PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

ASPECT - autism spectrum: This week I had the pleasure to visit ASPECT Vern Barnett School at Forestville to attend a thank you morning tea for sponsors of the school. I accepted the invitation on behalf of Mosman Public School staff and students, the P&C and the many parents and runners of the Mini-Mos Race who have donated to this wonderful school.

The school has around 140 students for whom a different learning environment is needed. Some children will travel through this school for their education while others will develop essential skills and be transitioned back into mainstream classes. Students who would not normally be the centre stage performed musical items for assembled guests. This is a massive achievement for some. The school has been designed and built to house small classes, large play and activity areas, a small swimming pool and trampolines for active pursuits. Many of these were purchased through generous benefactors and generous sponsorship. Mosman children and parents can be proud that they have made a difference by giving to this superb school.
Assemblies this week: The K-2 Assembly students were entertained this week by the Junior Band. They are sounding great. This band has many new members who only joined this term. During the 3-6 Assembly MPS swimming champions received their medallions and trophies. Our swimmers competed at Zone in Week 7 and were great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to all on your efforts and successes. An enormous WELL DONE to Milly who is now the Junior Zone Girl Champion. Special CONGRATULATIONS to Milly Hewlett and Talia Nowland who will now compete at the Regional carnival. We wish you well.

Mosman Mixer: Fervent planning has been underway to make this function a huge success. Excitement is building. MPS staff is very thankful to the P&C for their fundraising efforts. In particular, we thank them for their resurrecting the WISH LIST idea. This allows teachers the opportunity to suggest items that will improve their learning environment for students. An enormous thank you to all parents who will purchase these items. See you all on Saturday 29th.

Principal Update: The last advertised round for the Principal's position ended last week with no success. The Principal position was readvertised this Wednesday.

Good Work - Jac, Haley, Eve and Stephanie from 6S

Best wishes,
Colin Cobcroft
Acting Principal

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Recounts from 1M for The Human Race
On Monday morning I went to the hall with 1M to watch a performance called The Human Race. The characters were Dunc, Deedee, Kane and Kimbo. In the performance, Kane was a bit rude. Dunc wore a green hat. Dunc and Kane were boys and Deedee and Kimbo were girls. Kimbo wore a sparkly hat but Deedee didn’t. My favourite part was when Ms Polito took Dunc’s phone. Emma 1M

On Monday, 1M went to a performance called The Human Race. It was in the hall. It was a challenge to see which team would work together. It was good. The people were Dunc, Deedee, Kane and Kimbo. Dunc and Deedee won. The prize was to change the world. My favourite bit was when Dunc put on a remote control helmet. Isabelle 1M

4P have been using the iPads during mathematics lessons. This week we have investigated 2D shapes and lines of symmetry. To help us learn how to copy, enlarge and reduce shapes, the class has used the ‘Geo Board’ App. Here are some pictures of us working in pairs.

Illy and Harry drawing triangles
Flora and Angus creating polygons
Kristin and David making right angled triangles
The Human Race – Recounts from 4G

Today, 4G and I went to a play which was about anti-bullying and friendship, to be safe and stop bullying people that do not look like you.

The performance was absolutely fantastic. It was fun to see them get through the quizzes and Kane was really good at dancing even though he hadn’t danced to the song before. Kane was a scary teenager who bullied people if they didn’t listen to him. Kimbo was a girl who wanted to go to The Human Race. Her friend, Deedee who was going with her, didn’t because she put Kimbo on Facebook and wrote things about Kimbo and she got so embarrassed and really scared that she didn’t want to go with her. Deedee was a girl who let her friend down by asking for her password then went onto Facebook and put in a picture of her friend and wrote things about her. Her friend got so embarrassed and so scared that people would tease her. Dunc was a boy who was very shy but smart and when Deedee did not know what a word meant he just said it straight away. He was very kind and friendly but got teased by the boys that he was not Australian. Markus

I saw a play about anti-bullying and friendship. My favourite thing in the play was at the end. It was when Kane and Kimbo worked together in the Human Race to try to open the box with a password with four letters. Then they got it! It was ‘safe’. You have to be safe and act safe. The box had cool stuff, like a video game in the form of a helmet that you put on and fight a bully monster. Dunc put it on and he won the game. So they won The Human Race and had to do a dance. Kimbo couldn’t because she hurt her foot and Dunc didn’t know how to dance so Kimbo made a machine to put on Dunc. Kane put it on and it made him do really good dancing. It was so funny and they went on the news. Tom

In The Human Race Deedee and Dunc were in blue and Kimbo and Kane were in green. Both teams versed each other. Kimbo and Deedee used to be best friends but then Kimbo thought it would be funny to use Deedee’s password on Facebook and wrote rude things about Deedee. This upset Deedee. Then Deedee said to Kimbo, “That is rude to say things about me. Did you know that really offended me? I thought we were best friends. Maybe I don’t want to be your friend.” Dunc and Deedee both won. Sadly Kane and Kimbo cheated. That is why Mosman Public learnt about cyber bullying and anti-bullying. Victoria

The Barber of Seville – Recounts from 1M

Last week Kindergarten and Year 1 watched the Barber of Seville. We walked down to the hall then we watched the Barber. First Figaro sang ya ya ya. After that the show began! Keira

Last week at ten o’clock some of the school went to see the Barber of Seville in the hall. First we walked down to have a drink and toilet break. Next we walked to the hall. Then Figaro came out and he helped us practice singing. Then they started. Then she sang an opera performance. Last they bowed with great smiles on their faces. Finally we went out for lunch. I had a great time. Holly
**Nude Food Day – Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April 2014**

Rubbish and food wrappings left in our school playground are an ongoing problem. As part of our plan to reduce the rubbish and focus on healthy eating, we will be holding a Nude Food Day on Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April. National Nude Food Day is an event created by Nude Food Movers. It encourages children to make their lunch a healthy, nutritious and environmentally friendly meal by filling it with fresh food and eliminating all unnecessary wrapping! On this day, the school canteen will limit the amount of packaging of products.

The SRC representatives will also be holding a competition to find the best healthy, package free lunches from Kindergarten to Year 6. We encourage all children to participate.

**SRC teachers**
Miss Pizzolato, Miss Hudson & Ms Gates

**SPORT NEWS**

**Cross Country**
The Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April at Allan Border Oval or Thursday 1\textsuperscript{st} May 2014 (wet weather back-up).
The Cross Country Carnival is **NOT compulsory**; however, all students are encouraged to participate. Students will be called from their classes to participate in their age races. Students who choose not to participate will remain in classrooms.

**Students requiring asthma medication need to ensure they are carrying it with them.**
The races will take place in the following order:
1. 8/9 years boys and girls
2. 10 years boys and girls
3. 11 years boys and girls
4. 12/13 years boys and girls

**N.B. Each child competes in the age group that he or she turns this year.**
The 8/9/10 year old age group will run approximately 2km i.e. 2 laps of the course – 2 laps inside oval, 2 laps outside.
The 11/12/13 year old age group will run approximately 3km i.e. 3 laps of the course – 3 laps inside oval, 3 laps outside.
Competitors are encouraged to wear their house colours or their sports uniform with suitable running shoes.

**Parent helpers are essential to the running of the Carnival.** If you are able to assist on the day, please email Adrienne Gale at basj@bigpond.net.au

All classes are running the cross country course in grade PE timeslots. Permission notes will go home shortly.
On Tuesday 11\textsuperscript{th} March, students of Mosman Public represented their school at the annual Zone Swimming Carnival. Students were there for the entire day competing in 100m and 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly, the medley as well as Junior and Senior relays.

Students turned up in droves ready to embrace the new event location. The weather was perfect for the day’s races and behaviour on the day was impeccable. As always the case Mosman Public School certainly showcases itself in the best possible light when representing the school and students should be congratulated on this.

Thank you to all the parents for your support and enthusiasm on the day, and finally those students who gave it their best as your efforts and accomplishments were very much noticed and appreciated.

Congratulations to the students who qualified for the Regional Swimming Carnival that will be held in Week 9, 27\textsuperscript{th} March 2014.

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Regional representatives - Regional Carnival will be on Tuesday 2
### 2014 SWIMMING CARNIVAL HOUSE TOTALS

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### Champions

- **Junior Boy Champion**: Jake E
- **11 Years Boy Champion**: William G
- **Senior Boy Champion**: Julian S
- **Junior Girl Champion**: Milly H
- **11 Years Girl Champion**: Poppy C
- **Senior Girl Champion**: Maddy F
A Super Star for the Future

Milly H qualified for most events for this year's Zone Swimming Carnival and she achieved some excellent results. Milly was awarded the Zone Swimming Carnival Junior Girls Age Champion for her overall results. Well done Milly.

Basketball State Player

Big congratulations must go to Ratchaphak P for being selected at Regional Basketball trials to play at the upcoming NSWPSSA Boys Basketball State Carnival, which is held in Bathurst from Tuesday 6th May 2014 – Thursday 8th May 2014. Good luck Ratchaphak.
AFL Paul Kelly Cup

This year students from Years 5 and 6 were selected to compete in the AFL’s Paul Kelly Cup on the 20th March. The Cup is a twelve-a-side competition with each game lasting 20 minutes. Mosman played amazingly well considering it was the first AFL game for many of them.

Thank you to Erica Pizzolato who gave up her lunch hours to coach the team.

Also, I would like to congratulate all the team who showed great sportsmanship on the day and turned up eagerly to training each Thursday at lunchtime.

Stephen Dowler
Sports Coordinator

Year 6 Student Happenings

During Week 7 all students were overwhelmed by the performance of The Barber of Seville. The Barber of Seville performance was about two people in love but the girl’s aunt forbid Rosina, the young girl to meet boys. But with the help of Figaro, the devious barber who had a plan for making money, Rosina and Count Bartolomeo were finally able to be together.

This is a thrilling story which definitely received a fantastic response from the audience. Years 4, 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful performance, as did all the other grades. It was an interesting enactment that we would love to watch it again.

Haley L & Eve H
Stage 3 are Electrifying

This semester all stage 3 are studying the unit ‘Its Electrifying’. We have been learning about electrical energy and how it is part of our everyday lives, for example machines, portable devices such as mobile phones, watches and gaming consoles.

This week we conducted a series of experiments using batteries, wire connectors and small light bulbs to identify which types of common classroom materials conduct electricity and which materials were insulators. Some of our results were expected, however, some were quite surprising. Would you believe that a permanent marker can conduct electricity? We were as shocked as you are.

Through investigating, discussing observations and asking questions we were able to develop a comprehensive list of classroom resources that conduct electricity or act as an insulator.

I particularly enjoyed making simple circuits out of wires, light bulbs, batteries and small fans. Some students made slightly more complicated circuits including numerous switches and other devices. Tom G - 6S
P&C VACANCIES

P&C website coordinator
Time estimate: 1-2 hours volunteering per week (can be done from home).
It requires initiative to introduce new ideas and posts and to liaise with the various groups to keep the website information up-to-date.
The back end is Wordpress so it would be ideal (but not necessary) if you have Wordpress skills. If you don’t then it’s easy to learn and there are three people to provide support.
Ideally it would suit someone who is active in the school or would like to be more active in school activities.
The P&C website is set up to provide current and new parents with up-to-date information regarding the school.

Mosman P&C facebook community page coordinator
Time estimate: Average 30 minutes per week / can be done from home.
The role requires a volunteer to:
• validate requests to join the group (must be a MPS parent/carer/teacher)
• add new posts for school initiatives, updates etc.
• make decisions regarding content
• monitor content by others to ensure it complies with the site
Examples include: sports carnivals, team sports and various achievements, performing arts events and notices, updates of loyalty programs, volunteer of the week etc.
Ideally it would suit someone who is active in the school or would like to be more active in school activities.
Please contact secretary@mosmanpublicpandc.org.au if you are interested.
Primary Inter-School Tennis Challenge
Stephanie Bruce and Madeleine Fry played amazing tennis on Saturday at the Primary School inter-school challenge at Talus Street, playing all boys teams from Barker College, Mosman Prep and Northbridge Primary.
Liz Bruce

MOSMAN NETBALL
Mosman Netball are looking for girls turning either 11 or 12 years old this year to fill up their netball teams for the winter season which begins in April. Girls with no netball experience are very welcome, as are small groups of two or three friends keen to try the sport! Please contact Jacqui Willoughby on jac.willoughby@gmail.com or 0411 551 028 if you are interested or have any queries.

Vokal Youth Singers Neutral Bay 2014
Vokal Youth Singers is an exciting new initiative in group and choral singing that will be continuing in 2014 at Neutral Bay Public School. It caters for children attending public schools of any singing level from the age of 8 to 12 and is non-auditioned.

With expert leadership from our director Alex Pringle, our aim is to help children to discover and refine their voices in an engaging & fun way.
A wide range of styles of singing is covered in order to broaden the student’s musical landscape and give them the chance to discover where their own musical tastes lie.
We also spend time developing listening and music reading skills – vitally important for singers and instrumentalists alike. We have concerts each term at all different venues. The Noodle Market recently was a huge success, let alone the food, and running in the park with newly found friends!

Rehearsals will take place every Wednesday during term time. Supervision will be provided from 3:15-3:40pm under the Cola and rehearsal will run from 3:40-4:40pm in classroom 1B. The cost is $12 per rehearsal paid by the term (as well as an annual administration fee).

All levels of ability are welcome! It’s heaps of fun...come along and try it to see if you like it!

To register please go to www.vokalyouthchoirs.com. If you have any questions please call 0412353088 or email vokalyouth@gmail.com.