



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



PERSONAL BEST

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 13 June – Parent Info Session with Dr Andrew Martin

Thursday 8 June – Kindergarten 2024 Information Night

Friday 9 June – Kindergarten Science Incursion

Tuesday 13 June – 7:30pm P&C Meeting

Thursday 15 June – K-2 Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 28 June – Stage 2 ERP Showcase

Friday 30 June – Last day of Term 2

Tuesday 18 July – Term 3 begins

Saturday 29 July – P&C Trivia Night

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Acknowledgement of Country

We gather here at Middle Harbour Public School on Cammeragal land to learn, play and grow.

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional, first peoples of the land, waters and sky.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future for they hold the cultural and spiritual connections, memories and traditions of this sacred place which was and always will be Aboriginal land.

Thank you to 2T for sharing their class Acknowledgement of Country with us.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – REMINDER

A reminder that Dr Andrew Martin will be presenting a parent information session on motivation and engagement on **Tuesday 13 June in our school hall from 6-7:30pm**. There is no cost for this session, but we ask that parents register their interest using the link so we can ensure enough seating. Please note this is an adult only event.

Dr Martin specialises in student motivation, engagement and achievement. He is also published on important areas such as ADHD, gifted and talented, academic resilience and academic buoyancy, adaptability and teacher-student relationships. Dr Martin's research bridges other disciplines through assessing motivation and engagement in sport, music and work.

**Motivating & Engaging our Youth
with Dr Andrew Martin**

Parent Information Session

Tuesday 13 June @ 6-7:30pm

MHPS School Hall

[Please register your interest here.](#)

NATIONAL SORRY DAY AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Sorry Day acknowledges the harm caused to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly by policies which forcibly removed children from families and communities, known as the Stolen Generations.

National Reconciliation Week marks both the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision and invites all Australians to continue the journey towards reconciliation. This year's theme is 'Be a Voice for Generations' and urges all Australians to use their power, words and vote to create a better Australia for everyone.



Students K-6 have been engaging in activities to mark the importance of these two occasions.

STAGE 3 CANBERRA

I had the absolute pleasure of joining students in Years 5 & 6 at their camp this week in Canberra. The students had a very busy schedule exploring our nation's capital and learning more about our Australian democratic process. I was extremely proud of all our students for their exemplary behaviour throughout the 3 days. Positive praise and feedback were provided to our teachers at every location the children stopped at. Thank you to all students for consistently displaying our core values while on camp. A HUGE thank you also to our AMAZING teaching staff - Miss Hesketh, Miss Irving, Miss Tattle, Miss West, Miss Lee and Mrs Renauf - for going above and beyond for our students.



Laura Barry
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (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](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

SENDING MEDICATION TO SCHOOL

A reminder to parents and carers that medication should NOT be sent to school in a student's bag. If medication needs to be taken during the day on a short-term basis (e.g. antibiotics), an adult must deliver this to the School Office along with instructions on when and how it is to be administered and stored. If medication needs to be taken on an on-going basis (e.g. Ventolin, ADHD medication or an EpiPen) an adult must deliver this to the School Office along with a Health Care Plan. We appreciate your assistance with these processes – they are for the safety of all our students.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Your child's digital report will be available to download from the Sentral Parent Portal later this term. The login address for the Sentral Parent Portal is <https://mhps.sentral.com.au/portal/login> **Please take the opportunity now to check your portal access and email the school office with any access queries or requests to re-set passwords. Kindergarten and families new to MHPS will receive their portal login codes in the coming weeks.**

POWER OFF, EARTH ON INITIATIVE





Students have been enjoying some of their classes outdoors as part of the Power Off, Earth On initiative. This initiative is based on an idea from Evie P and Henrietta B (Year 6) who wanted to extend the annual Earth Hour campaign and reduce the school's electricity use.

The Mayor and the Mosman Daily were so impressed with this initiative that a journalist interviewed the students and published a feature article about Power Off, Earth On!

Carole Jaye
Deputy Principal



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



Lauren C and Rhiannon S were selected in the Northern Suburbs Netball Association 11s Development Representative Squad. They came 2nd in the Baulkham Hills Reps carnival on the weekend and next will head to Liverpool to represent Norths. Congratulations!

LIBRARY NEWS

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME (NSS)



Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries and schools around Australia. Middle Harbour enjoyed celebrating this year's NSS book, 'The Speedy Sloth' by Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie. A special assembly run by the library monitors and prefects, a colouring in competition and a party for the winners were just some of the highlights. Even Mrs Barry joined the fun dressed as a snail who raced against Spike the Sloth (Mrs Rosenberg). Our students enjoyed listening to the story last Wednesday with its message of giving things a go... even when they seem impossible.

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

This week new decodable home reading books arrived for Kindy and Stage 1. These were purchased using Scholastic Rewards raised through Book Club and the Book Fairs we run twice a year. Thank you to all of the MHPS families who support our school, the commission allows us to acquire new resources for our school.



COLOURING COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered our colouring competition.



Sarah Rosenberg
Teacher Librarian

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2024

KINDERGARTEN 2023 – PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

We look forward to meeting our Kindergarten 2024 parents and carers at our Kindergarten 2024 Information Evening which will be held in the school hall on **Thursday 8 June from 6 - 7pm**. Please enter the school via our Hale Road entrance. Our Kindergarten teachers will be there to guide you to the hall. This event is for adults only.



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.

UNIFORM SHOP

White long-sleeve polos are now in stock. These can be ordered through Flexischools or bought at the Uniform shop. The Uniform Shop is open Tuesday and Friday 8.45am – 9.15am.

KIDS COTTAGE NEWS

July Vacation Care will be running from Monday 3rd July to Monday 17th July. The program will be sent out the families in week 7.

We are currently looking for casual staff. Resumes can be sent to info@kidscottagemiddleharbour.com

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE - SYSTEM UPDATES

SKOOLBAG BECOMES AUDIRI



Skoolbag has changed its name to audiri. The App will still work in the same way for parents but will be rebranded. We use skoolbag for push and email notifications to families from the school and the P&C and to record absences. We will continue to use it this way for the foreseeable future. If you are having any issues please try updating or reinstalling the audiri app. Please let the school office know if you have any questions.

New Finance System – School Bytes Parent portal

Thank you for your patience as we roll out the new finance system. We have had some issues with emails not going to both parents/carers which has now been resolved.

If you are yet to register you can still do so here

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting – 13 June at 7:30pm

Are you ready to make a difference and get involved with the P&C? Well, mark your calendars because our next P&C meeting is right around the corner! Join us on Tuesday, 13 June at 7:30 pm in the school hall for light refreshments, and our meeting. Come on down and discover firsthand what we're all about. We're constantly on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers, so this is the perfect opportunity to see how you can contribute.

Trivia Night – 29 July

Welcome to the Middle Harbour Greatest Showman Trivia, folks! It's time to get ready for our first-ever trivia night by donning your greatest showman attire. Whether you're a ringleader, trapeze artist, or a theatre guest, the choice is yours. And while dressing up is optional, we have prizes for the best-dressed men and women, so don't miss out!

Our expert Trivia host Jason, will keep us entertained, and there are prizes for the top 3 teams and the last team. Doors open at 7pm, and the trivia will begin at 8pm.



Tickets - \$50 each

Buy a table or if you don't have a team organised, don't worry; we have single tickets available, and we'll try our best to seat you with other parents from your year.

Tickets are strictly limited due to venue capacity so get in fast.



Donations to raise funds

This is our major fundraiser for 2023 and we're hoping to raise as much money as possible for the school, so we need your help! If you have any prizes, such as a holiday house, a boat for a day, or any NEW items you don't need, please donate them to the school. We'll compile smaller items into a hamper for our raffle.

We are also looking for beverage donations. We will be using the donated beverages for a sideshow game.



Mothers and Others Stall

All went well with only a handful of gifts left over at the end. Some kids bought 1 gift and some kids bought 4!

A shoutout goes to the remarkable Year 1 parents who generously volunteered their time. Your dedication and hard work truly paid off, as we were able to wrap up and pack everything by around 11 am. Your support made a world of difference, and we couldn't have done it without you.

Now, let's give a standing ovation to the one and only Diana Ferguson for orchestrating yet another incredible event! Diana, you outdid yourself once again, and we are forever grateful for your exceptional organising skills.

Chanel Bornoff
MHPS P&C President

2023 SCHOOL TRAVEL PASSES

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Check out the **Cancer Council's Healthy Lunch Box** website for bite-sized nutrition tips, facts and recipes like chocolate and coconut bliss balls and spinach triangles. You can find it [here](#)

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION - PACER

Stage 3 students have spent the last 3 days in Canberra for an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This amount has already been deducted from each student's Canberra fee.