International Women’s Day Breakfast
The four girl school leaders and I were delighted to attend the International Women’s Day Breakfast hosted by Mosman Council on Friday 6 March. Celebrated artists, mother and daughter, Ann and Sophie Cape were the inspirational guest speakers. Both Ann and Sophie discussed their art, life experiences and how they embrace this year’s International Women’s Day theme of ‘Make It Happen’.
I was extremely proud of our leaders, Lucy B, Marni A, Matilda M and Millie B, who were not only wonderful ambassadors for our school, but listened intently to the speakers and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/teacher interviews will be held over the next two weeks in your child’s classroom. Interviews are 10 minutes in duration. Your respect of the time frame will be greatly appreciated by parents with interviews scheduled to follow yours.
Thank you to teachers for your ongoing commitment and dedication to ensuring the strong partnership between school and home is sustained.

MUSICAL WORKSHOP
Thank you to all the band members who attended the music workshops at school yesterday. It was a fantastic opportunity to have some focused sessions with tutors as well as time together as the Training and Senior Bands.
We extend our appreciation to the conductors who gave up their Sunday afternoon to help the children put their new skills into practice.
We would like to say a special thank you to Natalie Davies for coordinating the event. Her role extended from organising tutors, to finding and timetabling parents to supervise each of the sessions. Without the help of our parent community, these events would not be possible and we thank everyone who was involved in making it such a successful day.

Many thanks also to Mrs Kathy Burgess, for her outstanding contribution to our band program as well her presence and support at the workshop yesterday.

Zone Swimming Carnival 2015
Well done to the students who represented Middle Harbour at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Our students displayed exceptional behaviour and team spirit throughout the day and managed to place 8th overall.
Congratulations to the following students who will compete at the Sydney North Regional Carnival tomorrow, Tuesday 17 March at Sydney Olympic Pool, Homebush.

- Jensen S - 1st 9 years 50 Freestyle
- Joel K - 1st 11 year 50 Breaststroke
- Tia S - 1st 11 years 50 Breaststroke, 2nd 11 years 50 Freestyle
- Andie K - 3rd 11 years 100 Freestyle, 1st 11 years 50 Butterfly, 1st 11 years 50 Freestyle
- Andie K, Tia S, Holly L and Lara B - 1st Senior Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay

We are very proud of you. Thank you very much to Miss Julia Murphy and Mrs Wendy Duckworth for their organisation and efforts on the day.

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**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Exemption from School Certificate**

In accordance with the School Attendance Policy (2015), an Exemption from School certificate is required for all students who will be away from school for 11 or more school days. Parents are required to complete an Exemption from School form, provide relevant travel documentation such as an e ticket or itinerary (in the case of a non-flight bound travel within Australia only) so that the school can provide you with an Exemption Certificate. The form needs to be completed prior to your departure. The forms are available from the school office. Students who travel outside of a vacation period will now have their leave recorded as an absence.

Parents who withdraw their children from school for private lessons an unjustified absence will be recorded.

**Moving into Year 7 in 2016**

Reminder that the Expression of Interest form that was sent home with all Year 6 students recently, needs to be completed and returned to the SCHOOL OFFICE by this Friday 20 March including an indication of whether your child is going to a Public or Private High School.

The form is available on the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) website at


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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

This Friday we will welcome all Grandfriends and students to visit the library. There will be a selection of wonderful new books that Grandfriends may like to donate to the school library. Each book donated will have the name of the child and the person donating it on a label inside the cover. The child will be the first to borrow this book when it has been accessioned and covered. We look forward to seeing you.

Every year, young readers from all over NSW judge their very own literary awards. By voting in the KOALA awards they can reward the Australian children's books that have most inspired, amused, terrified, enlightened and engaged them.

**BENEFITS OF KOALA**

Gives students a voice regarding the books they love to read

- Promotes and encourages the enjoyment and appreciation of Australian literature
- Integrates EASILY into literature promotion programs
- Involves students in the voting process, encouraging them to discuss and debate their views on good literature
- Supports other reading programs such as the Premier’s Reading Challenge

During the last few weeks in library lessons children have had the chance to nominate their favourite book written by an Australian author to go into the 2015 KOALA AWARDS.

**The most popular book nominated by the students at MHPS was:**

For more information go to the KOALA AWARDS website [http://www.koalansw.org.au/](http://www.koalansw.org.au/)

**P&C NEWS**

The P&C meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 7.45pm in the Library.

**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.

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 [NumberWorks](http://www.numberworks.com.au)

Specialist Maths tuition and English tuition
BAND WORKSHOP

Congratulations to all band students on a very productive afternoon!

Students in both bands should be proud of their excellent efforts during band workshops and rehearsals on Sunday afternoon. They worked hard with music tutors and bandmasters to improve their playing and I was very impressed by the way they shared tips and supported each other to listen and play on cue during tutorials.

Your respectful and responsible behaviour resulted in an enjoyable and successful afternoon for everyone involved. The Training band were able to play a new piece to parents at the end of the day and I look forward to hearing the Senior Band’s first performance for the year at Grandparents and Senior Friends’ Day on Friday.

A huge thanks to Natalie Davies for so ably overseeing the organisation of the workshops, and to the band coordinators and fantastic team of parents who provided afternoon tea for all and made everything happen as it should.

Keep all those music camp forms rolling in please!!

With thanks

Kathy Burgess

ACCOUNTS RELATED

A big thank you to all those families who have paid their term account and a reminder to others that the term one account should have been settled as they are due on receipt.

Looking for an owner of a payment

The office received a payment on 4 March with the reference CBA Term 1 Fees in the amount of $86. As thankful as we are for the funds we would like to allocate the payment to the correct family. If you think this could be you, please check your records and bring in proof of payment so we can allocate the funds.

If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Kathryn Brown
School Administration Manager

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

A Reminder from Mosman Council

All the winter season sport registrations for sports that are played out of school hours are about to close i.e. netball, soccer, football etc. so please ensure you contact your local team organizer.
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 to 11.25am

9.00am  Welcome by Mrs Smith – Principal of MHPS. String Ensemble, ‘Whipper Skippers’ and boys skipping will give a performance for all classes and visitors on the basketball court.

9.20am  Open Classrooms (please visit the library and consider donating a book)

9.40am  Senior Band to the hall

9.50am  Grandfriends to the hall

10.00am Band, choir and class items in the hall

Hall Performances

- Senior School Band
- Year 6
- Year 5
- Year 4
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3 Choir
- Kindergarten

11.00am Share 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 PSSAT 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.