Thank you to the many parents who attended one or more of our information sessions this week. I hope you found them to be helpful. If you have any questions or concerns arising from the sessions, please make an appointment with the relevant member of staff. Following the sessions, parents are asked to return the Participation in Home Learning reply slip by this Friday, 15th February. Information was also circulated about our Class Parent system and parents are asked to provide their contact details if they wish to be included in the contact list. If you missed out, you can do this by completing the sheet in your child’s classroom.

In regards to raising concerns, asking questions or making appointments, please be aware that the school is a very busy place and teachers are on class or playground duty most of the working day. After and before class, there is much preparation to do. We therefore request your patience in having a reasonable expectation about response times. As a staff, we have agreed that we should provide at least an initial response to parents within 48 hours. If an incident at school needs investigation, this again takes time. Please also bear in mind that your child’s version of something that happened at school might represent only a small part of a bigger picture. It’s good to keep an open mind when you approach the school for more information.

You will find our staff approachable and very willing to help. We very much want to work with you to resolve any issues or concerns.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at the P&C Welcome Barbecue next Thursday evening!

Garrie Russell
Principal

**** WELCOME BARBECUE ****

For parents new to the school and for those who’ve been here a bit longer!
Thursday, 21st February
5.30-7.00pm
School Grounds

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**Welcome Barbecue Reply Slip**

I/We will attend the Welcome Barbecue on Thursday, 21st February from 5.30-7.00pm in the school grounds.

No. of adults: _________ No. of children: _________ (for catering purposes) Vegetarian: YES/NO

Name/s of Parent/s: __________________________________________ Contact Telephone: ________________________

Name/Class of Oldest Child: __________________________________________

I am a longer term school parent and would like to assist with cooking/preparation. YES / NO

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**CALENDAR**

Week 3
Wed 13 February
- First day for band
- Stage 3 excursion to Imax Cinema
- Assembly K-2 Hosted by 1S; 2pm
Fri 15 February
- First day for student banking

Week 4
Tues 19 February
- Year 6 Farewell Committee Meeting 7pm - Coffee Club, Pacific Square
Thurs 21 February
- Welcome Barbecue 5.30-7.00pm
Fri 22 February
- First day for summer sport
- Gardening morning 9.30-11.00am
**Chess 2013**
Chess coaching for students is held on Tuesdays from 8:00–8:50am in the hall. Term 1 lessons will commence on 19th February and it is never too late to join! Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and a weekly fun tournament. If your child is interested in taking part, you can either pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au. For all enquiries, please contact Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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Our band program for 2013 commenced today. Notes were sent home to all band parents yesterday. Today will be largely organisational for new students. Tutorials and a band lesson will take place for existing band members.

**Year 6 Farewell**
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**Justine Jennings**
0408231981
jjennings1@optusnet.com.au

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**SMS Messaging Service**
Our school operates an SMS messaging service to provide urgent information to parents if necessary. An example of when this would be used is an alert to cancel a carnival due to weather or an emergency situation such as an evacuation. This system is only effective if we have up to date contact details. Please update information on the note below and return it to school by 22nd February.

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**Gardening Morning**
Bring a water bottle, gloves and hat and enjoy a morning in the garden next Friday 22nd February. We will meet at the office by 9.30am and start with a quick walk around to establish an action plan for the term before getting down and dirty.
If you would like more information or would like to be on our email list, email kellieparkin@gmail.com.
Thanks from The Environment Committee. PS. Younger siblings welcome - they love it!

**Stage 3 Camp**
Please note the change of dates for our stage 3 camp. Year 5 and 6 will be attending the ‘Great Aussie Bush Camp’ at Kincumber in Term 2, Week 4 from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th May 2013.

**Stage 1 Incursion**
The CSIRO’s ‘Mini Beasts and Life Cycles’ show will be visiting our school on Monday 25th February and Tuesday 26th May 2013. During the 60 minutes hands-on session, students will engage, learn and explore mini beasts and their life cycles. This incursion has been organised to support the Year 1 science program ‘Schoolyard Safari’ and Year 2 science program ‘Watch it grow’. Notes were sent out with children today.

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**SMS MESSAGING**
We need an update on your current contact details from many families to assist with our SMS Messaging service. Please complete and return the form below by Friday, 22nd February. We will alert parents when the messaging service has been activated.

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Email address to be used for all relevant school correspondence:
P & C REPORT

It was great to see so many parents at the P&C meeting last Thursday, including some new members.

Welcome!

There are lots of ways to get involved at MJPS, including joining one of the P&C committees. Please email mjpspandc@gmail or phone 0421 813 389 if you would like more information or would like to join one of the following:

**Sustainability Committee:** Focuses on environmental programs such as gardening, composting, bike racks.

**Uniform Committee:** Assists in all things related to the uniform shop - stock-taking, rostering, second-hand uniforms, lost property.

**Communications Committee:** Uses a variety of communication tools to help build a strong community, both internally and externally. In 2013 this will include the promotion of MJPS Centenary celebrations.

**Fundraising and Events Committee:** Builds a strategy for fundraising and events, coordinates all events/

fundraising and supports centenary celebrations.

**Dads’ Club:** Plans and co-ordinates events to encourage dads to be more involved with the school and get to know each other.

This year we have **Class Parent Coordinators** (thanks Kelly Robinson and Rebecca Valenti for volunteering) who will help to manage the class parent system. If you haven’t had a chance to provide your email and/or mobile number please fill out the slip provided by your child’s class teacher.

Our next P&C event is the **Welcome Barbecue** to be held on Thursday, 21st February in the school grounds. Please contact the P&C if you can help on the BBQ and please also RSVP for catering purposes.

**Caroline Rowland - President**

mjpspandc@gmail.com

Summer Sport Yrs 3-6
Notes were sent home today regarding choices for primary summer sports. Please return the notes by this Friday, 15th February.

Ethics Classes
Philosophical ethics classes for students in years 3-6 will continue at our school this year. These ethics classes are only available to children who do not have a religion nominated on their enrolment form or who have been exempted from attending scripture lessons by their parents/carers.

The classes will be taught by Justine Jennings, one of our parents who is fully trained and approved to teach ethics classes by Primary Ethics.

All ethics teachers are required to complete mandatory training programs and follow a curriculum developed by Primary Ethics. The topics that will be covered by years 3-4 will include:

- Why be moral?
- Diversity and tolerance
- Breaking a promise
- Lying and truth telling
- Gossip and social media

Children in Years 5-6 will discuss:

- Moral responsibility
- A fair society
- Tolerance and respect
- Teasing
- Drugs in sport

Parents of children in Years 3-6 who are eligible to participate in ethics classes will be sent a permission note this week that needs to be returned to school by Monday, 18th February.

If you would like further information about philosophical ethics classes or to see a short video ‘What happens in Ethics Classes’ please go to the Primary Ethics website at www.primaryethics.com.au. You can contact Julie Noonan, our Ethics Coordinator, by email at julie.noonan@optusnet.com.au.

School Council 2013
The first School Council meeting for 2013 will take place on Monday, 11th March at 7.00pm in the staff room. The School Council is made up of elected parent and staff representatives and acts as an advisory body to the school on policy and planning matters.
## MJPS 2013 SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

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