



Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition

In recent weeks Stage 2 and Stage 3 students participated in the school level of the Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition. Students prepared and presented fantastic speeches on a number of different topics including 'How I faced my fears', 'If I were in charge, the rule I would make would be ...' and 'My family story'. From this competition Monty D from Year 4 and Dean L from Year 6 were selected to represent Middle Harbour Public School at the next level of competition.

On Friday 27 August, Monty and Dean presented their speeches at the NSW Parliament House in Sydney in front of local member, Felicity Wilson, three adjudicators and a number of teachers. Both students did an exceptional job and thoroughly enjoyed their experience speaking at Parliament House. Their experience of speaking in the Legislative Assembly or 'Bear Pit' was made even more special by the presence of the real golden Mace, rarely viewed by members of the public. Monty and Dean are to be congratulated on their achievement. Well done!



Year 6 Mini Fete



A huge congratulations to our Year 6 students, teachers and Mr Steve for an outstanding Mini Fete! The students in Year 6 showed their organisational, managerial and financial literacy skills organising not only profitable but COVID-safe stalls this year. Money raised will go towards a gift for the school from our current Year 6 students.

A big thank you to local businesses Harris Farm and Bakers Delight for the generous donation of bread and sausages for the sausage sizzle. They were delicious!

School Planning 2021-2024 – Community Consultation

During this last term, all public schools across NSW have been engaging in a process of deep reflection and evaluation to identify priorities for the 2021- 2024 School Improvement Plan. As part of this process as well as our External Validation, our staff have developed a comprehensive situational analysis looking inward at school and student data in order to develop a deeper understanding of how to better improve student learning outcomes.

As we continue to look inward, outward and forward, we are keen to seek input from our parent and wider school community through a number of community consultation opportunities. The first of these is a short survey designed to align Department of Education goals with school goals in a Middle Harbour PS context. The survey can be accessed via the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BC669K2>

Laura Barry
Principa

OUT AND ABOUT

Walk and Talk-a-thon

All students K-6 had the opportunity to improve their wellbeing by getting exercising and practising the skill of engaging in purposeful conversations.



K-2 Sports

Was held at school and all students were engaged in a variety of sports.



3-6 Sports

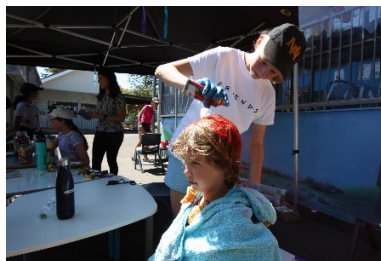
The Sports Carnival was enjoyed by all students in years 3 – 6 at Primrose Park.



Mini Fete

Thank you to year 6, the teachers, Mr Steve and Miss Wendy for making the Mini- Fete so special and so much fun for all students to enjoy.





Stewart House GIVING TREE



This year the MHPS GIVING TREE is supporting Stewart House. Every year 1,700 public school children attend this safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12-day stay, they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. All other costs associated with the children's stay are met from charitable donations.

Please see [wishlist](#) of clothing and gifts. All gifts of new clothing or toys can be placed under the tree in the front office by Friday 11 December. Please do not wrap gifts.

NOT RETURNING TO MHPS IN 2021?

2021 Enrolment Intentions

We are currently in the process of planning for 2021. This includes the large task of determining staffing, classes, the location of each class in the school and the learning programs that will run next year. To complete this process, it is essential that we have accurate enrolment numbers. It is especially important that we know if your child is not returning to Middle Harbour for the start of the 2021 school year. Kindly complete [this online form](#). The school held their Group B Kindy Transition morning last Friday and these will continue throughout November.

Carole Jaye
Deputy Principal

LIBRARY NEWS



Library Busy Bee

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the Busy Bee! We look forward to seeing you on Friday 11 December after you have signed in at the office between 8.30am-9am.

Overdue Notices

You may receive a notice listing overdue items for your child. Our library is a busy place and sometimes mistakes happen so if you believe an item has already been returned, we will gladly double check the library shelves. Please send an email to the school office if this is the case and we will endeavour to get back to you in 5-7 days.

All students leaving MHPS at the end of 2020 need to return their library items ASAP or arrange payment for their replacement.

PRC Certificates

Premier's Reading Challenge certificates have now been distributed. If your child is due to receive a Gold Certificate, they are being posted to the school and we will present these as soon as they arrive.



Mosman Library Summer Reading Club

The 2020 Mosman Library Summer Reading Club will be launched Thursday 26 November 2020. Children aged 5-12 years are encouraged to review the books they read over the holidays. For every five book reviews you enter you will receive a lucky-dip prize and the chance to win a big prize at the end of the holidays. Reviews can be written or drawn as a picture.

For more information, [click here](#)



Sarah Rosenberg & Sarah Merrick

Teacher Librarians

MUSIC UPDATE

Band News

Band Workshop:

We had a fabulous workshop on Saturday 21st November. It was a mighty intensive day that has resulted in a huge improvement in all 3 of our bands. With COVID restricting the opportunities for our bands to perform this year and hold these intensive days we were thrilled to be able to finally achieve this and what a success it was! Thank you to all the fabulous parent helpers and congratulations to the band students for being such superstars. Here are a couple of snaps of our Concert band at work:





Formation of the 2021 Training Band:

We've had a terrific response to join the 2021 training band. The specific instrument selection details have now been sent to every family who registered. The band committee will contact all new band members in the coming week providing more details regarding instruments, tutoring and dates for next year. We can't wait for the 2021 Training Band to start their band journey and hear them playing complete pieces together in term 1 (yes – it really will happen!).

End of Year Band Fun Activities:

We had to find new ways this year to let our hair down and celebrate together - all children in the band are being treated to a private screening of a movie at the Orpheum. Years 5 & 6 will have their special movie event this Thursday 3rd December and years 3 & 4 are to follow on the 10th Dec. We're so proud of all band members especially this year of all years – you certainly all deserve to have some fun and relax. We will also have a lunchtime party for each band on our last lunchtime rehearsal of the year – Training band Thursday 10th Dec; Senior Band Tuesday 15th Dec and Concert band on Monday 14th Dec.

Special message of appreciation from the band to Lindsey Handley:

Lindsey Handley has been heavily involved with the bands for the last 4 years and even running it single handedly for a good part of that time which is no mean feat. The new committee have been learning the ropes all year from Lindsey and are simply amazed at the effort Lindsey has contributed to both the band programme and the school for so many years. Lindsey also put together the school carnival in 2016 as well as contributed to countless activities over her 7 years at the school being a true secret angel at MHPS all on a parent volunteer basis.

We can't thank you enough Lindsey for your incredible dedication to our school and especially to the MHPS Band Programme which is stronger and more dynamic as a result of your positive stewardship. We wish you all the best in 'life after primary school'.

With heartfelt gratitude,
The Band Committee

2020 Wrap Up:

Thank you to all the amazing band community for the hard work and dedication in playing music together in 2020. It ain't easy for a bunch of 8-12 year olds to hold a loud instrument in their hands and all end up making a beautiful sounds together. Despite the lack of performances, twice weekly at rehearsals beautiful music is created and all our ears and brains and hearts are the better for it. We can't wait to build on that in 2021. Well done!

The Band Committee

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2021

Kindy 2021 Transition sessions are in progress! Enrolling your child now assists the school to plan for Kindergarten numbers for our transition sessions and classes next year. To enrol, you may either complete an online application via [this link](#) or submit a paper copy. To submit a paper copy:

1. Download and complete all applicable forms found on the Middle Harbour Public School website – link [Enrolment at MHPS](#)
2. Scan/email completed forms, with all additional documents to the school, at middleharb-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



To be eligible for enrolment at our school, your residential address must be within our local area. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept out-of-area enrolments at this time.

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website [here](#)

2021 SCHOOL TRAVEL APPLICATIONS



Applications for student travel in 2021 opened on Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email. Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued. Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 4 2020	
DECEMBER	
T4 Wk 9 – Tuesday 8	Celebration of Learning/Sport/Arts Assembly Stage 2 (students only)
T4 Wk 9 – Wednesday 9	Celebration of Learning /Sport/Arts Assembly Stage 1 (students only)
T4 Wk 9 – Thursday 10	Kindy Graduation (students only)
T4 Wk 9 – Thursday 10	Band and Strings Zoo Safari (TBC)
T4 Wk 10 – Monday 14	Celebration of Learning/Sport/Arts Assembly Stage 3 (students only)
T4 Wk 10 – Monday 14	Year 6 Farewell Event - at school
T4 Wk 10 – Tuesday 15	All Stages - fun day - at school/movies
T4 Wk 10 – Wednesday 16	Year 6 Talent Show/Tunnel
T4 Wk 10 – Wednesday 16	Last day of term 4 for students

TERM 1 2021	
JANUARY	
T1Wk 1 – Wednesday 27	School Development Day - Staff only - (no students)
T1Wk 1 – Thursday 28	School Development Day – Staff only (no students)
T1Wk 1 – Friday 29	First day of term 1 for students (Yr 1-6)
FEBRUARY	
T1Wk 2 – Monday 1	Kindergarten students commence
T1Wk 2 – Tuesday 2	Kindergarten students attend school
T1Wk 2 – Wednesday 3, Thursday 4 & Friday 5	Kindergarten Best Start (as per appointment)
T1 Wk 3 – Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10	Online safety webinar – Cyberbullying and Online Drama
T1 Wk 4 – Monday 15	Online safety webinar – Cyberbullying and Online Drama
MARCH	
T1Wk 6 – Tuesday 2	Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6 @ Manly Andrew ‘Boy’ Charlton Aquatic Centre
T1Wk 7 – Thursday 11	Year 6 students - Yr 7, 2022 Selective High School placement test
T1 Wk 9 – Monday 22	Online safety webinar – National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Red indicates the event has changed or been added since previous newsletter

Become an Ethics Teacher at Middle Harbour Public School for 2021

Do you have an interest in helping children develop practical thinking and decision-making skills?

Please consider volunteering for one 30-minute Ethics class per week on Thursday afternoons at Middle Harbour (either 1:45-2:15 or 2:15-2:45). We have a need for new parent/grandparent/aunty/uncle volunteers to meet 2021 Ethics class demand.

All lessons are written by Primary Ethics and approved by the Department of Education and all students in NSW follow exactly the same curriculum. The only prep you need to do each week is familiarising yourself with the lesson you will facilitate.

Through the Primary Ethics training, you will learn behaviour management and discussion facilitation techniques that are useful at home and in the workplace too!

Visit <https://primaryethicsnew.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/position-description-ethics-teacher-oct-20181.pdf> for more info and to apply. Please feel free to email me (dpizzari@hotmail.com) with any questions