Principal’s Report

2014 Annual School Report

Parents and community members are encouraged to download and read the Maroubra Junction Public School Annual School Report for 2014. This document looks at our school finances, NAPLAN data, school initiatives and reports on our targets for 2014. Please take the time to have a read online. Limited printed copies are available in the office.

Term Statement of Accounts—

Band Fees

There has been plenty of positive discussion regarding the term statements that have been sent home recently. Parents that have misplaced or not received their statement should ring the school office on 9349 8333 and ask for a reprint or a total so that they can pay.

Those students in the school band also would have noticed the $100 fee on their statement. This is separate to the tuition fees from Directions in Music and refers to the instrument hire and care that our school is responsible for. The fee is $25 per term or $100 for the year. Students with their own instruments do not have to pay this fee.

RAW ART in our classrooms

This week all classes will have experienced an art lesson from the team at Raw Art. Teachers have all chosen different workshops and students will be taught a variety of skills that will then be put into practice for the Art Show at the end of the year. Ask your child what they have done with Raw Art this week! The $9 cost was reflected in all term statements.

NAPLAN week

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NAPLAN will take place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Have a great week everyone.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
Banking
The Banking Team deposited over $800 this week! What great savers we have amongst the MJPS Students. We also signed up another 4 new bankers. Welcome on board!!

If you have any questions on the student banking program, or would like to volunteer to help out on a Tuesday, we'd love to hear from you. Our email address is mjps.studentbanking@gmail.com, or meet us in the school reception area on Tuesdays at around 9.00am.

Davina & Kelly

Book Bonus Update
Well done Jake - currently 3rd in the top fundraisers & Soph – currently 5th. The top 5 fundraisers earn their school a bonus $1000 worth of books.

Welcome Cyrus and Lara to the team, the more team members the better because the top 5 fundraising schools also get a bonus $1000 in books for the school. If you’re thinking about joining don’t wait – join now on the team page, alternatively please share the page with friends and family and donate to one of the team members yourself.

100% of your donation goes to the school. Another 50% to a needy school in NSW – Our sister school La Perouse PS has been a beneficiary in previous years. What a great way to support both schools.

Huge thanks to everyone that has donated so far, we are almost a third of the way to our target.

Opportunity Class (OC) (repeat)
Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving Year 5 and 6 academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Parents normally apply when the students are in Year 4. Students who are placed then attend the opportunity class full-time in Years 5 and 6 at the primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program. In the majority of cases, students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with an opportunity class.

There is no provision to apply for Year 6 placement only. For further information in other languages see:

For an Aboriginal perspective of selective high schools and opportunity classes refer to:

Parents apply online from the Unit’s website at the following link: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement and read the instructions carefully. You will register to receive a password and then log in to complete the application and submit it. Once you have successfully submitted your application, you will receive an email with a copy of your application containing your child’s student number.

Year 4 students should have received information this week. If parents have any questions they should make an appointment with Mrs Roberts (Year 4 Assistant Principal).

Stage 3 Camp (repeat)
Information packages have been sent out this week to all students attending the Great Aussie Bush Camp from the 18th May.

It is important that all required information is returned and final payment made by Friday 8th May.

Please see Miss Noble for more details.
Sports Information

PSSA

Winter sport begins this week.

All sports, with the exception of PSSA, will proceed each week even in the event of wet weather.

We have moved to a term payment for every sport.

Please ensure your child’s permission note, payment and code of conduct (PSSA only) is returned before Friday.

This Friday, 8 May:

Rugby League
MJPS v South Coogee 1 at Heffron Park 1 (corner of Jersey Rd)

Netball
MJPS v Malabar at Heffron Park Netball Courts

Soccer
MJPS (Red) v Maroubra Bay A at Heffron Park 1 (near netball courts)
MJPS (Green) v Matraville Heffron Park 3 (near netball courts)

Please remember to pay for all sports by the due date.

2015 NSW Primary Schools
Table Tennis Championships

Maroubra Junction PS is looking for representatives to participate in the 2015 Primary Schools Table Tennis Championships held at Olympic Park on Monday May 25, 2015. Mr Mason will be conducting try-outs for this competition in the school hall on Monday May 11, 2015 at 8.00am. If you have previously participated in table tennis at school or you play out of school hours please come and try-out for the team. Students from K-6 with table tennis ability and experience can attend. Please see Mr Wiblen for further details.

NAPLAN—Years 3 and 5

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. To provide an overview of the format of the tests, a full set of example tests is available.

In 2015, NAPLAN tests will be held on 12-14 May.

Information specifically for parents and carers can be found in the 2015 NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers.

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If parents have any questions about NAPLAN and their child, please talk to your class teacher or Mrs Roberts (Year 3) and Miss Noble (Year 5).

Band Performance

The Junior Band will be performing in the upcoming school assembly.

Event: School Assembly
Date: Thursday 7th May
Arrival time: 1.30pm
Performance Time: 2.00pm
Ensemble: Senior Band
Location: School Hall
What to wear: School Uniform

What are we playing? Little Robin Red Breast, Merrily We Roll Along, Its Bitsy Spider

The Junior Band will be their first performance of term 2 in the school assembly on the 7th May. After a great performance at The Great Hot Cross Bun Festival in term 1 I’m really looking forward to seeing how much you have learnt all ready in term 2!
2015 Cross Country Results

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Yellow = Chisholm, Red = Drummond, Blue = McKinnon, Green = Flynn

Total Pointscore (Results plus participation)

1st Chisholm = 208 points
2nd Flynn = 156 points
3rd Drummond = 136 points
4th Mckinnon = 116 points

Zone Carnival:
The first 4 runners in each race will advance to the Zone Carnival, held at Heffron Park on Friday 15 May.

Some of us were beginning to think that it was the carnival that wasn’t meant to be. Sydney’s weather over the last 2 weeks forced us into date changes and constant uncertainty. Finally, at the last minute we decided to have the carnival at school. Mr Gold went straight to work in orchestrating a course inside the school grounds that would challenge the athletes but would not confuse them. Tony the G.A swept and organised equipment and a number of parents also came to assist. A last minute adjustment like that would not have worked without the efforts of a lot people. Thank you!
The course itself was a great success and all of us were happy that the gloomy clouds above resisted the urge to drop their baggage. Many of the students participated and cheered and the parents were there to support them with encouragement and/or directions.
Thank you once again to all the staff, parents and friends who made this carnival a success. Hopefully we can get back to Latham Park in 2016!

A big thanks to Mr Wiblen and Mr Gold for organising such a great carnival. The day was a great success, despite having to hold the event at school due to the wet weather. Further evidence of the great staff, students and community we have here at MJPS……
P&C Meeting

Come along to our first meeting of Term 2 to be held on Thursday 7th May at 7pm in the library. 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. We will also be discussing issues we are having with the staffing of the Uniform Shop on Tuesdays and a way forward.

Mothers Day

The Mothers Day stall will be held on Friday of Week 3, 8th May. The P&C has purchased a variety of gorgeous gifts for kids to buy for $5, $7 and one gift selection for $10. The kids love choosing a special present to spoil their mum, so please send your child to school on Friday 8 May with a shopping bag and $5-$10 to spend. Lots of helpers are needed to set up and sell from 8.30am to 11am on the Friday morning. If you are able to help out please email Karen at mjpsevents@gmail.com.

Entertainment Books

In previous years, the P&C have sold Entertainment Books with proceeds going back to the school. Books can be purchased online. Entertainment Book Order MJPS

Uniform Shop

Days and hours - Term 2 2015

Due to a lack of parent volunteers for Tuesday afternoons, FROM WEEK 2, the shop will only be open on FRIDAY mornings, until further notice. It will also be open every Friday at 8.45am-9.15am, as per usual.

If you cannot make it to the shop on Fridays, please fill out a form available at the school office or online. Your order will be processed as soon as possible, as per normal practice. http://www.maroubrajn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/uniform-shop

Thank you for your understanding. If anyone is willing to assist in the shop, please email mjpsuniformshop@gmail.com. Thanks to Kiran Thwaites for organising the roster during this challenging period.

Karen Birrell, President
mjpspanandc@gmail.com

STOP PRESS!

Term 2 Newsletters

Kindergarten Newsletter
Stage One Newsletter
Stage Two Newsletter (next week)
Stage Three Newsletter