



**RESPECT**



**RESPONSIBILITY**



**PERSONAL BEST**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 24 October** - P&C AGM

**Friday 27 October** – Kindergarten 2024 Transition & Parent Morning Tea

**Wednesday 1 November** – Think U Know Presentation

**Friday 3 November** – Kindergarten 2024 Transition

**Friday 10 November** – Kindergarten 2024 Transition

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

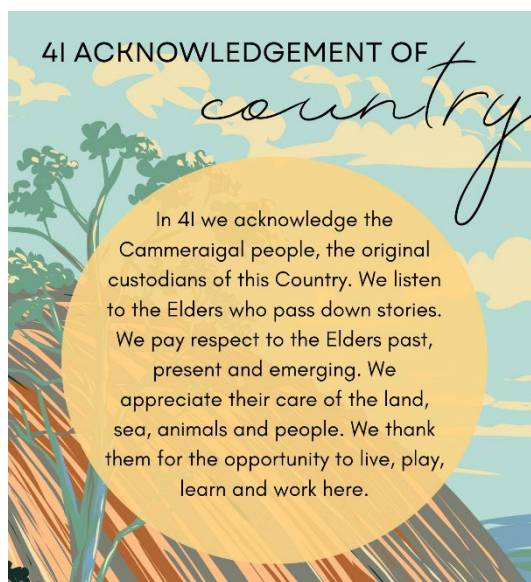
**Monday 13 – Friday 17 November** – Library Book Fair

**Friday 17 November** – Kids Cottage Disco

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

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

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the start of Term 4. This is always a busy and exciting term, with lots of learning and community events to look forward to. Spring has sprung and summer is on its way. This means that all students should now be wearing their full summer uniform to school, with black shoes only. On sports days, students wear their sports uniform with sports shoes, preferably white or black. Children should have a **school sun hat with them each day**. At break times, students without a school sun hat have limited access to play options and may miss out on playing with their friends. School sun hats are available from our uniform shop on Tuesday and Friday mornings or can be ordered online through [Flexischools](#).

#### PARENT SURVEY ON AWARDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Thank you to the many parents that completed our positive learning and behaviour survey. We appreciate and value the feedback you have provided. Together with staff experiences and knowledge, as well as feedback from the students, this information will help guide our review and any changes to current practices for promoting and recognising academic achievement, progress, and positive learning behaviours at Middle Harbour PS. We have begun looking at ways to better communicate student

learning progress more consistently and adjust our celebrations of learning and achievement in response to feedback provided.

#### CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS FOR TERM 4

Please click on the links to view curriculum overviews for each stage.

Early Stage 1 – <a href="#">Kindergarten</a>	Stage 1 – <a href="#">Years 1 &amp; 2</a>
Stage 2 – <a href="#">Years 3 &amp; 4</a>	Stage 3 – <a href="#">Years 5 &amp; 6</a>

#### WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

On Friday 27 October Australia celebrates World Teachers' Day. The wisdom and expertise of teachers shine brightly in our school. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the teachers at Middle Harbour Public School for their constant energy, enthusiasm, flexibility and continued professionalism each and every day. You are truly all precious gems.

#### PLANNING FOR 2024

This term we will begin to plan and formulate classes for 2024. If you have information relating to your child's class placement in 2024 which you feel we need to be made aware, please advise the school by completing the following form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LWC3WNX>

Class formation is a long and thoughtful process carried out by our teachers, who know a lot about how our students learn and behave in the school environment. In forming class structures, departmental policies, projected enrolments, staffing entitlements and educational research must be taken into consideration along with equity issues such as

- resources and space
- the balance of linguistic, gender, religious and cultural diversity and
- the learning needs of the students.

Please note:

- A separate form should be submitted for each child
- 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 24 November**. Please kindly note that the school will not be able to consider 2024 class placement requests after this time.

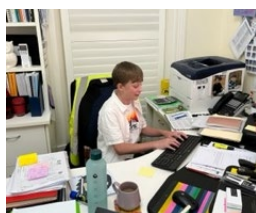
#### NOT RETURNING TO MHPS IN 2024?



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.

## VISITING PRINCIPAL AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS

On the second last day of term 3, the school was visited by Principal Adam McIvor, Deputy Principal Leyli Adhami and a number of kindergarten teachers. They were impressed with the staffroom and enjoyed their day learning exactly what teachers at Middle Harbour do each day. This P&C auction prize is always a lot of fun and a great fundraiser for the school.



*Joy Renauf*  
Relieving Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy start to Term 4 with so much happening in each classroom, each grade and across the school community. The events continue with World Teachers' Day being celebrated by NSW teachers on Friday 27 October. While the international day falls on October 5, it is celebrated in NSW on the last Friday of October. You may see some posters around the school gates likening our teachers to gems. We are sure you will agree that Middle Harbour is a school full of Teacher Gems and we are so grateful for each and every one of them. Happy World Teachers' Day to the staff.

## THINKUKNOW – VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

On Wednesday 1 November at 6pm, parents/carers are invited to join an online safety presentation delivered by ThinkUKnow volunteer Sam Wood, who is a cyber security educator for the Commonwealth Bank.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in protecting your child from harm. The aim of the ThinkUKnow program is to support you in preventing and managing safety challenges that your child may face, as well as guiding your child to understand these and feel empowered to take action. The focus of this session is understanding the way your young people might be using their technology and the online safety challenges related to sexual exploitation associated with these technologies, and how to manage them.

Please note that the presentation for parents, carers and educators is not suitable for children due to the nature of the topics discussed.

We look forward to connecting with you virtually for this session – please use the Microsoft Teams link below to join us. **Join on your computer, mobile app or room device.** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Learn more about the ThinkUKnow program at <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

## 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)

### 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>

*Jenni Osborn & Lauren Kenny*

Relieving Deputy Principals

## JUVENILE ARTHRITIS DAY



Last Thursday, Harriette (3L) invited MHPS students to wear a touch of blue to raise awareness and money for the Juvenile Arthritis Foundation. Harriette is an advocate for children – like her – who have juvenile arthritis. Juvenile arthritis is one of the most common chronic childhood diseases – it is a serious, painful, debilitating autoimmune disease. Harriette says thank you to the school community for raising around \$400.

## DALWOOD CHILDREN'S SERVICES GIVING TREE

This year the MHPS GIVING TREE is supporting Dalwood Spilstead Services. The spirit of giving infuses the holiday season. At Middle Harbour PS we have the opportunity to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. This year we are supporting families at Dalwood Spilstead Early Intervention and Support Services by providing food or gifts. They would like **unwrapped gifts** for children or hampers for families.

Please see the attached wishlist of gifts. All gifts of **new** toys can be placed under the tree in the front office **by Thursday 7 December**. **Please do not wrap gifts.**

## 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

In the coming weeks students in K-2 will receive a certificate for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge during our library sessions, these will be sent home via classroom teachers. Students in years 3-6 who completed the challenge in their own time, will also receive a certificate. We are very proud of our MHPS reading superstars!



### Book Fair

We are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair this term! This exciting event is a fun way to support and nurture your child's relationship with reading and books. When you buy books from the fair, you are helping the school to earn commission which is used to purchase new classroom and library resources! There will be children's books for sale across a multitude of genres, including fantasy, classics, reference, award-winners, humour, nonfiction and mystery... we look forward to seeing you there!

Where: MHPS Library

When: Monday 13 – Friday 17 November

Times: 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm

### MHPS Book Fair Info and Volunteer Sign Up

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with the MHPS Book Fair. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:



- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp <https://signup.com/go/PHVKEvU>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Sarah Rosenberg  
Teacher Librarian

## 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!](#)

## PERSONAL BEST



Congratulations to Maisie Y (5/6T) who competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival last week.

Congratulations to Ana G (4I) who has been accepted into the Australian Ballet Interstate Training Program (Level 2).

Congratulations to the Senior Boys for making the semi-finals of the NSWPSA Football Knockout Competition. Last Friday the team travelled to Lake Macquarie with Ms West. Competition was fierce with the result being 2-1 in favour of New Lambton South. Each and every player should be proud of their achievement. Congratulations to Rhys S, Tristan L, Henry RP, Charlie G, James D, Tomas P, Miles W, Jordie M, Jackson SO, Jai C, Barney C, Liam C, and Luke V.



## BAND

### Did you know playing an instrument is brain food for children?

That's because getting musical can help kids:

- 💬 Tap into their **creativity**
- 🧠 Increase **cognitive performance**
- ▲ Boost their **mood**
- ▼ Reduce **stress + anxiety**



**Did you also know anyone in Years 2-5 can join the MHPS Training Band? *And no experience is needed.***

Over the coming weeks, we'll be putting together our 2024 Training Band. There are no tryouts and *everyone currently in Years 2-5 is welcome to join!*

If your child is already a musician - great. If they've never picked up an instrument before - absolutely no problem.

We'll be in touch shortly with more information on how to get involved, but here are the important dates for your diary:

#### **Ear Test (auditory survey)**

Friday, October 27 at 12.45 pm in the hall.

*For all Year 2 students and any Years 3-5 wishing to join band.*

#### **Parent Information Session**

Wednesday, November 1 at 8 am in the hall

*For parents (and children) interested in joining band.*

#### **Instrument Selection Day**

Friday, November 10 from 12 pm - 3 pm

*For any students who've registered their interest in band.*

All kids will be treated to a **Musical Showcase on October 24**, so they should be inspired and ready for action by the 28th!

**Hope to see you at band!** 🎵🎸🎹

## P&C NEWS

Welcome to term 4, which certainly is a busy one as we ramp up to the end of the year and the festive season. Here's some of the events in store for the term from the P&C - put it in the diary!!!

#### **Crazy Camel**

Keep an eye out for the Crazy Camel artwork paper coming home school bags. Designs need to be returned to school by 26 October. Ordering is now open at <https://www.crazycamel.com.au/14104> where you can choose from a selection of products, including tea towels, pillowcases, notebooks, greeting cards, and sketchbooks.

Apart from being great stocking fillers, every purchase you make contributes to raising funds for our school!

## 17 Nov - School Disco

- Put the date in your diary
- Buy your tickets <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1130750>
- Get yourself disco ready!

## Kindy Orientation Morning Tea

Our current kindergarten parents are hosting a morning tea next week to warmly welcome the parents of our incoming 2024 kindergartners. Big shoutout to Belinda Wilkinson and our class parents for making this happen! 🍰👏

## Gingerbread Houses

Pre-order your Gingerbread house with the school getting 20% of every sale! <https://www.gingerbreadfolk.com.au/discount/MHPSENGERBREADHOUSE2023> Promo code: MHPSENGERBREADHOUSE2023

## 2 Dec - Festive fete - See the flyer

As part of the Festive Fete we will be encouraging our budding entrepreneurs in years 3-6 to submit their own stall ideas. More information on this will come next week, so look out for it!

## P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)

P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on 24th October at 6:30pm via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84599346278?pwd=dXlLMjhRRklzMW1FZmo2MXVjWXNMdz09>

The roles of President, Sustainability Coordinator, Small Events and Grants Coordinators are vacant. If anyone is keen to volunteer for these, please let Min know via the secretary email [mhpssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mhpssecretary@gmail.com)

All are welcome and encouraged to attend the AGM.

## Election BBQ – Thank you!

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers on short notice who rallied to support the school and run a sausage sizzle - a community favourite! A special thank you to Tim Ward and Dana Lightbody for organising the event. 🍰👏

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DIANA COFFEY

Congratulations to Diana, who teaches Ethics to Year 5 at our school and coordinates the program, who has been nominated for the prestigious The Kinghorn Award. This award honours an ethics volunteer who is an inspirational role model for other volunteers. Simply being nominated is an honour and shows in what high esteem Diana is held. The winner will be announced in late November.

## STUDENT TRAVEL PASS 2024 – APPLY NOW



Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details

before the end of term 4. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024. <https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply>

## BECOME AN ETHICS TEACHER AT MHPS IN 2024

**Primary Ethics** provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical discussions.

**Primary**  
**ETHICS**

**In order for all Ethics classes to continue at MHPS in 2024, we need more volunteer teachers.**

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the Ethics program. Training consists of short online learning modules and a two-day in-person workshop (or four online classes).

You will learn facilitation and behaviour management techniques that are useful at home and in the workplace too!

As an Ethics teacher, your role will be to facilitate discussion between students. All lesson materials are provided for Ethics teachers by Primary Ethics.

Middle Harbour Ethics classes are currently held on Monday afternoons, 2:30-3pm but that may change next year.

For more information, please contact **Diana Coffey**, Ethics Coordinator for Middle Harbour Public School at [dpizzari@hotmail.com](mailto:dpizzari@hotmail.com)

## 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.

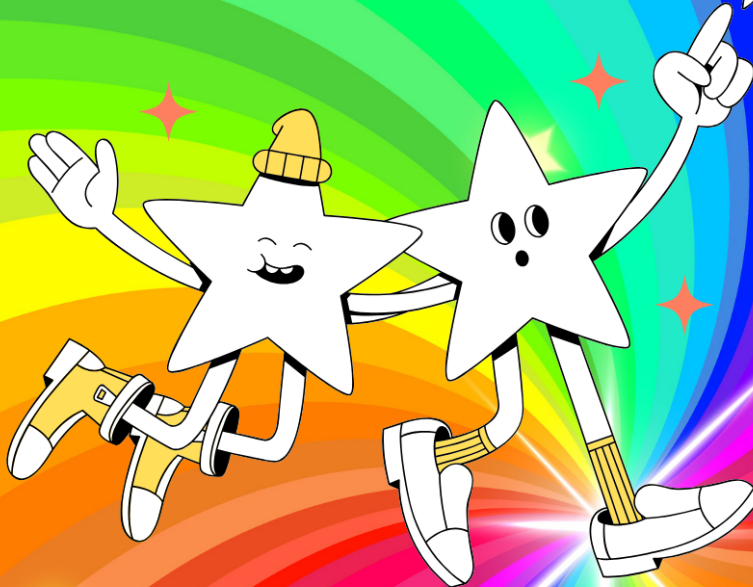
We are located behind Honeysuckle Gardens which is at 500 Military Road. From Lang Street, turn into Mackie Lane.

See you there!



# it's time to Disco

**Friday 17  
November**



**THEME:**  
**RAINBOW**

Kindy & Year 1	>	3:45pm -5pm
Year 2 & 3	>	5:05pm- 6:45pm
Year 4 - 6	>	6:50pm- 8:30pm

**TICKETS \$15**

**INCLUDES ENTRY, ICY POLE AND PACKET OF  
CHIPS. BYO WATER BOTTLES**

**Online booking only. No cash sales. Booking closes  
Tues 14 Nov. Scan to purchase or go to  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CMISK>**



**Presented by Kids Cottage. Proceeds go towards the  
Middle Harbour Public School Year 6 Farewell Function**