Principal’s Report

Update on Shade Sails

Following last week’s announcement of the new shade sails, there is further fantastic news. Last Wednesday evening, the Care Centre committee met and voted to fund the remaining $12,000 of the shade sails. Complementing the $5,000 from Year 6 2014, this now means that the shade sails have been purchased without any school funds allowing the school to fund other teaching and learning programs in the school. A huge thanks to the Care Centre for their generosity towards the school. We value the partnership very highly.

Ethics

A call out for any interested parents to become a Kindergarten Ethics teacher on Thursdays. Ethics is a growing and important part of our school, complementing our wonderful Scripture services each week. If you think you can assist the school on Thursday’s, please see the item later in this newsletter. Thanks.

Dogs on School Grounds

Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) prohibits dogs on school grounds except where the principal gives permission. Please ensure that dogs do not enter the school grounds either before or after school.

Parking around the School

We understand that with a school of over 660 students, parking is always going to be an issue. Parents are asked to be considerate of others and obey the council regulations when parking or dropping off. In particular;
- No double parking on Storey St
- Limiting the Storey St parking to less than 10 minutes during drop off times
- Ensuring Loch Maree (school side) is for Kiss’n’Go only in the afternoons

We thank the vast majority of parents who do the right thing each morning and afternoon.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
Stage Newsletters Term 1 (repeat)
To find out what exciting learning is happening in each year this term please check out the great online newsletters.

Kindergarten
Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)
Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)

ANZAC Day Slide Show
With the Anniversary coming up soon, we are looking at making our assembly extra special this year. If anyone has a family member past or present who has served or is currently serving in the Defence Forces could you please email a photo along with details of who they were, what they did, where they served and whose relative they were, for inclusion in the slide show to be shown at the ANZAC day service.
The cut off date to have them included in the slide show is Friday 27th March.

Email all photos to matthew.ackerman@det.nsw.edu.au

Banking
What a big week of student banking it was this week - 74 depositors banked nearly $800 dollars! We suspect that there were Chinese New Year red envelops saved for this week's deposits by some students. We also signed on 5 new student bankers and have another 5 which will be processed in the next week. If you have submitted a form to the office in the last few weeks, these are now with the CBA for processing and your child should receive a deposit book and account details next week.
HELP!!! We are actively recruiting volunteers to help! If there are any Kindy parents who are keen to get involved in the school and want to know more about what's involved in being a banking volunteer, either email the School Banking email address at mjps.studentbanking@gmail.com, or meet up with us in person outside the School office on Tuesday's at 9.00am.

The Student Banking Team

Debating Trials
Debating trials will be held on Tuesday 10/3/15 at 1.10pm in 5L classroom. Any Year 5 and 6 students interested in debating must attend these trials for selection. Students will be given an impromptu topic on the day. Speeches should be no more than 3 minutes.

More Information: Mrs Livermore, Ms Ho

Government High School Information
Last week all Year 6 students received an Expression of Interest form for placement in Year 7, 2016 for government high schools.
These forms are due back at school by Friday 20 March 2015. Every student needs to return this form by this due date regardless if your child is attending a government high school or not.
Please contact Miss Noble if you are having difficulty in completing the form.

More Information: Miss Noble

Selective High School Test for Year 7 2016
Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2016 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.30pm on Thursday 12 March 2015.
The test centre is:
South Sydney High School
Paine St
MAROUBRA NSW 2035

National Parks
Years 3 & 4 are looking at National Parks and it is Parks Week next week. Students may like to check out the National Parks website

Sports Information

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, 6 March:

**Softball & Cricket**
M.J.P.S v Matraville Soldiers Settlement at Heffron Park 2

**AFL**
MJPS v Malabar at Heffron Park (behind the pool)

*Please remember to pay for all PSSA sports by Thursday.*

Last week’s results

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Sports Stars

Well done Ethan F, Matthew G. and Brayden H. who made the Zone Rugby League Team last week. We also had Nicole I., Finn G, Emilio V. and Zach R. make the Zone Soccer Team.

All of these athletes will now trial against the Sydney Coastal Zone to make the married team. Congratulations to all these students.

Year Six Farewell meeting

Attention to all Year 6 Parents. The next meeting to discuss this year’s Year 6 farewell will be held at the Coffee Club on Thursday 12th March at 7.00pm.

All welcome. Any questions please contact either Charmaine 0438888807 or Lisa 0408900859.
Maroubra Junction Public School Band Program

Get Practising!
Now that band and tutorials are in full swing let’s get practising!
Both Junior and Senior Band have now had a great couple of rehearsals, with all the tutorials underway. Senior Band now have all of their music for term one and have just been entered in the NSW Band Festival for Term 3.
All Junior Band students have been going really well and have had their music set by their tutors and Band Conductor.
Everyone should have a book and instrument now. If for some reason you still do not have a book or an instrument please don’t hesitate to contact me so we can fix this ASAP.

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

What to practise!
Senior Band – Monster Rock, Procession of Hero’s and Somewhere Out There!

Practise tip – Never forget your finger exercises and warm-ups.
Finger exercises and other form of warm-ups are crucial if you want to be a good player. Not only will it make your hands and fingers more flexible, it will also reduce the danger of injuries. Every instrument player must do warm-ups first before playing or performing. You won’t run a marathon without stretching first, right? The same principle applies to playing an instrument.

Section of the week!
This week it goes to the……..Low Brass section!!!

Richard Sandham
MJPS Program Manager
Our next P&C meeting will be this Thursday 5 March at 7pm in the library. The agenda will include:
- the role of the class parent; and
- changes to Uniform Shop trading hours on a Tuesday.

Tea, coffee and sweet treats will be provided.
Please note that only members of the P&C are able to vote on various decisions made at the meetings – bring along your $2 to the next meeting to join or provide $2 in an envelope to the office clearly marked “P&C Treasurer” with your name and email address.

Class Parents
Class Parents play a valuable role as a communication link between the school, teacher and the parents. Your class parent:

Supports your class and their teacher by
- Communicating information from your class teacher by email, as and when they request. This allows your teacher to focus on your children – by allowing them to communicate the needs of the class to one person for dissemination to all parents that have signed up for email updates from the class parent.
- helping your class teacher organise volunteer help from parents by communicating when help is required, some of these volunteer activities may include and are not limited to;
- listening to students read,
- helping with costumes for performances,
- assistance with excursions
- Helping you get to know other parents in the class by organising social activities
- Sharing your contact details with other parents where you have given permission to do so

Supports the school by
- supporting your class teacher as detailed above
- helping to communicate whole school messages as directed by the school admin and school executive
- advising you how to ask the school when they don’t know the answer to your question

Supports the P&C by
- helping you to communicate back to the P&C executive where you are not able to do so yourself using existing channels such as Facebook, google groups, email or meetings.

Class Parent Lists
Lists are still being finalised. These will be sent out to the Class Parents shortly.

Easter Raffle
We’ve all seen the Hot Cross Buns for sale - so Easter is around the corner! Our Easter Raffle is a great fundraiser for the School and an exciting part of the celebrations. For now, we just need some volunteers to help package and stamp the Raffle Ticket books, so they can be sent home with the students in plenty of time to be sold to friends and family.
If you could spare an hour or two on Thursday or Friday during the school day, please email mjpspandc@gmail.com to confirm your availability. Please also email if you are willing to help by packaging and stamping some at home, in case we need extra help. Huge thanks for your support.

Athlete’s Foot
Do the kids need new footy or soccer boots before the season kicks off? Head to Athlete’s Foot at Eastgardens and tell them you’re from Maroubra Junction Public School – they will donate $5 to MJPS from each pair of shoes purchased – whether they’re for Mum, Dad, or the kids!

Karen Birrell, President
mjpspandc@gmail.com

Ethics Class:

Parent volunteer needed (repeat)

Ethics classes are currently only available to years 1-6 because we do not have a volunteer teacher available to teach Kindergarten. We would love to be able to offer this opportunity to Kindergarten students as well. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are fully trained and supported by Primary Ethics to deliver an age-appropriate DET approved curriculum every week and are provided with accompanying learning and teaching materials. It is a fantastic way to work with our school and interact with students in a meaningful way.
The classes are held mid morning on Thursdays. So, if you are free on Thursdays, enjoy discussing ethics related issues and might be interested in becoming a volunteer ethics teacher, please contact Julie Noonan, our volunteer parent ethics coordinator at julie.noonan@optusnet.com.au or go to www.primaryethics.com.au and click on the link ‘Become an ethics teacher’ to find our more.