MOTHER’S DAY
A belated Happy Mother’s Day to all our special mums. I hope you shared some quality time with your family and that the children were extra nice to you. A big thanks to our fantastic P&C who put on a wonderful stall of gifts for the students to purchase. As well there were many hand made cards and gifts going home on Friday. Great job teachers and our P&C!

NAPLAN
This week, our students in Year 3 and Year 5 are participating in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). According to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), the main purpose of the NAPLAN tests is to measure literacy and numeracy skills and knowledge that provides the critical foundation for other learning in the community. NAPLAN results at school, system and national levels are used to identify the strengths and weaknesses of education programs and to help set goals for improvement. In the classroom, NAPLAN results show teachers how their students’ achievement compares to a wider group of students across Australia. Individual student reports can be used to assist discussion between parents and teachers about a child’s achievements and progress.

It is important to remember that the results reflect each student’s performance at a single point in time only. Teachers in all schools assess their students’ learning in literacy and numeracy on an ongoing basis. NAPLAN testing adds to but does not replace the information that teachers gather.

ARTIFICIAL TURF
We are very close to finishing our newest playground. Dry weather this week will ensure we finish and then students can play on this wonderful surface. This week I received a cheque for $10,000 from our Care Centre towards the playground. What a wonderful gesture and, together with the P&C, this project has truly been a collaborative effort. Thanks everyone.

MORNING ROUTINES
A reminder to students and parents that once students arrive through the school gates they are not to leave the school under any circumstance. We have observed some children coming to school and then heading across the road to have a hot chocolate. Please remind your students that any breakfast food or drink must be purchased before they enter the school gates.

Matt Ackerman
Principal (rel)
SPORTS INFORMATION

Last week’s results

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Netball Juniors

A: BYE
B: BYE

Netball Seniors

A: BYE
B: BYE

This Friday, 16 May:
Rugby League v LAPA at Heffron Park 3 (Jersey Rd)
Soccer (Red) v Matraville SS at Coral Sea Park 2
Soccer (Green) v Malabar at Coral Sea Park 1
Netball v Matraville at Heffron Park
Netball Courts

Please remember to pay for all sports by Thursday.

Year 3 Taronga Zoo Excursion

Due to weather conditions in term 1 Year 3’s Taronga Zoo excursion was postponed. The new excursion date is Thursday the 26th of June (week 9, Term 2). This excursion will support their current HSIE unit of work (Being Australian). During the day the students will attend a workshop called Our Australia. Students will collect data and notes about the characteristics of a variety of Australian animals through direct observation and Zoo interpretations. Depending on the weather the students will also have time to walk around the zoo and enjoy some keeper talks throughout the day. All notes need to be returned by Friday the 20th of June (week 8, Term 2).

Master Certificate
Learning—Talia Guerrera KS
Learning—Michael Gionis KS
Learning—Bethany Doran KS

Playground Message of Week (Week 3)

Hats are part of the school uniform and must be worn when outside the classroom.
Those students without a hat are to play in the Quiet area (sheltered area near Year 4 rooms).

Term 1 Hat Competition
The winners are K-2 - KL and 3 - 6 - 4H & 5L
The winners will receive an ice block on Friday at recess as a reward for consistently bringing and wearing their hat at school.
The hat competition for Term 2 begins this week.

Maroubra Junction Public School and The Junction Neighbourhood Centre will be holding a meeting for Arabic speaking parents on Tuesday 20 May at 10am in the school hall following the English Class. We will have an Arabic Interpreter present. This will be a good opportunity to let the school and the Junction Neighbourhood Centre know of any issues you may be having and of any help you may be looking for. We look forward to seeing you there.
Uniform Shop

A huge thank you to Lisa B for all her hard work managing the uniform shop over the last couple of years.

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.

Stock update - Long sleeved polos are expected to arrive in early June.

Mother’s Day Stall

Thank you to everyone who sent money in with their children for the Mother’s Day stall. A special thank you to Mandy G, Maria G, Maria S, Cathy A, Justine M, Dixie P, Jen R, Karen B, Kary, Lisha and Clara for your help at the stall – we had a great time!

Disco – Thursday 22 May

The P&C is hosting a “United Colours” disco in the school hall on Thursday 22 May. MJPS and La Perouse primary school kids are invited to wear their favourite colours and get their groove on! To prepay and save time on entry, please use the form below and send in your money in an envelope by next Tuesday 20 May. For further information on times, prices and fabulous glow in the dark stuff to buy please click here.

Volunteers are needed for the disco. If you are able to help please contact Leigh at mjpsevents@gmail.com

Leigh Marshall, Vice-President
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Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement 2015 (repeat)

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.

Disco Tickets

My child/ren will be attending the United Colours disco on Thursday 22 May.

I wish to pre-order the following ticket:

Single child ($5) OR Family ($8) I enclose $_______

Name of child:_________________________ Class:_______
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Name of child:_________________________ Class:_______

Remember to bring some extra money to buy pizza, drinks, chips & glow in the dark stuff!

Please return this slip & money in an envelope marked “Disco” to your class teacher by Tuesday 20 May.

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