**Dates to Remember**

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**HOLIDAYS - June 27 – July 11**

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Welcome back to a new term – one which is already off to a flying start. A warm welcome to all new families joining our wonderful school community, the P&C will be welcoming you with a morning tea and chat time in the coming weeks.

**Staffing News**

Ms Erica Pizzolato has been seconded to work in the Department’s State Office for this term and we welcome Ms Megan Clayton to the Stage 2 team. A meet the teacher afternoon will be advised.

Ms Barb Wiles has been appointed to Beauty Point PS in a permanent full-time capacity and will commence her duties there on Monday May 11. Barb has been a wonderful asset to the school office for the past 4 years – our loss is Beauty Point’s gain. I know the whole school community will join me in thanking Barb for her service to our students and the school, wishing her all the best for her new venture.

Ms Naomi Phillips has been appointed to our school in a permanent full-time capacity and will commence her duties here on Monday May 18. Congratulations and welcome to full-time Naomi.

**Mini-Mos**

46 days until Mini-Mos – have you registered? Our Student Leadership Team will be heading off to visit The Unicorn Foundation at Royal North Shore Hospital this Friday to learn about how our Mini-Mos charity fundraising is being used to help people with NeuroEndocrine Tumours. Members of the Term 1 SRC team will be heading off to Vern Barnett School in
Forestville – another recipient of our Mini-Mos charity fundraising. Both excursions are a great way for our students to understand how our funds are used to support others. Our student reps will communicate their findings to the rest of the student body at assembly in the coming weeks.

ANZAC Commemoration – our assembly last week was a wonderful example of respectful recognition of this important national day. My thanks to Mr Cobcroft and the ANZAC assembly team for organising the assembly and to our students who led the assembly and performed. Special note must be made to Bill T [Stars] for playing the trumpet - a tough job done well. Our Student Leadership Team laid our school wreath at the Cenotaph following the assembly.

Canberra Excursion – a huge thank you to Ms Davis, Mrs Grayson, Mr Bagnall, Mrs Daffias, Mr Dowler, Ms Duke, Mrs Lakin and Ms Polito for leading our stage 3 students around Canberra at the end of Term 1. For those parents who followed them on Twitter, I trust you felt as though you were almost in the nation’s capital with them! The faces of our students and teachers upon their return reflected the enjoyment – and exhaustion – of this valuable learning experience.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015 (NAPLAN) is conducted each year for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program, which has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. Please note these dates in your diary. Unless there is sickness, no Year 3 or Year 5 child should miss these assessments. **Tuesday May 12 – Language conventions** (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and **Writing**  
**Wednesday May 13 – Reading**  
**Thursday May 14 – Numeracy** (Number, Algebra, function and pattern, Chance and data, Measurement and Space)

Opportunity Class Placement - detailed instructions on how to apply online are now available in a printed application information booklet at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website is NOW OPEN and closes on May 15 2015. No late applications will be accepted. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Grayson or Mr Cobcroft.

Online Student Programs - included in the Statement of Account sent out at the end of 2014 and again at the end of term 1, were the online student programs: Mathletics - $10.00, Spellodrome - $5.00 and Reading Eggs - $9.00. These are programs students use both at school and at home which complement the core teaching and learning programs. The programs can also be accessed by students whilst travelling overseas. On Monday May 18 access will be suspended for any student where a payment has not been received, the last day for payment is Friday May 15.

Steve Connelly - Principal

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION

At the end of Term 1, students in Stage 3 undertook an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributes funding of $20.00 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards costs incurred. The rebate is paid directly to the school.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. The 3-day 2-night excursion was a very rewarding experience for all students.
2015 School Cross Country Carnival

Our school cross country carnival is one of the most challenging sporting events on the school calendar for many students. Participation levels were good and the effort of the students was great. The conditions were perfect for running, and many parents and relatives attended to cheer on the students.

Special thanks to Simone Marshall for her amazing efforts in coordinating the parent helpers on the day. Teachers and students appreciate you giving up your time to assist with the carnival. Without your help, the carnival would not have been the success that it was.

Students from each age group race that qualified for Zone Cross Country will attend the carnival which will be held Week 3, Wednesday May 6 at Artarmon Reserve, Artarmon. Well done to all students who participated in our school cross-country carnival.

House Points

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Stephen Dowler
Stage 3 Teacher

Crunch&Sip
Some people love to crunch on a whole stick of celery, but generally kids prefer it cut up into sticks. A variety bag of vegetable sticks (e.g. celery, carrot, cucumber) is great for Crunch&Sip. Chewing on celery can help clean your teeth!
The P&C would like to express a deep, heart-felt thank you to Tracy Miles after more than 2 years in the role of President of the Performing Arts at MPS. Tracy also stepped in last year to take over the complete administration of the Performing Arts program as a volunteer. Without her, the program would very likely have fallen over. Her warm personal qualities coupled with her excellent leadership and organisational skills have been inspiring for all who worked alongside her. Her dedication has been second to none. Thank you so much Tracy.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – Friday May 8.

Reminder: PAYMENT NOW DUE

Children are given the opportunity to purchase something special for their Mum, Grandma and carers. Gifts cost $10 each, there is a great selection available and gift wrapping is included. Your child may purchase more than one gift.

This is a fundraiser for the school, so gift numbers need to be accurate, therefore 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.

Forms have already been distributed for payment and return. If you’d still like your child/children to participate and haven’t paid already, please use the attached replacement form and return no later than Friday May 1.

We look forward to seeing your children at this very special event.
Mosman Public School P & C
COMMUNITY NEWS

MOSMAN NETBALL CLUB - LAST CALL FOR 11 / 12 YR OLD GIRLS
Mosman Netball Club desperately needs 2 to 3 girls (perhaps friends) to join an Under 12s team together.

Join local girls for team work, coordination & ball skills aplenty!!

11 matches remaining, no matches in school holidays, lovely coaches.

Last chance to join the 100's of local girls playing this popular team sport.

Please contact Jacqui Willoughby 0411 55 10 28 or Mosman Netball Club if interested.

EVENT

SUNDAY, MAY 17 | SYDNEY CBD

The Sydney Morning Herald Half Marathon

EVENT DETAILS

Established in 1992, The Sydney Morning Herald Half Marathon is one of Australia’s largest and most prestigious half marathons. Taking place on Sunday, May 17, the event attracts over 11,000 participants. Highlighting Sydney’s iconic harbourside, entrants can register as an individual or opt for the team relay event which splits the course into a 7km and 14km leg.

KEY MILESTONES

Nov 13 – Mar 11 Early Bird Entries Mar 12 – May 6 Standard Entries May 7 – May 16 Late Entries

WEBSITE

smhhalfmarathon.com.au

SOCIAL

Facebook Instagram Hashtag

facebook.com/smhhalfmarathon@smhhalfmarathon #smhhalfmarathon

PROMOTIONAL OFFER  Simply enter the code HALFMARATHON2015 when registering to receive the early bird entry ticket price until 12pm the day prior to the event.
Do you want to make a difference?
You can, by giving your time to.........
Help us help the Salvation Army!
Doorknock with us on Sunday 31 May 2015!

This year, in Mosman we have a target to collect $89,000. Mosman Zone is lucky enough to have a great culture of volunteering and, what we have found, is that the more volunteers we have, the easier it is to achieve our goal and the more fun we have doing it! All you need is a smile and 2-3 hours on Sunday morning, May 31. Primary school children need to be accompanied by someone over 18, but we have found this to be a valuable experience in community service for these youngsters.

How about you and your Primary School aged children door knock together this year? We will try to give you an area near to your school, so the children will be visiting their neighbours and be recognised for their contribution. It is great to see the children in School uniform performing community service.

If you can gather a couple of friends we can get all the equipment to you ahead of the weekend, which saves you time, and allows you to start when you are ready... although earlier than 9am is not popular with residents! Then all you need to do when you are finished is to bring the money back to the headquarters at the Mosman Civic Square.

WHEN: Sunday May 31
WHAT TIME: 8.30 to 9am
WHERE: Mosman Council Chambers, Mosman Civic Square

COME ON DOWN AND GIVE US A HAND!!!!!

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