The first week back at school has been very busy as expected but I must comment on how well children have settled into their new classes. Everywhere I go in the school, there is a positive energy, many smiling faces and lots happening!

We had 97 new kindergarten children commence school on Monday. Again, there were smiles all round. Thank you to our P&C for organising a cup of tea for our kindy parents - I know they appreciated an opportunity to get to know one another.

To start the year, we have had two new photocopiers and new laser printers installed across the school. This replaces the many old machines that were unreliable and costly to run.

Our swimming carnival is taking place today at the Des Renford pool. All was running smoothly when I left the pool this afternoon. We’re trialling a new electronic timing and recording system that we’re expecting to improve the flow of the carnival.

This term, we will commence a review of our student welfare policy and processes. We will look closely at a range of areas including behaviour management, anti-bullying, resilience, student leadership and building positive relationships. Staff, parents and students will be involved in this process. You will hear more about this in future newsletters.

For some years our school has been using a class parent system and this year we will broaden the role slightly. One parent from each class will take on the role that will provide an added communication channel via email or SMS for other parents. It will also assist with P&C activities and may be a channel for parents to socialize and get to know one another.

A nomination form is attached to this week’s newsletter.

Have a great week!

Garrie Russell
Principal
Information Nights
Parent information nights will be held during week three of this term as follows:

**Monday, 11th February**
- Years 3 & 4  6.00-7.00pm
- Years 5 & 6  7.00-8.00pm

**Tuesday, 12th February**
- Kindergarten  6.00-7.00pm
- Years 1 & 2  7.00-8.00pm

Parents should go straight to their child’s classroom to meet with the class teacher. A map showing classroom locations is displayed outside the office.

Best Wishes to Elijah
Best wishes to Elijah Ng in 3M who underwent surgery during the school holidays. Elijah is recovering at home and we’re told he’s doing well and in good spirits. We wish him well for a speedy recovery and look forward to his return to school very soon.

School Accounts
Accounts for a range of school expenses will be sent home this week. Prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr Russell if you have financial concerns about making payments.

Visit by Korean Teachers
Our school hosted a visit by 18 Korean primary school teachers last Friday. The teachers toured the school and visited a number of classrooms. They were glowing in their praise of how settled and productive our classes are, especially considering it was the first week of a new school year. A highlight of their visit was being questioned by some Korean students in their own language and some special greetings delivered in Korean by Mr Gold!

Class Parents
Please read the role description in the principal’s report on the front page regarding the changing role of class parents. A nomination form is included in today’s newsletter if you’d like to take on the role or if you know someone who would.

Grandparents Day
Grandparents Day will take place in term one this year to coincide with NSW Seniors Week. Our day at school will be on Monday, 18th March. Further details regarding times and activities will be provided in future newsletters.

Welcome Barbecue
Please note a change of date for the Welcome Barbecue for new families - it will now take place on Thursday, 21st February from 5.30-7.00pm.

P&C Executive
A letter introducing our new P&C executive is attached to today’s newsletter. Please have a read and think about what role/s you may be willing to take on in support of the P&C and the school this year. Our first meeting is tomorrow night. We’d love to see you there!

Centenary
Planning is well underway for our centenary next year. Please email mjpspandc@gmail.com if you can help with a 100 years of MJPS cook book. A Centenary Facebook page is being developed to keep everyone in the loop with details about the celebrations to take place throughout the year so if you are on Facebook, ‘like’ us at www.facebook.com/MJPS centenary. More information about events and how to join the mailing list to come soon.
P&C REPORT

Welcome new parents and welcome back everyone. It was great to see so many new faces at the Kindergarten Tea & Tissues morning tea on Monday.

The new P&C executive is excited to work together with lots of parents to create events and activities for our school this year. We are proposing the formation of a number of committees - please read through the attached letter and contact mjpspandc@gmail.com if you would like further information, to suggest another committee or to volunteer.

We hope a lot of parents will get involved!

Caroline Rowland  
mjpspandc@gmail.com

For your diary
Thurs 7 February  
• P&C Meeting
Thurs 21 February  
• Welcome Barbecue from 5.30pm

New Canteen Menu
An updated canteen menu is attached to today’s newsletter. Please note that our canteen operates within Healthy Canteen guidelines.

Stage 3 Excursion
Children in Years 5 and 6 will go to the Imax Theatre at Darling Harbour on Thursday, 14th February to see two films that will support their unit of work on Antarctica. Notes will be sent home separately this week.

Student Banking
All children in kindergarten will receive information regarding student banking this week. The school banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. Banking will commence for all existing account holders on 15th February.

SPORTS REPORT

Maroubra Junction Public School is holding its Annual Swimming Carnival today. Results of the carnival will be published in future newsletters.

Year 6 Farewell
An initial meeting has been arranged to discuss this year’s Year Six Farewell on Tuesday, 19th February at The Coffee Club, Pacific Square at 7.00pm. If you can’t make it but would like to be involved, please let me know.

Otherwise, see you there!
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General Assistant
Marcus Hebbard
Learning Support Team
Our school learning support team meets every Tuesday to discuss any children in the school with additional learning needs. The team discusses individual children, develops action plans and allocates resources, both human and physical to meet identified learning needs. Referrals to the team come through class teachers.

Reading Recovery
Our school was successful in applying for an additional place for Year One students in the Reading Recovery program. Reading Recovery is an early intervention program aimed at reducing student failure in reading and writing.

National Bandanna Day
At the end of last year, our school raised $522 to support young people living with cancer by supporting National Bandanna Day. This was a great result - thank you to all who supported the event.

Homework
Parents are reminded that our new Home Learning Policy will be implemented this term. How this applies to each grade will be explained to you at the information nights next week.

Web Page
Next week, a group of teachers, office staff and parents will meet to review a new version of our current web page which is difficult to administer and maintain. We hope to have some far more user friendly options in the near future.
Community News Disclaimer  Maroubra Junction Public School as a service to parents will advertise community events which may be of interest. MJPS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organization of these events.

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Maroubra Junction Public School
CLASS PARENT NOMINATION FORM

Please return this form to the school office by Wednesday, 13th February, 2013.

I wish to nominate __________________(print name) to be the class parent for class _______.

Name of nominee’s child in this class ________________________________________

Nominated by ____________________________________________________ (print name)

Signed (Nominator)___________________________________________ Date ___________

Signed (Nominee)_____________________________________________ Date ___________

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Location of Classrooms 2013