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HOLIDAYS - December 18 to January 28

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

**Film Stars** – congratulations to Rory [5D], Jasper [5W], Jasper [5R], Finn [5W], Gabriel [5W], Niamh [5R] and Molly [5W] and Mr van Biljon on their recent film debuts on the silver screen of Dendy Opera Quays. Their 2 entries as part of the ArtsNorth Film Festival drew great applause and Highly Commended awards for *Most Engaging Characters* and *Most Original Plot*. Well done to all our film stars and many thanks to the proud parents who joined me in the audience.

**Junior Strings** – congratulations to our group who won a silver award in their section at the Nigel Butterfly Event held at Abbotsleigh School on November 12. A big thank you to parents for transporting our musicians and to Catherine Speechly, the Junior Strings Coordinator. Well done everyone!

**A big THANKYOU** on behalf of the whole school community to Tina Bradstreet, Cherelle Martin & Sonia Renwick whose service on the P&C Executive was recognised today at the final P&C meeting for 2014. Their tireless work with a very active P&C group of volunteers has achieved a great deal for our school and supports our students in their daily learning. Well may they have a rest from their official roles, but I’m sure they’ll continue being proactive volunteers for our school.

**Student invoices** close on Friday November 21 in time for our financial roll over. All accounts must be settled by this date. We ask that no payments via cash, cheque or credit card or **direct deposits** be made in to the school’s bank account. Outstanding invoices after 21/11/14 will be reissued in December. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Steve Connelly - Acting Principal
It is an honour to be the Principal for a Day at MPS. I thank my mum and dad for this wonderful opportunity. My friend Erin is my Deputy Principal for a Day.

Yesterday Erin, Mr Connelly and I went shopping at IGA and Arena’s to purchase fruit, juice, cream and jam. This was for a teacher’s breakfast at their morning staff meeting. After shopping, we visited classrooms to say well done for completing their artworks and to ensure the class had signed them. After this we arranged a message for 5R and we wished Mrs Rooney well for the pending birth of her second child.

On Wednesday November 12, we went to the K-2 Assembly to hand out awards to awesome students. After this, we needed lunch. After lunch, we attended the 3-6 Assembly and handed out two trophies and loads more merit cards. We enjoyed amazing songs, a dance, talks and a wonderful performance by the junior band.

This was exhausting so we had delicious, scrumptious scones for afternoon tea. All washed done with cool apple juice.

Our day was nearly over but we still had to mark loads of outstanding work.

Last of all, I loved being Principal because it was fun going to all the classes and seeing all the great things at MPS. Erin agreed that this was the best day.

Ms Isabelle – Principal and Ms Erin – Deputy Principal

The Kindergarten Orientation Day was a great success. Thank you to KH, KB, KM and KA parents for a scrumptious morning tea. A special thanks to those parents who helped set up and stayed to chat.

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Performing Arts

On Sunday November 2, the MPS Junior String ensemble with their conductor, Ella Jamieson, performed at the Australian Schools Orchestral Festival at Abbotsleigh. The auditorium was full of students from schools all over Sydney (and their instruments and parents!). The ensemble confidently performed Gavotte (Handel) and Peanut Butter and Celli (Compello).

It was a great experience for the students to perform in front of a large audience in a music festival atmosphere. They received a silver award in their section, which the students were very excited to collect on behalf of the school.

A big thank you to the Junior String coordinator, Catherine Speechly, Tahlia’s mum for all the hard work and organisation for the event.
The Junior Band look fabulous on stage as they play Star Wars

Student Workshops
We have had a busy Term 4 so far with plenty more action to come. Our Drama Group recently enjoyed an Improv Workshop at school and last week each of our instrumental groups took part in the very dynamic TaikOz drumming workshops. You may have heard the beautiful sound of the Taiko resonate throughout the school during these early morning sessions. The students were treated to a history of the art of Taiko – used mainly during religious ceremonies and festivals, before experiencing the power of these beautiful instruments in a very hands-on way.

As in Japanese culture shoes are removed to encourage students to respect their inside space and keep it clean. Intermediate and Performance Band were treated to a performance, featuring the Shimedaiko, Miyadaiko and Takebue. Intermediate and Performance Band were treated to a performance, featuring the Shimedaiko, Miyadaiko and Takebue.

Junior Band’s Final Assembly Performance
On Wednesday November 12 2014 Junior Band played their last performance, last two in fact as they played at both the K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies performing a very well received Star Wars. Junior Band has worked very hard this year to develop their skills and we look forward to hearing from them as members of next year’s Intermediate Band. We are very fortunate to have their conductor – Debbie English, continuing the journey with them.

The Junior Band entertained the K-2 and 3-6 assembly with a revelling version of Star Wars. Their conductor, Debbie English has done an outstanding job in bringing the group together as a team of united players. The students were then presented with their Band medallions. Year 4 received Bronze and Year 5 received Silver.

Some of the wonderful Junior Band show off their medallions

We hope all the students enjoyed their Taiko experience and for those wanting more, please see http://taikoz.com/TaikOz/default.aspx.
After their performance each member of Junior Band was awarded a Bronze Medallion, in recognition of their first year’s commitment to band. The Medallion Program, a great initiative of Mrs. Tauber’s, recognizes each student’s ongoing commitment to band, through the award of bronze, silver and gold medallions. The Medallions were presented by Tina Skidmore, our Band Administrator. Tina has worked closely with all three bands this year. She’s been responsible for initiating the assembly performances, streamlining our sheet music delivery, working with our conductors on planning and organising external events, and the myriad other small tasks required to make band rehearsals and performances run smoothly. Thanks to the P&C for recognising the value of such a role and providing the necessary funding.

Well done Mosman Public School 2014 Junior Band!

Report by Performing Arts President Tracy Miles & Barbara Tauber - Performing Arts Coordinator

Smith Family Christmas Appeal
Each year Mosman Public School excels in providing wonderful gifts for the Smith Family Christmas Appeal. Once again, we ask students and parents to support this appeal. Gift tags are available in the office foyer which can be attached to gift bags. Just a reminder that all gifts and books should be **new and not second hand** and should **not** be wrapped as the Smith Family needs to check their suitability. We suggest you send them **in a large gift bag no bigger than a school backpack**. This worked well last year. Could you please bring gifts in by Thursday December 11 for delivery to the Smith Family. **Thank you for your help and support.**

Year 5 Parents
You still have until Monday November 17 2014 to apply for your child to sit the selective high school Year 7 entry test for entry in 2016.

Please contact Mr Cobcroft if you need to discuss.
2014 YEAR 6 FAIR  
COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

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PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

**COST?** 20c, 50c, $1 and $2 coins  

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The students in Kindergarten and Year 1 would like to invite you to our ...  

**K-1 End of Year Concert!**

**When?**  
Thursday December 11  
12.15pm – 1.00pm  

**Where?**  
Myahgah Playground  

**Why?**  
To celebrate all the wonderful achievements of our students in Kindergarten and Year 1.  

In the event of rain, we will proceed with the concert; however, we will perform as individual grades in the hall.  
Year 1: 12.15pm  
Kindy: 12.45pm

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/FXQK
Tennis

Is your child interested in learning to play tennis?? I’m looking at putting squads together with a long term view of competing in competitions. If you are interested, please phone Mandy Hewitt-Park on 0416 513 366. All ages welcome.

Winners - Stephanie and Madeleine won their last (will be sadly missed as off to High School next year) Primary Schools Challenge held Saturday November 8, playing against Cammeray, Roseville, Loreto and Holy Family Primary. This is an extremely well organised and fun event organised by the Northern Suburbs Tennis Association.
**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. 11:
1. Qh2-e5 #

**Upcoming chess tournaments**
November 23: Xmas Swiss Chess Challenge
November 29: Pymble Saturday Fun

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

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**BOOK FAIR**
21-23 November 2014

Dear Lifeline Book Lovers,

This is the second year of the Lifeline Northern Beaches Book Fair, and we are thrilled to announce that the fair is back! The fair will be held on Saturday 22nd November, 10am - 3pm, at the Lifeline Northern Beaches office in Dee Why.

**VENUE**
LifelineNorthernBeaches offce
160A Dee Why Road, Dee Why

**DATES/TIMES**
Saturday 22 November, 10am - 3pm

Please join us for a successful fair and support a great cause.

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**Chess puzzle**

**Puzzle nr. 12:** White to play and checkmate in 1 move

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**Lifeline Northern Beaches**
North Sydney to Manly Beach

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**Chess puzzle**

**Puzzle nr. 12:** White to play and checkmate in 1 move