



**RESPECT**



**RESPONSIBILITY**



**PERSONAL BEST**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 3 April** – Stage 1 see *Are We There Yet?*  
**Mon 3 & Tuesday 4 April** – Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews  
**Thursday 6 April** – Grand and Special Friends' Day  
**Thursday 6 April** – Last day of Term 1  
**Wednesday 26 April** – Term 2 begins  
**Thursday 27 April** – K-2 Syllabus Parent Information Evening  
**Wednesday 3 May** - Years 2 to 6 Cross Country Carnival  
**Thursday 4 May** – Selective High School Test  
**Tuesday 9 May** – P&C Meeting  
**Wed 31 May – Fri 2 June** – Stage 3 Canberra Camp

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

5/6T would like to acknowledge the Cammeragal people who are the traditional owners of where we are lucky enough to learn, play and grow on. It is on their land that Middle Harbour Public School is built. This land provides us with a place to create, connect, play and explore. As the air turns cooler and leaves begin to change colour, we cherish our beautiful surrounds.

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have certainly hit the ground running this year and find ourselves with only one more week of school left before the Easter holidays. It has been a hive of activity at MHPS this term and all the students and staff have been working extremely hard. We know that parents, carers, families and friends are all part of the process of making school a successful experience for our students and that all of you have been working hard as well. Thank you to everyone who has supported us and our students in our efforts throughout the term. A well-deserved break on its way for all!

### SAVE THE DATE – PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

In Terms 1 & 2 our staff are involved in thorough and rich professional learning delivered by University of New South Wales and Dr Andrew Martin around student engagement, motivation and the alignment of high expectations and challenge in learning. They are also working closely with Ms Tattle our Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction to deliver exceptional learning programs using the new K-2 English and Mathematics syllabi. Working in partnership with parents to have a clear understanding of what and how our children learn is an essential ingredient to school success and achievement, so we have two parent information sessions scheduled for next term that we encourage parents to attend. Please SAVE THE DATES below.

**K-2 English and Mathematics Syllabuses  
Parent Information Evening  
(K-2 Parents)**  
**Thursday 27 April @ 5-6pm**  
 MHPS School Hall

**Motivating & Engaging our Youth  
with Dr Andrew Martin**  
**Parent Information Session**  
**Tuesday 13 June @ 6-7:30pm**  
 MHPS School Hall

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN was successfully completed by our Years 3 and 5 students last week with minimal technical issues using the online platform. I congratulate all our students for doing their personal best in this and in other areas of their growth and learning each day. At Middle Harbour we use many forms of assessment to support our student's learning throughout the year. NAPLAN is just one source to form part of student assessment data. Thank you to our team of teaching and support staff, under the coordination and leadership of Miss Hesketh, Miss Hooper and Mrs Foale who worked tirelessly to support the delivery of the NAPLAN assessments and ensure all students were supported.



## P&C COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

Our P&C have worked extremely hard to organise and coordinate several community events and fundraisers in Term 1 this year - morning teas, working bees, movie nights and the area's BEST Election Day BBQ! Fundraising from the P&C enables our school to provide greater opportunities for our students. With fundraising efforts last year, we have been able to purchase additional student Chrome books and iPads for individual and collaborative learning in classrooms, additional learning and support resources and continue to save towards our playground treehouse and shade shelters. The scope of work for the Treehouse has been approved by the Department and we anticipate works to commence later this year once a project manager has been allocated. We are incredibly thankful for P&C contributions which have provided the funds to make this possible.



The Movie Night held on school grounds earlier this term was such a fantastic, community-building addition to our P&C calendar and huge thanks must go to exiting P&C President, Diana Ferguson, for the success of this evening. As Diana moves on from the President role, we would like to extend our thanks for the time and energy given to the P&C during her time in this role, committing extensive funds and introducing new events to the school throughout her tenure.

Wishing all our families a safe and restful holiday break.

*Laura Barry*  
Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY



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We are also pleased to offer our Grandparents and Special Friends the opportunity to visit the library and purchase a book, to be donated to the school. An appreciation label will be placed inside the book.

### APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2024

#### Key dates:

30 March – applications open

15 May – applications close

27 July – placement test

20 October – placement outcome release

Register [here](#)

More information can be found [here](#)

## SCHOOL UNIFORM IN TERM 2



**All students return to school on Wednesday 26 April** for the start of Term 2. Students will be able to wear full summer or full winter uniform dependant on weather, the first 2 weeks of Term 2. We will officially change to full winter uniform on Monday 8 May.

*Carole Jaye*

Deputy Principal

## CURRICULUM UPDATE

The NSW Student learning library is a suite of learning resources which are accessible for teachers, parents and carers, and students to be used in class or at home.

The resources are aligned with new syllabuses and have been quality assured by educational professionals within the department. The new resources will supplement and complement other resources being provided by the department, including units developed by department curriculum experts to support the roll-out of new syllabuses.

The library currently contains K-2 English and Mathematics learning resources. The remaining K-10 learning resources are to be released over the next 3-5 years aligned to the new NSW syllabus rollout.

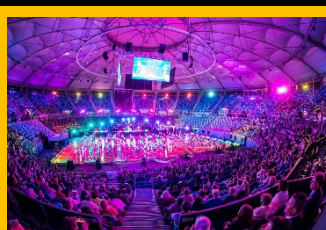
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/initiatives/nsw-student-learning-library.html#/>

Further information on the updated K-2 syllabus can be found here - [Parent Guide - K-2 Syllabus](#)

*Emma Tattle*

Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction

## OUT AND ABOUT AT MHPS



## MHPS STUDENT BLOG

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

## PERSONAL BEST

### VOLUNTEERING AT KIDS GIVING BACK

Thank you to Bella H (5W) and Evie P (5/6T) who volunteered at Kids Giving Back during Term 4, 2022 and the summer holidays. They assisted in providing hot and cold meals, breakfast boxes, snack packs, care packs and writing empathetic, positive messages to 13 charities around Sydney. We are proud of your exceptional leadership qualities, compassion and strong sense of civic responsibility!



If you are interested in learning more about Kids Giving Back and taking part in their programs, you can find more information [here](#)



Miles W (6I) who was recently invited by the NSW Education Department to be part of a peer-led working group of primary and secondary school leaders. Miles' role is to represent the interests of Stage 3 students. The working group has been asked to help plan four NSW Youth Summits culminating in the Sydney event which will take place during Education Week in August. Congratulations Miles on the opportunity to showcase your leadership!



## LIBRARY NEWS

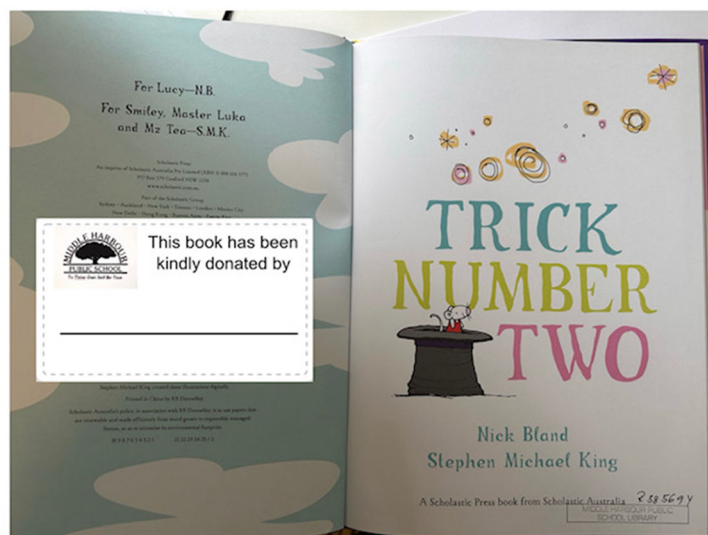
### GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS LIBRARY VISIT

On Thursday 6 April, families are invited to visit and explore our library. Visitors are welcome to view the students' work and to read a book or two. We will also have a selection of books on display for families to purchase and donate to the school. Donations will be \$10 per book and in return, a special dedication to the student/family will be recorded inside the book. Families will be able to borrow the donated items for the holidays. Payments can be made using cash/credit card. We look forward to seeing you all and thank you in advance for your support.

### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE AND MUCH MORE!

Please visit our Library Newsletter for details on this year's Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC), as well as how to access eBooks and our library catalogue from home. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10'. Just a reminder, K-2 Complete the PRC in their library lessons and parents do need to do anything. Years 3-6 students will be shown how to log on and record books on the PRC next week, but parents are welcome to use the instructions provided to assist their child at home. [Library 2023](#)

*Sarah Rosenberg and Sarah Vaughan*  
Teacher Librarians



## P&C NEWS



The P&C want to give a huge shoutout to all the amazing parents who made the election day cake stall and BBQ event such a success!

Big thanks to the cake box collectors and pricing team, as well as those who cooked up a storm, sold delicious treats, and helped with the clean up.

Special recognition goes out to the families who stayed all day - we couldn't have done it without you! And let's not forget the star salespeople - the kids on

the stalls were absolutely fantastic, making our jobs so much easier.



Lastly, a huge thank you to Diana Ferguson for doing an AMAZING job organising this event!

*MHPS P&C*

### BAND NEWS FOR TERM 1 2023

We're off and running for 2023. We have a brilliant new Training band this year with 34 new musicians just starting out on their musical journey. Learning an instrument as well as learning how to be a team player in an ensemble.



Our senior and concert band students too are charging ahead – the beginning of the year is always a milestone that is easy for the older kids to see how far they have progressed from when they first started in training band. It is wonderful to see.

### BAND CAPTAINS

We are delighted to announce the 2023 band captains – Leyli A and Alex N. Congratulations to you both.



### BAND WORKSHOP

On Sunday 19 March, the three MHPS bands - training band, senior band and concert band - came together at the school for our first band workshop this year.



All the bands practised hard in their instrument tutorials with tutors and in band rehearsals with their conductors throughout the day. We could all hear the improvement we were making and it was great our parents could also hear it in a concert for each band at the end of the day.

Congratulations to all the students involved with the bands. We are all looking forward to playing for the whole school again at Grandparents and Special Friends' Day!

We would like to say a special thank you to the parent volunteers who organised and helped throughout the day. The day would not have been possible without them.

*Alex and Leyli*  
2023 Band Captains

## KIDS COTTAGE NEWS

Our April Autumn Vacation Care Program is now open for all families. If you would like to book in please email us for a booking form or see our website.

Thank you to all of the families who donated baked goods and money for our Mission Australia Bake sale on Tuesday 21st March. We raised \$853.95, if you would still like to donate here is the link: <https://act.missionaustralia.com.au/fundraisers/thekidscottagemiddleharbour>

## MHPS NEW FINANCE SYSTEM

We are excited to announce our school has transitioned to an upgraded School Bytes finance system.

### What is the School Bytes portal?

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately. While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

## BACK TO SCHOOL NSW PROGRAM

You can now apply for the Premier's Back to School NSW program, offering \$150 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50 vouchers) to help pay for school supplies like school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and stationery

Every primary and secondary school student in NSW is eligible for the vouchers.

You can apply for and access your vouchers in your MyServiceNSW account, in the Service NSW app, by calling Service NSW on 137788 or by visiting your local Service Centre External link.

To be eligible, your child needs to be a NSW resident and enrolled in a NSW primary or secondary school in 2023.

For more information and to access all vouchers, visit the Service NSW website.

**The MHPS Office is able to accept the Back to School vouchers for excursions.** Please come in to the Office to use your voucher.

**The MHPS Uniform Shop is able to accept the Back to School vouchers.** Please come in (Tuesday 8.45-9.15am and Friday 8.45-9.15am) to use your voucher. We regret that the vouchers cannot be used for online purchases.

## 2023 SCHOOL TRAVEL PASSES

### 2023 school travel applications are now open

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 as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody). You can apply [here](#)



# Grandparents & Special Friends Morning

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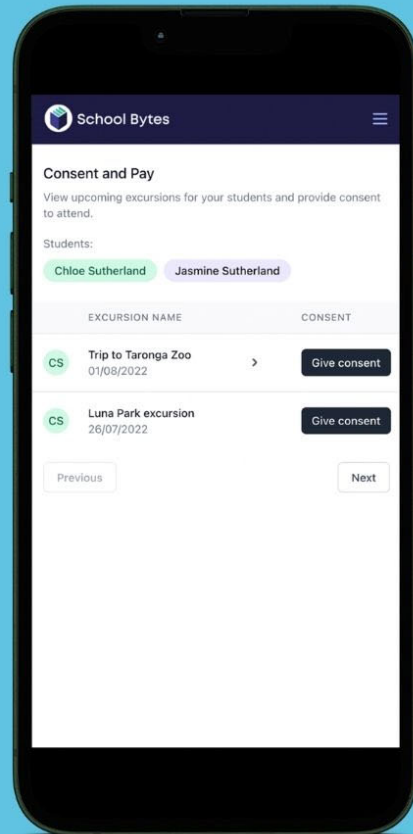
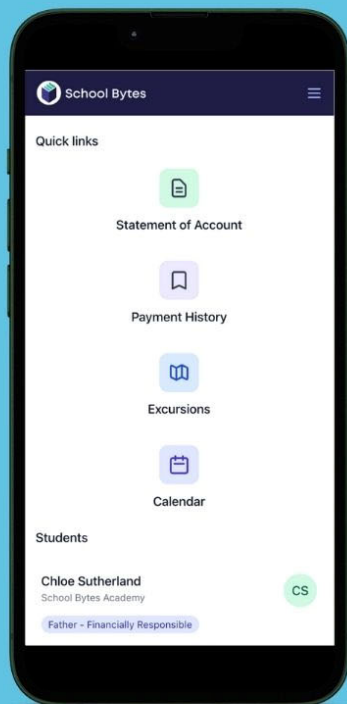
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# AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



## The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



School Bytes

AVAILABLE DURING

# TERM 1

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>

