**Dates to Remember**

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**Queen’s Birthday**
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Harmony Day - Friday March 20, 2015: celebrating Australia’s cultural diversity. It is a day of cultural respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. To help celebrate Harmony Day we are asking all students to dress up in traditional/cultural clothes or in orange (the Harmony Day colour). All students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation which will go towards student welfare within the school. The canteen will also have special items for sale on the day with proceeds contributing to the same cause – Anaconda snakes - $2; Chomps - $1.50; M&M topped muffins - $1.50; Caramello koalas - $0.50; & Sour straps - $0.50

There will be a school parade in Belmont playground at 9.15am and parents are welcome to attend. This will be an exciting way for the students to show case their cultural diversity. There will be an art exhibition in the library. Students have designed an ‘Everybody Belongs’ logo to show that everybody belongs in our school community which are on display in the office foyer. My thanks to the Harmony Day team for coordinating this important event.

Senior School excitement abounds – the green screen room equipment has arrived, our weekly SOLE [Self-Organised Learning Environment] activity is a feast of higher order thinking and great discussion, our new Flexible Learning Space furniture is here ready to be assembled, the enrichment day is on next Thursday, our Apple expert is with us next week to run a challenge-based learning project in the form of a virtual election campaign in the lead up to the Canberra excursion – make sure to follow us on Twitter @MPSSeniorschool. And to top it all off, the first of our signs is ready for installation.

Emergency Drills are conducted 4 times each year as a part of our annual emergency procedures. We held an emergency lock down drill last Thursday during which doors and windows are locked and the blinds are pulled down. I’m pleased to report that all students and staff remained calm during the event! If parents / visitors / contractors are on site during a lock down, they will also be locked in. If you are in the playground and you hear a continuous bell, it is advisable to leave the school by the nearest gate.
In an emergency evacuation, all students, staff, parents, visitors and contractors must leave the site and proceed to Allan Border Oval for a roll call. Visitors and contractors will also have a roll call using the visitor sign on book. We will hold an emergency evacuation drill some time this semester.

In the case of an ACTUAL emergency lock down or evacuation, an alert will be sent via the Skoolbag app &/or email – obviously, this depends on the access to power and internet.

**Nut Allergies** are a reality for many people and the reactions to consumption, even airborne can have devastating consequences. Whilst we can never attest to being a nut-free school, I strongly urge parents not to send their children to school with nut-based products such as peanut butter, Nutella, fruit & nut bars and the like.

**Working With Children Checks** must be completed by all volunteers BEFORE they help out in the classrooms, on excursions or any other child-related activity. This is a legislative requirement. Please see the office staff for the form, or you can download it from the note section on the school website – please make sure you complete all sections and bring your 100 points of identification [passport = 70, medicare card = 25, credit card = 25, driver’s licence = 40, utilities bill = 25]. If you go to the RMS, you can complete the free working with children declaration which will last 5 years. Many thanks to the many parents who have already completed this task.

**Visitors** must sign in at the office before going to classrooms. This is to comply with work, health, safety regulations and is another child protection measure. Visitors will be checked for their WWCC and will be issued with a sticker. Teachers will ask parents without stickers to report to the office to sign in. An absence of stickers on adults in the playground will also help us identify unapproved people [aka trespassers].

Have you downloaded the Skoolbag app? This will grow to be our main source of communication with most pushes going out on Wednesdays. Alerts can happen on any given day due to their very nature.

**Steve Connelly – Principal**

**School Photographs**
Family photos for all years will be taken on Monday March 23. If you would like to order a family photo, envelopes are available at the school office. Family photographs are only for siblings attending Mosman Public School.

**Easter Hat Parade**
The Easter hat Parade for K-1 will take place on Thursday April 2 at 9.30am. The students will parade their hats, dance and sing some songs. All Parents are welcome to attend the parade that will take place in the MOLA. We hope to see you there.

Nadia Tobia
Deputy Principal

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**STUDENT HAPPENINGS**

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**Zone Swimming Carnival**

We had an absolutely magnificent day at North Sydney Pool. Mrs Lakin and I reflected on how lucky we all are to have this amazing and historically significant venue so close to our school’s neighbourhood.

Thank you to all the students who represented our school. You made us very proud with both your behaviour and sportsmanship. A very special thank you to Mike Gribbin who performed the role of Manager and parent contact... all with very little to no voice! Thank you to the parents also who were able to provide transport or stay on and cheer for MPS.
Mrs Jo Brown (attending teacher)

Congratulations to Milly H who was named Girl Champion Swimmer in the U11 age group at the Zone carnival.

Congratulations to our wonderful swimmers who attended the Regional carnival on Tuesday, March 17:


Hao Lu  
Sports Coordinator  

**Dirt Detectives Excursion – Year 4**  
On Monday March 2, Year 4 travelled to The Rocks to participate in the Dirt Detectives excursion. The students followed the lives of three convicts who lived on the site. They dug for artefacts and learnt what life was like in the early 1800's living in Sydney.

Miss Pizzolato
Performing Arts

Band - all the school music ensembles are sounding great in rehearsals. The Junior Band, Intermediate Band and Performance Band are looking forward to their first performance of the year. We have been lucky enough to have a visit from the Arts Alive Combined Schools Band at our Band Performance Night. The strings will have a performance with the Northern Beaches Children's Orchestra in Term 2.

The Band Performance Night will be held in our school hall on Thursday March 26 from 6pm for set up and warm up for a concert from 6:30 until 7:30pm. Students should wear their full band uniform.

Recorders - all students in Year 2 and Year 3 are now learning to play the recorder. This is excellent training for reading music and watching the conductor so that they will have some musical skills before joining the school band program. Every student has been allocated their own recorder to play in class for the year, however they would benefit greatly by having a recorder to play at home. These can be purchased at any music store for about $10.

Senior Choir - our senior choir has been fortunate to be accepted into the very prestigious Festival of Choral Music. This involves a concert at the Opera House where they will sing as part of a 700 voice choir accompanied by a full orchestra. This choir will practice at lunchtime on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8am in the music room.

Caroline Cady - Music Specialist Teacher

Crunch&Sip Snippets

Avocados are one of the few fruits to contain fat. They are a source of ‘good fats’, the type that helps to keep you healthy. Mash it up into a dip that you can dip other veggie sticks into.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

~ starts March 2, 2015

All students at Mosman Public School have been registered for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. All students are being encouraged to complete the challenge and we ask parents to help by logging on to the Premier’s Reading Challenge (NSW) site to enter the codes or titles of the books read. The website is: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Then proceed to Logon. The username and password is your child’s Department Internet login name and his/her individual password. The book lists and codes are on this site as well.

Kindergarten is completing the challenge at school. I will read the PRC books during library lessons. I will enter their details. (If you wish to complete the PRC with your child at home, then you need to enter the specific titles onto the website).

The rules for the Challenge are on the website. Your child will need to read the following number of books.

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If your child is in Year 2 and prefers reading chapter books by himself/herself, then he/she may complete the Year 3-4 challenge but needs to adhere to the rules for that particular challenge. Come and see me if you need help in changing to the 3-4 challenge.

Please be aware that your child might be on his/her way to a gold award for 4 years of successful participation. Year 9 students who have completed every year from Years 3 to 9 are eligible for a Premier’s Reading Challenge medal. Please encourage your child to continue with the Challenge.

Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by August 21, 2015 (11:59pm).

A certificate will be presented to your child by the end of Term 4.

Start reading and don’t forget to record your titles.

Gabi Hodge  
Teacher/Librarian

Steve Connelly  
Principal

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This is the Canteen Roster for Weeks 9 and 10, the last 2 weeks of Term 1. Thank you to all our volunteers, we really appreciate your continuing commitment. The roster for Term 2 will be available soon for you to add your name. We have quite a few gaps during this period, so if you can help at all please add your name to the roster outside the canteen or contact me laylecarlos@yahoo.co.uk.

In other canteen news, we would love some help each Friday with washing tea towels and aprons. If you can pick them up on Friday and return them Monday morning it would be very much appreciated. Please add your name to the roster at the canteen.

Finally, as you are aware the break times changed this year with the last break for K-2 ending at 2.30. However, the canteen will only remain open until 2.00pm as the managers need to clean up, go to the bank and prepare for the next day during this period. We hope you understand. We will review this after Term 2 to ensure the children are not missing out. However, demand has been slow after 2.00pm so we don’t think it will inconvenience anyone.
Mother's Day Stall 2015

Our annual Mother's Day stall will be held on **Friday 8th May**. Children are given the opportunity to purchase something special for their Mum, Grandma and/or carer. Gifts cost **$10 each**, there is a great selection available and gift wrapping is included. Your child may purchase more than one gift. **Gifts must be prepaid**; otherwise the children will be unable to attend the stall. This ensures we have no money handling on the day of the stall and that we have plenty of gifts for all the children to choose from.

**Payments can be made online via the Canteen Website at Mosman.school24.com.au** until **Friday 1st May**. Please order gifts **under individual children's names (do not combine family orders)**. Checking your child's class is correct in the system, before commencing payment.

We look forward to seeing your children at this very special event.

Mosman Public School P & C.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

**Enrichment, Education, Excitement - Become a Volunteer Host Family!**

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."

- Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

**Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!**

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

**Sylvia Kelly**
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: [http://www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)
Mosman Runway

It’s time to shine the spotlight on fashion in Mosman! Join us for a cross-generational fashion show as we showcase a parade of the latest Looks for Autumn/Winter from a fantastic range of local retailers.

Wednesday 25 March
6pm to 8:30pm in the Grand Hall of the Mosman Art Gallery
(cnr Art Gallery Way & Myshgih Road, Mosman)

Champagne and canapés
Tickets $35
at www.mosmanchamber.com.au

For enquiries email info@mosmanchamber.com.au

Mosman Runway

THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Entertain the kids this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation Camp. Our popular Kids’ and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the busiest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including hiking, zip lining, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands.

Kids’ Day Camps start from $47. Family Camps start from $63 per day for kids and $96 per day for adults (kids under 3 attend free. Cost includes accommodation, meals and activities).

Bonuses: Residential Kids’ Camps include supervised transport from:
- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.

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