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HOLIDAYS - December 18 to January 28

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

ArtFest was a wonderful success and true testament to what can be achieved through team work. My esteemed thanks to the organising committee led by Justine Morton, the energy with which she and her team approached this event was awe inspiring. Thanks also to the many, many parents and staff members who helped pre- during and post- ArtFest for this great celebration of our students’ artistic skills.

The Year 6 Fair was another resounding success and I was proud of the efforts of our students in preparing and running their stalls. All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and the proceeds - all sticky $2,437.60 worth - will be going towards the Year 6 gift to the school. Be sure to read the eye-witness accounts further on in the Whaler.

New Online Payment System

It will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac FROM DECEMBER 11, 2015. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting $ Make a payment. Items that can be paid include resource and technology contributions, excursions, incursions, etc. There is also a category called Other, this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter the student’s name and class.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Please do not make any more direct deposits in to the school’s account from December 11.
Student invoices still outstanding need to be finalised by Friday December 12 2014. Parents / carers will be issued a final reminder this week. As always, please contact me should you need to discuss payment.

Steve Connelly - Principal

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

SKIPS - Promoting Mental Health
Over the past 3 weeks, students in Year 6 have been participating in a program called SKIPS - Supporting Kids in Primary Schools. The program provides Stage 3 students with the appropriate language for talking about mental illness, reducing the stigma of mental illness and recognising that 1 in 5 people may be affected by a mental illness at some point in their lives.

Specifically, the students learned about the 'big four' mental illnesses of Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar Disorder and Schizophrenia. The program was facilitated by our School Counsellor, Ms Sandra Vine, and co-facilitated by Scott Gould, Specialist School Counsellor (Hearing). The SKIPS program encourages resilience and help-seeking behaviour in students as they transition into High School, which can be a stressful experience for many children. For more information, please visit www.skips.each.com.au

The Year 6 Fair by 2B
Yesterday was the Year 6 Fair. First I went to the sponge throwing. Next I went to the face paint. Then I went to the lucky treasure hunt. Finally I went to the nail polish. I loved the Year 6 Fair. I hope they do it next year. By Angela

Yesterday I went to the Year 6 Fair.
First I went to get a hair spray. I got red and blue hair spray.
Next I went to Splat with Blake and Samuel. It took a very long time. Then it was our turn. I got five tickets.
After that I went to the basketball shots place. We had lost Samuel but we were happy when we saw him again at the basketball shots when Blake was having his turn.
Finally, I saw my best friend at the last minute. We were looking everywhere for each other. Then the bell rang to signal that it was the end of the Fair.
I had a great time! By Daniel

On Wednesday November 19, I went around the Fair with my friend Ava.
First we got an ice-cream sundae to share.
Next we got a spider which is a fizzy drink with ice-cream. I had one with coke and vanilla ice cream.
After that we got hair spray. My colour was purple and I was sprayed over half my head.
Last we went to throw ball at the cans but I did not win anything.
Finally the bell rang and we lined up at lines and went to our classrooms.
I had the best time ever! By Ella

Yesterday was the Year 6 Fair at school.
First I did the soccer shoot-outs and I got 11 lollies.
Next I got an ice-cream. It was delicious.
Then I did soccer shoot-outs again. I scored 5 out of 6 goals and got 8 lollies.
Finally I went to get some blue hair spray.
I HADE A GREAT TIME!! By Jack
Mosman High School visited the Performance Band rehearsal last week and it was a resounding success. Each group performed and then worked on a combined score. It was inspiring for our students to peek into a ‘crystal ball’ and see themselves maturing as performers in the next few years. More is planned for the future and we are definitely looking forward to the next visit.

Have you seen our new electronic drum kit? Thanks to Tina Skidmore ourPerforming Arts Administrator, who prepared a lengthy submission to Mosman Council for a grant to purchase a new drum kit. The drum students are really enjoying their lessons with all the additional skills they can now develop.

**JUNIOR BAND 2015 UNDERWAY**

The first meeting of the Junior Band for 2015 began 2 weeks ago and the transition is underway for 2015. They met with their new conductor, Debbie English and were introduced to the first disciplines about band routines and expectations when playing as a large group. It was all lots of fun and congratulations to all students for their attendance and enthusiasm.

Another big group of wonderful Year 3 students will forge a powerful Junior Band Program for next year.
4P Student Happenings:
On Monday, November 17 we visited Mosman Art Gallery. We spent time observing the artworks of Lucy Chilton and then painted pieces inspired by her work. We had a lot of fun and shared our appreciation for art in our society.
Miss Pizzolato

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!
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.**

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*The Christmas tree in the school foyer is looking lovely. Gifts are starting to come in. Please see above for more information.*
Please complete and return to the MPS office.

P&C NEWS

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This is the roster for Weeks 9 and 10. Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate your ongoing commitment, especially at this time of year. We urgently need at least one volunteer for Tuesday December 2 AM Shift, Monday December 8 AM Shift and Wednesday December 10 AM Shift. If you can help on these shifts or any others that are free please add your name to the roster at the canteen or contact me at laylecarlos@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you very much and if you can’t make a shift please let the canteen know.

Herbs and vegetables flourishing in our school garden
The school vegetable garden is absolutely flourishing under the green thumbs of our students. Recent activities have included: 4P harvesting the heirloom carrot mix sown during the Kindy seed project; 3G sowing beans and sunflowers; 2B building archways for the beans to climb; and everyone picking herbs and lettuce for the canteen, weeding, bug and caterpillar hunting, and watering regularly from the nearby rainwater tank. Thank you budding green thumbs!

Our gardens are going to need a little ongoing care and attention over the summer school holidays, primarily in the form of water! If you’re going to be around Mosman and would be happy to do a watering shift or two, please get in touch via mpsgreenteam@gmail.com.
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

Chess puzzle

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