



**RESPECT**



**RESPONSIBILITY**



**PERSONAL BEST**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 9 October** – First day of Term 4

**Wednesday 11 October** – Extra-Curricular Photos

**Friday 20 October** – Surf School begins (Year 6)

**Friday 27 October** – Kindergarten 2024 Transition

**Friday 3 November** – Kinder 2024 Transition & Parent Morning Tea

**Friday 10 November** – Kindergarten 2024 Transition

**Friday 10 November** – Parents of Neurodiverse Kids Morning Tea

**Saturday 2 December** – P&C Festive Fete and Carols

**Friday 15 December** – Last day of Term 4

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

### *KJ Acknowledgement*

*We thank the Cammeraygal people for the land we play and learn on. We pay our respects to the sun, sky, plants, animals and our friends every day.*

### Acknowledgement of Country

We respect and honour the traditional owners of Cammeraygal land on which we play, work, learn and grow.

We pay our respects to our Elders, past, present and emerging, who help us to care for each other, the plants, the animals and the land. We will commit to seeing their culture live on throughout the future.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### WORLD TOUR WONDER!



Our School Show delivered yet another wonderful end to Term 3. It is always such a treat to see our students smiling and shining on stage and we love being able to share those moments with our families and their friends. Our school show offers EVERY student the opportunity to shine, to show courage and confidence amongst their peers, for their families and in front of an audience. We are so incredibly proud of all our students for their effort and enthusiasm in each performance. I always end show nights feet moving, songs in my head and a smile on my face, and this year was no exception!

A huge thank you to Mrs Joy Renauf, Mrs Dianne Robertson, our support and office staff, and all our dedicated teaching staff for your hard work, enthusiasm, and love for this event. Without you, it would not happen. Thank you to Mrs Linda Dietz for her beautiful photography of the performances which can be viewed [here](#). Thank you also to our P&C for your donation towards lighting, sound and videography to help make it such a successful performance.



### CELEBRATING A BIG TERM

Term 3 is notoriously busy and 2023 has been no exception. Our students have worked hard this term in all learning areas and have had many opportunities to showcase their learning, progress and talents. I would like to thank all the staff for their contributions this term: we hosted Education Week, Science Week and Book Week, Athletics Carnivals, Choral and Music Festivals, Pubic Speaking Competitions, Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews, Soccer Knock-outs, Pyjama Day, SASS Appreciation Week and finally our incredible School Show. All of these events are additional responsibilities that our staff take on to ensure the best experiences for all our students. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful, dedicated teaching and support staff, thank you!

### NOT RETURNING TO MHPS IN 2024?



We are currently in the process of planning for 2024. 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 2024 school year. Kindly complete [this online form by](#) week 2, term 4.

### TERM 4 STAFFING

I will be on leave for a short while, returning in week 5 of term 4. In 2019 I was the recipient of the 2020 Premier's Mathematical Association of NSW Mathematics Scholarship. Due to COVID my 2020 study tour was cancelled and postponed to 2023 and is finally going ahead in October! My scholarship allows me 5 weeks to travel domestically to support further learning in a chosen area. My area of focus is to learn more about Indigenous numeracy constructs, and how these may attribute to a cultural bias in the way we teach mathematics. I have a particular interest in learning more about authentic, unique approaches to meet the needs of students in any context, so will be visiting remote schools in Northern Territory, Queensland and NSW who put Indigenous ways of learning at the forefront to meet the needs of their students. I hope to draw on this experience to inform our work in mathematics, Aboriginal Education, and wider student-centred approaches to teaching and learning.

While I am on leave Mrs Joy Renauf will relieve as Principal, supported by Mrs Lauren Kenny and Mrs Jenny Osborne while Mrs Jaye is also on long service leave. I feel very fortunate to be leaving the school in the capable hands of these outstanding leaders.

Wishing you all a relaxing spring break, recharge, ready for another eventful end of the year.

*Laura Barry*  
Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### INTENTION TO APPLY FOR YEAR 7 PLACEMENT IN A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2023

Year 5 families – please note, applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2025 will be accepted from 9 October – 20 November 2023. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2025, you need to apply online using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 9 May 2024**.

Parents must apply online at [Information for applicants—for entry into selective highs schools in Year 7 in 2024 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education/schools/selective-high-schools/apply)

### ROAD SAFETY



The health and safety of our students and school community is of paramount importance to us. Responsible road citizens keep themselves and others safe on the road. 'When students learn about the importance of road safety from a young age, they are more likely to develop responsible habits and attitudes that last a lifetime.' Intelligent Training Solutions Victoria.

Please discuss road safety with your child regularly especially the road rules when walking – eg to check driveways before walking across, safe crossing, safety as a cyclist, hold the hand of an older child or parent.



The Safety Town website great resources for discussing and exploring road safety with kids. You can find this at <https://www.safetytown.com.au/families/>

### SUMMER UNIFORM IN TERM 4



Now that the weather is warming up students are to wear full summer uniform. Please remind students to \* always bring a school hat, \* keep a raincoat \*and a jumper in their bag! Please have your child's name written on everything that comes to school.

### KIDS HELPLINE SESSIONS

MHPS Students will be attending sessions with Kids Helpline in Term 4. In these sessions, student will engage in live, interactive and fun virtual classroom sessions. Students will benefit from sessions that are tailored to their needs, and facilitated by qualified Kids Helpline counsellors. Sessions include games, videos, scenarios and activities to enhance student learning covering emotions and mental health, social skills and conflict resolution and resilience and wellbeing. All sessions are curriculum-aligned and evidence-informed. Further information will be sent home in Term 4.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR PHOTOGRAPHS

Extra-curricular photographs will be taking place in Week 1 of next term on Wednesday 11 October. If your child is part of the following groups, please ensure they wear full summer school uniform and black shoes for their photo. The following groups are scheduled to have their photo taken on the day:

Training Band	AFL PSSA	Senior Strings	Netball PSSA	Drama
Senior Band	Tee Ball PSSA	Debating	Soccer - PSSA and Knockout	Choir, Pulse Choir and Pulse Dance
Concert Band	SRC Year 6 Tech Crew	Zone teams	Library Prefects and Monitors	Paganini String Ensemble
Chess	Tournament of Minds	Whipper Skippers	Maths Olympiad	Bach Program Strings

### School Show – Behind the Scenes

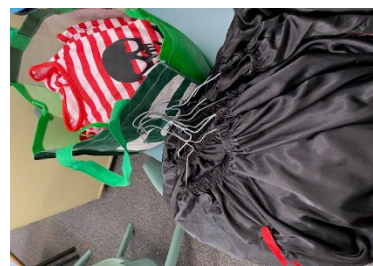
It was my absolute pleasure and privilege to be able to oversee, watch and enjoy over 12 rehearsals or performances. I got to see the all the wonderful moments when students made eye contact with loved ones. The smiles on faces and pride in eyes is priceless, especially with grandparents during the matinees. To perform on stage in front of an audience can be daunting for some and exhilarating for others. Careful consideration is taken by each class teacher for every student with many adjustments being made to ensure that all can succeed. Whilst we have our specialist dance teachers, it is every class teacher that ensures the show is a success. They attend the weekly dance lessons; select music; choreograph routines, source and make costumes and props; supervise students after school hours as well as continuing the core business of teaching. This year the staff have also managed nose bleeds, teeth falling out, emergency toilet breaks, stubbed toes and of course the abnormally hot weather.



*2T ready in their costumes*



*Mrs Tromp's washing line post-show!*



*Packed, ready for the next School Show.*

I admire every student on stage – to watch the progression from the Kindy students with their first hesitant steps on stage to the confidence and enjoyment of our Year 6 students is magic. It is wonderful just to be able to sit back and have some fun. So, take a bow MHPS staff and students!

### School Show – Photos

Many thanks to Linda Deitz who volunteered her time, photographic skills and equipment to capture many magical moments. These photos are available for purchase via the following link. Please share with family especially grandparents who were asking about them.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/HhNC3DWcQZqaR89n9>

*Joy Renauf*

Relieving Deputy Principal

### KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2024



**Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2024 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. [Enrolment Information - Middle Harbour Public School](#). If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

The Uniform Shop is open Tuesday and Friday 8.45am – 9.15am.

### SRC NEWS

#### National Pyjama Day



A big thanks to the SRC who organised MHPS's National Pyjama Day on Thursday 7 September.

We raised over \$800 for children and young people living in foster care.

## OUT AND ABOUT AT MHPS



## MHPS STUDENT BLOG

Please check out what our students have been 'out and about' doing at the [Middle Harbour PS Student Blog!](#)

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We have had a fantastic Jump Off today – the school yard filled with kids skipping and showing off their tricks.



Equally exciting is the news that we have raised \$10255 – we are getting so close to our target of \$15000. There is one week left to finalise donations before the cutoff on 30 September. Thank you to everyone who has skipped, donated and supported this great cause.

It is easy just follow **this link and enter your details.**  
[www.jumprope.org.au/parents](http://www.jumprope.org.au/parents)



## PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE



In Term 3 all MHPS will be taking part in the Premiers Sporting Challenge. This is a 10-week event which encourages students and staff to work towards a higher level of physical activity. Students will be recording their daily activity time commitment – either as part of a class or team or as an individual. All types of moderate to vigorous physical activities can count toward an award. Activities may include time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sports programs, class time, before or after school, and on weekends. Students will fill in their logbooks in class.

## PERSONAL BEST



Congratulations to Tyler (4M) and Hugo (3/4G) who represented MHPS in the Term 3 Northern Suburbs Tennis Association (NSTA) Primary School Challenge and came first in their group. They both practiced very hard in the lead up to the competition and did their personal best.



Congratulations to Olly D (3L) who has been selected as one of 10 finalists out of 1163 entries for this year's City of Sydney Little Sydney Lives Photography Competition in the 8-12 year old category. Olly's photo *Hold Still* is exhibited in Customs House until November. Olly shared: "I love to go jetty jumping at Balmoral with my family. My brother is a fair bit bigger than me and can almost touch the sky when he jetty jumps. I love it when he holds my hand and we jump together, the bubbles are amazing!" Well done Olly!



Congratulations to Lila A (6I) who was 1 of 10 students who received a Certificate of Excellence, Minister's Award for her achievements learning Polish at Saturday Community School. Lila not only received her award but spoke at the Gala at UNSW's Sir John Clancy Auditorium. *Gratulacje!*

## KIDS COTTAGE NEWS

We still have many spots for our Spring September/ October Vacation Care program. We are going to Luna Park, Bounce, Western Sydney Zoo, Pancakes on the Rocks and many more.

To book in please email us your booking form and we are happy to book in.

We are also planning for 2024, all current 2023 families will be sent out a 2024 booking confirmation email in early October so please keep an eye out for the email.

To add or remove any bookings please email us.

Warm regards,

*Jacqui*

Director – Monday to Thursday

## BAND

On the weekend, Junior Band, Senior Band and Concert Band together with Strings, went to Music Camp at Galston Gorge. We spent two days working hard with the help of our amazing tutors and fantastic conductors Mr Hampton, Ms Clain and Mr Madrid, to practice and perfect our current pieces as well as learn some new pieces.

It was mostly work, together with lots of fun in between, including a movie night on Saturday night. We had lots of learning and fun, made great memories and entertained our parents at the end with a concert to show our progress.

There is so much work behind the scenes to organise such a big event and we wanted to especially thank the volunteer organisers Lindsay, Clem, Ansa, Ros and Yvonne. A big thank you also to the parent volunteers who gave up their time to help make the camp so successful and fun.



We hope everyone had fun and we look forward to showcasing our new pieces in Term 4.

## P&C NEWS

### MHPS P&C Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 24 October

Time: 6:30 pm

We have some P&C roles becoming available soon and always need more volunteers. We elect keen parents into our vacant roles at the AGM each year. If you are interested in hearing more about the MHPS P&C and would like to get involved, please email Chanel at [mhpspresident@gmail.com](mailto:mhpspresident@gmail.com)

## P&C Federation Parent Resources

The MHPS P&C is a member of the NSW P&C Federation and we have access to free webinars for parents.

### *Upcoming Webinars:*

#### **Managing Screen and Gaming Disorders**

Date: Thursday, 26 October 2023

Time: 7:00-8:15 pm AEST

Parents and experts alike have described screen addiction and screen disorders as an epidemic, with increasing rates of screen and gaming disorders in children and teens. In this webinar, the renowned Dr. Wayne Warburton, Associate Professor of Developmental Psychology, shares insights on "screen-life balance" and children's developmental outcomes. Dr. Warburton is the leading authority on neuroscience and screen addiction. By popular request, we are pleased to provide the opportunity for questions and answers as part of this session.

Register here.

### *Recorded Webinars:*

#### **Keep safe and find hope: a role for parents in suicide prevention**

The right skills can help you prepare for conversations if or when they come up with the young people in your life. In this webinar you'll hear about what suicide prevention initiatives are underway to support schools & families, led by youth mental health experts batyr Australia, alongside LivingWorks Australia. The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

This webinar is a chance to learn about

- what impacts we're currently seeing in youth mental health and suicide, but
- what strategies are available to support parents and those with young people in their lives
- what are the right skills you can develop to prepare for conversations when they come up

Access the recording <https://www.pandc.org.au/keep-safe-and-find-hope-webinar-recording/>  
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## **MACKIE LANE ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN DAY**

Come to the Mackie Lane Community Garden annual Open Day on Saturday 21 October 10am – 4pm

See what is grown - vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers. Check out the composting, recycling, wicking beds, worm farms, native (stingless) beehive, greenhouse, rain water collection, and more. Meet the members.

Make your own pot from newspaper and plant a seed to take home. Guess how many beans in the jar. Some plants and seeds available.

We are located behind Honeysuckle Gardens which is at 500 Military Road. From Lang Street, turn into Mackie Lane.

See you there!



# Free family fun with the Parliament of NSW

MONDAY 25–  
THURSDAY 28  
SEPTEMBER  
2023 ONLINE

Welcome!

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN UP TO 12 YEARS

**Meet the people of Parliament**  
Monday 25 September, 9.30–10.15 am

**Virtual guided visit of the Parliament of NSW**  
Tuesday 26 September, 9.30–10.15 am

**Henry Parkes' disastrous document dilemma**  
Wednesday 27 September, 9.30–10.30 am

**Storytelling session with drawing activity**  
Thursday 28 September, 9.30–10.30 am

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament via ZOOM this school holiday for **free** fun educational, activities for children and their families.

We have 4 days of fun events planned including storytelling, a virtual guided chamber tour, a visit from Henry Parkes and an opportunity to meet the people of Parliament, all from the comfort of your home.

Strictly for children aged up to 12 years.



**BOOK NOW**



### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

P: (02) 9230 2047

E: [communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

**WHERE  
ONLINE**

### MORE INFORMATION

[parliament.nsw.gov.au/events](https://parliament.nsw.gov.au/events)