Term 4, Week 9 Thursday 4 December 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

What are you doing tonight? Come on down to the School at 7pm and have your say in how the school is run by supporting our school P&C. Tonight is the Annual General Meeting, we would love to see you there!

Principal Position for 2015 and 2016

As relieving Principal until August 2016, I am really looking forward to working with the students, staff and community as we work towards our shared school vision. Thanks to Mrs Ellendon as staff representative and Mrs Park as parent representative on the panel.

The role of relieving Deputy Principal and relieving Assistant Principal for 2015 will be merit selected before the end of this term.

Parent Focus Groups—School Vision

Thanks to all the parents that have had input towards our school vision over the last two weeks. We have had over 60 responses to the online survey and over 20 parents in attendance at our 4 focus groups. We received lots of useful feedback about what skills students should leave here with, what makes MJPS different and what makes a great lesson. We will be publishing a summary of staff, student and community data next week.

Student drop offs in the morning

Parents are reminded that the staff car park is not for student drop offs in the morning. Staff have noticed an increase in parents parking inside the car park or dropping their child off outside the staff car park gates. Gates 2 and 3 on Loch Maree St should be used only. Thanks for your support.

Parent and Community Helpers Morning Tea

It was lovely to see a number of parent and community helpers at our morning tea last week. I’m very aware that this represented only a small proportion of the number of people who work voluntarily around the school and I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge anyone who has contributed this year, even in a small way. Your support is greatly valued.

Parents are reminded to let the school know in writing if you’re planning to be away and your child will not return at the start of the school year.

Next week will be our final newsletter for the year! Hard to believe but the year is rapidly drawing to a close!

Matt Ackerman
Principal (rel)

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- [Canteen Menu and Online Ordering](#)
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Start of School 2015

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

Student Leader Speeches

Over 40 students from Year 5 presented leadership speeches this week, staking their claim on a school leadership position in 2015. Our school has two school captains and two vice captains that will be decided by a ballot of all students in Years 2-5.

The leadership positions will be strengthened in 2015 with our ongoing focus on student leadership.

School Development Days

While the school year finishes for students on Wednesday, 17th December, our staff will be in attendance until Friday, 19th. These will be two very busy and highly valuable days of planning and professional learning and we have a jam packed agenda! Items include implementation of the new Maths syllabus, revision of the Code of Conduct and Child Protection strategies, CPR training, follow up on our English syllabus implementation and planning meetings for 2015.

Thank You Directions in Music

Thank you Directions in Music and MJPS Bands

I would like to take on the opportunity to thank Phil Molloy, Jane-Marie Talese, Richard Sandham and all the directions in music staff for all their hard work and dedication with our wonderful junior and senior bands this year. Thank you to the children who participated in our band this year for your outstanding contribution to making our band sound so fabulous. Children need to return their instruments to school to be collected. Junior band’s instruments will be collected this Thursday 4th December, and senior band will be collected on Thursday 11th December. On those two days the children will be called to return their instruments to the Greek room, to be sited and recorded. If children are taking their instruments home to practise with, their parents need to complete, sign and return the release form. Children still need to bring their instrument on that day to be sighted.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting our band this year. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, Χαρούμενα and Happy Hanukkah!!

Kind regards

Mary and Brian

Year 6 Mini Fete

The Year 6 Mini Fete was a great success with so many wonderful ideas for stalls and lots of great support from parents. Once we know how much money was raised, the children will be asked for their ideas about the gift they will purchase for the school. Thanks to Trish Noble and Shamiram Saunig for their planning and support for the event. It was very popular with all students K-6.

Banking News

It’s the last day of student banking next week, 9th December, so don’t forget to bring your bank books in and to claim rewards.

The rewards this year have been so popular there’s only the sea streamers, scented pencils and shark key rings available now. You can still order the swim bag and the projector cup but you won’t receive them until term 1 2015.

Now well done to our bankers, 58 students who deposited $403 this week. Well done everyone, The bank matches a percentage of this in donation to the school! With increasing numbers of bankers we need more co-ordinators, if you’re interested, please email mjps.studentbanking@gmail.com.

For those who are wondering how school banking works, there’s lots of information on the website https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/school-banking-program.html

Don’t forget, Tuesday is banking day!

Sports News

Last Friday was the final week of sport for the year.

The AFL teams both made it into the Grand Finals. The senior team ended up as 2014 Champions and the junior team were runners up.

The Softball senior team also finished the year as champions of their competition.

Well done to all the students who represented MJPS throughout the year for an outstanding performance!

Could all AFL players please return their washed Jersey to Mr Gold

Please remember to finalise all outstanding payments.

Last week’s results

Team Result   Best player(s)
AFL Juniors Grand Final v South Coogee 1    LOST    Ryan G & Matthew G
AFL Seniors Grand Final v Matraville    WON    Jackson G and Ryan W
Softball v Maroubra Bay
Juniors : WON    Scarlett P
Seniors : WON    Whole Team
MJPS Band Program

Congratulations

What a fantastic year we have had in band this year with many wonderful performance experiences throughout! Well done to all band members for their outstanding commitment to the band program and congratulations to our Year 6 members who will be moving on to many more great performances in high school. Congratulations also to all junior band members for completing your first year in the band program - we can’t wait to hear you rehearsing and performing in Senior Band next year.

Term 4 has been a particularly busy term and all band members have worked hard to achieve great musical moments in performance. Highlights from this term include the excursion to the Daceyville Big Band Bash, the Junior Band Spotlight concert, the MJPS school concert foyer entertainment provided by Senior Band, and of course our upcoming Summer Soiree featuring the talents of all band members. All members of the MJPS school community are welcome to attend this performance, on Wednesday 3rd December at 6.00pm in the school hall. 2015 Junior Band members should come along and hear the current Junior Band play!

Instrument Returns and Holiday Release

A note will be sent home to all band members with instructions for returning instruments or keeping them over the school holidays. Please read through this information carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

YEAR 3, 4 AND 5

Any student in Years 3 to 5 currently hiring an instrument from the school will be allowed to keep that instrument over the summer school holidays to continue practising. The instrument release form MUST BE RETURNED to the school office.

YEAR 6

All year six students currently hiring a school instrument must return the instrument to Ms Stamatellis at the end of Recognition Day assembly. Please complete the instrument return form which MUST BE RETURNED with your instrument. Of course, if you own your own instrument, please keep it in your possession over the school holidays!

WHAT IF I AM LEAVING THE SCHOOL OR THE BAND PROGRAM?

Any students who are not coming back to the program in 2015 must return their school instrument to Ms Stamatellis by the end of Week 9 (5/12/14). Please complete the instrument return form which MUST BE RETURNED with your instrument.

WHAT IF MY INSTRUMENT NEEDS REPAIRS?

Any school instrument requiring repairs must be returned to Ms Stamatellis by the end of Week 9 (5/12/14). Please complete the instrument return form which MUST BE RETURNED with your instrument.

2015 Band Enrolment

The Maroubra Junction Public School Band Program is still accepting enrolments for 2015! The initial enrolment deadline has passed already, but enrolments will still be accepted until the end of the school term. The band program is open to all students who will be in years 3-6 in 2015.

Ready to enrol? Visit our website www.directionsinmusic.com.au and follow the links to enrol online.

Families who have enrolled already will receive further information via direct email during the last few weeks of this school term.

If you have any questions at this point in time, please contact us via email info@directionsinmusic.com.au or talk to our friendly office on 9662 2211.

Performance Dates

- 3 December 6.00pm – End of Term Concert
- 11 December 10:00am – MJPS Presentation Day (Senior Band Only)

Jane-Marie Talese
Program Manager

Sydney Youth Writing Competition

Earlier this year students from Maroubra Junction Public School entered the Sydney Youth Writing Competition. Congratulations to Khobi D (6N) who achieved a highly commended award for his short story and Elana T (5R) who received a commended award for her poem.

Their written pieces will be published in a book Drop, Wind, Keep. Soon, this book will be available in our library so you can read their writing. Fantastic effort!
Will the Uniform Shop be open in the first week of school 2015?

So far there are only 3 volunteers for the Uniform Shop for the entire first week back next year. This means it will NOT have extra open hours unless more people offer to help.

Here’s your chance to assist. Get in touch...

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.

Disco Merchandise - Big Sale!

To make way for a new year and free up some space in our storeroom, we are selling off some fantastic leftover glow in the dark & flashing merchandise CHEAP!

Are you planning on heading to Carols or enjoying time with family and friends at night? Make it extra special by handing out cool glow in the dark stuff to make your kids’ night! Not to mention much cheaper than anything on sale at a Carols event.

Items will be on sale near the Uniform Shop during normal Uniform Shop hours - Tuesdays 2.15-2.45pm and Fridays 8.45-9.15am for the next week or so. They won’t last at these prices, so get in quick! **Please note items will only be sold to adults**

Deals for multiple purchases can be made - make an offer!

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. It will be a wine & cheese night so feel free to bring along some wine or snacks.

All P&C members are 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.

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Sunday 14 December
5.30pm Free BBQ • 6.30pm Carols

Wild Street’s got Carols

Enjoy some amazing talents, sing lots of famous carols, meet surprising judges and see who’s the real winner this Christmas!

Also join us for Christmas
Christmas Eve 9pm
Christmas Day 8am Traditional 10am Family

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