Harmony Day Wrap

Thanks to everyone for a fantastic Harmony Day last week. A big thanks to Mr Fitz and Miss Boyne for organising the days events, to the BBQ team for a great lunch, to Mr Elletson and the La Perouse kids for sharing the day and to all the MJPS students who looked great in their orange. We have helped our World Vision child with $560 and the remaining $1000 will go to the Red Cross to assist in the Vanuatu cyclone appeal. Details of the appeal can be found here. Any costs associated with the day have been paid for by the school, ensuring 100% of funds raised go towards worthy causes.

Cricket Fever hits MJPS

Today our school played host to a national funding announcement of a new sports in schools program. Announced by the Federal Minister for Health and Sport, Ms Sussan Ley, other attendees included David Warner, Steven Smith, Alyssa Healy and Gurinder Sandhu. KA under the coaching of Miss Carlon, have been trialling this new cricket program and had a lot of fun playing with the Australian cricketers today. Our senior cricketers also caught up with their idols and got a few photos and autographs. Keep an eye out in the media for any photos or news story about the program, it was certainly a fantastic morning. A Cricket photo album has been put together on our website.

Election BBQ

Check out all the information in this newsletter about the Election BBQ. Last Election over 4,500 people came to vote—we would love your help with the cakes, drinks or BBQ. An hour would be great. Thanks to all those that have offered.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
Band Committee

We are looking for some enthusiastic and interested parents who have children in the band this year to form a band committee. The band committee will assist Directions in Music with organising and the general running of the band. We will meet on a monthly basis to discuss items that will assist the band to achieve their goals.

If you are interested, please click on this link to find out more. http://www.mjpspandc.com.au/c/music

Or contact Mary Stamatellis

Regards
Mary Stamatellis

School Photos

Our 2015 school photo day has been scheduled for Tuesday 28 May.
Pre order envelopes will be sent home in Week 1 Term 2. Envelopes will need to be returned to your child’s class teacher by photo day.
If you also require a sibling photo to be taken, please collect a separate family order envelope from the front office.

Banking

Next week is the last week of banking for this term, keep depositing for your chance to go into the draw for the Disneyland prize. This week we banked around $600 and ordered 8 rewards. If you’d like to be part of the school banking team meet us in the office around 9am on Tuesday mornings.

The Student Banking Team

Wakakirri

52 students have so far registered and paid to attend the Wakakirri dance festival this year. A fantastic result.
Remember that registrations close at the end of this term, with rehearsals starting Week 2 next term.

It’s not too late to register—go to www.wakakirri.com and click on Parent registrations. Parents need to pay the $100 fee to register.

Book Bonus 2015

After a successful solo mission in 2014, Sophia C in Year 4 is looking for some team mates to join her in 2015. We are encouraging any Year 4 student who wants to join Sophia with the Book Bonus challenge to register at https://bookbonus2015.everydayhero.com/au/mjpssawesomenessness or ask Sophia how you can help raise money for charity and books for the school.

Parking

We have often reported on some car parking behaviours and this week we focus on the Kiss’n’Go area (school side) of Loch Maree St.

It is appreciated by all students, parents and staff if parents obey the street signs which indicate that;

- In the morning, cars should not be left unattended between 8.30am and 9.00am. This time is for unloading of students only, parents wishing to park and go into the school should use alternate areas.
- In the afternoon, cars should not be left unattended between 2.30pm and 4.00pm. This time is for cars to line up for the school Kiss’n’Go service only.

Whilst we often hear that “I am just going to get my son/ daughter and be straight back”, not only is this frustrating for the rest of the cars trying to do the right thing it is also against council regulations and parents can be booked.

Please remember that in a school of 669 students, car parking for drop offs and pick ups is always going to be major issue and we all need to work together in the safety interests of our children. Thanks for your support.

KISS & GO

Parents may register to use the kiss & go zone for afternoon pick-ups at the following link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YXVH2GD
If you are already registered, there is no need to re-register.
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, 27 March:

Softball and Cricket
M.J.P.S v Malabar at Heffron Park 1

AFL
MJPS v South Coogee 1 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

Congratulations to Matt G (U11’s) and Ethan F (Opens) for their selection into the 37 person SEPSSA squad following the Robert Stone Memorial Rugby League Carnival. A fantastic achievement from 2 very talented rugby league players.

South Sydney High School
Year 5&6 Enrichment Program

South Sydney High School is running an enrichment program for Stage 3 students, during Term 2. The program will run on Wednesdays at South Sydney High School commencing on Wednesday 6 May - Wednesday 24 June. Students from different primary schools are invited to be part of this program, where they take part in workshops based on higher-order thinking skills, problem-solving and inquiry based learning.

The program is designed for gifted students and creative thinkers who are able to work collaboratively, have enthusiasm for learning and taking on new challenges. Maroubra Junction has been asked to nominate 3 students in Stage 3 to be part of this program. If you would like your child to be considered for this program please submit the following to Miss Noble by Wednesday 1 April.

Parent and Student Support Statement

Present an outline of your child’s suitability for the Enrichment Program. You may wish to include details of your child’s special interests that may evidence higher order thinking skills and any academic results or certificates e.g. UNSW ICAS.

This outline must be no more than one page.

Based on this information as well as the child’s most recent NAPLAN report, a committee of the Principal, Stage 3 Assistant Principal and Stage 3 teachers will select 3 candidates.

Parents will need to provide transport to and from SSHS. Further information will be provided to selected students in Week 1, Term 2.

Miss Noble
Stage 3 Assistant Principal

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Harmony Day

Last week our La Perouse friends joined us to celebrate Harmony Day. At MJPS we RESPECT everyone’s differences and Harmony Day gives us the opportunity to celebrate a wide array of cultures.

Early Stage 1 joined for some outdoor games.

Stage 1 made some Harmony Day badges.

Stage 2 played Greek Trivial Pursuit.

Stage 3 painted their faces to express their diversity.

Stage 3 got their grove on with some African drumming.

Stage 2 played some movement games to practise their Mandarin.
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.

______________________________ 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.

P&C Mufti Day
Reminder that Wednesday 1 April is the Term 1 Mufti Day. For those wearing mufti please provide a gold coin donation.

Uniform Shop
Uniform Shop Roster Co-ordinator
Thankyou to Kiran Thwaites for volunteering to be the Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator. You are interested in helping out in the Uniform Shop please email mjpspandc@gmail.com.

To all those offering support, advice and assistance in the lead up to the Election and on the day of a BIG THANKYOU from the P&C Executive.

Karen Birrell, President
mjpspandc@gmail.com
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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 MJPSandC.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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Thank you in advance for your generous donations.