### Dates to Remember

#### TERM 1 - 2016

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| 4    | **Feb 15**  
Yr2 Swimming  
6.30 – 7.30pm  
Kindergarten Parent Information Night  
[62x780] | **Feb 16**  
Yr2 Swimming  
Yr3&4 cricket  
6.30 – 7.30pm Stage 1 Parent Information Night  
[62x780] | **Feb 17**  
6.30 – 7.30pm Stage 2 Parent Information Night  
[62x780] | **Feb 18**  
6.30 – 7.30pm  
Senior School Parent Information Night  
Yr3&4 cricket  
[62x780] | **Feb 19**  
Senior School Tennis  
MiniMos meeting - staffroom  
[62x780] |
| 5    | **Feb 22**  
Yr2 Swimming  
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Yr2 Swimming  
Yr1&2 dance  
Yr3&4 cricket  
[62x780] | **Feb 24**  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Feb 25**  
Yr3&4 cricket  
[62x780] | **Feb 26**  
Senior School Tennis  
Clean Up Schools Day  
[62x780] |
| 6    | **Feb 29**  
Yr2 Swimming  
Stewart House clothing bags due  
[62x780] | **Mar 1**  
Yr2 Swimming  
Yr3&4 cricket  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Mar 2**  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Mar 3**  
Yr3&4 cricket  
[62x780] | **Mar 4**  
Senior School Tennis  
[62x780] |
| 7    | **Mar 7**  
Yr2 Swimming  
YrK-6 Brainstorm Incursion  
[62x780] | **Mar 8**  
Yr2 Swimming  
Yr3&4 cricket  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Mar 9**  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Mar 10**  
Selective High School Test.  
Yr1 excursion to Royal Botanic Gardens  
Yr3&4 cricket  
12.30: 3-6 assembly  
6pm – P&C meeting - staffroom  
[62x780] | **Mar 11**  
Senior School Tennis  
[62x780] |
| 8    | **Mar 14**  
Yr2 Swimming  
Stage 3 Science incursion  
[62x780] | **Mar 15**  
Yr2 Swimming  
School Photos  
Yr3&4 cricket  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Mar 16**  
Regional Swimming Carnival  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Mar 17**  
Yr3&4 cricket  
12.30: K-2 assembly  
[62x780] | **Mar 18**  
Senior School Tennis  
[62x780] |
| 9    | **Mar 21**  
Harmony Day mufti day – wear orange – gold coin donation  
Yr2 Swimming  
Stage 3 Science incursion  
[62x780] | **Mar 22**  
Yr2 Swimming  
Family & group photos  
Yr3&4 cricket  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Mar 23**  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Mar 24**  
Senior School Enrichment day  
K-2 Easter Parade  
Kindergarten LEFT day  
Yr3&4 cricket  
6pm - Instrumental Program show  
[62x780] | **Mar 25**  
GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday  
[62x780] |
| 10   | **Mar 28**  
EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday  
[62x780] | **Mar 29**  
Yr2 Swimming  
Yr3&4 cricket  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Mar 30**  
Year 6 Fair  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Mar 31**  
Yr3&4 cricket  
[62x780] | **Apr 1**  
Senior School Tennis  
[62x780] |
| 11   | **Apr 4**  
Yr2 Swimming  
[62x780] | **Apr 5**  
Yr3&4 cricket  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Apr 6**  
Yr1&2 dance  
[62x780] | **Apr 7**  
Senior School to Bathurst  
Yr3&4 cricket  
12.30: K-4 ANZAC assembly  
[62x780] | **Apr 8**  
Senior School to Bathurst  
[62x780] |
Parent Information nights have been well-attended and I’m very thankful to our classroom and specialist teachers who spent so much time in preparation and attendance – particularly those teachers who work part-time and came in on their days of leave. It just goes to show how dedicated our staff is to the nurturing of your child’s learning development. My thanks also to the P&C representatives who spoke about the upcoming social and fundraising events. If you were not able to make it, key messages are:
- Stage Newsletters outlining the term’s happening were distributed and are available on the school website;
- please ensure you have returned the Getting to know your child form [also available on the school website]; and
- Statements of Account outlining the costs for excursions, incursions, special events and subject contributions for the year will be sent home next Wednesday. The Subject Contribution has been approved by the P&C Executive and goes toward providing the ‘extra special’ programs and services we have at Mosman that are not typical in state primary schools.

Community Engagement Groups are being established in the areas of communication and well-being with staff and parent representatives. The aims of the 2 groups will follow up on results of the 2015 Annual Parent Survey. Our P&C President – Layle Carlos is gathering names of people interested in joining &/or contributing to these groups. Layle can be contacted via laylecarlos@yahoo.co.uk

Update for all Schools using Parent Online Payment
Behind the scenes, Westpac has been working on an upgrade to the Parent Online Payment webpage attached to the school’s website. In the past using the ‘$ Make a payment” page through a mobile device or tablet has not been as easy as on a computer. Now, automatically, when you click on this page, via a mobile device, you will be able to complete the online form with ease.

Steve Connelly – Principal

Thank you Parent Helpers
Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to laminate resources for the students’ Treasure Boxes. You will receive your child’s set of resources at the parent information session. Please cut the cards, write your child’s name on the back of each individual card and return them in the plastic bags provided, no later than February 24.

Working Bee Monday February 22 and Tuesday February 23
There will be another working bee on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 February in the school hall to pack the Treasure Boxes with dice, cards and counters. The working bee will begin at 9am. Thank you in advance to those who are able to assist, it is greatly appreciated.

Nadia Tobia- Deputy Principal

HELP US NAME THE WHALE
Our new school mascot to support Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) does not have a name. Please discuss with your child suitable names and send them, written or verbally, to your child’s teacher. Watch this space for the winning suggestion……

Vanessa Grayson - Assistant Principal
The Primary Enrichment and Challenge Program
Some of our brightest Year 6 Students are currently attending The Primary Enrichment and Challenge Program at Northern Beaches Secondary College. This program strengthens links between the high school campuses within the Northern Beaches Secondary College and primary schools within the area. Year 6 students from different Northern Beaches primary schools are given the opportunity to socially interact with other gifted and talented students. Educators and facilitators of the program offer vast interest and passion, often utilising a variety of curriculum models of enrichment. Learners are encouraged to pose questions, investigate possible solutions, make choices and work collaboratively as well as independently. Students from Mosman Public who were selected to attend are Maggie [ST], Oscar [ST], Rosie [ST], Olly [SD], Victoria [SB] and Olivia [SG].

Steve Dowler – R/Assistant Principal

SPORTS REPORT

Swimming Carnival Report
Congratulations to everyone for a fantastic Swimming Carnival - a great day was had by all! Thank you to all our parent helpers and our amazing staff for your hard work in making it happen. Special thanks go to Sonia Renwick for her work in coordinating all our parent helpers and to Mr Cobcroft for putting on a fantastic day’s swimming in the indoor pool.

We wish all our zone swimmers the best of luck as they will now represent Mosman Public School at the Zone Carnival on Wednesday March 9. This year, we will be travelling to the Zone Carnival by bus. Details will be sent to all Zone reps.

Hao Lu - Sports Coordinator

First Kindy awards
Teacher led performing arts groups

Teachers are starting auditions this week to find students who would like to represent their school in dance, drama and choir. The senior dance group is open to students in years 5 and 6. There will also be a junior dance group for students in years 1 and 2. The drama group is for those students currently in year 5 only. Choir groups will be forming for students from year 1 through to year 6. The senior dance and drama groups take place before school with dance on Tuesday mornings at 8:00am and drama on Friday mornings at 8:00am.

If your child is successful at audition they will bring a permission note home for your consideration in the next two weeks. All of the choirs are expected to take place during the school day, either at lunch time or during grade singing time.

Group coordinators for these groups are Mr Bagnall and Ms Cady for senior choir; Ms Burnet and Mr Van Biljon for drama, Ms Hudson and Ms Macdonald for senior dance, Ms Hudson for year 4 choir; Ms Higman for year 3 choir; Mrs Campbell and Mrs Paikea for junior choir; Mrs Mettam and Ms De Robillard for junior dance. Thank you to all of these teachers for giving up your time to inspire our students and offer them these wonderful opportunities.

Ms Cady will also be introducing a recorder group this term with the opportunity to play at the Sydney Opera House as part of the NSW Festival of Instrumental Music. The students from MPS will join with other students from across the state to play as a recorder ensemble with more than 300 students.

Instrumental Program

Over the last week, all of the school’s instrumental groups have started rehearsing. This year Mosman Public School has two new band conductors as well as a new string conductor. Students should be at their rehearsal space by 7:20am for a 7:30am start time. Rehearsal days are as follows:

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<td>Amadeus Band</td>
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All band and strings students should have started tutorials by now. There are still spaces for students in our school tutorial rooms, or alternatively, you might choose to take your child to an external tutor. If this is the case, please let your ensemble coordinator know the name of your child’s tutor.

To find out more about band, strings and tutorials please contact the school’s Instrumental Manager Cherelle Martin at mpsinstrumentalprogram@gmail.com.

BAND CAMP

All instrumental families should now have received the information about this year’s band camp. The camp will take place at the Collaroy Centre from Friday, March 18 until Sunday, March 20. The camp has a new format this year with some very exciting surprises so all of the organisers are very excited and I’m sure the students are as well. Please ensure that your notes and payment are returned as soon as possible. Remember that activities and cabin allocations are based on the order that notes are returned. Popular activities will fill up fast.

Thank you to Cherelle Martin, Catherine Speechly, Layle Carlos, Jane Shankland and Lisa Eldblom for all your hard work in getting all the ensembles up and running as well as organising the camp.
**Junior Dance Auditions**

Mrs Mettam and Miss De Robillard will begin auditions for the Junior Dance Group this Thursday at morning tea. The Junior Dance Group is open to students in Year 1 and Year 2 who would like to represent their school in dance. Students will rehearse on Tuesday at morning tea and Wednesday at lunch time. If your child is successful at the auditions they will bring a permission note home for your consideration in the next two weeks.

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**P&C NEWS**

Each year the P&C collects the contact details of class families. This information is used by each class coordinator to schedule class social events, and shared with all class parents. This year we are collecting information online to speed the process of getting the lists to each class. Please enter your information here [http://goo.gl/forms/LcQGHr9Azo](http://goo.gl/forms/LcQGHr9Azo). You can enter contact details for up to two parents / carers, as well as your children's name and class. Thank you to Claudia and Michelle for managing the class lists for us this year.

The school is setting up two committees to discuss Communication and Wellbeing at the school and have asked the P&C to nominate parent volunteers to join these groups. The P&C welcomes these initiatives and look forward to working together.
We have had a fantastic response to the request for 4 volunteers for the Communication committee when we posted on Facebook earlier this week. Thanks to those who offered their help we will be in touch soon.

If you are interested in joining the Wellbeing committee please email me at laylecarlos@yahoo.co.uk. We are looking for 2 parent volunteers who can commit 1-2 hours per term. This may increase depending on the outcomes of the first meeting. We will keep you updated on the work of these two groups.

Margo and Steffi are busy planning our first P&C social event for the year, a Trivia Night to be held Saturday April 2. Watch this space for more information.

Thank you to Kat for organising the Scholastics Book Club for us again this year. Orders for this brochure must be in by 5pm today but don’t worry, there will be more brochures throughout the year and the Book Fair later in the year. It is a great fundraiser for the library and classroom resources.

Thank you to Teachers and all the parent volunteers who made the years 3-6 swimming carnival such a great day for all.

Please keep the following dates in your diary.
Friday Feb 19 – First Mini Mos Meeting 9am Staffroom
Thursday March 10 – P&C Meeting 6pm Staffroom
Saturday April 2 – P&C Trivia Night – Details to come

Please feel free to contact the P&C via our Secretary, Mel Richards – melissa.jane.richards@gmail.com.

P&C Committee 2016

COMMUNITY NEWS
Willoughby Girls High School
Please join us for OPEN NIGHT on Wednesday March 9 2016 4.45-7.30pm in the School Hall.
Principal: Ms Elizabeth Diprose
Ph: 9958 4141
Fax: 9967 2174

**SNOWSPORTS INTERSCHOOLS COMPETITION 2016**
Mosman Public School has now been registered to compete in the Sydney Regional Interschools Snowsports Competition. The competition in 2016 will be held at Perisher on July 13 – 15 (last week of the holidays).
There are **five events** that can be entered, 3 for skiers and two for snowboarders.
The Interschools encourages Schools to enter teams in a race by division, but individuals can also enter.

If you are interested in entering or would like more information please contact Mark Harrison on Harrison.mark@bigpond.com. It would be great to get a few teams together. Entries open in May 2016.

Information can also be obtained from the website:  www.nswinterschools.com.au

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Mosman Netball Club Inc
PO Box 7
Mosman NSW 2088

www.mosmannetball.com.au
ABN  23 669 171 007

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**2016 NETBALL REGOs NOW OPEN!**
Calling all 7+ girls for 2016 winter netball
Registrations open now - teams locked by end Feb
Contact Karen Wiles karenfwiles@yahoo.co.uk with any questions
or see MNC website mosmannetball.com.au for details.

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North Sydney Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club

We are looking for additional players from 5 years old. **Players aged 5 years old to 9 years old play for free.** We have great coaches & provide excellent training skills. Registration includes socks, shorts, jersey & player insurance, End of Season Trophy & a 2016 NRL Pass to all Club Games. If you would like to join a great family orientated club & have lots of fun, please register by calling Annette Hema on: 0404 610 048 or email: nsbros@hotmail.com or visit our website: www.nsbrothers.com.au

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**Lifeline Northern Beaches Giant Book Fair: February 19 to 21 2016**

**Venue:**  Ted Blackwood Hall
Cnr Jacksons & Boondah Rds
Warriewood

**Dates/Times:**
- **Friday**  February 19  1pm -- 8pm
- **Saturday**  February 20  9am -- 5pm
- **Sunday**  February 21  9am -- 2pm
Please note we accept Visa & Mastercard and also have EFTPOS facility available

(Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated)

At the Book Fair there will be thousands of good quality books, at bargain prices, in many categories, including a wide range of children's books suited to all ages.

For the enthusiast/collector we have a large number of award winning and collectible books.

In addition to the above we will also have a wide selection of puzzles, games, CD, vinyls etc. so there’s something for everyone!

All funds raised support the activities of Lifeline Northern Beaches which, in addition to the crisis line (13 11 14), provides a lot of services to our community, including 24 hour counselling, bereavement support, anger management and problem gambling to name but a few.

Your support for our Book Fairs goes a long way in generating the funds required to continue providing these services to our community

See you there!

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**The Great Host Family Hunt is on again!**

**World Education Program** (WEP) Australia, a registered, non-profit student exchange organisation is looking for volunteer families who would like to host a 15 to 18-year-old girl or boy.

Our students come from countries such as **Italy, France, Belgium, Finland and Chile** and are **arriving in July 2016**. They are looking forward to living and learning about Australia and enjoying our famous Australian hospitality and lifestyle.

**Without the generosity of families around the world, student exchange could not exist.**

Experiencing a foreign language and culture in your own home is the next best thing to living overseas.

**To request a free information pack for your family, contact us today!**

1300 884 733  info@wep.org.au  www.wep.org.au

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Tuning into Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting for parents of children aged 4 – 12 years

Tuning into kids is a six week parenting program which focuses on the emotional connection between parents and children. The aim of the program is to teach parents emotional coaching skills to help their child understand and manage their emotions as well as improving communication and parent-child relationship.

The 6 week program assists parents to help their child:
- Enhance their emotional intelligence
- Develop their social skills
- Manage frustrations
- Deal with conflict
- Increase positive behaviours

Where: Brookvale Family Centre, Unit 58, 44 Wattle Road, Brookvale 2100
Where: Tuesday 6-8pm for 6 weeks 15th February to 22nd March
Total Cost: $50

Bookings are essential. To ensure or register for the course please contact us on 8425 8700 or email naremburnfamilycentre@dbb.org.au

Please note children are not able to attend, and childcare is not provided.

Stepping Stones Triple P

Does your child have a disability?

Is this you? Most of the time you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won’t eat her dinner. Or your pre-schooler won’t share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make these times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

As part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, Northern Beaches Interchange invites all parents of children with a disability aged 2 to 12 to attend the following FREE parenting session series:

- Seminar 1: Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability
  Thursday, 15th February 2016, 7pm – 9pm
- Seminar 2: Helping Your Child Reach Their Potential
  Thursday, 15th February 2016, 7pm – 9pm
- Seminar 3: Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
  Thursday, 25th February 2016, 7pm – 9pm

Where: Fisher Road School, 115 Fisher Road, Dee Why 2099

RSVP: As these programs are being funded as part of a research project please contact the research team to register your interest.
Phone: 02 9114 4060
Email: fisherroad@sydney.edu.au

1-2-3 Magic

Parenting Program

Parenting program for parents and carers of children aged 2-4

It's not easy being a parent! You want kids who listen and children you can enjoy.
In 1-2-3 Magic you will learn how to handle misbehaviour in public and how to avoid the talk - persuade - argue - yell - hit syndrome. You'll also discover how your silence can speak louder than words.

1-2-3 Magic addresses these issues in the following steps:
Step 1 Managing difficult behaviour
Step 2 Encouraging good behaviour
Step 3 Strengthening your relationship

When: Friday 26th Feb, 6th & 11th March 10am-12pm
Where: CatholicCare Naremburn Family Centre 40 Merrenburn Ave, Naremburn
Cost: $30

This group will only commence if spaces are filled
Bookings are essential to book please call 8425 8700 or email naremburnfamilycentre@dbb.org.au

Please note children are not able to attend, and childcare is not provided.
Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?

Local foster carers needed

Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0–18 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance.

If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, please call 9765 5000 or email fosteringwithfacs@facs.nsw.gov.au

Family & Community Services