Dear Parents,

**Education Week:** it was great to see so many parents, grandparents and other family members here last week enjoying the classroom happenings – Mosman PS certainly is a busy and exciting place to learn. The excitement continues next Thursday, August 14 with a myriad of colour and uproarious laughter, both by-products of our annual **Book Week Character Parade.** I'm looking forward to seeing the joy on the faces of our students dressed up in their portrayal of BOOK characters. The **Great Book Swap** will take place after the parade – a great opportunity to donate a book and replace it at a bargain price of a gold coin. More information on the Book Week celebrations later in this Whaler.

**Congruence in Belief:** my thanks to the 104 parents / carers who completed the on-line survey – your input, along with that of students and staff, will help to shape the direction of the school over the next 3 years. Like the **TagCloud** of students and staff, the parent **TagCloud** [made up of the 5 describing words/phrases of MPS] shows our school to be overwhelmingly, a friendly place. Further opportunities will be provided for parent input to the school’s strategic plan for 2015 – 2017 – please keep an eye out for invitations, the first of which will be at the P&C meeting on August 22 from 9.00am in the library.

**K-2 Athletics Carnival** will be held on August 21 at Allan Border Oval. All parents / carers are invited to attend – if you’d like to volunteer to help, we’ll let you inside the fence!! Please complete the permission note [sent home today] and advise us of your availability. Thanks to the K-2 team for their superb organisation – let’s hope they’ve booked the right weather!

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**Dates to Remember**

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**HOLIDAYS - September 20 to October 6**

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Parking and Traffic: Mosman Council has engaged Parking and Traffic Consultants Pty Ltd to undertake community consultation as part of the development of the Mosman Parking Strategy. Over the coming weeks, residents and businesses will have the opportunity to voice their opinion on parking at Spit and Mosman junctions. Council encourages you to get involved by answering surveys and attending workshops. More information will be available on Council’s website [www.mosman.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au) from July 30, 2014.

In addition to this, I have been asked to advise our parent community that the Mosman Highway Patrol will be conducting “traffic enforcement operations” around our school this term.

Best wishes,
Steve Connelly
Acting Principal

Creative and Performing Arts

Parent Information Evening for Band and String Ensembles

On Wednesday evening, Year 3 parents were treated to the benefits of including instrumental music in the educational curriculum for their children. Year 4 volunteers gladly demonstrated their skills on a range of instruments that make up the Junior Band and performed beautifully as a small ensemble. Orange envelopes have been sent home to all students in Year 3. Those students returning the trial form will be given the opportunity to meet professional musicians and trial all instruments that make up the school band and string program. This will be next Wednesday August 13. We hope to provide an inspiring and informative experience for all involved. Good luck and if music is for you then you are in for a great ride! Thank you to Tracy Miles and the Performing Arts Committee for their organisation.

Charlie and Matt wow them on the trumpet.

Assembly Performances

Natalia H performed on baritone, along with Erin M on cello and the Junior Band and Dance Group at Assemblies this week.

The beautiful Victoria would inspire anyone to take up the flute.
The Year 4 ArtsNorth Choir and Ms O’Neill are off to Chatswood High School next week for their Combined Rehearsal in readiness for the Opera House Concert on the 18th September. They have been sacrificing many lunch breaks to get through the repertoire and we look forward to hearing from them soon. Please make sure all notes are in to Mrs Grayson and have a wonderful day.

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

2B Happenings

For a week we had Mr H in our classroom. He was a very funny work experience student. Mr H even played with us. He played games like T-ball, Lego and others. Mr H got an award. It was all very funny!
We miss him.  By Daniel W

In week 3 we had a work experience student in our class. His name was ‘Mr H’ short for Mr Hutchings. I loved ‘Mr H’ staying in 2B.
By Mia C

Last week we had a work experience student in our class room. His name was Mr Hutchings. I enjoyed playing T-ball with him. I also enjoyed him joining in with our Golden Time.  By Blake A

Mr Hutchings was a work experience student. He was very funny. He was also very good at T-ball and he was very funny.
By Angela G

On Monday, a teenager called Mr Hutchings was doing work experience with 2B. I liked him because he was good at playing T-Ball and fun to play Lego with.
By Ava Z

Last week we had a work experience student in our class called Mr Hutchings. I liked it when he took photos! When we did our popplets I was with Hudson and we made a picture of him. He was really good at T-ball and once the ball was hit out a long way. He was really awesome and cool!
By Ollie B
Once again well done to all the students who participated in our annual school athletics carnival. Congratulations to the students who excelled in the competitive events and will be competing at the upcoming zone track and field carnival. All qualifying students have been notified and a meeting will be held with the children early next week to discuss logistics for the day’s events. Permission notes will go home soon.

Age athletic champions will be announced and ribbons will be awarded at an upcoming assembly.

**Dates for Diaries**
Zone Athletics Carnival ‘Field Events’ are on in week 7, Thursday August 28
Zone Athletics Carnival ‘Track’ is on in week 7, Friday August 29

*Stephen Dowler*
*Sports Coordinator*
BOOK PARADE 2014

Our Book Parade, when book characters come to life and the celebration of children’s literature moves to the playground, is taking place on THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.

On this day students are asked to dress up as a character from a book. They need to know the name of their character and, for the older grades, to what book the character belongs.

Please note that this is not a mufti day and if your child does not want to take part, he or she should wear his or her school uniform.

Unfortunately, due to the number of children and the size of the playground, this is not a parent-viewing event.

Lots of students are taking the opportunity to find their last books so they can finish their PRC Challenge.

Congratulations to the following students who have now completed the PRC:

- Lachlan M (KB),
- Noah C (KL),
- Toby B (1W),
- Novak P (1W),
- Holly R (1M),
- Isabelle S (1M),
- Lachlan C (2B),
- Mia C (2B),
- Oliver D (2T),
- Aaliya G (2C),
- Leni H (2C),
- Amelie P (2B),
- Harriet R (2T),
- Ellie R (2T),
- Will S (2M),
- Balazs S (2B),
- Ava Z (2B),
- Sebastian T (3G),
- Lola A (3G),
- Maddi C (3W),
- Arlo S (3W),
- Sophia W (3G),
- Olivia R (4C),
- Rory M (5D) and Erin M (5W)

DON’T FORGET TO ADD YOUR BOOKS ONTO YOUR STUDENT READING RECORD BEFORE August 29.

The closing date is August 29 2014.

Gabi Hodge
Teacher Librarian
The GREAT BOOK SWAP challenge
Thursday 14th August 2014
(in partnership with the Book Parade)

Why: So that we can fundraise in support of raising literacy levels and improving the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians in remote places . . . and have some fun while sharing a book along the way.

How it works:
You choose a book to swap with someone else. It is important the book is one you really enjoyed but can bear to give away, and one that is similar to what you are reading now. Not just any old unwanted book, or a Kindy book if you’re in year 4. It should be one you think someone else in your year would enjoy just as much as you did.

Then, in exchange for a gold coin donation, you get to choose a new book from the swap collection. Please remember that you will only be choosing one book.

The result: you get a new book to read that someone else really enjoyed, and together we donate all the gold coins to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation so that they can send specially chosen new books to remote communities.

What you need to do:
Bring your book in to class and leave it in the box any time from 4th to 8th August.

If you like you can use the Book Plate here to share why you enjoyed this book.

Bring your gold coin donation to school on Thursday 14th August and choose a new book to take home!

Each class will visit the library that day to do your swap.

Thanks for participating,
Mosman Public School and the P&C Association.

Indigenous Literacy Foundation: www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au
Footy Colours Day - Friday September 5
The SRC has decided to support Footy Colours Day in Week 8 of Term 3. Each year thousands of Australians unite and wear their favourite footy colours to help raise money to give to children and teens living with cancer, a brighter future. Students from K-6 are encouraged to show their true colours and team spirit! Children can wear their football team’s colours and provide a gold coin donation in support of Fight Cancer Foundation’s education support programs.
Thank you
SRC teachers – Miss Pizzolato, Ms Gates and Ms Hudson

COMMUNITY 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. 5:
1. Qxf4+ Kh5 2. Qg5 #

Upcoming chess events
August 30: Pymble Saturday Fun Tournament

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

Puzzle nr. 6: White to play and checkmate in 1 move