Harmony Day

On Thursday 19th March we will celebrating Harmony Day with our sister school La Perouse Public School. Students are to wear mufti on the day with an orange theme for harmony. A gold coin donation is asked for the mufti with money raised going towards our school’s World Vision sponsorship child. Students will also be allowed to purchase a sausage sandwich for lunch at a cost of $2. Just bring the money on the day. Further information regarding the day including the activities planned will come home this week.

ANZAC Day images

Thank you to the families that have submitted images and stories with reference to our ANZAC day presentation. There is still time to share your family stories and images, please see the item further in this newsletter.

Fee Statement

A statement of fees has been sent home this week. Any family having financial difficulty at this time should contact the Principal. Thank you to the families that have already paid their accounts.

In Week 9 we hope to send home a Term 2 statement listing all the activities planned in the term. We hope that this will assist families in their financial planning.

Tell Them From Me survey

The Tell Them From Me student survey is now open for students in Years 4,5 and 6. Usernames and passwords have been to teachers for students that have permission to complete the survey. Students will complete the survey before the end of the term. These surveys should give the school fantastic information about student engagement as well as teaching and learning practices—all part of our 2015 school plan. Results will be available early term two.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
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.

This Friday, 13 March:

Softball
M.J.P.S v Daceyville at Heffron Park 1

Cricket
M.J.P.S will play a Friendly as Daceyville does not have a team at Heffron Park 1

AFL
MJPS v Banksmeadow at Heffron Park (behind the pool)

Please remember to pay for all PSSA sports by Thursday.

Last week’s results

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MJPS Cross Country (repeat)

Start doing those beach runs and hill sprints because the Annual MJPS Cross Country Carnival is coming up. The carnival will be held on Friday May 1 (Term 2, Week 1) at Latham Park (9:30am to 12:30pm).

8/9’s and 10’s will run 2km.

11’s and 12’s will run 3km.

Students are strongly encouraged to start training. Teachers will be organising optional afternoon training sessions for students starting in Week 8.

ANZAC Day Slide Show (repeat)

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

Parent Interviews Term One

All classes (with the exception of KS and 2Z) will be having Parent Interviews this term. Details on times and how parents can book online will be sent home on Monday.

Banking

80 depositors today deposited nearly $800. With the bank matching 5% of that as a donation to the school we should have a nice amount at the end of the year. New reward sheets were given out last week, if you missed out, pick one up at the office. We are recruiting coordinators - have a look at the banking page on the P&C website for more info and let us know if you would like to join us on Tuesday mornings to help count the money.

The Student Banking Team

Government High School Information (repeat)

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.
The P&C had a wonderful meeting last Thursday night where we voted to contribute and additional $2,400 towards the sister school relationship with La Perouse Public School. At the next meeting the school’s wish list will be further discussed. The school is requesting that the P&C contribute $40,000 to the installation of artificial turf on the landscape area. The installation of the turf will provide more useable space for our children and meet the needs of our growing school. This will be discussed further at our next meeting on Thursday 26 March. (Note the change of date due to Easter Holidays).

Easter Raffle & Hat Parade
Even though the hot cross buns have been on sale since the beginning of the year, Easter is now on its way. Get involved with the MJPS Easter celebrations as follows:

- A K-2 Easter Hat Parade to be held 2 April (parents, it’s time to get the hot glue guns, fluffy chicks and sequins out!)
- A chocolate egg-sized egg for each child; and
- An Easter raffle (drawn 2 April).

A book of 10 raffle tickets will be sent home with each of your children soon. Tickets are $1 each and all funds raised will benefit the school. Please donate chocolate egg sized eggs to help the Easter Bunny reach all the kids at MJPS. Donations can be left at the office.

We are also seeking donations for raffle prizes. Below are suggested items:

- Kindy and Year 1 please donate chocolates or gourmet food
- Years 2 and 3 please donate something for kids
- Years 4 and 5 please donate something for mums
- Year 6 please donate something for dads

That should cover everyone that might win a prize! Thank you in advance for helping your generous donations.

State Election BBQ
MJPS has been confirmed as a polling place for the upcoming State election on Saturday 28th March. We would like to hold a BBQ and cake stall throughout polling day and we need your help to maximise the benefit to our kids. You can help in one of two ways:

1. Get baking! Donate a cake, slice, muffins, cupcakes or a yummy treat to sell at the stall
2. You have to be there anyway to vote, so help out for just an hour after you vote. You can choose from selling cakes, selling BBQ items or cooking items. We appreciate that everyone is busy however we are only asking for 1 hour of your time so we can get the most out of this opportunity. Please go to http://www.mjpspandc.com.au/c/events/electionbbqroster to sign up.

Uniform Shop
Uniform Shop Roster Co-ordinator – VACANT POSITION
We require a committed and organised volunteer to take on the role of Uniform Shop Roster Co-ordinator. The primary role of the Roster co-ordinator is to prepare the roster for the uniform shop and ensure that it is adequately staffed, and managing changes in the roster as they come to hand. If you are interested in helping the Uniform Shop please email Karen on mjpspandc@gmail.com.

Uniform Shop Change of Hours
At our last P&C meeting, members approved a change to the Uniform Shop hours on a Tuesday. The uniform shop will now be opened on a Tuesday afternoon from 2:00pm – 2:30pm. This change has been driven by the need to allow volunteers time to adequately complete paperwork, clean up and return the key to the office prior to pick up. Additionally, volunteers will be closing the door to the uniform shop in accordance with the advertised closing time. Customers in the uniform shop will be continue to be served, however customers waiting outside will be directed to complete an order form and to return this form to the office.

The date on which these changes will take place will be advertised in the Newsletters.

Winter Uniform Stock
Our suppliers have advised us that winter stock will be arriving shortly. Once stock has arrived we will advise you via the newsletter.

Karen Birrell, President
mjpspandc@gmail.com
EASTER HAT PARADE & RAFFLE

THURSDAY APRIL 2ND
K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE (JUST AFTER DROP OFF)

ALL SCHOOL EASTER RAFFLE
A CHOCOLATE EGG-SIZED EGG FOR EVERY CHILD

Please donate chocolate egg sized eggs to help out the Easter Bunny.
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Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

STATE ELECTION BBQ & CAKE STALL

Sat March 28th 8am - 4pm

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We need your help to make the most of this fantastic fundraising opportunity for our kids.
1. Plan to Bake: Donate a cake, slice, muffins, cupcakes or a yummy treat to sell at the stall.
2. When you come to vote, help out for just an hour afterwards. Help to Serve or to BBQ.

Please give us just 1 hour of your time.
Sign up at MJPSandC.com.au on the online Roster.