PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student creativity was recently on show with a bumper crop of entrants in the Write4Fun competition. Amelia [Yr2], Claudia [Yr3], Olivia, Poppy, Francesca, Alicia, Elodie [Yr4], Hanniyah, Maggie, Chanya, Victoria [Yr5], Liam, Rory & Jayden [Yr6] took time out to put pen to paper in this annual competition. Special commendation to Claudia, Olivia, Victoria and Rory who have been allocated places in the publication Read Write Repeat.

Here’s a sneak peak of Rory’s story:
I see a red blur as a red Ferrari 599 GTO passes me as quickly as it came. It beeps twice. It can only mean one thing. He wants to race. Can my Bugatti Veyron beat him? I know it can. I get out of my car to talk to him. I sigh, it’s Jim. He only races if the trophy is your car. Can I just put my Veyron up for grabs like that? I must. Jim’s Ferrari gleams in front of me. If I win this I get it. “I’ll do it” I say. “I thought so,” He replied, “You know the rules.” “Ok, let’s go.” I walk back to my car. I look at the orange stripe down the bottom. I can’t lose it. I get in and open the window. Jim does the same. “3, 2, 1!” Jim yells. I slam the gas. After two and a half seconds I’ve hit 100km followed by about a second by Jim. I just keep getting faster and faster until a ramp comes. I race onto it and then get shot into the air. I look out the window and just see a blur of brown, green, and blue. Then I see the finish line. Vrooom, I pass it. I win the race. Jim looks heartbroken; after all he did just lose his favourite car. He gives me the keys. I already have a Ferrari 599 GTO so I think of a way to annoy him. I throw the keys into the crowd. A group of men start wrestling around for them. Then a man with two dark black eyes and a ripped t-shirt runs out. “Good job mate,” I say, “it’s all yours!” I can see that Jim is furious. I drive past him. Towards the festival, I need to get my car fixed so I bring it into my tent. Then I get a call, “You’re disqualified,” a ladies voice says, “for causing a death.”

Whooping cough information for schools – a message from NSW Health
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Statements of Account – please finalise these by Friday, November 6. If you are unsure of your balance, please contact the office.

Steve Connelly – Principal

SPORT NEWS

State Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday October 14 Maggie represented Mosman Public at the Sydney Athletic Centre, Homebush. Maggie had an incredible result and placed 4th in the 11 year 800m event. Congratulations Maggie!

How much water do children need?

The amount of fluid that children need varies between individual children. The older the child, the more fluid they need. Children should drink approximately 1–1½ litres of fluid a day. Children will need more when they are physically active and on hot and humid days. Water is the best drink – for both children and adults – in all situations.

Vanessa Polito - Classroom Teacher
3B’s POETRY

**Alex’s Diamante**
Wolves
Snowy Speedy
Eating Runny Howling
Wolves are so cute
Fetching Barking Hunting
Fluffy Wagging
Dogs

**Leni’s Diamante Poem**
Dogs
Fluffy cuddly
Playing, running, walking
I love all dogs
Roaming scratching purring
Cute soft
Cat

**Claire’s Diamante Poem**
Flute
Beautiful Graceful
Calming Sounding Nicely
I Play The Flute
Playing Mindfully perfectly
Loud Amazing
Band

**Will’s Diamante**
Batting
hard epic
hitting, timing, smacking
ball duck runs out
flicking, jumping, gathering
fun difficult
Bowling

**Haylea’s Animal Haiku**
Hi! I am a cat.
I like annoying the dogs.
I am max the cat.

Hi, I am a dog.
I am barking all day long.
At Haylea’s cat Max.

**Tahlia’s Haiku**
The owls are hooting
The humming birds are humming
I am now awake

**Piper’s Haiku**
I am a ghost.
Under your basement I lie.
No one can see me.

Crunch&Sip
Blueberries are little super fruit bombs of juiciness. They are rich in antioxidants and their benefits are said to outweigh all other berries combined! Kids love ‘em, so why not pack some for Crunch&Sip?
**Music Count Us In**
This week marks a special occasion in music for children across Australia, with the performance of the 2015 song ‘Gold’. Music Count Us In is an initiative to bring students together to sing a song in celebration of the role music plays in our daily lives. A simulcast is occurring this Thursday starting at 12.00 for the official launch of the song and the magical performance happens at 12.30pm. This year's ambassador is Marcia Hines and over 2,100 schools and 550,000 students will be participating. Some wonderful girls in 3S, Michelle P, Ellie C, Isabelle F, Amy T, Olivia D and Ellie R have choreographed some fun action for us to share on the day. Thank you girls.

Barbara Tauber - Performing Arts Coordinator

**Festival of Choral Music**
This Friday, 30 of our senior students will take part in the Festival of Choral Music run by the NSW Department of Education’s Arts Unit. All public schools across NSW have the opportunity to audition to be a part of this festival and we are delighted that Mosman has been able to be involved this year. The Festival of Choral Music features a combined primary choir of 700 voices. Each year the choir performs at the Sydney Opera House together with outstanding instrumental and vocal items from public schools across NSW. The choir has been training with Ms Cady since the beginning of the year and are now very excited that the concert date has finally come. Ms Polito and Ms Burnet will be accompanying the choir for their rehearsal during the day and their performance on Friday evening.

**Audition Notice**
Band and choir students who would like to extend their performance opportunities should speak to Ms Cady about being part of the Northern Sydney or State combined schools bands and choir. Auditions will be taking place over the next few weeks.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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| **Chess class**
The chess class for Mosman Public School runs on Friday afternoons from 3:20 pm - 4:20 pm 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 events**
October 31: Pymble Saturday Fun Tournament
November 8: Schools Chess Challenge 2015

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

**Solution puzzle #15**
1. Qe3+, Kxf5 2. Qe4#

**Puzzle #16:** White to play and checkmate in 2 moves.
Students, staff, family and friends of BPPS are invited to an exclusive pre-screening of HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2 on Halloween! Think of it as the ‘treat’ before the ‘trick’!

10:30am Saturday October 31
Hoyts Warringah Mall
(Movie is rated PG and not due for release to the public until November 26 bar some other select private, preview Halloween screenings).

All tickets are $15 with children U3 free (if the cinema is sold out, there is an expectation these children will sit on the lap of a parent).

There will be prizes for the best Halloween dress ups, and for a Hotel Transylvania colouring in competition.

To book your tickets (which will sell fast!) please click http://www.trybooking.com/164738
You are welcome to invite non BPPS family and friends to attend. First in best dressed!

A huge thank you to Felicity Drake, Sony Pictures and Hoyts for this fantastic opportunity! If you have any questions about this event, please contact Lauren Adlam lauren.adlam@gmail.com
"Let's cut to the chase. Literally. It's not just that SPECTRE sends an Aston DB10 and a Jaguar C-X75 ripping through Rome in the dead of night. It's that it does it with such drama, noise, and dynamism that you can taste the speed. Bond's new outing is a film of extraordinary physical ambition and commitment." Paul Horrell, BBC Top Gear

Thanks to the Hayden Orpheum at Cremorne the MPS P&C is hosting an exclusive screening of the very latest James Bond film - Spectre.

**Date:** November 18, 2015  
**Time:** Drinks from 7pm, movie starts at 7.45pm  
**Price:** $35 for a cinema ticket and glass of champagne/soft drink on arrival.

Tickets are available online from tomorrow, October 29. Follow one of the links below to purchase yours now:

http://www.trybooking.com/JNSY or http://www.trybooking.com/167464

There are a strictly limited number of tickets so buy yours now!  
All proceeds will go towards funding the ongoing activities of the P&C which benefit all the children at MPS.

If you have any queries please email pandcevents@yahoo.com.au