WHALER NO 9

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HOLIDAYS - June 27 – July 13

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The Mini-Mos is nigh!! With only 4 sleeps left until the big day, the Mini-Mos team is running at fever-pitch with the myriad details demanded by such a huge event. I hope at this stage that everyone has registered to run – I know our 6 teachers involved in the Teacher Challenge are eager to run with our students.

I will be commencing long service leave on Friday this week for the remainder of the term and my role will be filled by Ms Tobia & Mr Cobcroft. Mrs Grayson will relieve as Deputy Principal in their place, and Ms Polito will relieve as Assistant Principal. I wish everyone all the best for the Mini-Mos and the remainder of the term with a happy and safe Winter holiday to follow.

World Environment Day sent us all green on Friday in recognition of this important day and in aid of Nepal. $894 was raised by our generous community and will be sent to Oxfam for their Nepalese humanitarian efforts. My thanks to our community for your support and to Ms Murphy, Mrs Paikea & Mrs Munro for organising the event.
Band Camp – was a huge success and I extend my thanks to all involved. Our musicians did themselves, their parents and tutors proud. They were wonderfully behaved and performed with gusto at the end of camp concert at which it was great to see so many parents in attendance to witness their child's progress.

Our orchestral ensembles [bands & strings] are a wonderful part of our school performing arts program and are highly valued by me, and as long as we have our wonderful parent support for the administration [Liz Williams in particular], there is no need to outsource. The orchestral ensembles will go from strength to strength with year 3 being able to join the program in 2016 - instrument trials for year 2 & 3 will be held early next term. Other possibilities being investigated include:

- tutorials during school hours [after 1.00pm – core learning time], 7.30 – 9.00am & after school until 5.30pm;
- a rotating tutorial roster so students don’t miss whole parts of the curriculum; and
- extra performance opportunities.

A new feature in the Whaler will be the Performing Arts Program timetable in which can be found upcoming events for all aspects of the Performing Arts Program at MPS.

Survey Time: The band camp impacts the learning program of all students in Years 3 to 6 with classes being collapsed due to a quarter of the student cohort missing, along with 5 teachers. We have prepared a survey seeking parent input on aspects of the band program and I encourage all parents to complete it. The survey is now open and can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPSOrchestralEnsembles. It will close in week 1 of next term.

Steve Connelly - Principal

EDUCATION DAY July 29

This year our Education Day Open Classrooms will be a little different. We will celebrate the 100th birthday of the Gouldsbury Building which opened in 1915. We are asking for your help in making this a special day. If possible, we would like students to come dressed in period outfits. (A pinafore pattern is available at the office.) The following is a draft outline of activities for the day.

12:00 Singing and dancing items
1:00 Cutting of birthday cake
1:10 Afternoon tea – lunch with your child
2:00 Open classrooms

Please add this date to your calendar of events not to be missed.

Colin Cobicroft – Deputy Principal
Volunteer Now to Teach Ethics at Mosman Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for students who do not attend scripture classes to participate in philosophical ethics classes. Classes are now available to all year levels from kindergarten to Year 6 and are taught by volunteers from our parent body and wider community.

To continue to offer these classes we need additional volunteers. No previous teaching or philosophy experience is required. Volunteer ethics teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use accompanying learning and teaching materials.

Classes take place for 30-40 minutes on Wednesday mornings at Mosman Public School.

For more information or to apply to teach please go to www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Kylie Strawbridge, Ethics Coordinator at Mosman Public School on kylie_vaughan@bigpond.com or 0405 655974.

Current ethics teachers are also available to speak with you re their experience. In the words of one of our ethics teachers … “I really love teaching ethics to the kids - even on those days when the kids don’t want to be taught … It reminds me about the importance of learning, of open discussion, of hearing different points of view. And most of all, it’s fun - how often do you get to hear from a bunch of primary school kids about their ethical position on subjects ranging from ice cream as a main course to drugs in sport to celebrity selfies?? Great stuff!”

An Aboriginal Hunting Story written by 1T

A long time ago six Aboriginal people were sitting around a campfire. They were so hungry they decided to hunt for food. The four Aboriginal men picked up their boomerangs, spears and woomeras and left the camp.

They spotted an emu in the bushes and so quietly sneaked up to it. The men threw their boomerangs at the emu. The emu fell down and the men carried it back to the camp site.

Meanwhile, the women left the camp and looked for bush tucker. They searched for witchetty grubs, berries and wild fruit.

Happily, they found their bush tucker and went back to camp.

The women prepared the food and made a delicious feast. Everyone enjoyed the feast. They sat around the fire and listened to Dreamtime stories.

By 1T

In Library lessons, 1T has been listening to Dreamtime stories and learning about how Aboriginal peoples use symbols to represent the presence of different things that exist around them.

During Reconciliation Week, 1T students created a piece of art utilising the symbols used by Aboriginal peoples. As a group, they then wove a story around their art work.

Mrs Hodge

3B’s visit to Mosman Art Gallery

Yesterday we went to the art gallery. We saw art from Thailand and Australia. We made our own art prints of animals and I did a chicken. I had fun and I hope that we can go again soon.  By Angela

On Monday 3B and I went to the Art Gallery to do print making (at the start I couldn’t wait.)

First we looked at different print makings that had animals in them.

Next we did print makings. I did a tiger but it turned out as a stripy cat with no eyes.

Finally, we went back to school and had recess with the year 2s. I had lots of fun at the Art Gallery, I think it was the 15th best day ever!  By Arjun
On Monday Mrs Brown, 3B and I went to the Mosman Art Gallery. Then we met Penny, Gill, Anita and Anne. Next we talked about the rules of the gallery. After that we walked upstairs to a printing part of the gallery. Then we looked at the printed stuff. My favourite one was the mummified kangaroo. Lastly we went down stairs to the making room and we printed an animal. Then we went back to school.
I loved the Art Gallery. I wish our class could go there every day. **By Will**

On Monday we went to the Mosman Art Gallery. We did print making. We met Penny, Gill, Anne and Anita. We used some paint and coloured pencils. We looked at pictures. My favourite one was the one with animals on it. I was with my best friend Claire. We were also at the same table. Mrs Brown took some photos of us. I had so much fun. **By Salome**

**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.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

What another wonderful effort! A further 20 students have proudly completed the challenge. Unfortunately, due to the public holiday on Monday, I didn’t have time to take photos of ALL those great readers. The next Whaler will have a bumper photo spread of those who missed out this week.
Remember that there is still time to add your titles as the closing date is August 21, 2015.
Mrs Hodge - Teacher Librarian
SPORT NEWS

NSW PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE

As we are approaching Week 7 of the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge the students of Mosman Public School are trying really hard to stay active daily. Year 1 are thoroughly enjoying their new game ‘Hot Dog’, a quick, energizing and collaborative game learnt on a recent Live Life Well @ School Workshop.

3-6 Athletics Carnival

Our school athletics carnival will be held in Term 3 Week 3 - Thursday July 30 (or Week 4 Thursday August 6 if postponed due to rain) at Allan Border Oval for students in Years 3-6, from 9:30am-3:00pm. The carnival is aimed at maximizing participation and active involvement in all students. This year there will be the introduction of novelty events to the carnival. All students have been preparing during weekly sport sessions and are getting very excited.

Term 2 PSSA Results

Soccer Results Round 5

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Soccer Results Round 6

Mosman Vs Beauty Point

Mosman As  WON 3-2
Mosman Bs   LOSS 2-1
Mosman Cs   WON 12-0
Mosman Girls WON 13-0

Netball Results Round 6

Mosman Red Vs Cammeray WIN
Mosman Blue 1 Vs Mowbray WIN
Mosman Blue 2  BYE
Mosman Green Vs Mowbray WIN
Mosman Boys Vs North Sydney WIN

Vanessa Polito
Classroom Teacher

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Performing Arts Program

School Ensembles

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<td>Drama</td>
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Orchestral Ensembles

| Junior Strings | June 18 - String night   | Students arrive at 6pm for a concert from 6:30 until 7:30 - school hall |
|               | Ballykins Pre-school     | TBA                                           |
| Senior Strings | June 18 - String night   | Students arrive at 6pm for a concert from 6:30 until 7:30 - hall |
|               | Ballykins Pre-school     | TBA                                           |
| Junior Band   | July 29 - Open Day       | Details TBA                                   |
|               | August 2 - Go Bravo Showcase | Details TBA                                   |
| Intermediate Band | June 17 - N55WE concert | Frenchs Forest High School                      |
|               | August 2 - Go Bravo Showcase | Students arrive at 6:30 for a concert from 7 until 8:30pm |
|               | August 2 - Go Bravo Showcase | Details TBA                                   |
CommuniTY News

Latest news

**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 chess class, please contact the Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170 or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au.

**Upcoming chess events**
June 27: Pymble Saturday Fun Tournament

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

**Solution puzzle 6**
1. Qd5+ Bd4 2. Qxd4 #

Chess puzzle

**Puzzle nr. 7**: White to play and checkmate in 2 moves

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Important Notice - Research in the School

The school is participating in the Aspirations Study, a research project run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at The University of Newcastle.

Students in Years 6, 8, 10 and 12 will be completing a survey during class time. If you do not want the data to be given to the researchers, please return a withdrawal form to the school. Withdrawal forms are available from the school office.

For more information or to download a withdrawal form, please visit www.newcastle.edu.au/aspirations.
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- Accommodation
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