Principal’s Report

Performing Arts

Best wishes to our Wakakirri dancers as they perform at NIDA tonight. We have 69 very excited students who have been working hard each week to get ready for tonight. A big thanks to Ms Andreu, Miss French and Miss Carlon for all their assistance in working with these talented students.

Trivia Night

What a night! It was fantastic to see all the parents and staff enjoy the Trivia Night last weekend. The Hall looked amazing and huge thanks must go to the P&C executive and organising committee for all their efforts. A great night had by all, congrats to the Untouchables for taking out top prize. On a personal note, thanks to the teachers for coming to school on a Saturday night and sharing in the spirit of the evening.

Band Success

Congratulations to our Senior Band who picked up a Bronze Award at last weekends Band Festival. The band is sounding the best I have ever heard, and is a testament to the students, the tutors and conductors. Great work everyone. Thanks to Ms Stamatellis for attending on Sunday on behalf of the school.

Staff Carpark

A reminder to all parents and students that the staff carpark should not be used at any time. This not only includes parking but also using the carpark as a thoroughfare when walking to school or home from school. Our school is lucky to have many gates that parents and students can use to arrive safely at school. Our staff car park gates are not one of them. Thank you for your support.

Enjoy your week.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
Another busy week at MJPS with lot’s of dedicated people working hard at our school.

NAIDOC

We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate

This week K-2 students enjoyed a performance titled “Let’s Bridge the Gap”, which was presented by Fred Reid. He told stories from the dreamtime, performed dances about Australia’s unique animals and demonstrated the didgeridoo and its many sounds.

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.

Please let us know if you are aware of any local artists who may also like to support us with our mural plans.

Please submit your designs with attention to Mrs Pierce to the school email by August 21.

Disability Awareness

Our stage 3 students have participated in some disability awareness workshops this term. These workshops introduce and apply the Social Model of Disability and demonstrate to students the importance of a positive mindset and positive language towards people with a disability.

What did our students think?

I liked when we had to stand up and hop on one leg so we could empathise with Jack who had a broken leg. - Natalie

They were fun workshops that really highlighted the importance of showing everyone respect whether they have a disability or not because we are all different in different ways. - Andie

A great educational program about understanding different disabilities and the difference between showing people empathy as opposed to sympathy. - Cyrus

Book Week

The students at Maroubra Junction PS will be viewing a 2015 Book Week musical next Monday August 10, 2015 as part of our Book Week activities for this year.

The performance is titled Shine A Light and is about some of these years shortlisted books. Payment for this event has been included in the term 3 invoice and permission notes went home today. Please ensure permission slips are returned to the class teacher before Monday.

Catherine Pierce
Deputy Principal (rel)
Bronze for our Band
On Sunday the 2nd August, the Maroubra Junction PS Senior Band performed at the NSW Band Festival at UNSW in the Sir John Clancy Auditorium. The children played the songs Bunyip Blues, Somewhere Out there, and Happy. They were awarded the Bronze Medal. Well done to the Senior Band and their wonderful Conductor Richard Sandham for their marvelous performance.
Ms Stamatellis

Year 6 Cake Stall
The Year 6 students would like to thank all the parents and students who supplied or purchased cupcakes or treats from the Year 6 cake stall last Thursday. It was again another successful stall with over $1000 raised. The money will go towards the Year 6 farewell celebrations at the end of the year.

Wakakirri is the Search for Australia’s Best Story!
Wakakirri is on and happening tonight. The Wakakirri students have worked tirelessly perfecting the world of the Fantasy Forest and they are very excited to perform tonight. At NIDA they will take professional photos that parents can purchase at a later date and there will be DVD’s available from the Wakakirri website for all those who are interested. Schoolyard Stories has generously offered to publish a beautifully bound compilation book of Wakakirri short stories. All Primary Story Award Recipients will be included and ALL Wakakirri Participants will have the opportunity to publish their very own individual book. Order slips for families will be available in the school’s show bag tonight. Well done to all the students and thank you to all the parents for supporting Wakakirri this year.

Local Heroes
Thank you to these local heroes who have been doing their bit in giving back to the community. We congratulate and thank you for your efforts.

Alex in 2V is a budding artist. Alex’s artwork was selected in the Bowen Library Kids Create Exhibition brochure.

Sophia 4Y, Jake 4G, Lara 5G and Cyrus 6H are all raising money for books for both their own school and another needy school somewhere in NSW. This is an initiative from Sophia and is a fantastic one as it not only helps our school but another needy school in NSW. Great work from our students.

Term Calendar
The Term 3 calendar has been updated on the school website and app. When using the app, please ensure that you refresh the calendar by choosing the list option and then refreshing by dragging down (on iPhone).
Term 3 Stage Newsletters

Our teams have been working hard in term 3. Check out what is coming up in each stage.

Kindergarten
Stage One (Years 1 & 2)
Stage Two (Years 3 & 4)
Stage Three (Years 5 & 6)

Toilets

Last week teachers spoke to the girls about throwing toilet paper onto the ceiling, leaving taps running and having paper everywhere. We hope that the girls can look after their toilets a bit better than this.

This week we have had reports that the boys toilets are being blocked by a student or students who have been putting fruit and sandwiches down the toilet bowls. As a result, one set of toilets will be closed for a week while we investigate and trips to the toilet will be heavily monitored.

Parents are asked to help the school by talking to their children about proper etiquette when using the toilets. These sorts of behaviours must be erased from our school culture here at MJPS. Staff thank you for your support.

Stewart House

A note to parents that Stewart House bags will go home on Wednesday 12th August and are due back to school by Wednesday 19th August.

Thanks to all the families that contribute to this wonderful cause.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Day 1 Friday 7 August
Day 2 Friday 21 August

Click here to download the official program.

We wish our awesome runners, strong throwers and agile leapers the best of luck at the upcoming ESPSSA Zone Athletics Carnival. The carnival will be held over 2 days (7/8 and 21/8) at E.S Marks Athletics Field.

Go team!
Last week we celebrated Education Week and our love for learning with an Open Day at our school.

Early Stage 1 counted one hundred days of school.

Stage 1 explored the science of sound and did some experiments.

Stage 2 investigated some experiments about balloon rockets and sun dials. We used iPads as a learning tool to investigate and record our work.

Year 5 investigated solids, liquids and gases whilst Year 6 solved some tricky design problems in an outdoor learning space.
Having fun in Greek!!

We traced around Christopher’s body. Ms. Stamatellis then traced it with a marker and we added a background. We then had to colour in the picture using Greek words for the colours. We then labeled Christopher’s body using Greek words. Christopher Zmak 1Z & George Attitis 1G

First we traced around Tyrone’s whole body. We coloured his body using Greek words. We then labeled the body in Greek. Tyrone is at the soccer park.

Luca Flanagan Profilio 1SA & Tyrone Afungia 1K

We traced around Bethany’s body. We coloured and spoke in Greek using words for the colours. We chose the setting as at the movies. We then labeled Bethany’s body in Greek. Bethany Doran 1K & Natalia Guerrera 1K
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!!!

Richard Sandham
MJPS Program Manager
Upcoming Events

TRIVIA NIGHT
Thanks to all who participated in our Hollywood inspired Trivia night. It was a fantastic evening. Special mention to Jennie Smith (P&C Secretary), for her creative drive and vision. Jennie and her band of helpers transformed our hall into a venue fit for Hollywood Royalty. Special mention must be given to one our dads – Mick Pedder for so generously donating his decorative lights and time. It made such a difference having the hall filled with fairy lights. Also thanks to Kathi and Luisa for giving up their time to come along and keep score for the evening. A Trivia night cannot go ahead if we do not have people to keep score for us!! Finally to our MC and quiz master for the evening Mr Richard Lyttle. Without him there would have been no Trivia Night. Thankyou for all of your hard work in putting together Hollywood inspired questions – it is greatly appreciated.
To all of our sponsors – a big thankyou.

P&C MEETING
Join us this coming Thursday 6th August for our P&C meeting. At this meeting we will be discussing the uniform shop and events for the remainder of Term 3 (of special importance – Father’s Day). New members are always welcome. Please join us from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Library.

Karen Birrell, President
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CANTEEN WEEKLY MEAL DEAL
Monday 03rd of August – Friday 07th of August

Order a butter chicken and fried rice and a juice popper for $5.00 and receive a FREE frozen juice cup