



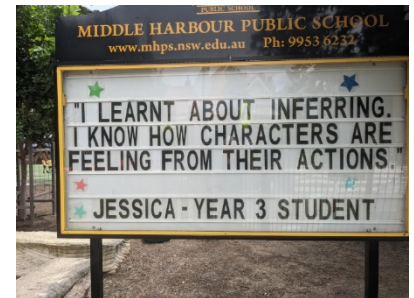
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers

It was wonderful to be able to meet face-to-face for our first P&C meeting this year and get to better know some of the new (and familiar) faces of our school community. Thank you and welcome to all those who have taken on new roles and positions to keep our P&C going. I look forward to working with our parent community this year as it continues to support the school through community-building and fundraising events.


Hale Road Sign

You may have noticed a difference to the quotes displayed on our Hale Rd sign this year. They are the voice of our students. Investigations, Tuning-in and Reflection time as part of the Walker Learning Approach provides us with valuable knowledge about our students' interests, skills and current understandings, which allows teachers to better differentiate learning to meet student learning and engagement needs.



Attendance


A reminder that learning commences at 9:00am each day and ALL students must be at school on time.

 **EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!



Being at school every day, on time has a positive impact on your children.

This table, produced by the NSW Department of Education is a powerful reminder of the long-term impact of time missed from school can have on your child's learning. If your child misses days here or there or is often late, this time adds up and impacts significantly on their learning. When absent or late, children can miss a large amount of explicit teaching, modelling and interaction in the classroom. It is not possible for the school work to be handed over for them to 'catch up'.

Reading at Home – Parent Information Session

Reading has always been an important, fundamental skill. At MHPS, our teachers use a range of effective literacy strategies to support your child in learning to read. Children benefit when parents have a better understanding of these strategies and how they can support their child's reading development at home. To this end, Mrs Rachael Creasey, our Learning and Support Teacher, will presenting a short workshop for parents on helping children with reading at home on **Tuesday 9 March, 9:00-9:45am** in our school hall. Spaces will be limited to meet current COVID guidelines so please register your attendance here: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPHKR>

Laura Barry

Principal

OUT AND ABOUT

Got it Webinar



Free Online Webinar

Date: Thursday 4 March 2021 Time: 6.30-8.30pm

To register, please follow this link

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ag80pfs1QRWX-rB2mEx5BQ

Please note sessions are not recorded for later viewing.

Raincoats



Please ensure that your child has a raincoat in his or her bag every day. Students need raincoats when moving from area to area in wet weather. Having a raincoat will also allow students to play outdoors when there is light rain or drizzle.



Road Safety

e-Safety



Join the safety commissioner for one of their free webinars for parents and carers.

These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online.

All sessions are delivered by eSafety's expert education and training team.

Online safety webinars are available on the following dates ((Australian Eastern Daylight Time) :

Tuesday 16 March 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Wednesday 17 March 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Wednesday 17 March 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Thursday 18 March 3.30 to 4.30 pm

Monday 22 March 12.30 to 1.30 pm

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

Moving to Year 7 in 2022



The expression of interest booklets for parents /carers will be sent home with all Year 6 students in week 7 (next week). Please return all sections to the school by Friday 19 March. If your child will not be going to a public high school, kindly complete section A and E.

Carole Jaye

Deputy Principal

Clean up Australia Day

Middle Harbour will take part in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 5 March 2021



A Schools Clean Up is a great way to inspire students to learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment while playing an active role in their community.

On the day students and teachers work together to clean up our playground from single use plastics. Please bring along some gloves!!

Welcome our 2021 Environment Warriors!



Some of our environment warriors have been hard at work, weeding the overgrown veggie garden. It looked very sad due to not having access over Term 1 and summer holidays but it's looking much better already!



Looking after the garden as well as being responsible for their class's composting system are some of the roles of our environment warriors.

Woolworths Discovery Garden Donations

We are calling out for some donations of unwanted Woolworths discovery garden herbs, vegetables and flowers. If you would like to donate the boxes or raise the seedlings at home first, then donate to our school garden please leave them at the donation box in the school office.



WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS

As part of our school's commitment to reducing our waste to landfill, we are holding a waste-free lunch day on Wednesdays. A waste-free lunch contains no throwaway packaging and produces no food waste. The typical waste-free lunch is packed in a reusable lunchbox or bag. Food is put in reusable containers rather than wrapped in disposable packaging. A drink is in a refillable bottle and all containers are resealable so that leftover food and drink can be saved for later. Fruit and vegetable scraps (e.g. apple cores and banana skins) will be composted at the school through our compost system.

Australia is one of the highest producers of waste per person in the western world. The average student's lunch generates around 3 kg of waste per school year. If you consider the impact of the collective lunches of your family, that's a lot of waste.

But with your assistance, we can make a great contribution towards avoiding waste. By helping your child pack a waste-free lunch you will help fulfil a number of goals:

- Learn about waste avoidance and recovery, including reuse and recycling.
- Reduce the 13 million tons of lunch waste currently going to landfill in Australia.
- Reduce the cost of waste disposal so the school's resources can be put to better use.
- Minimise litter around the school due to less waste becoming litter.
- Encourage healthy eating by avoiding pre-packaged foods which tend to be high in fats, sugar, sodium and artificial ingredients.
- Help you save money – an average waste-free lunch can save you \$10.50 per week or \$397.50 per year per child.

[Nude Food Recipe Ideas](#)

Thank you for supporting your child's participation in the waste-free lunch day and our school waste and sustainability program.

Sustainability and School Garden Coordinators

Bridget Outred, Valerie Southey, Kaihlee Patterson and Melissa Peppernell

PERSONAL BEST



It was a delight to have Edward, Brendan, Luna and Rhys from Year 3 share some extraordinary mathematical problem solving with Mrs Barry last week. Working as a team, the four students were able to recognise number patterns to decipher a coded 100s chart. A challenging task, but what was most impressive was the way in which they worked together, communicated their thinking and explained their reasoning behind a justification for their answer. Well done!

Nicolas C in Year 6, participates in Little Athletics and in a recent tournament had two wonderful results. Firstly for breaking the Mosman Little Athletics Club Record for under 11 boys by throwing the javelin 16.63 metres. Secondly for qualifying for the State Championship for under 11 boys shotput. Nicolas competes again later in March. Congratulations Nicolas we are very proud of you!

SPORTS NEWS

Diversity in Sport

This term, stage 3 students have been exploring how we can make sport and physical activity more inclusive during PE lessons. Students have discussed respectful language, the rights of a person with a disability and participated in adaptive sports such as wheelchair basketball. Last week Rick from Roadshow NSW visited the students to discuss disability awareness and to highlight that despite his disability he is still able to live a full life with family, representing Australia in various sports, and driving with modifications. The students also had the chance to play a match of wheelchair basketball. They showed personal best, respect and had a lot of fun!



BAND - NEWS

We are well and truly swinging with our three bands now.

Training band - just delightful – seeing kids for the most part start with an instrument from scratch at their first rehearsal and the excitement they have in their eyes holding their instrument and being part of a big band together.

Senior band – this is made up of students who have mostly only played an instrument for one year so far and they are now stepping up this year to really get a taste of making well-coordinated fabulous sounding music. They are working on 3 new pieces of music already!

Concert band – this is it! Concert band learn new pieces with great speed and are able to perform a huge repertoire at a high standard. Such a great opportunity for these kids to shine.

Good luck to all three bands. We are really excited for the journey all our MHPS band students are on.

Band Captains:

We are thrilled to announce that our 2021 year 6 Band Captains are Lauren H and Rory K
Congratulations to both Rory and Lauren. We know we are in good hands with your leadership this year.

First event of the year: band workshop on Sunday 14th March - just 2 weeks away!



THE KIDS COTTAGE - NEWS



Kids Cottage Welcome Afternoon + April Vacation Care

The Kids Cottage would love for you to join us at our 2021 Welcome Afternoon which will take place on the **2nd of March** in four sessions between **4pm-5:35pm**. This is an opportunity for our Team to get to know you and your children and for you to get to know our Cottage Team. This is also an opportunity to give families an insight into how Cottage operates daily including the activities and games we run for your children to get involved in. If you would like to attend, please book your child into After School Care on Tuesday the 2nd of March and complete

the attendance form below outlining which time slot you would like to attend.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2Gy-cOvQF90lbsYZKcNq9noI9GYdPBWCFIqbvTSQ8YdHyag/viewform?usp=sf_link

This term is flying by and our permanent team are working tirelessly to create fun filled April Vacation Care programs to keep your children entertained over the school holidays. Bookings for the Easter School Holidays will open on Friday 5th March for you to book your child/ren in. Spaces are limited for our excursions so please make sure to get your forms back quickly, so your child/ren do not miss out. If your child/ren are not currently enrolled at Kids Cottage but would like to take a look at our Vacation Care offerings all our programs are loaded up onto the Kids Cottage Website and if any days take your fancy, please email us at info@kidscottagemiddleharbour.com to book in.

CANTEEN NEWS

A reminder that the school canteen is once again open **5 days a week** for lunch orders and snacks!

Exact change is preferred, however orders via credit card can be made over the phone between 8:30-9:30am. Please contact the canteen on **9904 1005**.

We have a wonderful school canteen and your ongoing support for it through the purchase of school lunches is greatly appreciated.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH	
T1Wk 6 – Tuesday 2	Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 @ Manly Andrew ‘Boy’ Charlton Aquatic Centre (No parent spectators)
T1 Wk 6 – Wednesday 3	All Year 6 to receive their Moving to Year 7 in 2021 booklet.
T1 Wk 6 – Thursday 2	GOT It Webinar for parents
T1Wk 6 – Friday 5	Clean Up Australia Day
T1Wk 7 – Tuesday 9	Reading at home Parent Information Session
T1Wk 7 – Thursday 11	Year 6 students - Year 7, 2022 Selective High School placement test
T1Wk 7 – Friday 12	Zone Swimming Carnival – Selected Student only
T1Wk 7 – Saturday 14	Band Workshop
T1Wk 7 – Friday 19	All Year 6 Moving to Year 7 in 2021 forms need to be in by today whether your child is going to a public or private/independent school.
T1 Wk 9 – Monday 22	Online safety webinar – National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
APRIL	
T1 Wk 10 – Thursday April 1	Last day of Term 1

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



Mosman High School - Special Programs Evening for Year 6 Parents

Dear Year 6 parents and carers

We will be holding an Information Evening for students of Year 6, 2021 via Zoom on Thursday 4 March at 7.00pm. At this meeting the Special Programs for visual art, drama, music and academic extension will be explained. The link to attend this meeting is below:

[Mosman High Special Programs Evening](#)

I hope you can make it if your child is interested in being extended in any of these areas.

Best wishes

Susan Wyatt

Principal
Mosman High School