Principal’s Report

Semester One Reports

Parents should expect student reports to come home on Thursday June 25. Over the last few days I have read every child’s report and two things have stood out—we have fantastic students here at Maroubra Junction PS and we have quality teachers who know their students. I have been really impressed with the caring, positive and goal oriented comments and I’m sure students and parents will appreciate all the work that has gone into making these reports such a useful document.

This year we have slightly changed some aspects of the reports:

- The word Limited has replaced Additional Learning Support for reports in Years 1-6. The definition on the front has not changed.
- The descriptor Very High in effort has been deleted, effort is now described as Outstanding, High, Satisfactory or Low.
- Kindergarten reports now report as Working Beyond, Working At or Working Towards across all Key Learning Areas.
- Comments have been split and sit under the Literacy grades, Numeracy grades and then a General comment at the end of the report.

As you read these semester reports, the school would appreciate any feedback. Please email the school at maroubrajp.school@det.nsw.edu.au

National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Following on from last weeks information, each child today received a notification regarding the data collection on school students with disability. If parents have any questions regarding this collection of information they should speak to Mrs Carmeli or the Principal.

Staffing News

This term we have run two panels in selecting a new permanent teacher and a General Assistant. I am very pleased to announce that Mr Michael Fitzsimmons (3F) has been successful in gaining permanency as a teacher. We also welcome Mr Garry McInerney as our new General Assistant. Congratulations Michael and Garry. Thanks also to the panel members who assisted in this important process.

Holidays

I would like to thank our hard working and dedicated staff for a fantastic term, our community for all their support and our students who have all showed an amazing work ethic in their studies. I hope that everyone has a chance to recharge after a busy semester one and comes back ready for another fun-filled term of learning.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
Sports Information

Year 3 meet the Swans

On Monday, 3 of the Sydney Swans AFL players came to visit Year 3. We learnt how to save water and a few football skills. For saving water we had to carry a bucket without dropping water. The winning team received caps. We learnt how to kick, mark and handball. It was really fun and I wish I could do it again!

Chloe and Anthea 3T

Sports Stars

Congratulations to Daley L (Year 6) who was selected to represent our region in the NSW PSSA Golf Tournament, to be held in Blackheath next term.

Daley scored a personal best back nine (42) in the tournament. Not bad for a kid that was sick in hospital a few days before.

We wish Daley the best of luck in the state titles.
Athletics Carnival

Thank you to the students who went to, participated in and dressed up for the athletics carnival.

We managed to beat the rain and even had a few colourful celebrities enter the ‘Fashion in the Field’ competition. The paparazzi spotted superman, the hulk and his brother, and many other fancy dressed spectators in the crowd.

Many thanks to the staff who assisted on the day, the Year 6 helpers and the parents and friends who cheered on the athletes.
Speech Pathology Program
The Speech Pathology program is currently underway through Educational Speech Pathology & Therapy Services, and some spots have opened up for potential students in terms 3 and 4.

If interested, please contact Sue Wilks on 0435 259 737 prior to term 3 commencing.

School Banking
The banking team processed around $600 this week to cap off a busy term for banking. We are grateful to Mr Gold, Mr Ackerman and 5G for our new workspace. There are three new banking coordinators and another thanks to Mr Ackerman for jumping through all the hoops needed to get logins for our coordinators. Keep an eye on your banking folders for the new competition coming in term 3, prizes include ipads, beats headphones and book packs for school.


School Attendance
This week many parents have received letters asking to explain an absence this term. For many cases this is accurate and parents are asked to write the reason for absence and return to the office.

For those letters that are inaccurate and the student was actually in attendance that day, parents are asked to again write that message down on the letter and send to the office where it can be rectified in the system.

This is a new system for us, and whilst it does work well we are finding areas that we need to look at. We thank parents for their understanding at this time.

Parents are also reminded to send in a letter, email or phone the school when their child is absent within seven days of the absence. This is a legal requirement.

Winter Band Concert
What a fantastic band concert this afternoon. A huge thanks to Woody and Richard from Directions in Music, Mrs Stamatellis as well as Kelly and our parents for all their support.

Our students have never sounded better, they are engaged and enjoying the musical experiences being offered here at MJPS. Well done to all involved.

School Disco Pizza Party
June 25

One Child $5 - Family $8

5.30 to 6.45pm 7 to 8.30pm

Volunteers have more fun!
Sign up at www.mjpspandc.com.au

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Mobile Blood Service visiting:
Coogee
(Alfreada Street- Opposite McDonald’s)

Monday 13 July 11.00am – 5.00pm
Tuesday 14 July 11.00am – 5.00pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate
Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch
Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call 13 14 95
or visit donateblood.com.au
Upcoming Events

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE
We will be hosting a Disco in Term 2. The disco will be held on the Thursday 25th June (last Thursday in Term 2) in the School Hall. Tickets to the disco will be on sale on the night at the “Door”. Prices are Single child $5 or Family $8. Pizza, drinks, chips and glow in the dark merchandise will be on sale during the night. Volunteers are needed for the disco – setup, selling merchandise and packing away. If you are able to help please go to Disco Roster.

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2015
We will be hosting a “Hollywood” inspired Trivia Night on Saturday 1st August. This is a social event for the community so gather up your friends and family to form tables of 10. Numbers are limited to 20 tables. To purchase tickets please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and look out for the parents selling tickets on Friday morning outside the School Office. If you are unable to make it to school this Friday tickets will also be on sale next term. Remember tables are limited so don’t miss out.
We are seeking donations of alcohol for a fabulous game. Please leave donations at the office. Additionally if you are able to “Bring a B” (such as box of chocolates or bottle of something) to add to table prizes on the night please also leave these at the office.

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

Thanks in advance to all members of the P&C Executive and all those who have volunteered during Term 2.

Karen Birrell, President
mjpspandc@gmail.com

Hollywood Trivia Night
Sat. August 1
Tickets $20 - Tables of 10
BYO Food & Drink
Dress like a Movie Star
Decorate your Table

email mjpspandc@gmail.com
to reserve your table / tickets
Maroubra Junction Public School Band Program

**Band News**
We are rapidly approaching the end of term and our Winter Band Bash on **Wednesday 24th June**. Please make sure all your efforts are going into practising the music for this concert so that we end the term on a high. Final tutorials and rehearsals are taking place this week where you shall be getting some of the music for next term. All tutorials start back in **week 1**, with both Junior and Senior Band rehearsals starting on **Wednesday 16th July**.

Have a great holiday!

**Upcoming performance in Term 2!**
- Junior and Senior Band – Winter Band Bash, 24th June

**Term 3 Performances!**
- Assembly Performance, Senior Band – Week 3 Thursday 30th July
- NSW Band Festival, Senior Band – Week 3 Sunday 2nd August
- Daceyville Big Band Bash, Junior & Senior Band – Week 7 Thursday 27th August
- Junior Spotlight, Junior Band – Week 9 Wednesday 9th September

**What to practise!**
- **Junior Band** – Junior Band should now be starting to look at the exercise on page 10 in your red books as well as *Beethoven's Ninth* and *Power Rock*.
- **Senior Band** – Continue to work on *Somewhere Out There* and *Happy* from term 1 as well as your new pieces of music, *Surge* and *Defeating the Giant*.

**Practise tip – Take care of your instrument!**
Your musical instrument will serve as your friend as you continue your studies. It isn't enough that you're a good player, you must also have an instrument that is of good quality and in top condition. Take care of your instrument; if you feel it's starting to have problems, don’t wait, and get it checked immediately.

**Section of the week!**
This week it goes to the.........**Low Brass section!!!**

*Richard Sandham* MJPS Program Manager

A week in the life of KA!

On Mondays we have different identities!
On Tuesdays we bend into all kinds of weird positions!

On Wednesdays we show Australia’s best how it’s done!
On Thursdays we WORK hard!

On Fridays we PLAY hard!