White Ribbon
White Ribbon, held annually on November 25, is Australia’s only national, male led Campaign to end men’s violence against women. The mission of White Ribbon is to make women’s safety a man’s issue too. According to the White Ribbon website, domestic and family violence is the principle cause of homelessness for women and their children, and one in four children are exposed to domestic violence, which is a recognised form of child abuse.

The White Ribbon approach focuses on respectful relationships within the school culture. Whether in a school setting or at home, it is extremely important that we impart these messages onto our boys. All parents and staff must work together to ensure that we model, maintain and promote the respectful relationships that we see at Maroubra Junction. For more information on this important initiative, please go to http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/

Community Input for our School Vision
Maroubra Junction PS has started work on our vision and direction for the next 3 years and beyond. We would love and value parent input into this process. Parents can participate in two ways:
1. Complete a short 5 question online survey (listed below) and/or 2. Participate in a small focus group of parents in the school staffroom with Mr Ackerman and Mrs Pierce to expand on questions from the survey. These focus groups will be on Thursday 27th November at 9am, Friday 28th November at 2.15pm, Monday 1st December at 5.30pm and Tuesday 2nd December at 9am. We would love to see you at one of these focus groups.

Background information from the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals can be found here and is worth a good read. http://www.maroubrajn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/13686578/13694885/National_Declaration_on_the_Educational_Goals_for_Young_Australians.pdf

End of Year Surveys
We have quite a few different topics that we value parent input from. If you have the time, please complete the Concert Evaluation and Community Vision surveys. The class placement survey is only for those who have specific requests for their child’s placement in 2015.

Child’s Class Placement in 2015 https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M5FLQ3D

School Concert Evaluation https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5QQJ8J8

Community Vision Input https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9VKWLWH
Year 5 Student Leadership Elections
(repeat)
Year 5 students have spent the last two weeks participating in a number of sessions that explored the meaning of leadership and qualities a good leader should possess in preparation for the upcoming Student Leader Elections for 2015. This week, interested students have nominated themselves as candidates and are now preparing their campaign poster that is due on Monday 24th November. Each poster will be displayed for a week so students in Year 2 to Year 5 can view the posters before hearing the election speeches and voting process.

On Wednesday 3rd December the candidates will present a sensible election speech in front of the Year 2 to Year 5 student body. Parents are welcome to come along on the day and watch the speeches. Please check the newsletter regularly for the time of this assembly.

Candidates will be informed of the results before the Recognition Day assembly. The candidates will be told of the 8 elected students, however, their elected position will be not be announced until the Recognition Day assembly. Elected leaders will be announced to the whole school and presented with their badges at the Recognition Day Assembly on Thursday 11th December.

All candidates have received a letter outlining the requirements for the posters and speech. Please contact Miss Noble with any questions. Good luck to all our candidates!

Anzac Pde Bridge Lift
Last Thursday we had another incident in the Anzac Pde lift. It is strongly encouraged that all students and families use the steps when using this bridge. I have contacted the RMS and they are getting back to me with their response. I will let the community know as soon as possible what the long term arrangements are for this lift.

K-6 Assembly this week
This week we will complete our assemblies for the year. Parents are invited to attend as we will have a K-6 assembly hosted by 6N and 6S, starting at 2pm.

Start of School 2015
School resumes in 2015 for all students in Years 1-6 on Wednesday, 28th January. Kindergarten will commence on Monday, 2nd February.

Banking News
Good on you Student Bankers, we collected over $680 this week! Remember, if you want to order those rewards, it’s best to order them now, or you will miss out! There’s limited stock on a lot of the popular items for this summer.

Swimming bags are no longer available. Only these are available for orders!

Scented Pencils, Sea Streamers, Project Cups, Shark Keyring
Only 3 weeks of banking to go, keep depositing for a chance to win the GoPro! Well done to the 74 depositors this week. If you’re interested in joining us please get in touch mjpsstudentbanking@gmail.com

Good Luck everyone. The last week of Banking is on 9th/December!

Sports News
This Friday, 28 November:

Softball & Cricket:  
M.J.P.S v Maroubra Bay at Heffron Park 2

Maroubra Bay only have a softball team but the cricket will play a combined game at Heffron Park

AFL:  
MJPS v Semi Finals/Play off at Heffron Park AFL fields (behind pool)

Please remember to finalise all outstanding payments as this is the last week of sport for the year.

Last week’s results

Team Result  Best player(s)
AFL v South Coogee 2
Juniors : WON  Matthew G
Seniors : WON  Sean H & Khobi D

Softball v Chifley
Juniors : WON  Natasha M
Seniors : WON  Eleni K

Cricket v Chifley
Juniors : LOST  Axel J & Will G
Seniors : LOST  Josh T & Nate C

PARENT FOCUS GROUPS
Do you have ideas about the direction of the school over the next three years? Parents are invited to attend a focus group session over the next week in the Staffroom. Please see the diary column for more information. Would love to see you there!
Master Certificates

Joshua B 1B Learning
Kiki B 1B Learning
Amy P 1B Learning
Joshua T 1G Learning
Hrihan D 1G Learning
Jolin C 1G Learning
Hiya B 1G Learning
Annalie D 2B Learning
Levi W 2B Learning
Laura T 2V Learning
Isabella D 2V Learning
Mona M 2V Learning
Ahura H 2V Learning
Victoria K 2Z Learning
Kaitlynn P 2Z Learning
Rhiannan P 5G Learning
Caitlin O'R 5G Learning
Alexiou K 5L Learning
Scarlett P 5R Learning
Nabha K 5R Learning
Zoe S 5C Learning
Teagan W 5C Learning
Will T 5G Learning
Zali S 2B Learning BADGE
Natasha M 5R Learning BADGE

Michael T 5R Safety
Daniella D 5R Safety
Chloe D 5R Safety
Josephine H 5R Safety
Nicola I 5R Safety
Riley K 5R Safety
Elana T 5R Safety
Keeley W 5R Safety
Kyra Y 5R Safety
Salman A KC Safety
Rayden W KC Safety
Alara S KF Safety
Isabella S KG Safety
Lochie A KG Safety
Jaiden W 1G Safety
Natalie R 2B Safety BADGE
Elise W KS Safety BADGE

Brodie F D 1B Respect
Mia S 1B Respect
Olivia A 1B Respect
Joshua B 1B Respect
Wade Z 1G Respect
Hrihan D 1G Respect
Bodie T 1SL Respect
Anna C 1SL Respect
Lhya R F 2V Respect
Frankie P 2V Respect
Dilasha B 2V Respect
Ulyana T 2V Respect
Ahmeer K 2Z Respect
Paris C 5G Respect
Caitlin O'R 5G Respect
Alez Z 5G Respect
Timothy K 5R Respect
Josephine H 5R Respect
Nicola I 5R Respect
Rilry K 5R Respect
Kyra Y 5R Respect
Marco Z 6S Respect
Clare L 6S Respect
Salman A KC Respect
Rayden W KC Respect
Hussam A KC Respect
Michelle H KC Respect
Muhammad A KG Respect
Jedidiah C 2B Respect BADGE
Alicia C 2F Respect BADGE
Rubia C 5G Respect BADGE
Year 6 students have been working hard on composing a poem inspired by an object that is special or meaningful to them.

**Cherry Lips by Nancy 6N**

Indulgent cherry lips -
A slender strip of appetizing blueberry fairy floss
Nose, a little spiky-
Like spring’s first grass taking a swift gasp of air
So delicate, so perfect…
Her rosy cheeks, sprinkled evenly
With sweet, sweet strawberry sherbet
Scarlett and her exquisite eye-
Priceless like pitch-black pearls
I remember…

All the secrets we shared,
I remember…
All the laughter,
I remember…
Her sugary sweet voice and her lovely comments,
I remember…
The many heart-rending tears,
I remember…
Every single thing we do, I will remember…
My dear teddy bear, Scarlett

**My Best Friend - By Cayley 6S**

Toffee brown splotches,
Ears draping with wear
Long, slim whiskers brushing against my skin sending shivers up
my spine
Old and tattered
The colour of creamy ice-cream on burnt toast
Nose glistening in the sunlight
Paws no larger than an eye

Given to me by my grandma
The smell of grandmas cooking still infused in her fur
Eyes flashing with memories
When we climbed the old gum tree we were higher than the stars, wind whistling through our hair
My first plane trip, she was with me as I nervously buckled my seat belt
My hopes, My dreams, My friend, My best friend, My toy cat

**Memories in shades of blue by Nick W 6N**

Deep below it was made quite similar to jade
with its cobalt blue shine integrating with its
Light blue outer edges springing into a grey blue backing

Its inner middle is like a dark cave as dark as dark
as the deep night engulfing the last splintering
reflection of brightness
with memories held and seen sometimes keen, sometime mean. As first seen I wasn’t keen.
but it grew on me like a bully coming back and back and back for more
As it is sitting in the dust of its safe place
It has seen a lot as a few thousand years is quite a lot
Given to me by my oldest decedent
I will cherish you for years to come.

**Determination by Alexandre 6N**

As I walk in,
All my thoughts go in the bin,
As I look around the gym,
I target easy people to eat straight through,
Like a nice, weak fairy floss dissolving,
As I warm up like magma rising out a volcano,
No matter how much it hurts,
Like someone ripping my legs out,
I keep going,
I keep pushing through,
I keep on trying to get straight down to the ground,

This is what I see every time I look at it,
Just like a teleport to my first competition,
Just reminiscing,
When I got my talisman,
My heart was a basketball,
Just pounding so hard like elephants thumping,
As soon as my name was called,
My nervous feeling was invaded by happiness,
Rushing through my body like a speeding cheetah,
I got my medal,
   *If you always say no, you’ll never say yes* (Ryan Higa)

**My Lion, My Friend by Will 6N**

My Shield,
My Guard
Reflecting all danger
Cuddly Like a cloud
A fresh warm blanket,
smooth as a baby’s bottom

My midnight-guard, tough as a gorilla,
Brave as a bear, mane like a cactus,
Roaring like a beast, growling like a tiger,
Yet as calm as a perfect summers day,
Face as bright as the sun with a mane of straws
Straws of delicious caramel and a liquorice tail.
All bow down to the mighty king of the bedroom,
When I hug my warm lion I feel safe and fall sound asleep,
And when we together our friendship will never end

**Guardian of the night by Robert 6N**

As brown as a thriving oak trunk,
As soft as a trimmed thorny bush.
He explores the unknown,
uselessly waving his stubby arms about.
No bigger than the size of my head,
He protects me when I am unaware,
He resets my fuse
Before I blow.
He grants me with courage and comfort,
When I am lonely.
He was my love at first sight
He is like my father,
never growing old on me.
He gives me faith,
In the worst of demons,
His name, Bear
Year 6 will be hosting the annual Maroubra Junction Mini Fete fundraiser on Tuesday 2nd December from 11.45am until 1pm. Students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will be invited on this day to visit the 14 exciting stalls Year 6 have created. Please view the stalls, items for sale and pricing in the table below and discuss with your child. There will be many things on offer to purchase so please don’t forget to provide your child with money on the day. All the profits the Year 6 students make from the stalls are used to buy the school a gift on behalf of Year 6 2014. Please ensure your child still brings their recess and lunch to school on this day. Thank you for your anticipated support!

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Will the Uniform Shop be open in the first week of school 2015?

That’s the hope - but only with YOUR help.

If you have thought about doing a shift but never have, here is your chance…because we need you. The following are days and times we hope to be open:

- Tues, 27 Jan - (staff only day) - 9.30-11.30am
- Wed, 28 Jan - (first day back for Yrs 1-6) — 8.30-10am. There will be a lag until your child’s new class is announced in the hall that morning, so why not help out at the shop while you wait?
- Thu, 29 Jan - 8.30-10am
- Fri, 30 Jan - 8.30-10am

If you are able to help please email Alison at mjpsuniformshop@gmail.com and let her know.

Once Alison has an idea of helpers, a finalised roster will be published in our newsletter and on our website www.mjpspandc.com.au prior to the end of Term 4 2014.

The Uniform Shop’s final opening day for 2014 will be Tuesday 16 December from 2.15-2.45pm.

Please help support YOUR uniform shop so we are able to offer these extra days in our first week back.

P&C Annual General Meeting - 4 December

Our AGM is now scheduled for Thursday, 4 December at 7pm in the library. The current Executive is retiring. All P&C members are therefore asked to attend this meeting to decide on a new, dynamic Exec team for 2015. Please also bring along $2 to renew your membership for 2015.

Leigh Marshall, Vice-President
mjpspandc@gmail.com

Playground Message of Week 8

No hat, play in quiet area.

All students without hats must go to the quiet area at beginning of recess and lunch.

SPORTS Photos Now Available For Online Purchase

4 Easy Steps to Online School Photos Ordering

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter your school code CGN BKB AC4
Step 2: Select “GROUPS” and choose the images you would like to purchase
Step 3: Enter Your Students Details (all orders will be returned to the school for collection.)
Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

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