Welcome back to our final term for 2014, one that is sure to be busy. This term we officially and warmly welcome Mrs Robyn McCann as our new School Administration Manager – Robyn’s inauguration to Mosman PS was marked with a full financial audit by the Department – totally coincidental!! We also welcome Mr Tony Firth to MPS as a member of our permanent staff following his successful application for the General Assistant position. The Principal position has been advertised and I look forward to relaying the outcome of that process before the end of term.

Student Leadership development is an important role of the school and 2015 will see an expansion of the roles available to all students in Year 6. Over the coming weeks, nominations will be taken from Year 5 students to run for one of 12 new positions on the 2015 Student Leadership Team. Speeches and voting will ensue, with the team introduced to the school in the last week of term. All Year 5 parents should have received a separate email with a copy of the Student Leadership Policy prior to this Whaler.

Selective high School - Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from October 14 to November 17 2014. All Year 5 parents were emailed details prior to this

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**
Whaler. The application information booklet is available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

Teachers’ Aides – the P&C will fund 2 full-time teachers’ aides to provide support to all classes during 2015. Advertisements for the positions went ‘live’ today through the Department’s online newsletter SchoolBiz. If you know of anyone interested in applying for the role, please contact the school office for the selection criteria.

Ballet Champ – congratulations to Isabella [3W] who recently competed in the Dance Life Unite National Championship for ballet. So skilled in classical ballet is Isabella, that she won the under 8 category and is now – officially – the under 8 National Champion. Isabella also finished among the top 10 places in all ballet categories.

MosPaf Reminders:
1. Students to submit their artworks for the MosPAF Prize by 3pm on Friday October 31 [labelled with name, class & age]
2. Please buy your tickets for the ArtFest Auction Party on Saturday, November 15 (to be held on the school grounds from 7pm).
   Tickets are $35 and can be purchased by going on the canteen website www.schools24.com or by going to www.trybooking.com/FXQK
To see pictures of the artworks in progress and completed go to the blog at www.mpsartfest.wordpress.com or see the P&C facebook page.

CYBER SAFETY – Anonymous online? Guide your kids on Kik and Snapchat
Your kids might be anonymous online, but others are too. Who are they really talking to? Kik is a messaging app for users aged 17 and over that allows anonymous messaging between users – but children don’t always ‘chat’ to people they know. Similarly, there are stranger danger concerns with Snapchat, a mobile app that allows smartphone users to send video or photos with a caption to others. These practices have been known to lead to sexting and content that is not suitable for the eyes of some young users. Sexting can lead to children having further inappropriate contact with adults and accessing more unsuitable content. Parents need to check out the apps their children are using and ensure they are only using apps and accessing websites that are appropriate for their age. You can download and sign up for these apps and websites, setting up a new email account to use for this purpose that isn’t linked to any other personal accounts, sites or apps. Sign up, log-in and see what your kids might be exposed to. Then talk to your child about it. Tell them your worries. Set rules around the use of apps and websites, or find alternative apps that you and your children are more comfortable with. If children only use free apps and websites to contact friends who they know offline and don't respond to anonymous users, they are unlikely to run in to trouble. However, they are young, they aren't always logical and they aren't always ready for great responsibility – they still need parental guidance.


BELLE PROPERTY MOSMAN/NEUTRAL BAY PARTNERSHIP WITH MOSMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL Alliance Program: October 2014

Mosman Public School has long enjoyed special relationships with its community neighbours. For several years, we have been especially fortunate to forge a mutually beneficial partnership with Belle Property. Tim Foote from Belle and his wife Bee are parents at the school which further enhances this connection.

The foundation of our partnership with Belle is their gold sponsorship of our major fundraiser, the Mini-Mos Fun Run and Fair. It is further supported by Belle’s provision of volunteers for our sports carnivals, their sponsorship of social events, and
importantly, their donation of 50% of the cost of our new electronic signboard. All in all, Belle’s contribution to our school is significant each year in helping it to be one of the best-resourced public schools in the area.

We would like to announce a new pillar to this relationship, which will further benefit our school community: an alliance. This program will see Belle donating to MPS in return for sales; essentially, for every property sold by Belle of which the seller is a member of the MPS community, the MPS P&C Association will receive a contribution.

The contribution for the first year of the alliance will be as follows:
- Houses - $1000
- Apartments - $500

This program has enormous potential benefit to the school and we are excited by its launch. Thank you to the Foote family and the Belle team for their continued strong support of their local public school.

More information will be distributed shortly regarding how the program will be managed.

Steve Connelly - Acting Principal

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

GALA NIGHT REMINDER - See poster at end of Newsletter
This year’s Gala Night will be on Thursday night, October 23. Please put this date in your diaries. All our Performing Arts groups will be on stage, the Dance Group, Drama Group, ArtsNorth Choir, Year 3 Choir, Senior Choir, Junior Strings and Junior Band, Senior Stings and Performance Band. The concert will run from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Students performing in school uniform and the Performing Arts uniforms should all have black shoes and their respective uniforms. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 5.30pm.

- Junior Band arrive at 5.30 pm and go to 2T’s room(Performing Arts Shirt, black pants, shoes and socks)
- Junior Strings arrive at 5.30pm and go to the 2C’s room(Performing Arts Shirt, black pants, shoes and socks)
- Drama Group arrive at 5.45pm and go to 2V’s classroom(Drama Costume)
- Year 4 Choir arrive at 5.45pm and go to 3N’s room(Performance T-shirt, black pants, shoes and socks)
- Dance Group arrive at 5.45 pm in costume and make up and go to 3H’s classroom(Dance Costume)
- Year 3 Choir arrive at 5.45pm and go to 3G’s room(School Uniform, black shoes)
- Senior Strings arrive at 5.30pm and go to 2M’s room(Performing Arts Shirt, black pants, shoes and socks)
- Performance Band arrive at 5.50 pm and go 2B’s(Performing Arts Shirt, black pants, shoes and socks)
- Year 5/6 Choir arrive at 5.50pm Go to the hall to watch the concert until your performance time(School Uniform)
- Individual items meet at backstage hall.
- If you are in more than one item please get a run sheet from Mrs Tauber and we will mark your items on for you to follow. You can change in the backstage toilets if necessary.

MUSIC COUNT US IN
This year, Mosman Public School is participating in Music Count Us In, which is a government funded educational initiative to celebrate the role music plays in our lives. All the students are learning the song, ‘Paint You a Song’, written specifically by Year 11 and 12 songwriters. The whole school will perform it via a live video link to the lawns of Parliament House in Canberra with 2,000 schools and 600,000 students, on October 31 at 12.30pm.
On November 2, the Junior Strings will be performing in a newly created String Festival at Abbotsleigh Girls School. They have worked extremely hard and we wish them good luck and good cheer for the day.

The Junior Strings (pictured) love music, fun and hamming it up for the cameras. If you want to play a violin or cello then the Junior Strings will welcome you with open arms and the occasional pavlova!

Barbara Tauber - Creative Arts Coordinator

The Scholastic Book Fair
We are pleased to announce that the Book Fair is coming back to Mosman Public School. At the fair you will be able to purchase books for your children, to further develop their love of reading. It is also a source of fund raising for our school.

Your children will have a chance to explore the fair between October 16 & 21 with their classes.

**Book Fair Dates:** Wednesday October 22 – Friday October 24

**Shopping Hours:** 8.30-11.10am & 2.00-3.45pm each day

**Where:** The School Library

Payment for books will be by cash or credit card at the fair or (for the first time) you can prepay online (by credit card) and then submit your order using the wish list / invitation that your child will receive.

We hope to see you there!
The finale of our wonderful ArtFest will be an evening of live music, delicious food and of course, the opportunity to ooh and aah and bid on the wonderful class artworks that your children have been busy creating this term.

You have an exclusive opportunity to purchase works by some extremely talented artists who have collaborated with your children’s class to create the artworks at our Auction.

The music stylings of Berne Segedin will entertain so bring along a cushion, a picnic blanket & BYO to enjoy along side the fantastic food on offer.

We will also have on display the winners and highly commended for the MosPAF Art Prize as judged by Ken Done.

Date: Saturday 15th November

Venue: MPS (artworks in the hall, party under the stars) Time: 6.30 for 7pm

Cost: $35 pp  BYO: your own drinks, rug & cushion (optional)

All money raised goes to MPS.

Tickets can be purchased on the MPS canteen website schools24.com or trybooking.com/FX0K
MPS ArtFest

ArtFest is about exposing our children to a wide variety of artistic mediums. Giving them the opportunity to co-create with their peers & gain satisfaction from being involved in a creative & meaningful project.

Each individual class in all years will create and work on a piece of art in term 3. This will happen in class time with artists from within the school & local communities in a range of mediums – paint, drawing, wood sculpture, mosaic, metal sculpture & more.

You can be involved!!

Each class has a lead artist and room for lots of volunteers! An hour, or a day or whatever you can spare! All is possible & no experience is necessary.

Check out the blog at www.mpsartworks.wordpress.com to see all the details, each class’s project & the artists involved. Some of the many talented artists include Ken Done, Jumaadi & more.

The ArtFest will run in term 3 with artwork being auctioned as part of a fundraiser at the ArtFest party on Saturday November 15 (save the date). Think a fun night out with live music, wine/beer & delicious food!

MosPAF Prize (Mosman Public ArtFest Prize)

All MPS students are invited to complete an artwork in one of three categories (not compulsory):

1. MosPAF Portrait Prize
2014 GALA CONCERT
MOSMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

6.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Presenting
Junior Band
Yr 3, 4 and 5/6 Choirs
Junior String Ensemble
Senior String Ensemble

Dance Group
Intermediate Band
Performance Band
Drama Group

Entry – Gold Coin or $5.00 per family
Canteen Roster

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Please find a copy of the Canteen Roster for Weeks 3 and 4 Term 4 2014. Thank you to all our volunteers. We are well covered for most of this period but if you can help out on Wednesday October 22 it would be much appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Latest news

Chess class
The chess class at Mosman Public School runs on Friday afternoons from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm. If you are interested in joining the chess class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au.

Puzzle information
Answer Puzzle nr. 9:
1. Re7+ Kxf6 2. Qe5 #

Upcoming chess events
October 25: Pymble Saturday Fun
October 26: Schools Chess Championship

More information on events and coaching can be found on: sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Chess puzzle

Puzzle nr. 10: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves
Please complete and return to the MPS office.

**K-5 STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO MOSMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 2015**

My child / children will not be attending Mosman Public School in 2015.

Please print student names below.

NAME: .................................................................................. Class: ..........

NAME: .................................................................................. Class: ..........

Last day of attendance: ...........................................

Name of new school: ..........................................................

Signature: .............................................................. Date: .........................

Please return this notification to the office.