Principal's Report

Learning and Support Team

This week, we are looking closely at how we best allocate resources to support children across the school who have been identified with additional learning needs. All support staff met on Tuesday morning and our executive staff discussed plans for supporting children in each stage team. Children may be supported in a range of ways; through the allocation of human resources such as EAL (English as an additional language) teachers, learning and support teachers, learning and support officers, or school counsellor; or in other ways, such as individual learning plans, technology, specific teaching and learning strategies, targeted professional learning for teachers.

Attendance at School

It is compulsory to attend a school between the ages of 6 years and 17 years of age. The NSW Department of Education monitors attendance by students both on full days and partial attendance. That is arriving late to school or leaving early from school. All absences must have a note of explanation provided to the school within 7 days of the absence.

Students who develop a pattern of non-attendance or miss days regularly will be monitored and may have legal consequences applied. Parents are encouraged to take holidays outside of school times, however if you are planning a holiday during school time where the child will be absent for greater than 10 school days, please complete an exemption form available from the Office. Our teachers mark the rolls on a daily basis first thing in the morning, if your child is even just a few minutes late they need to go to the office for a late note.

School Community Groups

Our school is a vibrant and happening place, not only during school hours but before school, after school and on the weekend. In this newsletter I have listed all the groups, contacts and information in case students wish to participate. Please note there is also a community group noticeboard outside the school office for all these groups to place advertisements or news.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
Assembly Roster in 2015

Assemblies for semester one are as follows. Parents are welcome to attend all assemblies at 2pm in the Hall.

**Term One**
- Week 4 19/2 Minor K-2 Assembly
- Week 5 26/2 Major 3-6 Assembly (6H&6N)
- Week 6 5/3 Major K-2 Assembly (2K&2F)
- Week 7 12/3 Minor 3-6 Assembly
- Week 8 19/3 Minor K-2 Assembly
- Week 9 26/3 Major 3-6 Assembly (6W&5G)
- Week 10 2/4 Easter Hat Parade

**Term Two**
- Week 1 23/4 Minor 3-6 Assembly (ANZAC Service)
- Week 2 30/4 Minor K-2 Assembly
- Week 3 7/5 Major 3-6 Assembly (4G&4B)
- Week 4 14/5 Major K-2 Assembly (2V&2Z)
- Week 5 21/5 Minor 3-6 Assembly
- Week 6 28/5 Minor K-2 Assembly
- Week 7 4/6 Major 3-6 Assembly (5L&5R)
- Week 8 11/6 Major K-2 Assembly (1Z&1G)
- Week 9 18/6 Minor 3-6 Assembly
- Week 10 25/6 Minor K-2 Assembly

**Banking**

Well done to the 44 depositors that banked today, we given you all a bonus reward to celebrate your savings, clear out some of our stock and celebrate Chinese New Year. This term is recruitment term - have a look at the banking page on the P&C website to and let us know if you would like to join us on Tuesday mornings to help count the money.

**Sports Information**

Summer sport begins this week and will continue until Week 9.

Every paid sport with the exception of the PSSA teams will go ahead, even in wet weather. We have moved to a term payment for these sports.

Please ensure your child’s permission note, payment and code of conduct (PSSA only) is returned before Friday.

**This Friday, 20 February:**

**Softball & Cricket**
MJPS v Rainbow St at Heffron Park 1

**AFL:**
MJPS Juniors v Maroubra Bay at Heffron Park (behind the pool)
MJPS Seniors v Banksmeadow at Heffron Park (behind the pool)

Please remember to pay for all sports by the due date

**Year Six Farewell meeting**

Attention to all Year 6 Parents. There will be a meeting at the Coffee Club on Wednesday 18th February at 7.00pm to discuss this years Year 6 farewell.

All welcome. Any questions please contact either Charmaine 0438888807 or Lisa 0408900859.

Look forward to seeing you.

**New Representative Shirts**

Nate and Zac model new sport representative shirts purchased at the end of last year by Year 6 2014 and school funds. These shirts will be worn when students represent the school at zone athletics and cross country carnivals as well as in fun runs and other sporting events.
Wakakirri 2015 (repeat)

Our school would like to enter Wakakirri 2015 – Australia’s search for the best Story-Dance!

Wakakirri is an annual performing arts festival for primary schools. Each year hundreds of schools across Australia perform in Professional Theatres for audiences of family, friends and the official Wakakirri ‘search’ Panel.

A Wakakirri Story Dance is a 3-7 minute performance by a school that theatrically tells a story using a combination of dancing, acting and creative movement to pre-recorded music. Schools can tell any story and use any combination of props, costumes and sets. Wakakirri is wonderful endeavour for schools, proven to develop student’s creative thinking, school pride, teamwork, self worth and life skills. Performing in Wakakirri is an experience students never forget. Schools spend show day rehearsing and meeting other schools and that same night walk the red carpet with the Panel Reps and perform on the big stage. Every school’s story is filmed for Wakakirri TV as part of the search for ‘Story of the Year’.

Rehearsals will begin term 2 and run for 12 weeks on Tuesdays during lunchtime for any interested 3-6 students. Our school will be performing at NIDA Theatre in August. Wakakirri is a non-compulsory extra curricular activity for interested students. Participation numbers are limited and done on a first in first served basis. The total cost per student will be $100. This includes 12 rehearsals with an accredited Wakakirri specialist, costumes, makeup and performance day. Parents can buy tickets to performance day.

A full colour flyer will be sent home with your child soon including online registration details. Registration must be completed by the end of Term 1, 2015.

Afternoon Procedures

Parents are reminded that children are expected to leave the school grounds promptly upon dismissal in the afternoon. They are not permitted to play handball, use the playground equipment or ride bikes and scooters. Parents can assist by ensuring that they too leave the play areas as quickly as possible. Some children are taking a long time to get to kiss & go or to the Care Centre. Parents are asked to reinforce the message with their children that after school is not a play time.

PSSA Code of Conduct

A code of conduct must be signed by children who participate in Primary Schools Sports Association teams and their parents. This is required by the association to reinforce the message about responsible and respectful behaviour as a team member. Code of Conduct notes were sent out with all children this week and they should be signed and returned with permission notes.

Canteen

The current school canteen menu and a link to order online are located on the school web page at the following link:


Extension Greek and Chinese

As in 2014, we will again offer extension Greek and Chinese classes before school on a Thursday from 8.00am. The classes will be taught in the language so children need to be able to understand, even if they are not able to speak fluently. Notes will be sent home with children who have been selected to participate. Participation is optional. Classes commence next week.

On Sale at the Disco

Glow Rings $2 each
Sunnies $4 each
Glow Necklaces, Flashing Wrist Bands $3 each
Hawaiian Leis $3 each
Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the Maroubra Junction Public School Band Program for 2015!!

I’m really excited to build on what we achieved with Senior Band last year and beginning the musical journey of our Junior Band which this year consists of 40 musicians!!

All tutorials and band rehearsals have now started and we are already starting to plan for this terms first performances, including the Junior Band’s first public performance at ‘The Great Hot Cross Bun Festival’.

If you have any problems or questions regarding the band rehearsals and tutorials please don’t hesitate to contact me so I can help in anyway.

Just a reminder of when rehearsals and tutorials are on.

- Senior Band – Wednesday 2.30pm
- Junior Band – Wednesday 8.00am
- Brass tutorials – Wednesday
- Flute Tutorials – Wednesday
- Woodwind Tutorials – Wednesday

Upcoming performance!

The Great Hot Cross Bun Festival – Junior Band – 1st April

What to practise!

- Junior Band – Your conductor and tutors will be setting you your first notes to start practising!
- Senior Band – Evening at the Symphony and Procession of Hero’s.

Practise tip – Aim to practise everyday

Even the best musicians strive to practice their instrument daily. Make practice a part of your daily routine. Determine when the best time for you to practice is. If you skip a practice day, don’t worry, but do try to make up for the missed practice session by extending your practice time for at least 5 minutes for your next session.

Section of the week!

This week it goes to the………Percussion section!!!

Richard Sandham MJPS Program Manager
Maroubra Junction Public School
Community Groups

These groups use and support our school. Please support them.
There is a noticeboard outside the school office for further information about these organisations.

**Guitar Lessons by Contogeorge**
*When*: Tuesday 8.15am—8.50am
*Where*: Library
*Contact*: Cathy
  cathymacmusic@gmail.com

**Academy K Dance**
*When*: Monday 3.30pm—9.00pm
  Thursday 3.30pm—9.00pm
*Where*: School Hall
*Contact*: Katie Player
  info@academyk.com.au

**Keyboard Lessons by VIP Music**
*When*: Wednesday 3.05—4.35pm
*Where*: HB16 6W
*Contact*: 

**Peter Masen Table Tennis**
*When*: Saturday and Sunday
*Where*: School Hall
*Contact*: Peter Masen

**Greek Language Class**
*When*: Monday 3.15pm—4.45pm
*Where*: HB25 4B
*Contact*: Demos Christodoulides

**Karate 4 Inner City Kids**
*When*: Tuesday 3.30pm—4.30pm
  Friday 3.30pm—4.30pm
*Where*: Hall
*Contact*: Mario & Gayle Borg
  0414 902 647
gayleborg@hotmail.com

**Typing 4 Kids**
*When*: Wednesday 7.50am—8.50am
  Wednesday 3.15pm—4.30pm
*Where*: Computer Lab
*Contact*: Judy 0415 445 785
  Typing4kids@silksuccess.com

**Maroubra Chinese School**
*When*: Saturdays 9am—12pm
*Where*: Classrooms
*Contact*: Peter 0468 317 648
  maroubraachineseschool@gmail.com

**LCF Languages**
*When*: Spanish Tuesday 8.00am
  French Thursday 8.00am
*Where*: ESL rooms near Hall
*Contact*: admin@lcfclubs.com.au

Randwick Girls’ High School
OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 3rd March
6.30pm
In the Multi Purpose Centre

- Group tours of whole school
- Meet with staff from all faculties
- Meet and chat with current students
- Individual faculty information stands
- Academic and co-curricular information

T: 9549 3868  F: 9549 7984  E: stratford-high-school@latrobe.edu.au
www.rgs.edu.au

YOU WANT THE BEST FOR YOUR CHILD?
One of the best ways to give them the head start they need is to give them a chance to learn in a setting that offers outstanding opportunities through the HSU and beyond.

FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF WHY OUR HIGH SCHOOL IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR CHILD:
- Explore the Premier Stage program for Year 7-10 2015
- Enjoy a hands-on classroom environment
- Participate in school tours led by our wonderful student ambassadors
- Meet our experienced and dedicated staff and Principal
- Take an academic and career orientation assessment
- Enjoy a BBQ and refreshments
- View our excellent grounds and facilities
MJPS P&C WEBSITE
Did you know the P&C has our own website? We are in the process of updating it and will continue to publish more information about what we do and upcoming events – go to http://www.mjpspandc.com.au/home

WELCOME BBQ and DISCO
Volunteers are needed to help out with cooking, selling food and merchandise, setting up and packing away at the end of the evening – check out our online roster if you are able to help Welcome BBQ and Disco Roster. Food available to purchase on the night:
- Sausage on a roll $2 (Halal also available) Vego pattie on a roll $2
- Soft drink can $2
- Juice pop top $1
- Water $1
- Chips and popcorn also available for purchase
- Glow “merchandise” available for sale on the night

CLASS PARENT SYSTEM
Thank you to everyone who has subscribed to the class parent and newsletter system. If you have not yet had a chance to do so, please sign up here to make sure you get your newsletter and stay informed about what is going on in your children’s classes. Class Parent System Thank you to those who have indicated they would like to be a class parent. We are in the final stages of reviewing the list and will contact you shortly. Class parents are still needed for the following classes:
- 3/4R and 6N

UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE
If you would like to volunteer to work in the uniform shop, please contact Kellie at mjpsuniformshop@gmail.com. If you can’t make it to the uniform shop to purchase your items, please print an order form Uniform Shop Order Form. Fill it out and return it to the office with your payment (cash, cheque only or credit card). Your items will be returned to you via your child. The uniform shop welcomes donations of second hand uniforms, however please refrain from including non-uniform items with your donation. This creates unnecessary work for our hard working volunteers. Orders for winter stock have been placed with our suppliers - updates as to when they will be available in the Uniform Shop will continue via this Newsletter.

For your diary
- Fri 20 February
  - Welcome Barbecue and Disco
- Thurs 5 March
  - P&C Meeting 7pm
Karen Birrell, President mjpspandc@gmail.com

Community News Disclaimer Maroubra Junction Public School as a service to parents will advertise community events which may be of interest. MJPS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organization of these events.