Principal’s Report

Education Week

Education Week is a major event on the NSW public schools calendar. Next week we will celebrate Education Week with open classrooms and a creative arts performance in the Hall. More information on these events can be found in Mrs Pierce’s DP column later in the newsletter. We hope to see many parents, carers and grandparents at these events.

2015’s theme is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’, and MJPS would like to acknowledge any of our students that are ‘local heroes’. Students or parents are encouraged to email at matthew.ackerman@det.nsw.edu.au with details of any student who is making a difference in the local community. This could be through volunteer work, sporting or artistic success, or anything that is making a difference in our local community. Students will be acknowledged in a special edition of next weeks newsletter.

Staffing News

Ms Cummins (KC) is currently on leave, replaced by Mrs Pickering. Mrs Livermore (5L) is on leave for the first two weeks of term, replaced by Mrs Mihajlovic.

P&C Meeting

This Thursday we will hold our next P&C meeting in the Library starting at 7pm. Special guest will be relieving Director for Public Schools, Sue Shelley, to discuss the new boundary changes coming into effect in 2016. The P&C meeting will also be discussing the upcoming Trivia Night so will be well worth a visit. It would be great to see you there.

Canteen

Our new canteen service has begun this week, with students very excited about the new menu. Parents can download the menu from our school website. Online ordering, through Munch Monitor, will begin as soon as possible. Parents will be informed as to the new procedures.

Enjoy your week.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
DP News

We have had a busy start back to term with a lot of interesting upcoming events happening in our school.

NAIDOC WEEK

Over the next few weeks students will be involved in a variety of activities to celebrate NAIDOC week at our school. The National NAIDOC theme for 2015 is:

_We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate_

This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea.

On Monday Stage 3 students enjoyed an ‘Island Dreaming’ performance with Phil Geia. Phil Geia is a Bwgcolman (many tribes) with family ties to Yarrabah and the Torres Straits. The performance incorporated traditional storytelling with modern relevance which was delivered through song, dance and the use of instruments.

Thank you to Miss Tulip and Mrs Middleton who have organised the upcoming NAIDOC activities for our students.

Education Week

In week three of this term we will be celebrating Education Week. Our open day will be held at school on **Wednesday July 29, 2015.** The students and teachers of MJPS would love to see parents come along and join in on the day. Please refer to the schedule below:

- **9.15-10.15am** - K-6 Open Classrooms
- **10.15-10.45am** - Parent morning tea and creative arts performances in the hall. We will have performances from the band, senior and junior choir and the Friday sport dance group.

This year there will be a focus on how we teach science and use technology as a learning tool in classrooms. Please note there will not be separate open classroom sessions for different grades allowing parents to move freely between rooms within the allocated hour.

Come along and help us celebrate our Love for Learning!

I look forward to catching up with parents and friends next week!

_Catherine Pierce_
Deputy Principal (rel)

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**Core Value Corner**

We ask parents to support our schools core value code by regularly checking the weekly core value corner in school newsletters and discussing the focus expectations with your child/children. This week’s expectation is **TRY NEW THINGS from the Core Value LEARNING.**

Wherever you can this week, encourage the students of MJPS to **TRY NEW THINGS!** This could be something new they are trying in their classroom, or maybe on the playground...or even at home or within the community.

Active learners take risks and try new things. So get on board everyone and let’s all try something new!

**Core Value Mural Call-out**

This is a call-out to any talented artists or designers amongst our parent and friends community. We invite you get creative with us and take part in the development of a mural based around the schools three core values SAFETY LEARNING & RESPECT.

At this stage, the mural will be painted on the green brick stairwell wall near the admin block. Please submit your designs with attention to Mrs Pierce to the school email by the end of July. If you require further information about submissions please contact Mrs Pierce through the school office or school email.

Thank you
Core Value Coordinators
Catherine Pierce and Caroline Durstan
Sports Information

Please ensure your child’s payment is finalised before this Friday.

This Friday, 24 July:

Rugby League
MJPS (Juniors) v Matraville at Heffron Park 3
MJPS (Seniors) v Chifley at Heffron Park 3

Netball
MJPS v Gardeners Road at Heffron Park Netball Courts

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

Term 3 Statements

Term 3 statements were mailed last Friday, 17th July.

There is a known problem with our system picking up some past addresses.
If you have not received a statement in the mail by Friday, please contact the school office. We apologise for any inconvenience.

In Term 3, the entire school will be involved in:

- Bookweek performance ($6)
- NAIDOC Aboriginal performance ($4)
- Art Show ($5 levy)

In addition:

- Kindergarten—Aquarium excursion ($32)
- Year 2—Botanic Gardens excursion ($20)
- Year 5—Leadership course ($24)

It is important that all attended performances and excursions are paid for in the term statement. The school is charged for the number of students in attendance and in term two a number of activities ran at a loss.
Please ensure accounts are paid at an appropriate time, and speak to the Principal if there are financial considerations for your family.

Group Photo Orders


Using the code CGN BKB AC4, parents can select
- Year 6 Muck Up
- House Captains and Vice Captains
- School Leaders

These group photos are $17 each. Parents unable to order online can obtain a paper order form from the office.

Medical Information

The health and safety of students is relevant to learning and is important to schools.

Schools assist students who have health support needs at school by means that include the provision of first aid (including emergency care), the provision of temporary care when students become unwell at school, the administration of prescribed medications and health care procedures, and the development of individual health care plans if required.

Schools rely on and value the cooperation of parents, medical practitioners, health services, other relevant agencies and local community resources to assist them to support the health of students.

If a student’s medical needs change at any time, please contact the school office so that we can update their records and make any appropriate adjustments.

Check out this week’s Classes of the Week, 1K and 6H
Maroubra Junction Public School Band Program

Band News
Welcome back to another busy and exciting term for the band program at Maroubra Junction PS. Firstly can I say a massive congratulations to all who took part in the Winter Band Bash at the end of last term. I'm sure you will all agree how well all musicians performed and what a great way it was to end the term. All band rehearsals and tutorials are now under way. Make sure you always come prepared with instrument, music, pencil and any accessories you will need. Have a great term of music making everyone and I look forward to our first performance of term 3!

Term 3 Performances!
- Educations Week performance, Senior Band – Week 3 Wednesday 29th July
- 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 working towards page 14 and 15 for the end of the term as well as you new pieces of music, Huckleberry Hedgehog and Forge of Vulcan.
- Senior Band – The repertoire we shall be playing at the NSW Band Festival is Bunyip Blues and Somewhere Out There.

Practise tip – Get your equipment ready
Before each practice session, make sure all the materials you will need are prepared and within easy reach. Aside from your musical instrument of course, here are other things you can use during your practice sessions

Section of the week!
This week it goes to the.......... Flute section!!!
Look at what we have been up to in 1K.

We have been learning about our families past and present.

1K at Rouse Hill House and Farm
We have been very busy in 1K

The Gruffalo

A Gruffalo is a scary monster. He lives in the deep dark forest. The Gruffalo has bright orange eyes and purple paws all over his body. He has a long tail and has no ears. The Gruffalo is very angry. He says things like: "I want to eat you!"

Vincent VanGogh
Sunflowers

"They love sun and water.
They eat the flying insect.
My production is high and bright."

Wild Things

Backyard School Safari

"Who am I?
I have compound eyes.
I have delicate wings.
I have a shell called elytra.
I drop up!
I have six legs.
I can fly.
I am a bug kind."
Each Friday, Year 6 students work in teams to problem solve various hands on challenges. These sessions are known as ‘tinker time’. Last Friday, the challenge was to build and operate a device which will separate a mixture of sand and rice.

We related this to our novel ‘Hatchet’ which is about a teenage boy who has to rely on himself to survive in the Canadian wilderness with limited supplies.

Plenty of discussions, before making the model..............

........ And more adjustments to the model.............

... satisfaction and smiles all around with the final model.
The moment has come to test our models.....one representative from each team to form a circle with their team’s device.

With Miss Noble as our timekeeper, team’s representative has 1.5 minutes to shake and move their devices in any way to separate the rice and sand

Mr Wiblen and Ms Ho were the judges. After an intensive deliberation, the winner was announced............

The winning team...........

........... and the winning device!!
Upcoming Events

P&C MEETING THURSDAY 23rd JULY
Please join us on Thursday 23rd July at 7:00pm in the library. Sue Shelley our Director will be in attendance to discuss changes to our school boundary. Also on the agenda is the Trivia night and Uniform Shop Update. We have yet to have anyone put their hand up to be the Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator – in the absence of this position being filled we need to understand how this impacts the smooth running of the Uniform Shop.

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2015
We are 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.
Tickets ($20 each, tables of 10) will again be sold this week on Thursday and Friday morning outside the Office. Organise a table or just buy a ticket and come along! For additional information please see the following link Trivia Night

How you can help
We'd love a little help if you can: ☐️- donate wine, beer, spirits or something to add to the lucky door prizes and raffle. ☐️- donate or lend props or dress up items for the photo booth area (if you would like these returned please put your name on them and let us know). ☐️ We need helpers on the night trivia scorers, setting up and packing up. If you would like to come along and can assist it would be appreciated by all! ☐️
Plans to decorate the hall are under way but if anyone has any Hollywood themed decorations (we can never have too many disco balls) that they wouldn't mind lending please email mjpspandc@gmail.com

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