## PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

**World Teachers’ Day** - Internationally, World Teachers’ Day is celebrated in over 100 countries on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year. Teachers are considered the silent guide of the generation. We have repeated encounters with them every day we come to school, yet it is possible that we take their efforts for granted. World Teachers’ Day is a special day to give formal recognition and appreciation to the significant role teacher’s play in society. Say thanks to your teacher – especially today!
Video Games - please be aware of the games children are playing on gaming consoles and online. Games such as Call of Duty (COD) and Grand Theft Auto (GTA) are rated M15+ and R18+ and consist of violence, strong language, nudity, adult themes and drug use. Games such as these can have a negative effect on children’s behaviour, social skills and self-esteem. High impact content is restricted to adults and is inappropriate for minors. We are seeing an increase in the number of students who have access to such games and believe that some of our families are unaware of the actual content in them. I ask that you refer to the ratings on the games your children have access to in order to ascertain whether they are appropriate or not.

Administration building changes will be taking place over the coming months to see a safer and more aesthetically pleasing new entry to our school. From the beginning of 2016, students, parents & visitors will no longer need to manouvre through the carpark and up the slippery-when-wet front steps. Phase 1 of the process is complete with the front door moved slightly closer to Belmont Road.

Steve Connelly – Principal

Selective High School 2017 – Year 5 parents wishing their child to apply for entry should be aware of the following information:
- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between October 13 2015 and November 16 2015.
- Applications will not be accepted after November 16 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday March 10 2016.

For further information, parents can follow this link https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/publicschoolnsw/school-programs/selective-high-school-placement or request a printed booklet from the office.

Nadia Tobia – Deputy Principal

Mandarin News

During the school holidays, Mr Cobcroft and I (Mr Lu) travelled to Beijing Jingshan School in China with a view to establishing a sister school relationship for Mosman Public School. We travelled with 17 Mosman High School students who were on a study tour and Mr Zhang (MHS Mandarin teacher) and Mrs Wyatt (MHS Principal). The Jingshan leadership team, teachers, students and parents were AMAZING hosts who went over and above to ensure that we were made to feel at home.

Beijing Jingshan School is a comprehensive co-educational school catering for students from year 1 to year 12. It is held in high regard in China and seen as a leading school in educational reform. It has had a long standing sister school relationship with Mosman High School and is therefore the perfect fit for Mosman Public School.

The MHS students were each billeted with a Chinese buddy and their family. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to practise their Mandarin regularly and make genuine bonds. Many of the MHS students are former MPS students and are part of the accelerated Mandarin program that has been established to cater for our students. It was great to see them thriving in their language studies. It was fantastic for both students and teachers to see the workings of a different education system.

Having now signed a Memorandum of Understanding to formally recognise the partnership with Jingshan School, we now look forward to collaborations that will enhance the learning experiences of our students. Plans are already underway for a visit from Jingshan teachers in February of 2016. Our 2 schools are also looking at the possibility of buddy classes to connect students through various technology platforms.

To view our blog of the trip, go to: http://beijing2088.edublogs.org/
Password: mos2015
Hao Lu - Assistant Principal – Mandarin Coordinator

Dance Group News
Welcome back to the final term of dance for 2015. This term, students will be learning a dance for the end of Term Musical. Rehearsals will continue at 8.00am on Thursday mornings.

At the end of last term, the group participated in ‘Battle of the Primary Schools’ at Marsden High School, West Ryde. They achieved 2nd place and are to be congratulated on their fantastic performance. Ms Hudson
Crunch&Sip
Carrots can be one of the easiest vegetable options for Crunch&Sip. Kids generally love them, they can last for a while in your refrigerator and are easy to prepare. Smaller carrots tend to be sweeter. Give them a wash or scrub and pack whole or cut into sticks.

P&C NEWS

SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!
Looking to get a start on those Christmas presents? Birthdays coming up? Or simply do you have a bookworm in your home?

Well the book fair is happening next week in the school library. There will be a fantastic range of books, posters and stationery to purchase. 30-35% of all sales will go to the school!

The children will be looking through all the books over the coming days and they will be filling in wish lists. You can purchase books online via LOOP or come along at the following times to browse and purchase with cash or credit card:

- Wed Oct 21 – 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4pm
- Thurs Oct 22 – 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4pm
- Fri Oct 23 – 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4pm

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kat Collins at scholasticsmps@gmail.com

P&C News - Welcome Back to school for Term 4. Thank you to those who have given feedback on possible funding options for next year in addition to our commitment to the Teacher’s Aide program. The P&C has compiled a list of these and we will discuss at the Term 4 P&C meeting which will be held on Wednesday November 18 at 6.30pm in the staff room.

Thank you to Jo Barker and Karen Wiles for such an amazing job organising the Father’s Day Stall this year. We need someone to take on the stall for next year so if you are interested please let us know. It is a fun job for a small group of friends to take on.

If you have any suggestions or questions for the P&C, or would like to volunteer, please email us at melissa.jane.richards@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Your family can get FREE dental care

Did you know...?
- ALL CHILDREN under 18 years old can have FREE dental care
- Have a Government concession card? You are eligible for FREE dental care
- Anyone listed on your Government concession card are also eligible for FREE dental care
- Waiting times are reducing due to extra funding so it’s a good time to register your family!

CLINIC LOCATIONS:
Hornsby*Top Ryde*Cox Rd*Royal North Shore
Mona Vale*Dee Why

PHONE 1300 732 503

Mosman Council
Children's Fair

Friday 23 October
10am to 12pm
Allan Border Oval

Face Painting · Zoomobile · Teacup ride
Panda Ball Crawl · African Drumming
Story telling · Jumping Castle · Bubbles
Free Event. For ages 0-5. Remember to wear sunscreen and hats, bring drink bottles and pack a picnic for morning tea.

For more information visit:
events.mosman.nsw.gov.au
Chess class
The chess class for Mosman Public School runs on Friday afternoons from 3:20pm - 4:20pm in Scots Kirk Church Hall. If you are interested in joining the class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email our office at: enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

Upcoming chess event
October 31: Pymble Saturday Fun Tournament

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

Solution puzzle #14
1. Qe2+, Kc3 2. Qc2# or 1....Kc1 2. Qc2#

If you’re looking for a fun, family-focused, sporty start to your Saturday mornings then check out the Spit Swimming Club which will be celebrating its centenary this season. We hold handicap races for all ages every Saturday morning at Balmoral Baths from 9am. There are heaps of trophies up for grabs! For more info, visit www.spitswimclub.org or email mikegribbin@me.com. The season starts on October 24 and races will be followed by coffee and a sausage sizzle at the clubhouse!