NAPLAN results

NAPLAN results for students in Years 3 and 5 have been distributed today. Parents are encouraged to read the reports with their child and look at areas of strength and improvement across both literacy and numeracy. Please remember that this is just one form of assessment that our children engage in at school. Often class assessments and long term observations by class teachers can be just as beneficial in understanding how students are progressing at school. Please talk to your child’s class teacher if you have any questions.

Expanding Horizons at the Opera House

What a fantastic night of music and culture was had at the Opera House on Monday evening. Our 16 students, under the direction of Mr Fitz, performed beautifully and we witnessed many visually spectacular items from both Australian and Chinese schools. A big thanks to Mr Fitz for giving up his time in recent months during the many rehearsals and practices and to the many parents that attended the show and supported our school and public education at the event.

Korean teacher visit

Next Monday and Tuesday we will again have visiting teachers from Korea spend the morning with us at MJPS. These teachers are always interested in the way we organise our classrooms and we look forward to welcoming them to our beautiful school environment.

Siblings in Kindergarten 2016

We are currently finalising Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. If there are any current students K-6 who have siblings ready for Kindergarten next year, please come up to the school office and discuss the enrolment procedures. Our orientation program starts early next term and we can’t wait to see all our new students and families.

Enjoy your week.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
K-2 Carnival
Teachers are busy preparing for our upcoming K-2 Sports Day which will be held on Tuesday September 1, 2015 (in case of bad weather, the back-up date for this event is Tuesday September 8, 2015). This Sports Day will be held at Snape Park. Notes were sent home on Monday so please ensure that they are signed and returned to class teachers. There is no payment for this event. The colours tat students wear on the day are: Kindergarten- Red, Year One-Blue, and Year Two- Yellow. It will be a great day for all!

Big Band Bash
Next Thursday Ms Stamatellis and Mrs Roberts will be walking the Senior and Junior band along to the Big Band Bash which will be held at Daceyville PS. The senior band will perform and all students will have the opportunity to participate in fun activities throughout the day. Notes were sent home last Wednesday. Please ensure that they are signed and returned to class teachers before Friday. There is no payment for this event. See Ms Stamatellis if you do not have a permission note. Thank you to the parents who have offered to transport instruments on the day. We would also love some parents to help accompany the large group as they walk to Daceyville. Please contact Ms Stamatellis via email or through the school office if you are able support us with this.

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. Classes are all contributing to our Book Week display in the library showcasing several of the shortlisted books. This display will be open next Wednesday from 6pm to accompany the MJPS Art Show so please come by and have a look.

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.

MJPS 2015 Art Show
I have been fortunate enough to visit classrooms and see some of the very creative art work that our learners are preparing for the art show next week. WOW! You won’t want to miss this 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 9-12 noon for student and parent viewing. The art show is an exciting whole school event which showcases the artistic talents of our learners. Please note the flyer on the next page with more information.

Catherine Pierce
Deputy Principal (rel)

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

Be Friendly and Support Each Other under the Core Value of RESPECT
As part of this expectation you may like to discuss what we need to be doing to be friendly and supportive along with the idea of 'sharing from the heart' not 'sharing because we want them to'. This basically means practising friendly behaviours and generosity so that students can work and play together and take responsibility for each other.

Practising kindness and generosity may include some of the following actions...including others, getting along with others, helping others, giving courage to others or providing moral support to others.

Students also need to understand the concept of 'empathy' before they can truly provide 'support' for others. Understanding their own feelings along with those of the people around them.

Lots to think about this week...but a really important one!

Master Certificates
Congratulations to these students who have worked hard to receive their Master Certificate!

- Rachel R
- Tyrone A
- Ashlee C
- Kalan R
- Chloe P
- Brendan S
- Mohammed O
- Oliver R
- Owen S
- Caitlin G
- Rachel R
- Isabella S
- Lachlan L
- Rayden W
- Rafael N
- Dominic S
- Ashlee C
- Michelle H
- Aditya B
- Evelyn C
- Audrey S
- Maria M
- Denise L
- Olivia A
- Niko T
- Eleni P

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2F Learning
2F Learning
2Z Learning
1k Respect
1k Respect
1SA Respect
1SA Respect
1G Respect
1G Respect
1G Respect
1G Respect
1G Safety
2F Safety
2F Safety
2Z Safety
2V Safety

Catherine Pierce
Deputy Principal (rel)
Sports Information

Lockdown and Evacuation Practice

Today all students K-6 underwent a practice drill of a lockdown followed by an evacuation. Students did a great job listening to their teachers and calmly following the safety instructions.

Parents should ask their children what the sirens sounded like and what they had to do for the lockdown and also the evacuation.

Schools must undertake these lockdown and evacuation drills each semester and we take school safety and security very seriously.

Zone Athletics Carnival

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

Last week’s results

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NB: There is no sport on this Friday due to the Zone Athletics Carnival
Tell Them From Me Update

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 behaviour. 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 take 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.


Student FAQ
Parent FAQ

Link to Parent and Carer Survey

Wakakirri School Performance

On Wednesday August 5 69 students went to NIDA to perform in the Wakakirri Primary School Challenge performing a wonderful musical theatre piece called Fantasy Forest. MJPS did a great job and we even got the award for BEST TEAM WORK. Thanks to Miss Noble, Mrs Pickering, Mrs Pierce, Ms Andreu and Mrs Smart for all your help on the night. Thank you Melissa and Oscar for the choreography and last of all thanks to all the students who participated in Wakakirri this year. It was an excellent performance and all their hard work definitely paid off. The students who performed in Wakakirri would like to share their performance with the Maroubra Junction Public School and the parents. We will be performing the Fantasy Forest musical theatre piece on the basketball court at 2.30 on Thursday August 20. Come along and enjoy!

Chinese Language News

Those photos have been taken in KS spelling words corner and 1SA jungle side.

Kindergarten students have learnt numbers, colours, and body parts this year. A very popular Chinese kid’s character, called: Mr Sun Wu Kong has been introduced to all junior students. Mr Sun Wu Kong is a kid’s hero who is brave, skilful, bright and helpful and a hard worker. His story influences all Chinese children generation by generation. Our students love to watch his DVD to enhance their listening and speaking skills, and it is a great learning tool to understand Chinese culture. Students like to make Mr Sun Wu Kong masks, which includes numbers, colours and parts of the body issues.
As part of our Early Stage 1 *Science and Technology unit* this term, KS has been exploring the concept of *Living Things*. During our open classrooms in Education Week, KS family members helped initiate our *Growing Cress Seeds Experiment* by following the procedure to 'plant' our seeds in an experimentally controlled environment.

Along with each child planting their own cress seeds in order to watch them grow and change and to compare to those of their classmates, KS also incorporated experimentally controlled environments to observe and compare the rate of growing and changing subject to external factors.

By exposing our seeds to differing environmental factors, KS were able to observe and record changes in seed growth and document these comparisons at regular intervals. We created two controlled experiments incorporating seeds exposed to *NO WATER* and *NO SUN*.

KS then incorporated the use of *technology* in the form of *iPads*, working in pairs using *Book Creator* to document their *Cress Seed Diary*. 
'KS'... Exploring Light

2015 'The Year of Light'

To see KS' completed Silhouette Masterpieces, you'll have to come to the MJPS Art Show!! :)}
KS... Learning Together, Laughing Together

Taking pride in their work...
Sharing a LOVE of learning!
'KS' Celebrating each other's achievements and successes

... always smiling, always trying their best!

Friendship, Learning, Sharing and Caring...

KS 2015
Welcome to Maroubra Connect. The purpose of this magazine is to “Connect” our school to the wider Maroubra community.

Upcoming Events

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

**Art Show and BBQ**
The evening of 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. Helpers are needed from 4:30pm to assist with set up. If you can assist please email the P&C on mjpspandc@gmail.com. An online roster will be published on our internet site so keep an eye out. Go to [www.mjpspandc.com.au](http://www.mjpspandc.com.au).

**Fathers’ Day Stall**
We will be hosting a Fathers Day stall on Wednesday 2nd September. A Fathers’ Day BBQ will also be held on 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.

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER?
If the answer is NO please go to [http://www.mjpspandc.com.au/classparents-system](http://www.mjpspandc.com.au/classparents-system) and follow the instructions.

Karen Birrell, President
mjpspandc@gmail.com
This year, Maroubra Junction Public School has invited an educator from ‘AMAZING ME’ to hold two evening seminars on the facts of life for Stage 2 and 3 parents and students on **Tuesday 8th September, 2015**

The first seminar is catered for parents and students in Years 3 and 4 and will focus on the difference between girls and boys bodies, reproduction and birth. The session is 50 minutes long and will run from 6 – 6.50pm.

The second seminar for the night is catered for parents and students in Years 5 and 6. The talk will focus on the difference between girls and boys bodies and puberty. This session will run from 7 – 8pm.

Students must be accompanied by one of their parents as the evening seeks to encourage parent and child discussion. The talks will be held in 6H and 6N’s classroom and will cost $20 per family for one session and $25 for two sessions per family.

If you would like to attend, please complete the response slip below along with the correct payment (cash only) by **Tuesday 1st September**.

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**AMAZING ME RESPONSE SLIP**

Enclosed is payment of $___________ CASH ONLY

Child’s name(s) ______________________________   Number of adults attending:________

Class(es) _________________________________
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Monday 24th of August – Friday 28th of August

Order a cheese pizza, garlic bread and a juice popper for $6.00 and receive FREE 2 x jelly sticks