Principal’s Report

Class Dojo and Google Classroom

In recent times we have seen an increase in online platforms that can assist communication and learning between home and school. Over the past two years, many classes have embraced Class Dojo and the Google Classroom. For parents information, Miss Baeten and Miss Yook have given us some examples in this week's newsletter.

These tools can be used as another way that teachers communicate and engage our students. Please note that it is not compulsory for classes to have Class Dojo or Google Classroom operate within their classrooms. There are many methods of communication and links with home that classes have used in the past and continue to use. Just as each child is unique, each teacher comes with their own tool kit of strategies and methods that enhance teaching and learning.

Skoolbag School App

At present we have over 360 downloads of our new school app, which is fantastic. If you haven’t yet downloaded it, go to your app store and search for Skoolbag Maroubra Junction.

Lockdown and Evacuation Practice

This morning all students and staff participated in our regular Lockdown and Evacuation practice. This involves students listening to the alarms and announcements, listening to their teacher and following instructions calmly. First we had our Lockdown where students stayed in rooms, shut doors and blinds and sat calmly. Once all clear, we followed our evacuation, which is a different alarm and means that students follow the teacher out to the Paddock. In a real situation, the decision is then made whether we stay on site or walk to Latham Park along Moverly Rd.

Students are to be commended for their calm and sensible approach to today’s practice.

Parent Interviews for 5R and 3CK

Parents of students in 5R and 3CK are invited to book their parent teacher interviews to be held later in this term. Both Mrs Ross and Miss Carlon will be on leave at the end of the term so their interviews are being pushed forward. The website details are included at the back of this newsletter and also available on our school app.

Enjoy your week.

Matthew Ackerman
Principal (rel)
Growth Mindset
Our teachers have been engaging students in activities around developing a growth mindset as opposed to a fixed mindset. What is a Fixed and Growth mindset?

What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?

Fixed Mindset

I can learn anything I want to.
When I’m frustrated, I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
Tell me I try hard.
If you succeed, I’m inspired.
My effort and attitude determine everything.

Growth Mindset

I’m either good at it, or I’m not.
When I’m frustrated, I give up.
I don’t like to be challenged.
When I fail, I’m no good.
Tell me I’m smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.

Below are some examples of the activities that students have been involved in around this topic:

- Sorting between fixed and growth mindset sayings
- Displaying mindset moments
- Using class Dojo to reward examples of using a growth mindset
- Students design their own personal mottos
- Using digital media - Star Wars - Students had to choose a path that took them from the Dark Side to the Light Side mindset. From this they were able to transform from a Youngling to a Jedi.
- Learning about what happens in the brain when we learn new things – How can we strengthen the pathways in our brain?

Great work MJPS students and teachers!

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

USE EQUIPMENT THE CORRECT WAY, which comes under the Core Value of SAFETY.

This is a great one to focus on both inside and outside the classroom, especially on the playground at recess and lunch.

Equipment in the classroom could include daily equipment such as pencils, scissors, glue sticks and chairs etc... or it could include specialised equipment such as science, mathematics equipment or technology tools.

Outside the classroom, we need to use playground equipment correctly for safety and purposes which also means packing it away at the end of play.

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.

Contact the SunSmart team
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w: www.sunsmartnsw.com.au
School Photos

Our 2016 school photo days have been scheduled for Tuesday 5th April for class group photos and Wednesday 6th April for sibling, SRC and Year 6 graduation photos. Pre order envelopes have been sent home this week. Please check the photo package order form. Pre order envelopes will need to be returned to your child’s class teacher by photo day. If you also require a sibling photo to be taken, please collect a separate family order envelope from the front office.

Parent volunteers needed for ethics classes in 2016 (repeat)

We urgently need your help! We currently do not have enough ethics teachers to hold ethics classes on Monday mornings for all of the students enrolled in ethics in years 3-6 an on Thursday for K-2.

If you are free on Mondays or Thursdays and might be interested in becoming a volunteer ethics teacher, please contact Julie Noonan, our volunteer parent ethics coordinator at julie.noonan@optusnet.com.au. Or go to www.primaryethics.com.au and click on the link ‘Become an ethics teacher’ to find our more.

Volunteer Ethics Teachers are fully trained and supported by Primary Ethics to deliver an age-appropriate DET approved curriculum every week and are provided with accompanying learning and teaching materials. It is a fantastic way to work with our school and interact with students in a meaningful way.

Government High School Information

Last week all Year 6 students received an Expression of Interest form for placement in Year 7, 2017 for government high schools.

These forms are due back at school by Friday 18 March 2016. Every student needs to return this form by this due date regardless if your child is attending a government high school or not.

If you would like some advice or help in filling out the form, Miss Noble, Ms Ho and Miss French will be in 6H’s classroom before school at 8.15am to 9.00am and from 3.15pm-4pm on Thursday 10th and Thursday 17th. Please come along if needed. The form can also be downloaded in other languages, please let your class teacher know.

Many Thanks, Year 6 Teachers.

Strategic Directions—February Update

Strategic Direction 1—Visible Learning

- Executive Staff attended a training day focusing on how to turn evidence into action. They looked at leaders as evaluators, the visible learner, inspired and passionate teachers and effective feedback. As a follow up, students have been asked “What makes a good learner?”
- Staff have shared growth mindset tools being used in their classroom. See the Deputy Principal report for more information.
- Common language posters investigated for each classroom to ensure consistency across grades and school.

Strategic Direction 2—Collaborative Teaching

- Beginning teachers to MJPS have been involved in a full day Induction day working with school leaders and admin staff to gain a better understanding of MJPS systems and procedures.
- All staff have developed Performance and Development Plans (PDP’s) for 2016 which focus on individual, stage and whole school goals.
- Four staff have been presented with their Accreditation certificates after successfully completing their program in 2015.
- A timetable for 2016 has been developed which allows all year group teachers to meet each week and collaborate.

Strategic Direction 3—Engagement & Wellbeing

- A new umbrella for student wellbeing called Kids Matter has been organised and will launch on March 21 with parent information, surveys, drums and a feast.
- BYOD continues in Stage 3, with Year 5 students able to participate. BYOD extends throughout the week in 2016.
- A new school app was launched to better communicate with our community. With a live and dynamic events calendar, notes, weblinks and push notifications, it has been very positively received.
Class Parents 2016

In 2016, we welcome and thank our class parents. These people are the contact point between class teacher and the parent group and will provide information about social events, key dates and requirements.

Classes should receive an email from their class parent very shortly as they organize the first event for the year, Kids Matter Launch on Harmony Day, March 21.

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School Banking News

An awesome 85 students deposited a total of more than $1,000 into their savings accounts this week, making it the 5th week in a row where the Banking Team have deposited more than $1,000! What fabulous savers you all are at MJPS! And as a bonus, the CBA pays a 5% commission to the school for us to process the deposits on their behalf. So if we do some general maths 5 x $1,000 = $5,000. 5% of $5,000 = $250.00 to the school in commission and we are only in week 7 of term 1 :-)

I you are interested in becoming part of the Banking Team, drop into the office on a Tuesday morning at 9.00am and have a chat with us, or call Davina on 0413137713.

The Tell Them From Me

Student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others 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.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school 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 and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 21 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (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 consent form to school by Friday 18 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Fruit not Gum

Classes at Maroubra Junction enjoy a fruit break each day and many healthy foods are consumed at this time. Please do not send chewing gum to school or encourage your child to buy gum. There are plenty of healthy foods that we are trying to encourage, but chewing gum is definitely not one of them. Thank you for your support.
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).

Sports Information

Last week’s results

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This Friday, 11th March:

**Softball**
- MJPS v Rainbow St at Snape Park

**Cricket**
- MJPS v South Coogee (friendly) at Coral Sea Park
- AFL:
  - Juniors v Rainbow St at Heffron Park (behind the pool)
  - Seniors 1 v Rainbow St at Heffron Park (behind the pool)
  - Senior 2 v Maroubra Bay at Heffron Park (behind the pool)

**Assembly awards:**
Ribbons for the School Swimming carnival will be handed out at this weeks assembly (2pm Friday).

Cross Country Carnival

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

**Races will be run in the following order of age:**

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

Approximately 12:15pm - 10 years
Approximately 12:45pm - 8/9 years
Class Dojo
IZ is one of the classes at MJPS that uses Class Dojo. Here’s how Miss Baeten incorporates it into the daily classroom routine.

Respect  Learning  Safety

Students receive Dojo points when they are consistently demonstrating the MJPS Core Values. Miss Baeten tracks student progress in each Core Value and uses the data to allocate Core Value Stars, Ribbons and Master’s Certificates. (There’s even Excel spreadsheets which Miss Baeten secretly loves!)

Class Story
Each week IZ posts onto our Class Story. It’s just like a blog but is only visible to IZ students and parents through Class Dojo. It keeps parents and carers up to date with what we’re getting up to in class. They can see photos and hear about our adventures in a totally safe and private space.

Communication
The school newsletter, class parent system and Skoolbag app are all super important ways for the school to communicate with parents and carers. Miss Baeten also uses Class Dojo to send reminders about IZ classroom related stuff and communicate privately with parents and carers. It is an extra link between the home & classroom.

Extra Stuff
Miss Baeten also uses Class Dojo to track table points, call on students at random and time classroom activities. IZ students love to change their Dojo avatars at home and monitor their progress at school through their home computer. It’s a great tool and we love it!
Google Classroom

Technology driven Paperless Collaboration and Communication

What is it?
An electronic classroom available online to schools via Google Apps for education. It allows students to come together in one place to receive, complete and turn in tasks.

Why we use it?
To create collaborative lessons that can be viewed, discussed, edited and completed as a class and individually.
To make class announcements, pose questions to students and enable students to share resources including videos, web links and research materials to help each other complete tasks.
To go paperless by creating whole lessons through one source that provides links to multiple documents including the task, videos and web links, and reading materials. Google classroom creates a document for each student and gives them a chance to ‘turn in’ their completed work online.

What’s next?
Hand out, complete and submit homework online for some classes this year.

Homework will be assigned onto Google Classroom and students will be able to complete it using Google Docs and Google slides if they wish.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions

Enter this school event code

5R students

5zmzz

Go

3CK students

sbenv

Go

Then follow the 3 simple steps.

1. Enter your details

2. Choose teachers

3. Choose times

When you click ‘finish’ your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. Check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews until bookings close. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made the original booking.

For parents who don’t have access to the internet at home, there will be a computer set up in the front of the office for your use.
Thank you to all those who attended last week’s meeting. At the meeting members voted to provide $25,000 for air-conditioning of the old buildings and $5,000 to the purchase of new readers. Additionally Sue Shelley our school Director provided further information as to changes in the school executive team.

Next P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 7th April at 7pm in the Library.

There will be two presentations at this meeting. Firstly a presentation by Miss Noble on BYOD. Year 4 and Year 5 parents this presentation is of importance to you as your children will soon be involved in BYOD (Term 2 for Year 5) and 2017 for Year 4.

A second presentation will be given by Davina Park. This presentation focuses on activities that take place in Primary (for example PSSA). If you have a child in year 3 or year 2 this will be of interest to you. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

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. By now you should have received a book of 10 raffle tickets. These were sent home with each child. Tickets are $1 each and all funds raised will go toward the air conditioning of the old school block and new readers.

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. We will commence wrapping the prizes on Monday 21st March. If you can assist in wrapping please email the P&C.

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

Additional tickets are available from the office.

Karen Birrell
MJPS P&C President

The school website has a school app tab that has a live feed of everything found on the app including events calendar and notes.

The school website is able to be translated into many different languages simply by clicking the Select Language button at the top of the page.

Simply go to
www.maroubrajn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au to find out more.
Community News Disclaimer

Maroubra Junction Public School as a service to parents will advertise community events which may be of interest. MJPS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organization of these events.

School Online code

CGN BKB AC4
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.

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NSW Department of Education and Communities
Night work on Anzac Parade, Maroubra from Tuesday 15 March

The NSW Government is funding this essential maintenance work between Gale Road and Minneapolis Crescent to provide a stronger, longer lasting and safer road.

Roads and Maritime Services will carry out the work, which includes ground investigations, removing and replacing small sections of asphalt and linemarking.

This work will take six night shifts to complete, between Tuesday 15 March and Tuesday 19 April, excluding Saturdays, weather permitting. Our working hours will be from 9.30pm to 5am.

We will not carry out any work during the Easter long weekend, from Friday 25 March to Monday 28 March.

How will the work affect you?

There will some be noise associated with this project but will make every effort to minimise its impact, including doing the noisier work by 11pm.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe.

Lane closures will be in place and may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetrack.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Access to some driveways in the work area may be affected during shift hours. Traffic controllers may direct you to park on side streets on one or two occasions. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

Bus stops in the work zone may be obstructed during the work. Traffic controllers will direct commuters to the nearest alternative stopping point, as required.

Some equipment will be parked on side streets during the day, making some parking unavailable at times.

Contact

If you have any questions, please call our delivery partner Ventia Boral Arney Joint Venture on 1800 677 700 or email nsxenquiries@vbajv.com.au. For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au. Thank you for your patience during this important work.