Week 2 is here, the students are all settled and ready for a big term of learning.

ANZAC SERVICE
Thanks to all that attended our Anzac service last Thursday. It was a very dignified and appropriate service and I thank 2Z, 3W and their teachers for their efforts.

SUPER SIX COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES
Last week was the last of our Super Six Comprehension strategies. These strategies of Making Connections, Predicting, Questioning, Monitoring, Visualising and Summarising are being taught across all classes this year. Some classes are focusing on just one or two at a time, others have all six as a focus in their rooms. Hopefully you will hear these words coming home from your children as we try to improve students level of comprehension and understanding of the texts studied in class.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
What a busy day we had yesterday with our school photos! Thanks to Ms Karas and her organisation, the day went smoothly and there were plenty of smiles all around. All students had individual photos taken and some siblings that didn’t have envelopes had photos taken. These photos can be purchased from the photographer. Please see the school office for details.

Matt Ackerman
Principal (rel)
SPORTS INFORMATION

Winter Sports begins this week.

This Friday, 9 May:
Rugby League:
M.J.P.S v Chifley at Heffron Park 2

Netball:
Practice at Heffron Park Netball Courts (Bye)

Soccer:
MJPS (Red) v Gardeners Road at Heffron Park near netball courts
MJPS (Green) v Rainbow St (Blue) at Heffron Park near the pool

Please remember to pay for all sports by Thursday.

Cross Country

Was it thunder? Was it a stampede? No, it was hundreds of MJPS students getting amongst it at our annual cross country race. Thank you for everyone's support with the change of venue to Latham Park this year. We can all agree that the new running track was a great success and our students showed impeccable sportsmanship and behaviour. Further recognition goes to all teachers and parents that participated in the planning and running of the carnival. The first four boys and girls for each age group will now represent our school at the Zone Cross Country Carnival at Heffron Park on Friday the 23rd of May. The following students will receive their placing ribbons at the next 3-6 assembly on Thursday the 29th of May at 2pm.

Allira Carlon

Stewart House Day

Each year 1,800 public school children in need go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Traditionally, teachers and staff from the NSW public education system have donated through fortnightly salary contributions. Public school children through school-based fundraising such as the Donation Drive also contribute to this worthy cause.

Envelopes from the Stewart House were sent home last week. Families are encouraged to donate $2.00. You'll be supporting a worthy cause and having a chance to win a $4,000 FAMILY HOLIDAY! Envelopes must be returned by Wednesday 21st May.

Your support is appreciated.

Charities Committee
Ana Andreu, Gina Batzakis & Sandra Mather

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Junior Choir
We are very excited to announce that our Junior Choir will now be a K-3 Choir. We will practice on Monday at lunch in the hall. All those students interested should come to next week’s practice with Miss French and Mr Frankie. The Junior Choir main objectives are to have fun and to sing. We value dedication and commitment.

School Banking
Well done to our bankers, 82 students deposited $507 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 This week we gave out 8 rewards and we’ve ordered more. There’s more than 40 students eligible for rewards so if you have your eye on something keep depositing and fill in a rewards claim slip, if you don’t have one we’ve left some at the office for you. 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!

Student Leadership

Mighty Mates
Over the last term, 31 Year 5 and 6 students were trained to become MJ Mighty Mates. The role of a MJ Mighty Mate is to be a buddy to younger children in the playground and demonstrate how the three core values of Respect, Safety and Learning are applied in the playground.

There will be 4 MJ Mighty Mates on duty each lunchtime (Monday to Thursday) and they will:
- Wear a yellow vest and badge;
- Help younger students who have taken themselves to the Buddy Bus Stop;
- Supervise the quiet games area;
- Rove around the play areas assisting younger children who may be unable to find their friends;
- Help to set up games;
- Assist sorting out minor disputes;

Our MJ Mighty Mates are very enthusiastic about their role and are excited to commence their duties over the next coming weeks.

Mentoring Program
There have also been 32 Year 5 and 6 students who have been part of our mentoring program. These students have been working with younger students in their classrooms to provide role modelling and guidance for students needing support academically or socially. Types of activities include developing reading skills, phonemic awareness, spelling and creative writing support.

Other projects will be introduced throughout the school year. Each team of students will be mentored in their leadership role by appropriate staff.

Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement 2015
The online application service for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement 2014 opened on 28th April, 2014. Information notes were sent home with all Year 4 students last week. Further information regarding these placements is available from this link: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ocplacement.php. All families who have access to a computer should apply online. If you do not have access to a computer hardcopy packages are available from Mrs Pierce. Applications close on Friday May 16 2014. If you would like to know more about this process please see your child’s class teacher or Mrs Pierce.

Playground Message of Week (Week 2)

Be aware of other children playing ball games on the paddock.
If someone gets hit by a ball or hurt in a game be a kind and supportive person - ask the injured person if they are okay or get teacher assistance if needed.
Don’t pretend it didn’t happen. Be a good sport and help others out.

Laura F and Nicola I on duty Tuesday lunchtime.
Farewell Caroline & Congratulations Dixie!

At our last meeting we thanked Caroline for all her hard work as P&C President for the last 18 months. Dixie was voted in as the new President until the November AGM - congratulations Dixie.

Uniform Shop Coordinator(s) needed

THE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! A position (or two) has become available as the Uniform Shop Coordinator.

This is a highly valued and important role, not just for the P&C but also the School. Click here for more information.

We also need volunteers to help out in the shop - if you can spare an hour on a Tuesday afternoon or Friday morning once a term, please email mjpsuniformshop@gmail.com and let us know.

Mother’s Day Stall this Friday

The kids love to choose a special present for their mum - please send your child to school on Friday with some money (gifts available for $3, $5 and $7) and a plastic bag to bring their gift home in. Mum’s: no peeking when you unpack your child’s bag on Friday!

Happy Mother’s Day to all our gorgeous mums, we hope you all have a lovely day.

Leigh Marshall, Vice-President mjpspandc@gmail.com