

Newsletter

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Our P & C Association meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm
All parents and community members are welcome to attend
Our School Council meets the 3rd Tuesday at 6.00pm

Skills for Life

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Safety

Tuesday, 18 July 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 3!

I trust that everyone had a lovely break with their children home over the past couple of weeks and that you are all ready for what promises to be another incredibly exciting and busy term.

Staff returned yesterday and had a wonderful day of professional learning, sharing and planning to ensure continued outstanding learning opportunities for our students. Thanks to the staff for their enthusiasm and participation. I would like to extend a special mention to the following teachers who presented to their peers yesterday and spent much of their holidays planning their excellent workshops. Thank you to; Mrs Khay, Mr Wells, Mrs Garven, Mr Blyth, Ms Curtis and Ms Gero.

As most of you already know, staff at public schools have the first day of Terms 1, 2 and 3 scheduled for staff development, whilst the final two days of Term 4 are for teacher professional learning. Students do not attend school on these days. This year, the teaching staff at MPS made the decision to complete professional learning via four extended staff meetings throughout the year, in lieu of the final two days. Two of these meetings occurred last term on 24 May and 28 June, and the other two will take place in Term 4 on 25 October and 6 December. School finishes for students on Friday, 15 December.

Starting this week, there will be a slight staffing change for students in S2-3N. Ms Curtis will continue to teach the class four days a week and Mrs Fuge will be teaching the class each Tuesday. Students are very familiar with Mrs Fuge and we anticipate a seamless transition.

WESTPAC HELICOPTER UPDATE AND EDUCATION WEEK

The Westpac Rescue helicopter visit is confirmed for Wednesday, 2 August (weather and events permitting of course). As per the previous plan, the helicopter will land next door on Grange Oval at 10.30am and you are most welcome to join us. As this date falls during Education Week, we would like to invite you to come and have a look at the learning happening in our classrooms. Classroom doors will be open for visitors at 9.45am and the children will be ready to show off their work! After classroom visits, we will head down to Grange Oval for the Helicopter landing. This will be followed by morning tea back at school and we invite you to stay for a picnic with your children. More information to come.

Please keep an eye on the calendar as we have many events coming up this term such as; Athletics Carnival, Stage 1 Swimming, ICAS Maths, Interrelate at Glendore PS, Kindergarten 2018 Parent information sessions, our 25th Birthday Celebrations including the Colour Run and our Performance evening and Matinee. More information about each of these events will be shared as they get closer.

Looking forward to another term of activity and excitement!

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



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Calendar

Term 3 - Week 1

Friday, 21 July 2017	2.20pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Permission note & payment due for Stage 1 Swimming Program Permission note for Wallsend Winter Fair due
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Term 3 - Week 2

Tuesday, 25 July 2017	Hunter Dance Festival Permission note & payment due for Athletics Carnival 6.00pm School Council Meeting 7.30pm P&C Meeting
Wednesday, 26 July 2017	2018 Opportunity Class Placement
Thursday, 27 July 2017	NAIDOC Day
Friday, 28 July 2017	Stage 1 Swimming Program commences 2.20pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly

Term 3 - Week 3

Monday, 31 July 2017	Education Week "I LEARN, WE LEARN" ICAS English Competition
Tuesday, 1 August 2017	9.00am Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, 2 August 2017	9.45am Classroom Visits and Picnic for Education Week



Education & Communities

Friday, 4 August 2017	10.00am Education Week CEP Assembly at Callaghan College Jesmond Campus
	10.30am Westpac Helicopter visit
	Stage 1 Swimming Program
	2.20pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly

Important Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday, 9 August 2017	Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday, 11 August 2017	Stage 1 Swimming Program 2.20pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly
Sunday, 13 August 2017	Wallsend Winter Fair
Tuesday, 15 August 2017	ICAS Mathematics Competition
Friday, 18 August 2017	Stage 1 Swimming Program 2.00 Whole School Assembly
Friday, 25 August 2017	Stage 1 Swimming Program 2.20pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly
Thursday, 31 August 2017	5.00pm – 6.00pm Kinder 2018 Parent Information Session
Friday, 1 September 2017	Stage 1 Swimming Program 2.20pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly
Friday, 8 September 2017	Stage 1 Swimming Program Colour Run & Obstacle Course Fun Day 2.20pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly
Friday, 15 September 2017	Sport & Group Photos Stage 1 Swimming Program Finishes 2.20pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly
Tuesday, 19 September 2017	9.30am – 10.30am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Tuesday, 17 October 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Wednesday, 15 November 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Wednesday, 29 November 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Friday, 22 September 2017	2.00pm Whole School Assembly Last day of Term 3
Monday, 9 October 2017	Staff & Students resume for Term 4

2018 Kindergarten Orientation Program

Planning is underway for the 2018 Kindergarten Orientation Program. If you have a child or know of any families who have a child turning 5 on or before 31 July 2018 please contact the school office. Information will be mailed out regarding the program very soon.

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

Welcome back to what will be a busy and productive term. We hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday break. Early Stage 1 students will be involved in a public speaking activity next week. A separate note with information re this valued program is in bags today. We are looking forward to hearing some interesting speeches next week. Students who would normally have news on Thursday can deliver their speeches on Friday as we will be busy with NAIDOC celebrations on Thursday.

A brief overview of syllabus content for this term includes:

English: Students will be involved in guided, modeled and independent reading and writing activities each day. Sight words will continue to be sent home and it is important that students build up a bank of words that they can both read and write independently to help facilitate reading and writing skills. Don't forget home readers can be changed daily.

Mathematics: Students will continue to work on early arithmetical strategies in number group time. Other topics include patterns, money, ordinal names, learning about time, volume and capacity, and early fraction work.

In Geography students will be learning about important places in the 'community' and how they can care for these places. Peer support will start next week. Students will be working in K-6 groups on Wednesday afternoons on a variety of activities. Groups are led by our senior students, who have been involved in training to help them with the delivery of lesson content in this important leadership role. We will continue to develop skills in PE and sport activities, introducing some modified games later this term. Students have many opportunities to make and create as these areas of our syllabus are integrated into a variety of subject areas. Students will be participating in the Athletics carnival at Glendale Sports Centre this term...very exciting, and visiting the Life Education Centre at Edgeworth later in the term.

As you can see an action packed term with wonderful opportunities for learning.

Please let your child's teacher know of any changes to routine this term.

Mrs Lorraine Williams (Early Stage 1 Leader)

BAND NEWS

Welcome back to another term of music.

We finished last term with a fantastic performance at the whole school assembly with some of our new members enjoying their first time on stage. In Week 10, we celebrated with a party lunch for all band members with music trivia and prizes. We rewarded those students who have had 100% band attendance and those who have missed just one day. We're looking forward to another term of high attendance and dedication to practice.

We have several openings this term for new students, particularly in the flute and clarinet sections. Students who are interested in joining band this term can collect a note from the office or speak to Mrs Garven or Mrs Shaw.

Students who are interested in playing at the Wallsend Winter Fair need to return their notes this week.

Mrs Garven and Mrs Shaw
Band coordinators



SPORT NEWS

Touch Football

Well done to the Stage 2 Touch Football Teams who had great success at the gala last term. Thanks to Miss Daly and Mrs Garven for coaching the teams.

PSSA Softball

Congratulations to Sahra G and Kiera B who have qualified for the Hunter softball team. The girls will play in Lismore later this term.

Stage 1 Swim Program

The Stage 1 Swimming Program will begin this term. Thank you to the parents for their ongoing support with this important program.

Stage 2 Sportslink

Each week Stage 2 will be learning the skills of their selected sport. They will then play in a Sportslink Gala at the end of the term against local schools.

Athletics Carnival

The school Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 1 August at Glendale Athletic Centre. If you are able to assist at the carnival please see Mrs Wingrove. The Zone Carnival is on Wednesday, 9 August.

Mrs Debbie Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you had a safe and happy school holiday break. Hopefully you're already following us on Facebook and you've seen our exciting announcement about the upcoming COLOUR RUN and OBSTACLE COURSE FUN DAY on Friday, 8 September. This will be a very exciting fundraising event and the P&C are working very hard to make sure the day is a huge success. It is expected that info packs about the event will be distributed to each student by the end of July. The Colour Run coincides with the schools 25th Anniversary. To commemorate this special event, we have designed T-shirts available for purchase. We hope to see as many students as possible wearing these shirts on the Colour Run day. Shirts are \$15 each and \$10 for each additional shirt. Please look out



for an order form to be sent home with your child on Tuesday, 18 July. All proceeds from sales of these shirts will go towards the purchase of new and exciting equipment for the school. **Orders for these shirts must be returned no later than THURSDAY, 27 July at 3pm.**

Unfortunately, no late orders can be accepted.

Make sure you follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with what's happening. Search 'maryland public school p&c association'.



Alissa Jamieson (MPS P&C President)

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours

- Tuesday Mornings 8.30am until 9.00am
- Thursday Afternoons 2.45pm until 3.15pm

Cyndi and Carmen ☺☺

NEW UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours

- Tuesday 8.30am - 9.30am
- Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 3

Wednesday	19 July	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	20 July	Susan B., Helen
Friday	21 July	Jamie, Bec S., Amanda S., Sheree
Week 2		
Monday	24 July	Carmen, Cath
Tuesday	25 July	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	26 July	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	27 July	Janelle, Lesley, Helen
Friday	28 July	Jamie, Deanna, Nathan, Cassandra
Week 3		
Monday	31 July	Carmen, Cath
Tuesday	1 August	Carmen, Sarah J
Wednesday	2 August	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	3 August	Katie O., Jessica
Friday	4 August	Jamie, Alicia G., Sheree, Cassandra

COMMUNITY NEWS

Maryland Netball Trivia Night 2017

When: Saturday 22nd July, 2017

Where: Maryland Neighbourhood Centre
(Please note change in venue)

Time: 6:30pm Start

Cost: \$10pp (Tables of 8)

Theme: CHRISTMAS IN JULY

This is an over 18 year's event. B.Y.O Drinks and Food
Join us for a night of fun and laughter, and test your knowledge!!

Contact Margaret Maguire 4955 8334 for enquires or to book a table.



COLOUR RUN

& OBSTACLE COURSE

FRIDAY 8 SEP

Let's celebrate this special occasion and raise money for our school at the same time!

How it works

You collect sponsorship from family, friends, neighbour's, work colleagues.....

We (MPS) raise money to buy new and exciting equipment and resources for the school.

You go into the draw to win prizes from an amazing prize pool.

What's on offer

RAISE

\$10-19 | Go into the draw to win hand balls and Bouncing Putty

\$75-\$99 | Go into the draw to win Steeden Footy balls and Optic Fibre Lamps

\$200-\$299 | Go into the draw to win Virtual Reality Headsets

The more you raise, the better the pool of prizes you can choose from



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Thursday 27 July

Order a shirt for a Keepsake
OR wear it on the day!