



### Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk 9	10	11	12 MPS GALA – an evening performance of the arts.	13	14
Wk 10	17	18 Daintree Concert – Town Hall	19	20 Kindergarten -IMAX	21
Holiday					
OCT Term 3 Wk 1	8 STUDENTS AND STAFF RETURN BOOK FAIR	9 BOOK FAIR	10 BOOK FAIR	11 BOOK FAIR	12 BOOK FAIR
Wk 2	15	16	17	18	19
Wk 3	22	23	24	25	26
NOV Wk 4	29	30 K2013 Orientation Day	31	1	2
Wk 5	5	6 K2013 Orientation Day	7	8	9

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

We all had great fun at the 'Book Character Parade' held last week to celebrate Book Week. The costumes were amazing and the weather was warm and sunny, enabling us all to enjoy admiring each other's costumes.

#### Special thanks to:

**Maddy Goto** for her wonderful organisation of this very special event,

**All children** (and their parents) who looked fantastic in their costumes,

**All teachers** who were so creative in their selection of costumes.

**Well done all!**



**Congratulations to the String Ensemble & the ArtsNorth Choir** for their fabulous performances in the recent **Instrumental Concert & the ArtsNorth Festival** both of which were held recently in the **Opera House**. Special congratulations to **Yvette Keong** for her amazing solo performance (see report later in this Whaler).

You will have the opportunity to hear and see all our Performing Arts Groups at the **Gala Evening** to be held in the school hall on Wednesday of next week (see information later in this Whaler).

As indicated at the end of last year, a review of our Personal Development, Health & Physical Education (PD H PE) programs would take place towards the end of Term 3. This is currently happening and will be reported at the P&C meeting next week. Please take the time to read the Sport Newsletter sent with this Whaler which outlines some of this year's successes to date. Special thanks to **Stephen Dowler** who writes this newsletter every fortnight.

If you have not yet enrolled your child for **Kindergarten 2013**, or know someone who has not, please do so ASAP. Also, if your child will not be returning to MPS next year, please let me know.

Best Wishes,  
Kate Cooper

**A REMINDER...**  
**Please return all library books next**  
**Monday, 10 September.**  
**Thank you**

## **CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS**

### **\*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PERFORMANCE BAND\***

Your rehearsal will be on **WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 8.30am** next week in the hall with Brad. There will be no Thursday morning rehearsal after the concert.

### **MOSMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL GALA TWILIGHT CONCERT**

Coming up in Week 9, on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, is the annual Twilight Concert or Gala Evening. It is from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the school hall and all Performing Arts Groups will be taking to the stage plus a few surprises. This will include the Junior Band, Junior String Ensemble, Performance Band, Senior Strings, Primary Proms Choir, ArtsNorth Choir, Dance Group and Drama Group. Please put this date in your diary and try to pre-organise an early departure from work that day. The students are looking forward to putting on a fine show hosted by our school captains. A few solos and duets may appear throughout the program. We will be hoping to hear from Yasmine in Year 6 who is a flute soloist at the ArtsNorth Opera House Festival.

**Junior Band and Performance Band Students should arrive at 5.30pm–5.45pm and go to the library (back end)**

**Junior Strings arrive at 5.45pm and go to 1W (Ms Watson's room)**

**Senior Strings arrive at 5.45pm and go to 2J (Ms Moroney's room)**

**Junior Choir arrive at 5.45pm and go to 3W (Mrs Wilson's room)**

**Senior Choir arrive at 5.45pm and go to library (front end)**

**Dance Group arrive at 5.45pm and go to 3H (Ms Hudson's room)**

**Drama Group arrive at 5.45pm and go to 5D (Ms Duke's room)**

### **Acacia Concert at Sydney Opera House**

The Senior Strings were part of one of the most beautiful concerts I have ever seen at the Opera House. At last, a whole year of playing came to fruition in a spectacular item at the Instrumental Festival. Their last piece was a commissioned work by an Australian composer and it was combined with a haunting 700 piece recorder ensemble, a beautiful regional choir and a bass guitar and percussion ensemble. Everybody floated out of the doors having experienced something quite unique. Our String Ensemble were fantastic ambassadors for our school and a big thank you to Doug Cotterill who has driven their ever increasing musical ability on violin. Next term we welcome a whole new group of students from the Junior Strings who will be moving up to create a much bigger group for the rest of 2012.



### **YEAR 3 INSTRUMENT TRIALS**

We have had many students enrolling to learn an instrument after the instrument trials. I am currently putting these into a table to show the range of instruments. I will send out this table over the next few days and give the go ahead for you to organise an instrument for your child. It is not too late to enrol or even change your instrument at this stage and I would be happy to talk to you if you encounter any problems on the way. For instance, if you have put cello or saxophone and find the hire costs too high you may like to consider another instrument. I will also list any school instruments we have for hire and the first people to notify me may hire through the school. Saying this, we do not carry a wide range of instruments for hire. I will forward all names to the tutors once you notify me you have an instrument and lessons can begin next term.

Students will participate in private lessons all of term four and we will get together in Weeks 9 and 10 to have our very first Junior Band rehearsal to prepare for 2013.

## ArtsNorth Concert at Sydney Opera House

The week following the Instrumental Festival, we backed up to a second Opera House Concert. This time the ArtsNorth Choir were part of a massed choir who sang for the Northern Beaches ArtsNorth Festival. The songs we have been learning all year echoed around the Concert Hall and the singing was of a very high standard. A number of quality individual acts were chosen to feature at the concert, but none was more wonderful than our very own Yasmine Keong in Year 6. Yasmine received a gasp and huge applause for her performance of Concerto 1, Allegro Maestosa by W.A. Mozart. Yasmine was given the star treatment by having her own dressing room overlooking the harbour, a Steinway piano to warm up on and even her name on the door! Thank you to all the parents who came along to watch their children in this special performance. I am sure the memory will last a lifetime.



## STUDENT HAPPENINGS

### Library News

Our 2012 Book Parade was a fantastic celebration of literature and the enjoyment to be had from reading. Seeing book characters come alive with such colour and creativity was wonderful and a great conversation starting point about books and reading amongst the children.



The Olympic Reading Challenge was embraced with great enthusiasm by a large number of children from Year 1 to Year 6. Well done to every medallist, with special mention going to Anais S. (4G), Jack W. (2B), Kit H. (1J) and Kai S. (1W) who all achieved multiple medals. The final medal tally is up in the library.

As the term is approaching its end, we kindly ask that all outstanding books are returned to the library before the holidays. We do seem to be 'losing' a few books and they are expensive to replace, so your assistance in locating and returning outstanding books is greatly appreciated.

### SRC - Wacky Wednesday

On Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August the SRC organised Wacky Wednesday with great success! We raised over \$500 and were so pleased with all the students and teachers efforts to dress up and take part. The money raised will help to purchase re-usable lunch order bags, rubber tongs and silicon muffin trays for the canteen. Here are some photos of our wacky costumes!



Thank you to all the Year 3-6 children who participated in this year's Spelling Bee. The teachers were impressed by your enthusiasm and commitment. It was great to see children enjoying the challenge.

On **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**, 4 students will represent our school at the **Regional Spelling Bee** at Castle Cove Public School.

Our **Junior Finalists** are **Sophie (Year 4)** and **Jacob (Year 4)**

Our **Senior Finalists** are **Lillie (Year 6)** and **Amani (Year 6)**

Good luck team!

## P&C

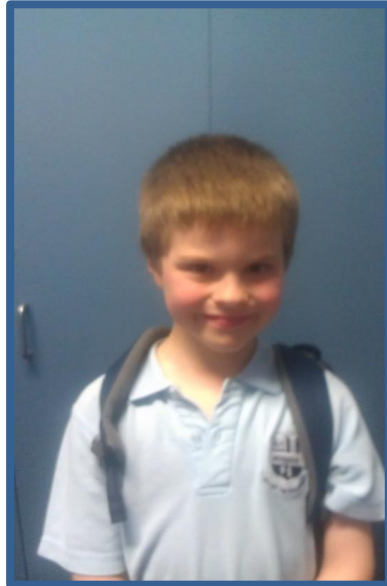
### MINI-MOS SUPERSTARS

At the K-6 assembly this week, we recognised the efforts of the school's top 5 Mini-Mos fundraisers by awarding them prizes of passes to the Big Blast fun centre at Brookvale. The lucky winners were **Edward Hurley, Aaron Forman, Luke Forman, Lachlan Collyer and Elizabeth Davies**. These students made a huge effort in helping us to raise nearly \$40,000 for our designated charities Giant Steps and the Starlight Children's Foundation.

Well done **YEAR ONE** who were the most successful fundraising year at the school. Students from this year will enjoy a pizza party on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**. Don't bring lunch that day unless you don't like pizza!

The Pat Farmer Encouragement Awards were provided to two kindergarten children who showed effort, hard work and determination in running the 2km race. Congratulations **Jasper Thompson (KH)** and **Maya Le Her (KG)** for doing their best – they won family passes to Taronga or Western Plains Zoo.

*Eddie H (1V)*  
*The school's most successful*  
*Mini-Mos fundraiser!*



## **Ritchies IGA Bridgepoint - a new loyalty scheme – Community Benefit Card**

As you may be aware the old Franklins at Bridgepoint has now become Ritchies IGA and they have a different customer loyalty scheme. Rather than earn points to spend on groceries yourself, IGA will now donate 0.5% of all purchases to the charity/community group of your choice. There is a minimum requirement that \$2000/month be spent collectively by those who have nominated any given organisation.

Mosman Public School is able to benefit from this scheme. All you need to do is nominate us as the community group of your choice.

If you shop at that IGA and haven't done so already, please would you consider making Mosman Public School your nominated beneficiary (and tell all your friends!). If you were not aware that the school could be nominated and have chosen a different beneficiary but would like to change we understand this is possible and that all you need to do is let them know.

These small amounts can all add up to be extremely valuable and really cost you nothing so it is definitely worth doing.

### **Kidstuff**

Just a reminder that there are also schemes which benefit the school in the following shops:

Kidstuff - will donate [5% of the purchase price towards vouchers for the school] - make sure you please remind them every time you purchase.

Thank you in advance for participating!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **SPIT SWIMMING CLUB @ BALMORAL BATHS**

**New members are welcome to join us for Saturday morning races at Balmoral Beach baths from the end of October until Easter.**

**Spit Swimming Club is a family-friendly club open to all ages and levels of swimming. The atmosphere is relaxed, with the emphasis on having fun and joining in. Grab a coffee and sit on the wharf and cheer the kids on or enter a race yourself.**

**Visit us on Facebook for more information and how to join.**

## **The Fun way to become bilingual! Fun French Club!**

- ❑ **Fun French Club at Mosman PS on Tuesdays after school at 3.20pm**
- ❑ **Lots of fun activities, drama music & games**
- ❑ **Experienced and enthusiastic teachers**
- ❑ **Supported by fantastic fun activities online at Babelzone - visit our website for a FREE TRIAL [www.lcfclubs.com.au](http://www.lcfclubs.com.au)**

### **Become an Ethics Teacher at Mosman Public School**

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

***We need several new volunteers to teach Years 3&4 or Years 5&6 ethics classes in 2013.*** The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

***For more information about the role and to volunteer,*** please go to <http://www.primaryethics.com.au> or contact Kylie Strawbridge (Ethics Coordinator) on (0405)655974.