



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



PERSONAL BEST

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 Aug: Term 3 Education Week Assembly 9-10am (parents welcome)

2 Aug: Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival – Olympic Park

3 Aug: K-2 Athletics Carnival - Allan Border Oval

5 Aug: Bold Archy

12 Aug: Kindergarten Farm Excursion

17-19 Aug: Stage 3 Camp Wombaroo

22-26 Aug: Book Week (Parade on Thursday 25 Aug)

2 Sep: Fathers Day stall

21-22 Sep: School Show

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all our students and staff to Term 3. I trust everyone took an opportunity to relax, enjoy and recharge over the 2 weeks as this term is a very busy one! We look forward to Education Week, Science Week and Book Week, as well as the Athletics Carnivals, Stage 3 Camp, Kindergarten excursions and the return of our annual School Show!

STAFF SHORTAGES

It has been well documented across news and social media channels regarding the teacher shortages, which is further impacted at present by COVID and influenza. Already this term, we are experiencing several staff members not being able to be at work. As this is common across all schools in NSW right now, it can be difficult organising casual teachers and office staff as replacements. As a school, when a staff member is absent, we always strive to employ a casual teacher for the day and will continue to do so. Unfortunately, on some days we are not been able to replace teachers and have to split classes. In these instances, learning for students continues, just in a different space. It is anticipated that this shortage will continue throughout Term 3. We thank you for your understanding.

EDUCATION WEEK: 1st-5th AUGUST



The theme of Education week is *Creating Futures – education changes lives*. Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate quality teaching and learning and the opportunities available to everyone in NSW public education. MHPS will be celebrating Education Week with a special assembly on Monday, 1st August from 9-10am (weather permitting), parents and friends are invited to join us. Unfortunately, due to the Department's current COVID guidelines we will not be having indoor gatherings or classroom visits. We hope to be able to offer an opportunity for this in term 4.

CONGRATULATIONS MS KENNY!

Congratulations to Ms Lauren Kenny and her partner on the safe and very happy arrival of their beautiful baby boy, Joshua!

Laura Barry
Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).



Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](#).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](#). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

NAIDOC WEEK

In the first week of the holidays Australia acknowledged NAIDOC Week, which celebrates the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. When we returned from the break Middle Harbour had an assembly which included a special performance by Stage 2 students who sang Tabá Naba. This song is sung in a traditional Torres Strait Islander language. Stage 2 also wrote their own Acknowledgement of Country which they shared with us. The assembly was a lot of fun to watch with an important message to hear.

By Evie P and Cecilia P



The MHPS School Show is back!



The show dates are:

Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 September.

Detailed information to follow.

Carole Jaye
Deputy Principal

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2023

Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2023 and will be ready to start school?



We encourage all families with children starting school next year to complete an Application for Enrolment form if you have not already done so. This can be done online or through the school office. Please also spread the word to other local families interested in enrolling at our school. Information about enrolment at Middle Harbour PS and the online Application for Enrolment can be found online at the following link: [Enrolment Information - Middle Harbour Public School](#)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP NEWS

National PJ Day 2022



Last week we were able to come to school in our pyjamas or comfy clothes for National Pyjama Day. It was so much fun doing all our lessons while wearing our pyjamas, the wintery day was perfect for the occasion too. We raised money for Foster Care Australia. The school community graciously donated \$2534.80 both online and on the day. Thank you so much to everyone who donated, the money is going to such a good cause. Thanks also to the SRC for organising the day. I can't wait until PJ Day next year!

By Kirrily A

Peer Support

In Term 2 the year 6 students led a group of younger students through different activities to help build resilience. One of the challenging activities we provided our small groups with was to present scenarios that might happen in the playground and work with the students to solve these problems. If the session finished up a little early we were able to play some short, fun games in our group which the students really enjoyed. After each session the Year 6 students would have a discussion on how the session went and if any of us got stuck on something we shared some advice and tips for next time.

We all agreed that as the weeks went by we grew in confidence when leading the sessions and the students became more comfortable spending time with others across the school. What is really lovely is that after the sessions finished up many of the students will see each other in the playground and call out to say hello or give each other a smile or wave. The Peer Support program helps strengthen the awesome MHPS community.

By Ruby C

OUT AND ABOUT AT MHPS

Buddy Classes around the school

At the end of last term 5B and 10 met up as buddy classes. When we hang out together we read to each other, chat, colour and play. Having a buddy is great because you get to share your knowledge with them and see their bright smiling faces in the playground. It is also fantastic because if at any point any of the students are feeling unhappy in the playground there are extra people we can find to help cheer us up.

Having a buddy is also helping the Year 5 students to get ready for their Kindy buddy next year and other leadership roles like Peer Support.

Buddies are great!



By Leyli A and Izzy O

Dance Fever starts!



This term the 3-6 classes are having dance lessons with Dance Fever to help us prepare for the school show. The first session was a huge success. Each class learned a couple of new moves and were able to demonstrate some of their own unique moves, such as the 'Can Can'. The lesson was exhilarating and so much fun especially because we have not had a school show for so long. The next few weeks we will continue to learn our moves, we can't wait to show you the end results in the show!

By Henry R-P and Luke V

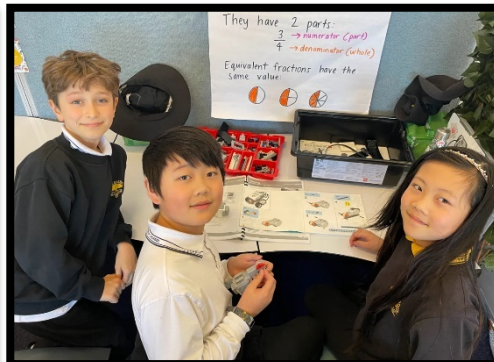
Art Club

Art Club for Stage 2 has commenced this term! We started off by learning and practising the skills involved in sketching and watercolour paints. We then experimented with a few different techniques before starting our first artwork. Over the past two sessions, we have been working on an artwork of koi fish playing in water. What a fabulous start to Art Club! Well done to all students who participate for working so hard to hone their skills! Check out some of our work so far...



STEM Club

STEM Club for Stage 2 recommenced this term with our focus now on robotics. We had the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge we gained when learning about coding in Term 1 to help us explore robotics in our first session this term. For this first part of this term, we will be using Lego Mindstorms and it was safe to say that all students were very enthusiastic! We look forward to learning more about robotics and computational thinking as the term progresses. Thank you to our students for being such keen, engaged and hardworking learners in STEM Club every week!



Miss Davies & Miss Inkinen

SPORTS NEWS

After 10 weeks of training before school, our MHPS Touch Football team took on Elanora Heights in the 2022 Boys NSWPSSA Touch Knockout Sydney North.



They played incredibly well against a team stacked with representative players (and National Team players as coaches!) but unfortunately lost 7-3. There was no disappointment after the game as they knew how well they had prepared, and their sportsmanship was inspiring- they were more concerned with how many minutes they had left of recess upon returning to school!

Well done team!

Mr Price



Congratulations to Ruby C who came 29th in the State Cross Country recently. Well done Ruby!

PERSONAL BEST

Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition

Students in Years 3-6 recently had the opportunity to enter the North Shore Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition. Students had to prepare and present a speech on one of a number of different topics, including: 'What makes a good friend?', 'What would I change about the world?', 'What I would do if I was Premier' and 'What I think makes someone a hero'. Well done to all students who participated for all of the time and effort they put into preparing their speeches.



Congratulations to Mila A from Stage 2 and Ruby C from Stage 3 who will be progressing through to the next round of the competition where they will represent Middle Harbour PS at NSW Parliament House on the 19th of August. (Absent from Stage 3 photo: James A, Ishya V, Max U)

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

In Term 2, students in Years 3-6 prepared and presented a speech on a given topic related to multiculturalism. Ruby C, Charlie G, Billie L and Mila A were selected to represent Middle Harbour PS in the local finals. Each of these students did a fantastic job and we are so proud to have them represent our school.

A special congratulations to Ruby C in Year 6 who received a Highly Commended award for her outstanding speech on Rights and Responsibilities. Well done, Ruby!



Miss Davies

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

The challenge closes on Friday 19 August 2022 (11:59pm). All books read must be recorded online via the student portal or the PRC website.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Any questions or technical issues please come and see the Librarians.

CBCA Book Week Parade - Week 6, August 20-26

There will be a K-6 Book Week Parade on Thursday 25 August at 10:20.

Students are encouraged to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. Parents welcome to watch the Parade.



P&C NEWS

Vacant P&C Role - Treasurer

Our current Treasurer has advised me that she won't be continuing in the role and we therefore have a vacancy.

The Treasurer has the overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C, including all subcommittees. The role works closely with members of the committee and is also part of the P&C Executive Group.

If you are interested in hearing more about the role and the responsibilities, please get in touch via mhpspresident@gmail.com

Next P&C Meeting



Middle Harbour Public School Parents and Citizens Association

P&C Meeting
2nd August, 6.30pm via Zoom

AGENDA

Item	Description	Presenter
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	P&C President
2.	Review of Action Items and adoption of previous meeting minutes	P&C President
3.	School Principal's Report	Principal
4.	P&C President's report	President
5.	Treasurer's report	Treasurer
6.	Other business and other matters from committee members	Open to all
7.	Close & confirm date and time of next meeting	President

BAND AND STRINGS NEWS

Festival of Instrumental Music- Senior Strings

This week the Senior Strings attended a rehearsal for a concert called the Festival of Instrumental Music- Banksia Concert which will take place at the Opera House. We practised with many different primary schools at Concord West Public School. We had to play in a big school hall and sometimes the school bell for recess and lunch went off right in the middle of a song we were playing. We had to repeat parts of the song multiple times until we got them correct. We also had such a big orchestra that when we were meant to play quietly, it was still very loud.



The hard work we put in paid off because the songs sounded amazing when we played together. It was really challenging playing the pieces off by heart and we had very few breaks between songs, but it is very exciting to know that we are going to play at the Opera House in four weeks time.

By Sophia D

KIDS COTTAGE

Spots are filling up quickly for our Extra Curricular activities during Term 3 2022!

Kids Cottage is pleased to announce that '**Make Me a Rockstar!**' will be joining us during Term 3 to run a 1-hour program each **Wednesday** afternoon from **4pm** commencing Week 2. The program will be focusing on the fundamental skills of **Performance & Musical Theatre**, including vocal projection, improvisation, and dancing. The aim of the program is to build the confidence and self-esteem of the child whilst having the most fun possible! Each session costs **\$12 per child** and comes to a **total of \$96** for the 8 Weeks and is open to children of all ages!

We also have a **Hybrid Oz Tag Program** on **Monday** afternoons, commencing Week 2 of Term 3. These will be 40-minute sessions, with **K-2 starting at 3.40pm** and **3-6 starting at 4.20pm**. Here children will focus on improving their gross motor skills and general fitness whilst versing each other in various (tagging) games of 'survival'. Each session costs **\$8 per child** and comes to a **total of \$64** for the 8 Weeks and is open to children of all ages!

If you would like to book your child/ren in for either one of our programs (or both!) please send us an email at info@kidscottagemiddleharbour.com

Warmest regards,
The Kids Cottage Team