**Principal’s Report**

**Harmony Day**

Don’t forget tomorrow (Thursday) is our Harmony Day. Get your mufti gear out with a splash of orange and bring in your gold coins. $1 goes towards our World Vision sponsor child and $2 if students would like a sausage sizzle for lunch.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Most classes would have received their login information for the Parent Teacher Interviews coming up over the next weeks. For those missing the information I have attached it to the end of this newsletter. A reminder that 2Z and KS interviews will be held next term.

**Anaphylaxis e-Training**

This week all staff have completed a mandatory e-training in anaphylaxis. This session ensures that all staff are up to date in their knowledge and treatment of anaphylaxis.

**Teacher Professional Learning Experience**

As part of our sister school relationship with La Perouse Public School, on Monday we had 11 staff members travel to La Perouse as an induction to a new teaching partnership. This professional learning experience will enable our staff to observe and teach at La Perouse and gain valuable tools in their teaching bag of skills, whilst at the same time allowing La Perouse staff to observe and teach at MJPS. This is a wonderful initiative and staff at both schools are very excited about the year ahead. Stay tuned for more information next term.

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, 20 March:

Softball & Cricket
M.J.P.S v Banksmeadow at Nagel Park

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

Please remember to pay for all PSSA sports by Thursday.

Sports Stars

We hope that our swimmers do themselves and the school proud at the Regional Swimming Carnival that is being held tonight.

The Senior AFL Team is also competing in the Paul Kelly Cup. If they reach the final in today’s competition they will progress onto the regional tournament.

Congratulations goes to Nicola I. who made the Married Girls Soccer Team. She will now compete at the Sydney East Trials.

Well done also to Ethan F, Brayden H. and Matthew G. who made the Married Rugby League Team. These boys will now show their skills off at the Sydney East Competition.

Chase D, Matthew G and Dennis H won the Grand final at AFL Regional against Balmain Sth Sydney! Go boys!

ANZAC Day Slide Show (repeat)

We have had approximately a dozen students and staff forward images and information relating to family experiences in the defence forces. A huge thank you to those families. We still have time if you are still researching family members.

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

The student banking team is delighted to welcome some new volunteers to the group! Tika and Lydia joined regulars Nelly and Davina to process this week's student deposits, and with 75 students depositing more than $700, and 10 rewards distributed, the additional help is welcomed! If you’d like to be part of the team, send us an email to mjps.studentbanking@gmail.com, or meet us in the office at 9am on Tuesday mornings.

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.

More Information: Miss Noble

KISS & GO

Parents may register to use the kiss & go zone for afternoon pick-ups at the following link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YXYH2GD

If you are already registered, there is no need to re-register.
Maroubra Junction Public School Band Program

Where to find information?
Did you know that the Directions In Music Website has a page specially dedicated to your school!
This is a great way of keeping up to date with what’s going on with the school band.
On the website you will find all the information you need regarding what you should be working on and any upcoming performances.
We also have an online shop so if you need any accessories such as reeds or valve oil you can order them online.
Visit our website at - www.directionsinmusic.com.au

Upcoming performance!
The Great Hot Cross Bun Festival – Junior Band – 1st April
Assembly Performance – Senior Band – 19th March

What to practise!
Junior Band – Junior Band have now progressed onto page 8 of your Tradition of Excellence book.
Senior Band – Monster Rock, Procession of Hero's and Somewhere Out There!

Practise tip – Practice for at least 20 minutes daily!
Why 20 minutes? I find that this is a manageable time for beginners, it’s not too short that you get nothing done and not too long that you end up feeling bored. Devote 5 minutes for warm-ups and 5 minutes for cool downs, just like a regular exercise. As your interest grows you’ll find that your daily practice time will also extend.

Section of the week!
This week it goes to the........ Trumpet section!!!

Richard Sandham
MJPS Program Manager
MJPS Cross Country

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 April 24 (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.

Races will be run in descending order of age, with the 12’s starting at approximately 10 am.

Students are strongly encouraged to start training. Due to time constraints and Parent / Teacher Interviews, staff accompanied training sessions will not be run this term.

Training will start in Term 2 in preparation for the Zone Carnival (15/5).

Mr Wiblen is seeking parent helpers to assist in the running of the carnival. Please see Mr Wiblen or return the letter of interest listed below.

I ___________________________ am willing to assist in the Maroubra Junction Cross Country Carnival.

I can help out for all of the carnival / some of the carnival (please indicate)

9:45—11am or 11am—12:30pm

My contact details are: ______________________________ (Mob) or ______________________________________ (email)

My child is _____________________ of class ______.
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 26 March in the school library. (Note the change of date due to Easter Holidays). At this 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.

**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. Cake boxes will be available from the office from Friday. There will also be helpers handing them out next week to those in the Kiss n Go line. Please list the ingredients on the box provided (or attach to your baked goods). Please avoid food items that require continuous refrigeration as we have limited access on the day of the election.
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 [Election BBQ and cake stall roster](#) 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.

**Changes in Uniform Shop 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**

Bomber jackets have arrived!!! Winter stock will continue to arrive in the next week so watch this space!!!!

Thanks to the behind the scene helpers responsible for updating the P&C website and creating posters. It is greatly appreciated.

Karen Birrell, President
mjpspandc@gmail.com
STATE ELECTION
BBQ & CAKE STALL

Sat March 28th 8am - 4pm

MJPS has been confirmed as a polling place!

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 MJSPandC.com.au on the online Roster.

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

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Donations can be left at the office.
Thank you in advance for your generous donations.
Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

Online bookings will OPEN at 5pm today and CLOSE on Friday March 27, 2015.

Enter the school event code for your child's grade:

- **YEARS 1-6**: CGFX6
- **KINDERGARTEN**: J6WLY

Then follow the 3 simple steps:

1. **Enter your details**
2. **Choose teachers**
3. **Choose times**

When you click ‘finish’ your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. Check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time and change your interviews until bookings close. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made the original booking.

For those parents who do not have internet access at home, please come let the school office know.