New School App

Our new school app has started off very positively. We have had over 275 downloads from the app store and received many positive comments from our community. If you haven’t got your app yet, just head to your app store and search for Maroubra Junction Skoolbag. There is no username or password for this app.

We have recently added more policies in the School Policy section and added the canteen menu for term one. Stay tuned for more additions over the coming weeks.

Welcome BBQ

It was fantastic to see so many parents and students at the Welcome BBQ and Disco last Friday night. A big thank you to the P&C members who assisted in the cooking and selling of food and drinks.

The atmosphere was very positive and everyone had a great time.

Uniform Shop has moved!

The Uniform Shop has now moved to the Hall and will sell clothing from the P&C storeroom inside the Hall. Starting next Tuesday, the Uniform Shop will also be open two mornings a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.45am to 9.15am.

The new Uniform Shop looks fantastic and I thank the P&C members and Mac for all their work in getting this space ready.

Student Handstands

Last week we saw an unfortunate accident to one of our students whilst completing a handstand in the playground. Whilst no parent nor teacher can completely control what a child does at all times, it is our clear message to discourage these handstands at school. Can parents please reinforce this message at home as we will at school. We wish our beautiful student the speediest of recoveries and hope she is back playing safely soon.

Enjoy your week.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
DP News

Growth Mindset

As part of our focus on Visible Learning teachers have been engaging students in activities around developing a Growth Mindset in order to become resilient learners.

Resilience is an important quality for students to possess if they are going to develop into assessment capable learners. When students encounter a difficult situation or a new task, they might fail the first time they try it. How do they respond? Do they bounce back like a tennis ball, or do they loose self confidence and find it difficult to persevere? Something to think about. Watch this space for more information on how we can support our students to develop a Growth Mindset.

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 of the Week is a great one for the our warmer weather...and it is

WEAR YOUR SCHOOL HAT OUTSIDE. This expectation belongs to the Core Value of SAFETY.

All students need to have a school hat at school every- day. Hats need to be labelled clearly with each student's full name. If we forget our hat we need to go to the No Hat area outside the Year 1 rooms. This area is for quiet games only.

Hats are to be worn to and from school and in the morning before school. Students should be responsible for their own hat every day.

School Sport

All children who are playing sport for the school must be SunSmart. They will need to:

1. **Slip** on sun protective clothing – especially when waiting their turn and during breaks
2. **Slop** on at least SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen and reapply every 2 hours
3. **Slap** on a hat - broad brimmed school hat
4. **Seek** shade – especially when waiting their turn

Contact the SunSmart team
p: (02) 9334 1761
e: sunsmartschools@nswcc.org.au
w: www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

These are our Core Value stars which are also displayed in classrooms so that MJPS students can regularly refer to the expectations of our whole school Positive Behaviour Plan. This Positive Behaviour Plan was developed in consultation with students, teachers and parents several years ago. It can be found on our school website and new School Bag App. We will continue to have a weekly Core Value focus across the whole school which will be communicated in this newsletter.

Catherine Pierce
School Council News

The new School Council met for the first time on Monday 22nd. I am pleased to report that Craig Jones (Sam 2P & Holly 1V) is our new President, with Terri Flynn (Curtis 5G, Myles 4Y) council secretary. We also welcomed Sophie Diller (Simon 4H), Danielle Bambridge (Teacher 3B) and Caitlin French (Teacher 6F) to the council alongside current members Davina Park (Lara 6F) and Karen Birrell (Hannah 3CK & Phoebe 3B).

The council reached agreement for community users who have been authorised to operate on school grounds to advertise in the newsletter. This will give parents more information about the sorts of activities available to students. Council also discussed school finances, rewording of the Selection of Sports Teams policy and the Enrolment policy. Council also discussed ways to improve communication with parents and agreed to implement the Skoolbag app. iPhone users can download the Skoolbag app from the iTunes store and Android users can download the app from the Google play store. The school Facebook page is still in operation and newsletters are available online from the school website.

If you have concerns regarding school policies and procedures, you can contact the school council by email on mjpsschoolcouncil@gmail.com or can find out more information about the council on the school website.

Craig Jones
President

Typing 4 KIDS is a teacher lead lesson to give your child the Gift of Touch-Typing.

The lessons run for 1 hour and the children work at their own pace with an online typing program. The teachers correct posture, hand and finger placement and encourage and motivate the children to work through the online typing lessons. All their accuracy, course progress, test results and statistics are saved, so that they can see their improvement. It is a fun way to learn an Invaluable Life Skill. Come join us and Start Typing NOW!

Classes are held in the Library on Monday and Tuesday at 3.15pm and Wednesday 8am
Contact Judy Korlaki at info@typing4kids.com.au or 0415 445 785 for more details or to reserve your space!
Sports Stars

Over recent weeks, we have had numerous students trialling out for Eastern Suburbs PSSA sports teams. These teams are formed from the best athletes from every school in the area, so it is quite an achievement to make.

Congratulations to the following students who will now attend the Married Zone trial with the Sydney Coastal representatives:

Matthew G., Jackson D., Hamzah A., Axel J. and James T. for rugby league.
Finn G., Emilio V., and Tarrant W. for soccer
Matthew G., Chase D. and Dennis H. for AFL

Congratulations to the following students who will now compete at the Sydney East Regional Carnival:

Chase D., Aulio C., Noah M. and Charlie C. for tennis

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 23rd of February, MJPS students proudly participated in the zone swimming carnival. It was a scorching hot day and there was a strong MJPS presence in a variety of events. Congratulations to all students who swam on the day.

The following students also made it to the Regional Swimming Carnival:

Ashley G. - 9yrs 50m Freestyle, Junior Breaststroke, Junior Backstroke
Emilio V. - 12yr 50m Freestyle, Senior Breaststroke
Ethan G. - 11yr Butterfly
Jackson D. - 11yr 50m Freestyle
Matthew K. - 8yr 50m Freestyle
Tatiana A. - 11yr 50m Freestyle, 11yr Backstroke, 11yr Butterfly

This Friday, 4th March:

Softball
MJPS v Daceyville at Snape Park

Cricket
Friendly at Snape Park

AFL:
Juniors v Pagewood at Heffron Park (behind the pool)
Seniors 1 v Pagewood at Heffron Park (behind the pool)
Senior 2 v Rainbow St at Heffron Park (behind the pool)

Sports Information

Last week’s results

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Cross Country Carnival

Start doing those beach runs and hill sprints because the Annual MJPS Cross Country Carnival is coming up. The carnival will be held on Thursday 17 March (Term 1, Week 8) at Latham Park (12pm — 2:30pm).

8/9’s and 10’s will run 2km.
11’s and 12’s will run 3km.

Races will be run in the following order of age:
Approximately 12:15pm - 10 years
Approximately 12:45pm - 8/9 years
Approximately 1:15pm - 11 years
Approximately 1:45pm - 12 years

The top 4 competitors in each age group will advance to the ESPSSA Zone Athletics Carnival (May 20).
Kindergarten meet their Year 6 Buddies!

*Kindergarten meet their Year 6 buddies for the first time last Friday! There was much excitement as they got to know each other through developmental play. It was hard to tell who had more fun and we look forward to future sessions together.*
Next P&C Meeting

At our next meeting on Thursday 3rd March discussion will take place on what resources and activities the P&C will be funding in 2016. Members will be given the opportunity to consider the schools request for funding which includes:
1. Installation of air conditioning in the Library Block $25,000;
2. Installation of air conditioning in the 2 brick rooms near the fig tree $6,000;
3. Installation of air conditioning of all upstairs rooms 8 rooms at $3,000 each totaling $24,000;
4. iPads for K - 2 (each class to receive 5 each) 50 iPads at $550 each totaling $27,500;
5. Updating K-2 Home Readers $5,000
6. Employing Mr Rosenthal for extension Mathematics Yrs 3-6 $5,000; and
7. Parent suggestions received by the P&C that include direct learning and educational resources/activities and funding to improve communications

Welcome BBQ and Disco

Thank you to my fantastic P&C Executive and ALL the parent helpers. This disco was a fabulous success. We look forward to our disco in Term 2.

Uniform Shop

This week has seen the relocation of the uniform shop to the Hall. Thanks to Szilvia, Belinda, Mary Anne, Penny and Mandy for their fantastic work. A special mention to our General Assistant Mac for assisting and rebuilding shelves. Some minor modifications to the doors of the uniform shop will be undertaken in due course - however for now it is business as usual. Remember Uniform Shop is now located in the HALL.

Easter Hat Parade

Even though the hot cross buns have been on sale since the beginning of the year, Easter is now on its way. Get involved with the MJPS Easter celebrations as follows. A K-2 Easter Hat Parade to be held Thursday 24th March after drop off(parents, it’s time to get the hot glue guns, fluffy chicks and sequins out!. Following the parade we will be holding our Annual Easter Raffle. A book of 10 raffle tickets will be sent home with each of your children soon. Tickets are $1 each and all funds raised will benefit the school.

Please donate chocolate egg sized eggs to help the Easter Bunny reach all the kids at MJPS. Donations can be left at the office. We are also seeking donations for raffle prizes. Suggested items are Kindy and Year 1 please donate chocolates or gourmet food. Years 2 and 3 please donate something for kids. Years 4 and 5 please donate something for mums and Year 6 please donate something for dads.

That should cover everyone that might win a prize! Thank you in advance for helping your generous donations.

For now, we just need some volunteers to help package and stamp the raffle ticket books so they can be sent home with the students in plenty of time to be sold to friends and family. A “ticket collating working bee” will be held on Monday 7th March at 9.00am in the Hall. BYO stapler. If you could spare an hour or two on this date please email mjpspandc@gmail.com to confirm your availability.

Karen Birrell
MJPS P&C President

Class Parent Communication System 2016

Student Name __________________________ Class __________________________

Parent Name __________________________

Email Address __________________________

Would you like to be class parent in 2016? [ ]

Please return to class teacher as soon as possible.
Communication Tips for Parents
Maroubra Junction Public School

1. Download the School App.
Simply search for Skoolbag Maroubra Junction in the app store.
The school app features notifications, calendar and newsletters to keep parents up to date with what’s happening.

2. Visit the School Website.
Find details about our policies, procedures, permission notes, newsletters and calendar. It’s a one stop shop for everything you need to know about Maroubra Junction Public School.

3. Subscribe to the parent communication system.
Class teachers have slips of paper for parents to enter their email address.
By entering your details, parents receive access to weekly newsletters, current P&C initiatives and updates, all conveniently sent to your nominated email address.

4. ‘Like’ us on Social Media
Search for Maroubra Junction Public School on Facebook to keep up to date with reminders and messages.
There are also many great images of students learning and attending the great excursions and camps.
This is the official page from the school and is monitored by the Department of Education.

5. Find out in the Office
The office has limited numbers of spare notes, newsletters and school policies that parents can access at any time.

Further Information
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Randwick Girls’ High School
OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 8th March
6.30pm
In the Multi Purpose Centre

- Group tours of whole school
- Meet with staff from all faculties
- Meet and chat with current students
- Individual faculty information kiosks
- Academic and co-curricular information

Randwick Girls’ High School
Enrolment Liaison
Forte non Verba – Actions not Words
Educating today’s girls to be tomorrow’s leaders.
Phone: 02 9345 8200
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RANDWICK BOYS’ HIGH SCHOOL
invites you to our
OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday
8th March
5 - 7pm
Come and speak to our student leaders, staff and new Principal to hear about our outstanding educational, cultural, sporting & civic programs.

Randwick Boys’ High School
is a co-operative, caring school with a tradition of academic, sporting and creative achievement.

An Exclusive Education in an Inclusive Environment

OPEN DAY 2016
Prospective Students and their families are invited to OPEN DAY 2016
Saturday 12th March
11 - 1 PM

YOU WANT THE BEST FOR YOUR CHILD?
Consider South Sydney High School for a challenging, well-rounded education that offers outstanding opportunities through to the HSC and beyond.

Find out for yourself why our HIGH SCHOOL is the right choice for your child.
- Meet the Principal at 10am in the hall
- Explore the Enrichment Stream options for Year 7-10
- Engage in hands-on classroom activities
- Have a cuppa in school lunch
- Meet our experienced and dedicated staff
- Take a riveting Parent/Teacher action
- Enjoy a BBQ and refreshments
- View our well-maintained grounds and facilities
- All are welcome!

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