**Grandfriends’ Day**

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents and special friends to our school on Thursday 7 April. The program is on page 5 of this newsletter.

**School Development Day Tuesday 26 April**

Teaching staff will be engaged in professional learning including CPR training.

**First day of Term 2 for students will be Wednesday 27 April.**

**P&C**

It was very pleasing to see so many parents at the last P&C meeting on Tuesday 15 March and equally as pleasing to now have most positions filled. Congratulations to our new office bearers, and in particular our P&C President, Belinda McGuinness. A complete list of positions and office bearers, as well as vacant positions, is printed on the last page of this newsletter.

**Harmony Day**

MHPS celebrated Harmony Day last Monday. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who prepared foods with multicultural origins and joined their child/children for a picnic lunch, which was held in the classrooms due to the wet weather.

Students donated gold coins and raised $370 to buy maths equipment for schools in Kiribati.

**Centenary Merchandise**

The Middle Harbour community Recipes and Memories book will be available soon.

Shirts in house colours, centenary badges and caps are available for purchase from the uniform shop.

Students may wear their centenary shirt or yellow shirt on sports days and for gymnastics.

**Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!**

Carole
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RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Mrs Laura Barry

After school pick up
The end of the school day is 3.00pm. Please ensure that your child is collected from school no later than 3.10pm. Teachers are not on supervision duty after school.

Parking in neighbouring streets
Please be respectful when parking in the local neighbourhood. Please DO NOT PARK in surrounding building’s visitor parking spaces when dropping off and picking up your child from school. These premises are private property and should be respected as such.

Winter Uniform
It is anticipated that all students will be in winter uniform by Monday 6 June. Over the next few months whilst the weather is very changeable, either full summer or full winter uniform is acceptable.

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HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Amelie's grandparents brought in some chicken and carrot dumplings.

Elena's mum brought in some pancakes, homemade strawberry jam and honey.
LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair
The countdown is now on for our Monster Book Fair in the MHPS library 6-8 April 2016. We look forward to seeing you before and after school, as well as during the Grandparents and Special Friends’ Day celebrations.
Please drop by and purchase a book for home or to donate to the school library. Remember, ‘A book a day keeps the monsters away’!

World Book Web
Good news! Our library now subscribes to the World Book Web products.

• Early World of Learning—includes narrated stories, interactive games, videos, readers and story books, and a visual encyclopedia.
• World Book Kids—is based on World Discovery Encyclopedia and is designed to give younger students, ESL students and reluctant readers a rewarding online learning experience. The site illustrations, diagrams and maps enrich more than 2,000 articles selected for appeal and relevance.
• World Book Student—forms the foundation of an expansive reference database that includes over 40,000 encyclopedia and reference articles, thousands of links to outside web sites selected by World Book editors and contributors. It also includes an extensive Dictionary and Atlas plus audios, visuals and animations.

Our World Book subscription allows us to give you and your family access to this valuable reference source at your home computers.
To access the World Book Web, follow these simple steps:
1. Go to the World Book web site: http://www.worldbookonline.com
2. Type in the following user Login ID: mhps
3. Password: mhps
Please remember that login and password information is for MHPS students and their families only.

Sarah Rosenberg and Phoebe Lillywhite

ETHICS TEACHER

Become an Ethics Teacher at Middle Harbour Public School
Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.
We have a few vacancies for volunteers to teach Years K-6 ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. 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, please contact:
Lucy Hookeway
Ethics Coordinator for Middle Harbour Public School
Lucy.hookeway@icloud.com

STRING ENSEMBLE AND JUNIOR STRINGS

Sponsored by:
NumerateWords
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Enjoy the
Music

Band and String
Ensemble Music
Camp
at
Elanora Heights
Saturday 28
and
Sunday 29 May

NORTHERN BEACHES INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL

Saturday 18 June - Senior/Junior
String Ensemble -
Our Opening Hours are:

Tuesday and Friday mornings 8.45 - 9.15am.

Uniform orders can be placed directly through flexischools (see MHPS website) and delivered to your child’s class. We will complete flexischool deliveries twice a week on Tuesday and Friday during the term.

We are still in need of some volunteers to help on Tuesday and Friday mornings. We can get very busy and some more helpers would be fantastic. Please email the uniform shop with your details and what day you are able to help. Even if you can only volunteer once a month, it would still be a help. I will put a roster together.

If you have any queries, please drop an email to:

mhpsuniformshop@gmail.com and I will endeavor to respond as soon as I can.

Thanks
Sam
Uniform Shop Coordinator
The staff and students of Middle Harbour Public School welcome you to our Grandparents and Special Friends’ Day. Thursday 7 April 2016

PROGRAM 9.15am to 11.20am

9.15am - Welcome by Mrs Jaye – Acting Principal of Middle Harbour Public School
- Performance Strings
- Senior Band
- Year 3 Choir
- Skipping Team

9.45am – 10.30am Classroom visits

10.30 – 11.20 am Morning tea in the hall (grandparents and special friends only)

Library Book Fair

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.
The library will be open for the duration of all Grandparents and Special Friends’ Day events.

We hope you enjoy your visit.
## Middle Harbour Parents and Citizens Association

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* Part of the Executive for matters related to the Kids Cottage