PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Mrs Judith Smith

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of week 4, Year 6 visited the many sites of Canberra, focusing in particular on the Federal Government. The students learnt a great deal and enjoyed themselves immensely whilst representing the school very well. This trip was made possible thanks to Miss Warren, Mrs Fentoullis and Mr Smith. The generous time and efforts given by you all, made this trip so memorable for the students.

THANK YOU TEACHERS!

Parent / Teacher Information Evening
It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance at our information evening on 15 February. I know the teachers were encouraged by your support, and the opportunity to share with you first hand expectations, routines and aspects of the teaching / learning program.

During week 8 and week 9 of this term there will be opportunities for an individual discussion with your child’s teacher. These end of term meetings are the school’s formal reporting processes for term 1.

This year we are using an online booking facility to schedule appointment times. If you would like to make an appointment for an individual discussion with your child’s teacher, please follow the links listed on the last page of this newsletter. Interviews are 10 minutes in duration. The online booking site opens tonight, Monday 2 March 2015 and closes on Friday 13 March at 6.00pm.

Welcome Parents Evening
Many thanks to Lee Warburton and Karen James, along with year 3 parents for organising and hosting this thoroughly enjoyable ‘get-together’ following the parent information sessions.

It was a great opportunity for new, and not so new, members of the Middle Harbour school community to meet each other.

P&C
MHPS P&C meetings are scheduled to be held in week 3 and week 8 of each term. As the P&C President’s position (along with the two Vice President’s positions) remains unfilled I will chair the week 8 meeting on Tuesday 17 March. At this meeting if the vacant positions remain unfilled the implications for not having a P&C will be discussed. The meeting will be in the library at 7.45pm on Tuesday 17 March.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey for students in years 4, 5 and 6
This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey for students in years 4, 5 and 6. The survey aims to help enhance student learning outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is...
Moving into Year 7 in 2016

Year 6 Parents
As your child’s primary school education is coming to a close; it is time to think about which school your child will attend next year. An Expression of Interest form (that you will need to complete with your preference(s) for placement of your child in year 7 at a government school) has been sent home with all Year 6 students. Please complete the relevant areas indicating if your child is going to a Public or Private High School and return the form to the SCHOOL OFFICE by 20 March.

SRC Representatives
Congratulations to the elected members of the MHPS Student Representative Council (SRC). This group of students has been elected by their fellow students to represent all students in the school. SRC members work together, with help from Miss Bonnor and Miss Lee, to contribute students' ideas and to be involved in decision making.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2015

MARCH

Monday 2  Premier’s Reading Challenge Starts
Mon 2- Fri 13  BOOKING SITE OPEN FOR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Tuesday 10  Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday 12  Selective High School Placement Test 9.00am – 1:30pm Northern Beaches Secondary College Balgowlah Boys Campus
Sunday 15  Training Band Music Workshop
Mon 16- Fri 27  Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 17  Regional Swimming Carnival P&C Meeting 7.45pm
Friday 20  Grandparents & Senior Friends’ Day 9.00am-11.00am. Program attached. Moving into year 7 EOI forms due.
Friday 27  K-2 Beach Carnival
Sunday 29  String Ensemble Music Workshop
Tuesday 31  Stage 3 PSSA trials – soccer & netball

APRIL

Thursday 2  Last day of Term 1
Monday 20  School Development day (staff only)
Tuesday 21  First day of Term 2 (students)
Friday 24  Stage 3 PSSA trials – soccer & netball

MAY

Tuesday 12  NAPLAN – language conventions & writing years 3 and 5
Wednesday 13  NAPLAN – Reading years 3 & 5
Thursday 14  NAPLAN – Numeracy years 3 & 5
Sat 16 – Sun 17  Music Camp

SEPTEMBER

Monday 14 – Wednesday 16  Annual K-6 School Show

OCTOBER

Monday 12 – Wednesday 14  Year 5 & 6 to Point Wolstoncroft Camp

FOSTERING PRIDE IN OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL

During term one, at our Tuesday afternoon K-2 or 3-6 assembly students in K-4 will be receiving their new school badge. It has been many years since MHPS students have had a school badge.
Each school house is now also represented on the new badge. Students can wear their badge to school each day. Students in years K-4 have been invoiced for their badge and students in years 5 and 6 are encouraged to purchase one from the front office for $8.00. The new badge further promotes to students our PBEL school value of ‘respect’ in wearing our school uniform with pride. It is hoped that all students will be wearing their badge each day for our school’s centenary next year.

Mrs Sue Dooley

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS

We have organised a very special morning for grandparents and special friends to visit our school on Friday 20 March 2015. They are invited to join us from 9.00am until morning tea to see our MHPS students perform musical items in the hall, visit classrooms and see our fabulous skipping teams in action. Visitors are welcome to join their grandchildren and/or specials friends for morning tea in the playground.

Unfortunately due to the growth in numbers and an awareness of health and safety we are unable to serve morning tea. The canteen will be selling tea/coffee and delicious treats.

Mrs Dooley and Mrs Robertson
Events Committee

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge – Starts 2 March 2015

This year all the students from our school will have the opportunity of taking part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) which runs from March until the end of August.

What is the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge?
The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is an initiative of the NSW State government and is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten–year 9.

The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read more widely.

The children in K-2 will be reading the books during library lessons and their 30 books will be automatically added to their PRC record. The students in years 3-6 will be doing the challenge individually and will need to enter their 20 books online themselves. This week, during library lessons, the students are all being shown how this process works. The books on the PRC reading lists are displayed in the library and have special stickers to identify them.

Where can I find information about the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge?
The Premier’s Reading Challenge website is the main place for information so it is important to check the website regularly for new information and updates.

How do I log on to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website? Go to the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at:


and select logon from the list of menu items on the left hand side of the screen.

Children use their school username and password

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Green Thinking
Clean Up Australia Day celebrated 25 years of volunteer action across Australia. Throughout last week students in all year groups viewed the following video on wastes and marine life produced by Mosman Council.


On Friday keen students in year 3 and 4 demonstrated their support for the Clean Up Australia Day program by collecting litter across the school. Year 5 students analysed the mass of this waste as part of their maths program. The Clean Up Australia collection day reminds us of the amount of garbage we create in our daily lives. It is important for all of us to make good choices and reduce non-recyclable waste.
PRE-LOVED LEGO DONATION

If you have any Lego at home that your family no longer uses, can you please bring the pieces (not duplo) to school and leave them in the KH classroom.

Thanks
Bron Hesketh
Kindergarten Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP

Due to popularity of the new skort, old style skorts will be sold for $25.00 until all stock is gone. Size 10 upwards only.

For your information, we are currently out of stock of bow headbands but have more on order.

Orders can be placed using a paper form or directly through flexischools (see MHPS website) and delivered to your child’s class. We will be updating the website with the new classes as soon as possible.

If you have any queries, please drop an email to: mhpsuniformshop@gmail.com and I will endeavour to respond as soon as I can.

OPENING HOURS
Tuesday and Friday mornings 8.45-9.15am
We will do flexischools deliveries twice a week on these days during the term.

We now have pay wave for purchases under $100.00 for your convenience.

Please drop any donations of second hand uniforms (all sizes) to the Uniform Shop on either a Tuesday or Friday morning.

Many thanks
Sam

STRING ENSEMBLE AND JUNIOR STRINGS
Sponsored by

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Family Energy Rebate

Mosman Council Event for the Environment
Mosman Council have organised an event at the Mosman Art Gallery & Community Centre on 19 March from 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Meredith Peach, Marine Biologist and Artist, will discuss plastics and the marine environment, her personal journey with plastic and how that has impacted on her as a scientist and an artist. Vivian Sim, a UNSW PhD candidate will also share her latest research on storm water and micro plastics. If you are interested you can book on-line.
Parenting Programs
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 1 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (24/2 - 24/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

NEW Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Seminars (3-8yrs)
Series of 3 seminars on Positive Parenting & Raising Confident, Competent & Resilient Children
Chatswood (11/3, 18/3 & 25/3, 7.00 - 9.00pm)

Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood (31/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Teens Course
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents' needs & behaviour.
Chatswood 5 wks (2/3 - 30/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

Toddlers Workshops (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood 26/2, 5/3 & 12/3 (3 wks/2.5hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (19/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (23/2, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)
* Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
* Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
* Speech & Language Development/Sleep
* Older Sibling - New Baby
* Bully Busting
* Resilient Kids

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

NSW Government
Northern Sydney Local Health District

Term 1 Week 6 Monday, 2 March 2015
The staff and students of Middle Harbour Public School welcome you to our

Grandparents and Senior Friends’ Day.

Friday 20 March 2015

PROGRAM

9.00am Welcome and ‘Whipper Skipper’ skipping display for classes and visitors under the shade shelter
9.20am Open Classrooms (please visit the library and consider donating a book)
9.40am Senior Band to the hall
9.50am Grand friends to the hall
10.00am Band, choir and class items in the hall

Hall Performances
- Senior School Band
- String Ensemble
- Year 6
- Year 5
- Year 4
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3 Choir
- Kindergarten

11.00am Morning Tea with your grandchild in the playground
11.25am End of Recess for Students
1.00pm Grandparents/Special Friends may like to watch their grandchild/ren or special friend/s who are in year 4 and year 6 play their PSSA T-ball game for sport at Tunks Park, Northbridge.

We hope you enjoy your visit.

Perhaps you would like to share a lasting memory by donating a book to the Library. In recognition of your donation, your name will be recorded inside the book together with the name of your grandchild/special friend.

Books will be available for purchase in the library.
Dear Parents/Caregivers

As always, your child’s class teacher is available to discuss your child’s progress at a mutually agreed time throughout the year however we have allocated specific appointment times in week 8 and 9 of Term 1. This enables your teacher to talk with you early in the year about your child. You will also receive comprehensive written reports at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.

If you would like to make an appointment to discuss your child, please follow the links below.

Interviews are 10 minutes in duration.

The booking site will open on Monday 2 March at 6pm and close on Friday 13 March 2015 at 6pm.

Yours sincerely
Carole Jaye

Click on:
Enter this school event code 4A2DK
and follow the 3 simple steps
This site will close on 13 March 2015 at 6.00pm

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

If you do not have access to the Internet please send a note to the class teacher to arrange a suitable time. Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents/carers can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents/carers wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact their child’s teacher via the school office by calling 9953 6232.