Principal’s Report

NAPLAN results

NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5 students will be released within the next two weeks. This is slightly earlier than previous years. Parents of Years 3 and 5 students will be notified through our school communication channels when they can expect to see their child’s reports.

Social Media at MJPS

This week we have launched our official Facebook page for Maroubra Junction Public School. This page will be hosted by the school and monitored by the NSW Department of Education. Posts will be used to remind parents and the community about upcoming events, to show the wonderful teaching and learning happening in classrooms as well as to post excursions, other photos and various information. We hope our community embrace this as a positive form of communication from the school. Our guidelines and social media policy can be found here.

The Facebook page can be found by simply searching for Maroubra Junction Public School and looking for the black and white logo. Alternatively, live posts can be found at the bottom of our school website. The link for the Facebook page can also be found here.

Enrolment Policy

With a lot of discussion recently about our enrolments and policy, I remind parents that all the information can be found on our website. Here parents and community can find our Enrolment Policy as well as an Out of Area Application form.

Kiss’n’Go seats

This week our General Assistant Garry installed new seating to the undercover Kiss’n’Go waiting area. This now complements the plants that were recently planted and gives the area a much needed boost. The students certainly love it. Thanks Garry!

Best wishes to Mr Fitz and our senior choir as they perform at the Opera House on Monday night. I can’t wait to hear them.

Enjoy your week.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
**DP News**

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

NAIDOC celebrations continued this week with MJPS students decorating their own paper hand and installing it into a stunning NAIDOC Sea of Hands display.

The Sea of Hands is a prominent Australian symbol of Indigenous rights to land, the on-going process of Reconciliation, and the desire for greater mutual understanding and respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. The result is a beautiful, colourful arrangement that can be viewed as you walk into the school’s main gate entry. Elizabeth Tulip.

Thank you to Miss Tulip and Mrs Middleton for organising this whole school installation.

**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 via the school email by August 21.

**Book Week**

Each year Children’s Book week is celebrated all around Australia. The theme this year is *Books Light up our world*. Book Week at our school will be celebrated over a few weeks.

“Shine a light” a musical performance began our celebrations on Monday 10th August.

Classes are all contributing to our Book Week display in the library showcasing several of the shortlisted books.

On **Thursday 3rd September** we will be having a Book Week parade starting at 2pm on the basketball court.

Classes will be working together showcasing a book. They will be making costumes and props to wear for the parade.

Parents are very welcome to attend - Sue Mirow.

I love a good book! Don’t you? See you at the parade.

**MJPS 2015 Art Show**

Teachers and students have their creative hats on preparing for our upcoming art show event. This event will be held on August 26 in the school hall from 6pm. It will also be open on Thurs August 27 from 9-11am for student and parent viewing. The art show is an exciting whole school event which showcases the artistic talents of our learners. There will be more information about this event in next week’s newsletter.

*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 Core Value and Expectation of the Week is

**TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK**

It comes under the Core Value of ‘LEARNING’. You may like to have a discussion based around the word ‘PRIDE’, ensuring that students understand what this expectation means...what does it mean To Be Proud of our work???

When issuing your learning awards this week, you may be able to look past just 'book work' when it comes to students taking pride in their work...I’m sure there are many examples of work students are doing and taking pride in that is not in their books! If there's an opportunity for your class over the next week or so to show work at an assembly or to a supervisor...then go for it!

**Safety Message**

This is a safety message for our whole school community.

Can all pedestrians please use the appropriate walkways around our school? No pedestrians should be walking through the staff car park at anytime. Let’s keep our people safe.

Thank you

Core Value Coordinators

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Sports Information

Winter sport resumes this week.

This Friday, 24 August:

Rugby League
MJPS (Junior) v South Coogee 1 at Heffron Park, Field 1
MJPS (Senior) v Matraville at Heffron Park, Field 3

Netball
MJPS v Pagewood at Heffron Park Netball Courts

Soccer
MJPS (Red) v South Coogee (Blue) at Coral Sea 1
MJPS (Green) v South Coogee (White) at Coral Sea 2

Sports Star 1
Congratulations to Daley L who will be representing our region at the NSW primary golfing championships. Best of Luck!

Sports Star 2
Congratulations to Theo B who was successful at zone cricket trials and will be representing zone at the September championships. Best of luck!

Sports Star 3
Congratulations to Chase D who has been successful in his application to the Swans Academy in 2016. Well done!

MJPS Athletics Carnival
Presentation
Students that came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the finals of their events will receive ribbons at the 3-6 assembly this Thursday.

Zone Athletics Carnival
Day 1 Friday 7 August
Day 2 Friday 21 August
Click here to download the official program.

Are you up to date?
Our school is working hard to ensure our communications are up to date. Recent improvements include;

- Updating the term calendar on the website and app
- Starting an official school Facebook page
- Updating excursion and sporting permission notes on the school website
- Updating the front foyer with current notes and information.
- Updating our website with new student photos

Are you up to speed with all this information?

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.

KS News
Kindergarten News Topic in line with Book Week this week was to bring in your favourite story book and talk about your favourite character in the story.
Lilia brought in a Japanese story book from her grandma in Japan, which she & Hinani then read to the class as they both speak English and Japanese & can read both!
Tell Them From Me Update

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the **Tell Them From Me** student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents)

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the **Tell Them From Me** survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 21 August**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Kindergarten are off to the SEA Life Sydney Aquarium!

On Monday 17 August (week 6) Kindergarten are off an adventure to SEA Life Sydney Aquarium to support their current Science unit of work (Staying Alive). During the day the students will explore the aquarium and attend a workshop called SEA and Discover. Students will go on an interactive journey through the beauty and intricacies of the underwater world. They will learn about the needs of living things and that all living things reproduce and adapt to their surroundings.

Year 2 Excursion to Botanic Gardens and NSW Art Gallery

Students in Year 2 attended an excursion to the Botanic Gardens to support their theme Wet and Dry Environments. They had fun sketching Cactus in the Arid Garden before searching for mini-beasts in fertile earth. Then stepping into the glass hot house they looked at elephant leaf plants from the tropics and netted animals and plant life from the ponds.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the **Partners in Learning** parent survey, another part of the **Tell Them From Me** suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviours. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


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Student FAQ
Parent FAQ
Link to Parent and Carer Survey

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After lunching and playing in the Gardens, students entered the NSW Art Gallery to study aboriginal art works, marvelling at the samurai swords and ancient ceramics in the Asian Art Section concluding with a quick tour of the Gallery as we departed the gallery. Special thanks to the teachers and parents who helped make the day a wonderful success.
Upcoming Events

P&C Meeting
Our next meeting is Thursday 3rd September at 7:00pm in the library. At this meeting the Principal of Randwick Girls High School Heather Emerson will be presenting. New members welcome.

Art Show and BBQ
The evening on Wednesday 26th August is the official opening of the Maroubra Junction Art Show. The P&C will be hosting a BBQ on this night. We will require helpers. Further information and a roster will be sent out later this week.

Fathers’ Day Stall
We will be hosting a Fathers Day stall on Wednesday 2nd September. A Fathers’ Day BBQ will also be held o Friday 4th September. Keep an eye on the newsletter for further details.

UNIFORM SHOP
On a date to be advised the P&C will be calling a special meeting to discuss options relating to the future running of the uniform shop. Prior to the meeting information will be circulated to members outlining options that may be suit the needs of MJPS.

Karen Birrell, President
mjpspandc@gmail.com

School Council
The school council held the first meeting of the term earlier this week. The school executive has been developing the School Directions policy and this will be discussed further with the council when it is completed. The BYOD program has been successful and has had some great feedback from both the teachers and students.

The school is continuously looking for ways to engage with parents and the community, and this week launched its official Facebook page- this will be used as a formal communication channel to promote a positive image of the school. Please have a look and feel free to make a contribution!

The new catchment boundaries of the school have been established by the Department, who came along to a recent P&C meeting to present them. They will be posted on the school's website when they are formalised.

Please contact the school council if you have any queries regarding school policies and procedures. The email address is: maroubrajunctioinSchoolcouncil@gmail.com. You can also find out more information about the council on the school website.
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Canteen Weekly Meal Deal

Monday 10th of August – Friday 14th of August

Order 6 chicken chippies, garlic bread and a juice popper for $6.00 and receive a packet of Jumpy’s for FREE.
CANTEEN WEEKLY MEAL DEAL

Monday 17th of August – Friday 21st of August

Order a cheeseburger and a bottle of water for $5.50 and receive a FREE zooper dooper