**Principal’s Report**

**Election Day Wrap**

Our school enjoyed a very successful Election Day BBQ and cake stall on Saturday. A huge thanks to all the parents who baked, cooked sausages and bacon, sold drinks and cakes or helped out in any way. Your generosity shows what a great school we have here at MJPS. A massive thanks to Karen Birrell and Mary-Anne Hatzinkolaou who were fantastic in organising this event and put in many hours on Saturday to ensure its success. A special thanks to Kathy in the School Office for opening the school at 6.30am and closing at 5pm. Thank you everyone. More details can be found in the P&C report.

**Parent Interviews**

Thank you to all the parents that have been able to attend parent interviews over the last 2 weeks. I hope that the experience was a positive one and gave some direction for the remainder of the year. Thanks to the staff for making themselves available over many nights.

**Term One—where did it go?**

This week marks the end of term one. It only seems like yesterday that we welcomed 660 students to 2015, including 105 Kindergarten students. Looking around it seems that everyone has put in 100% this term and is in need of a much deserved break. We have had a fantastic term, perhaps highlighted by inclusive events such as the Welcome Disco, Harmony Day and Swimming Carnival.

I thank all the staff for their professionalism, dedication and caring nature. They are simply the best I have ever worked with. I often hear positive stories about our teachers by parents, so please know that you are valued. Thanks to our parents for being part of our learning community. This is a shared journey and we value your role immensely. Lastly, thanks to our students. What a wonderful bunch of kids who try their personal best each and every day. Rest up kids, term two is just around the corner…

Have a great break everyone.

Matt Ackerman  
Principal (rel)

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**Quick Links**

Keep an eye out for our 2014 Annual School Report and 2015-2017 School Plan to be published on our website over the holidays.
School Photos
Our 2015 school photo day has been scheduled for Tuesday 28 April.
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
What a fabulous effort from our school bankers again this week. The School Banking Team processed 73 deposits amounting to more than $600. That’s a lot of show bags at the Royal Easter Show! We also have 84 students who are eligible to claim their rewards and there are some great new reward items becoming available in term 2. In addition to the ET DVD and Planet handball from term 1 (which have proved very popular), an Invisible Ink Martian Pen and an Intergalactic Rocket are on the order form. Additional rewards sheets are available in the office, or leave us a request for one in the deposit book next term.

School banking starts up again week 1 term 2. Enjoy your Easter holidays! The Student Banking Team

Term 2 Statements
Early next term, parents will be sent a detailed statement of activities in term two. This will allow parents to see what is happening in the term and to plan payments accordingly.
Parents have the option of paying in one instalment for all children, or in instalments if they prefer. Parents are encouraged to discuss these options with office staff. As always, parents wishing to discuss alternative financial arrangements should make an appointment with the Principal.

We hope that these new statements will make it easier for parents to financially plan their term.

In term two, the statements will reflect:
- Kindergarten—Gymnastics ($44)+Art ($9) = $53
- Year 1—Gymnastics ($44)+Rouse Hill ($35)+Art ($9) = $88
- Year 2—Gymnastics ($44)+Tramway ($23)+Recorder ($5)+Art ($9) = $81
- Year 3—National Park ($25)+Art ($9) = $34
- Year 4—National Park ($25)+Art ($9) = $34
- Year 5—Maritime Museum ($17)+Art ($9) = $26
- Year 6—Art ($9) = $9

Please note Stage 3 also have Camp $275 which will be invoiced separately.

The $9 Art fee is for a specialised art lesson being delivered to each classroom in term 2.

If parents have any questions about activities or costings, they should approach the relevant Assistant Principal.

Kindergarten Assistant Principal
Mrs Carmeli is on leave until the end of Week 3 next term. Mrs Andreu will be the relieving Assistant Principal responsible for Kindergarten in her absence. Please direct any concerns you have in regards to Kindergarten, that the class teacher cannot help you with, to Mrs Andreu.

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/mjpsawesomenessness or ask Sophia how you can help raise money for charity and books for the school.
Jake S from 4G has also registered, you can support him here, https://bookbonus2015.everydayhero.com/au/jake
Sports Information

Last week was the final round of sport this term.

Please finalise any outstanding payments.

PSSA Winter Sport Trials

Trials for rugby league, soccer and netball will be held in week 1 next term.

Please ensure that students wishing to trial bring the appropriate sports uniform and equipment.

Mouth guards will be required to trial for rugby league.

Senior trials will be held on Wednesday 22 April

Junior trials will be held on Thursday 23 April

Last week’s results

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Sports Stars

Congratulations to Ella K who came first in 50mtrs Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke at the recent Regional swimming carnival. We congratulate her for these achievements, I know her family is very proud of her. Well done, Ella.

Libby Gleeson visits!

On the 24 of March 2015 the famous author Libby Gleeson came to our school and gave an inspirational presentation to year 6 and read us some of her book Mahtab’s story a book based on the tale of one girl whose family had come to Australia from Afghanistan after her father was under the threat of arrest. Libi Gleeson has written 40 books including ‘Banjo and Ruby Red, Amy and Louie (also known as: Half a world away), the Hannah series, Mahtab’s story and a series on WW2. Libby Gleeson told us that most of her stories are based on real things that happened to kids like the motivation behind her award winning picture book Amy and Louie. Libby Gleeson then gave us some important tips for anyone who dreams of being an author. Tip 1: “As the author you think you need to tell the illustrator what to do but they are professional artists and they have their own ideas.” Tip 2: “For a dramatic paragraph use short sentence, make the character question themselves, use statements that are uncertain, do something to distract the characters mind and use all senses.”

Year 6 really enjoyed this inspirational visit and will enjoy reading her works of fictional art.

By Elana T 6N

Classes@TheJunction

This week we start looking at our classes that we have here at Maroubra Junction Public School. Each week we will have a different class or program to showcase what is happening in each room.

Our first week is 1SA, a big thanks to Mrs Abeni and Ms Mather for showing what is happening in Science.
Investigating our unit on Schoolyard Safari. We were very excited to look at Worms and Crickets in our science lesson. The students were very clever in drawing and labelling their diagrams.
Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has donated raffle prizes and eggs for the kids – we even had enough eggs to make a delivery to our friends at La Perouse and our lovely office staff. A big thank you to all the wonderful ladies who helped to arrange the raffle prizes and eggs on Tuesday morning. We can’t wait to see all the infants kids in their Easter hats!

There will 17 fantastic prizes to win so please make sure you get your tickets (sold and unsold) and money into the office by **9am this Thursday** as the raffle will be drawn straight after the Easter hat parade, which begins at 9.15am. Three of the prizes are on display in the office.

If any parents and/or carers are available to deliver eggs to the classes during the hat parade please email Karen Birrell mjpspandc@gmail.com.

Election BBQ and Cake Stall

Thank you to all of those involved in the Election BBQ and Cake Stall – after a slow start we completely sold out! To all the sellers, cooks and bakers a big thank you. A few statistics for the mathematically minded – we sold 500 sausages, 280 rashers of bacon and in excess of 120 eggs. At the end of the day we even ran out of gas (thankfully after all produce was cooked). A special mention to Kathy from the office who so kindly opened the school for the “set up team” at 6:30am on Saturday.

Uniform Shop

Winter uniform will begin in Week 3 of Term 2 - Monday 4 May.

Boys will wear:
- long grey trousers and long sleeved white polo shirt with school crest (normal uniform); or
- green tracksuit pants and long sleeved red polo shirt with school crest (sports uniform).

Girls will wear:
- long checked trousers and long sleeved white polo shirt with school crest (normal uniform); or
- a winter tunic with long sleeved white polo shirt underneath with school crest (normal uniform); or
- green tracksuit pants and long sleeved red polo shirt with school crest (sports uniform).

Have a safe Easter and enjoyable holiday.

Karen Birrell, President
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