch such students due to the smallness of these devices. This is one of the major reasons behind banning this device.

If a Smart Watch is brought to school, it will be confiscated and parents notified. Should this occur, parents will need to collect the watch from the school office.

Mosman's ICT - Responsible Usage Agreement states that students:

DO NOT use any personally owned devices while at school. These include Smart phones, watches, tablets, or any device with Internet, messaging recording, filming or photographic capabilities.



If you have not signed and returned your child's ICT Responsible Usage Agreement, please find it at the link below.

<https://mosman-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-notes/whole-school-notes.html>

Planning for 2019

In the near future we will be commencing the process of organising classes for 2019. If you will be moving from our school at the end of this year it would be appreciated if you could contact the office. Also if you have any special social considerations you would like the school to be aware of in planning classes (e.g. siblings close in age) you are welcome to send a letter/ email to me providing details by Friday November 2.

Kindergarten 2019 Enrolment

Enrolment forms need to be submitted a.s.a.p. for students starting school in 2019. If you know of a student who will be starting next year, please pass on this information to their families. Transition days are a fabulous opportunity for our new Kindergarten students to experience school life and we are currently planning the transition days for these students.

Kids Giving Back

Congratulations to Niamh C (4C) and Mia C (SH) who were part of a team of *Kids Giving Back* volunteers who prepared and served scones to a group of elderly people. They spent time interacting with the elderly, taking part in trivia and other games. The volunteers and elders also worked together to assemble care packs for Project Youth, an organisation that supports teenagers in need.



Presentation Day

Presentation Day will take place on Friday December 14. We will be holding 3 Presentation Assemblies at Mosman Public School at which 3 students in each class will receive the annual RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE or LEARNER award. The 2019 student leaders will be announced at each of the assemblies. The times are as follows: Stage 3 will begin at 9.15am, Early Stage 1 at 12.00pm and Stages 1 & 2 at 1.20pm. We hope that you will be there to share this special day.

Steve Connelly - Principal

Book Fair and Book Character Parade

- Carnival Book Fair is on next week – visit the library to check it out! More information in the Student Happenings section of this Whaler.
- Book Character parade is on next Wednesday, October 25 at 9.10am. The parade will take place in Belmont playground. This is open to all students who would like to dress up and parade with their friends. Students not participating are to wear full school uniform.

School Loyalty Programs

Did you know that MPS has various loyalty programs? To help us add valuable resources to the school, simply mention to **Kidstuff Mosman, Rebel at Brookvale and Richie's IGA Mosman** that you're from our school. Thank you for your support.

Stationery Order 2019

Ordering will open on Monday November 19 for online ordering through Kookaburra Educational Resources. Online orders are the only form of payment. Our preferred option is that you purchase the appropriate pack for your child's 2019 year level as it contains all the necessary items for next year.

The resource list has been developed by the teachers to ensure that the stationery is specific to the needs of that grade and all students will need the resources specified.

A note will be sent home on Wednesday November 21 with details of how to order. Orders via: www.kookaburra.com.au/login will close on **Monday January 7, 2019**. Please ensure you order your pack before the closing date to ensure your child has their stationery for the start of the school year.

Selective High School 2020

Year 5 parents wishing their child to apply for entry should be aware of the following information:

Applications will be available online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement between **October 9, 2018 and November 12, 2018**. Applications will not be accepted after **November 12, 2018**; and

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **March 14, 2019**. Please return the intention to apply form to your child's class teacher. Note this needs to be completed in addition to the application form.

For further information, parents can follow this link <https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/publicschoolsnsw/school-programs/selective-high-school-placement> or request a printed booklet from the office.

Nadia Tobia - Deputy Principal

Absences

Regular attendance at school is mandatory and a written explanation any absence is required to be given to the classroom teacher, so that official records can be updated.

School officially starts at 9.00am every day. Please ensure your child is at school on time every day. If there is an incident where your child is late, an adult must sign the child in at the school office. A late note is generated and must be given to the classroom teacher.

If you are picking up your child early, you must sign them out at the school office, before collecting them from their classroom.

A medical note from a medical practitioner is required after 3 or more days of absence.

Remembrance Day - Friday November 9, 10.45-11.00am

We will be commemorating Remembrance Day on **Friday November 9 at 10.45am**. Thank you to our school leaders Michelle P, Jacob D, Amy T and Piers A1 who will be presenting commemorative speeches, enabling students to remember the servicemen and women who have served to preserve Australian freedom.

As part of the commemoration students will be making poppies at school to wear on the day.

SLIPS – Student Leadership Program

Year 5 students have been involved in the SLIPS leadership program to develop their skills and understanding of what it means to be an exemplary leader at Mosman Public School. The SLIPS program is about to conclude and the selection process for our 2019 school leaders is about to commence.

Our school leadership nomination, interview and selection process will begin in the next few weeks, so that our new school leaders can be introduced to the school community at the end of this year.

We would like to thank our wonderful 2018 school leaders for their ongoing outstanding leadership skills throughout the year – Jacob D, Michelle P, Piers A1 and Amy T.

Kerry McConaghy - Deputy Principal

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Book Character Parade and Book Fair

Our annual Book Character Parade will be held at 9.10 on Wednesday October 31 in Belmont playground. Please encourage your children to dress up as a Book Character and join in the fun. Parents and guests are most welcome to view the colourful parade.

During Week 2 and the beginning of Week 3 all students will come to the library to view the Book Fair Books and write their Wish Lists.

The Book Fair will be open to purchase books on Wednesday October 31, Thursday November 1 and Friday November 2 (Week 3) in the school library. It will open for parents on Wednesday 31 to Friday 2 between 8.30am and 9.30am and then 2.30pm and 4.00pm. However, on Wednesday 31 the Book Fair will be open from 8.30am to 9.00am and then 10.20am to 11.00am. It will also be open between 2.30pm and 4.00pm. Please note, it will be closed during the Book Parade. It will be open to students wishing to purchase from 8.30am and 8.55am and 3.10pm and 4.00pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Payment for books can be made by cash or credits card at the fair or prepay online.

An option of not waiting in the long lines at the counter, is ordering your books online.

http://www.carnivalfairs.com.au/book_fairs/resources/

Click on Parent Payments and fill in the details.

Take note: You will need to know the title and cost of the books to order online. You will need to bring in the 8-digit receipt number.

The Book Fair is a Plastic Bag Free Zone. If a bag is needed, you will need to provide one.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school library.

Gabi Hodge- Teacher

Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes Day is a national event that Mosman Public School supported on Friday August 3. Our mufti day was a great success, raising \$743.35. This money will go towards supporting the work of the Children's Medical Research Institute, who tirelessly research genetic defects and childhood diseases. Their research helps diagnose, understand and find cures or treatments for children living with genetic diseases, cancer and epilepsy. Thank you for your support.



Student Recognition

Congratulations to Sophia K (SL) who received a commended award as part of the 2018 Minister's Awards for Excellence in School Achievement - Community Language Schools. Sofia attended the awards ceremony at the Sir John Clancy Auditorium at the University of NSW ON October 29 in front of her proud parents.

Waste Warrior Mufti Day & Nude Food Tuesdays

The Stage 3 Sustainability Club began in Week 1 this term. Led by Ms Leary, students brainstormed initiatives they would like to see occur throughout the school. This term we will see the introduction of 'Nude Food Tuesdays' starting in Week 4 on Tuesday November 6. Students are encouraged to be mindful and minimise waste by using reusable packaging when bringing food to school.

On Monday morning assemblies the Stage 3 Sustainability Club will announce the K-2 and 3-6 classes with the highest percentage of nude food from the previous week. These classes will have the honour of hosting the K-2 or 3-6 Sustainability Mascot for the week.

In addition, to raise funds for the implementation of paper and plastic recycling and compost bins within each class across the school, we are having a **Waste Warrior Mufti Day on Tuesday November 6**. Students are encouraged to wear green and donate a gold coin. Please note, students will participate in the usual sports lessons on this day.

The Sustainability Team

P&C NEWS

The P&C General Meetings this term will be held on Thursday November 8 (7pm) and December 13 (9am).

Just a reminder that at the meeting on November 8, members will be asked to vote on a new approach to our charity fundraising in 2019. The meeting will be held at 7pm in the staff room.

Specifically, we will be asking P&C financial members to vote on a proposal to change our charity fundraising approach in 2019 and the school, in consultation with the SRC and teaching staff, to develop a year-long plan to support charities that are relevant to our students. This proposed change in approach followed a discussion at the P&C General Meeting, and coincided with discussion about the process to select new charities for 2019.

Please note that in line with our constitutional requirements, only current financial members will be eligible to vote at this meeting - to be eligible your membership application must have been accepted at a previous P&C meeting. All interested members of the school community are of course welcome to attend the meeting and contribute to the discussion but will not be able to vote.

In general, the views expressed at the meeting included, but were not limited, to the following: - that the new charities for 2019 should be relevant to the school community;

- that the focus on charity fundraising as part of the MiniMos preparation has diverted focus from the primary activity of the MiniMos as a fundraiser for the school;
- that involving the SRC and teaching staff in activities and selection of charities will help to ensure they are relevant and accessible to the students;
- with luck, our main fundraising focus for 2019 will be the playground and this should be the focus of the MiniMos fundraising for next year; and
- it's always good to try different approaches to charity fundraising and a more flexible approach would be worth investigating.

P&C Positions Vacant in 2019

We are also seeking expressions of interest for the P&C executive for 2019.

After two years as the P&C President, I will be stepping down at the end of this and would love to hear from you if you would be interested in taking on the role.

A number of the current P&C executive will be continuing, but once again please let us know if you have a particular area of interest or expertise that you feel would be a useful contribution to the P&C, or joining as a Committee Member.

The P&C executive officers are - President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President (x2). We also can have up to 6 additional committee members and current responsibilities include Facebook Administrator, Class Parent Co-ordinator, MiniMos Event Manager and Assistant Treasurer.

We also still have a number of vacancies for the 2019 MiniMos team: Event Manager, Sponsorship Manager, Fair 2IC, Communications and Web Site Design.

If you are interested or would like more information on any of the roles please send an email to

mosmanpandc@gmail.com

Kate Blunden
P&C President

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mosman Council Children & Youth Services is hosting a parent seminar facilitated by Dr Kristy Goodwin on Wednesday November 14 at the Mosman Art Gallery on "Empowering Children & Young People to develop positive body image"

for further information please click on this link - <http://events.mosman.nsw.gov.au/events/3338/parent-seminar-empowering-young-people-to-develop-positive-body-image>

The seminar will cover the following topics:

How can parents support their kids to navigate the pressures of media in the age of Instagram and unrealistic expectations? Join Dr Kristy Goodwin, digital health and wellbeing expert, researcher, author, speaker and former teacher as she discusses:

- How to empower young people to develop positive self-image
- How to support your child to navigate unrealistic portrayals of "ideal" bodies in the digital landscape
- How to encourage healthy decision-making for young people online
- Practical tools to build young people's resilience online

Appropriate for parents of primary and high school aged children

WHEN: Wednesday November 14, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

WHERE: Mosman Art Gallery & Community Centre, 1 Art Gallery Way Mosman

COST: \$25 [Get tickets online](#)



AFL, Baseball, Basketball, Dance, Football, Gymnastics, Netball, Rugby All Code, Skating, Swimming, Surfing, Tennis, Touch Football

Come to a FREE afternoon of training for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and try an Academy sport followed by a BBQ. Narrabeen Sports High School offers professional coaching and world class facilities through our unique specialist Sports Academy.

THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018 3:45PM – 5:00PM

Please RSVP to: <http://bit.ly/CPOG2018>

For more information about the Come Play Our Game afternoon or enrolments, please contact the school office or visit our website.

Sports to be introduced in 2019/2020 include Cheer Squad, Dance Sport and Surf Life Saving.



NARRABEEN SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL
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Live Life Well @ School

PLASTIC FREE HEALTHY LUNCHBOX



Be plastic free

Use a lunch box with a variety of sections or a few smaller containers.

Paper bags come in handy.

Avoid plastic wrap, foil, zip lock bags, packaged foods.

Healthy plastic free tips

- Freeze healthy muffins and use each day.
- Cut your own cheese slices and place them with crackers in a small container.
- Pack a handful of dried cereal or snack mix with dried fruit (e.g. apples, sultanas, banana), pepitas and sunflower seeds in a small reusable container.
- Make a smoothie at home and store it in a cold thermos that holds the temperature until recess or lunch time.
- Pop your own popcorn and pack it in a paper bag.



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WHEN... Nov 10th 2018, 1pm-5pm
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tag & lots more!