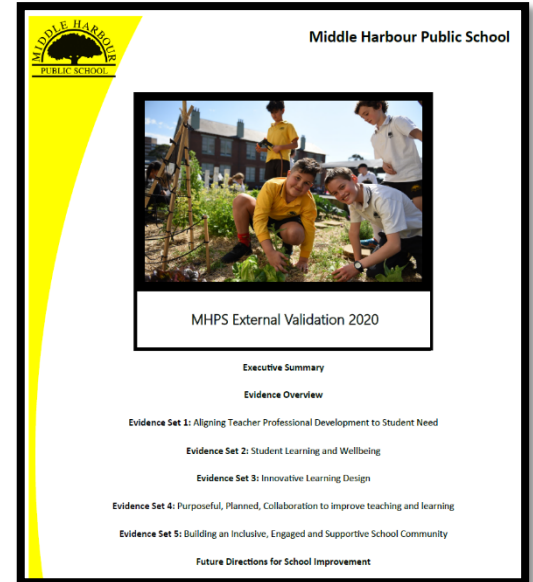




External Validation

This year our school has undergone External Validation (EV). This is a system requirement undertaken every 4 years, where the school does a self-assessment against the [School Excellence Framework](#) in the three domains of learning, teaching and leading, across 14 elements. The School Excellence Framework supports schools in our pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high-quality practice. We gathered evidence to support our progress in the 14 elements and self-assessed in terms of whether we see ourselves as delivering, sustaining and growing or excelling. We submitted five sets of evidence in our very substantial submission and provided identified future directions based on this evidence. These sets included evidence of teacher professional learning, student learning and wellbeing, innovative learning design, collaborative practices and school community.

Last Tuesday, the validation panel met virtually with our school EV team for 3 hours to discuss and validate our submission of sustaining and growing in all 14 elements. We were thrilled to be informed that based on our evidence, the panel advised the school would be validated at excelling in two of these elements - learning and development and school resources - and delivered very high praise regarding the programs and initiatives we have embedded in our school recently as well as those that are longstanding that we have chosen to continue. They also viewed our submission as exemplary – all 200 pages of it!



I would like to thank the Middle Harbour EV team for working so diligently on the arduous task of compiling the submission whilst at the same time demonstrating that this process and the day-to-day excellence that happens in this school, is the result of a team effort focused on improving the learning and wellbeing of all our students. We can all be extremely proud to belong to a school that has received such outstanding results and praise.

Planning for 2021

A reminder that if you have information relating to your child's class placement in 2021 which you feel we need to be made aware, please advise the school by completing the following form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z9GYFH3> .

Please note:

- Requests for special consideration should focus on the learning and wellbeing needs of your child
- Selection of teacher is not an option
- Complete this form even if you have made these requests in previous years.

While we will take this information into consideration when forming classes, not all requests will be met, owing to the many factors that need to be considered when forming classes.

The link to submit special considerations for class placements will remain open until **5pm on Friday 27 November**. Please kindly note that the school will not be able to consider 2021 class placement requests after this time.

Laura Barry

Principal

OUT AND ABOUT

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is a time to reflect and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of the First Nation Peoples – recognising them as the traditional owners of the land. This year's theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be' celebrates the very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.



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

We are looking for 2-3 parents to assist with a library busy bee on Friday 11 December. If you are interested in helping for part or all of the day, please email the school office.



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 will be presented to students by the end of week 8. If your child is starting their holidays early, please email the school office and we will send you an electronic copy.



Sarah Rosenberg & Sarah Merrick
Teacher Librarians

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	
NOVEMBER	
T4 Wk 6 – Monday 16	Talk-and-Walk-a-Thon Event
T4 Wk 6 – Tuesday 17	Athletics Carnival Years K-2
T4 Wk 6 – Wednesday 18	OC Placement Test (Year 5 - 2021)
T4 Wk 6 – Friday 20	Kindy Transition (Group B)
T4 Wk 6 – Friday 20	Year 6 – Surf School
T4 Wk 6 – Saturday 21	Band Camp
T4 Wk 7 – Monday 23	Year 2 Swimming commences
T4 Wk 7 – Tuesday 24	Years 3-6 Cross Country and Sports Carnival
T4 Wk 7 – Thursday 26	Year 6 Mini-fete
T4 Wk 7 – Friday 27	Year 6 – Surf School
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
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	
T1 Wk 1 – Wednesday 27	School Development Day - Staff only - (no students)
T1 Wk 1 – Thursday 28	School Development Day – Staff only (no students)
T1 Wk 1 – Friday 29	First day of term 1 for students (Yr 1-6)
FEBRUARY	
T1 Wk 2 – Monday 1	Kindergarten students commence
T1 Wk 2 – Tuesday 2	Kindergarten students attend school
T1 Wk 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	
T1 Wk 6 – Tuesday 2	Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6 @ Manly Andrew ‘Boy’ Charlton Aquatic Centre
T1 Wk 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

Online safety webinars for your parent and carer community

The education team at eSafety has been working on a new free webinar series for parents and carers, to be delivered live in 2021.

The demand for our popular parent and carer webinars in 2020 prompted us to develop the 2021 series to support school communities.

Each term, we will offer a new topic that will run numerous times. These webinars will provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences. This is especially important in an era when we are all online more than ever before.

The Term 1 webinar topic is **eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama**. This will be offered five times over the term. We will let you know when the topics for the following terms are announced.

Attached is eSafety's 2021 webinar schedule. We would be grateful if you could note the dates as you start planning the year ahead, then advertise them in 2021 through your communication channels with parents and carers.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Lucy Kimpton

Senior Outreach Coordinator

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Online safety webinars for parents and carers

Free, live webinars providing parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe and positive online experiences.

Limited spaces available!

Visit: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars to find more information.

Register now: register.gotowebinar.com/rt/2898435107213971215

Term 1

Topic: eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama

Dates:

Safer Internet Day

9 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
10 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
10 February 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
15 February 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

22 March 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Term 2

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

4 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
5 May 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
6 May 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Term 3

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

28 July 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
29 July 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Child Protection Week

7 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
9 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Term 4

Topic: To be confirmed

Dates:

19 October 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
20 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
21 October 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm