



**RESPECT**



**RESPONSIBILITY**



**PERSONAL BEST**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 18 July** – Term 3 begins

**Saturday 29 July** – P&C Trivia Night

**Monday 7 August** – Education Week Open Day

**Thursday 10 August** – SRC Neurodiversity Awareness Day

**Monday 14 August** – Festival of Choral Music (Opera House)

**Thursday 24 August** – Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival (Homebush)

**Friday 25 August** – Kindy excursion to Golden Ridge Farm

**Friday 22 September** – last day of Term 3

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY



#### Camerraigal Country

We – 4M – acknowledge the Cammerigal People, the Traditional Custodians of the land where we live, learn and play.

We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands, waters, and skies of Australia.

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### CELEBRATING THE POWER OF PLAY



Last month Middle Harbour PS was invited to present at the Sydney Opera House as part of a series of conversations about education in Australia with Finnish educator, author and current Professor of Educational Leadership at The University of Melbourne, Pasi Sahlberg. This conversation was about 'Celebrating the Power of Play'. Professor Sahlberg has visited our school and was impressed with our play-based pedagogy in years K to 2. He invited us to showcase some of what we do in the 'learning through play' space at Middle Harbour PS and we were thrilled to be able to share our work.

Huge thanks and congratulations must go to Mrs Jenni Osborn who leads this pedagogical focus at Middle Harbour and to the amazing MHPS students who were sensational participants on the night!



Photos courtesy of Sydney Opera House

## NAIDOC WEEK



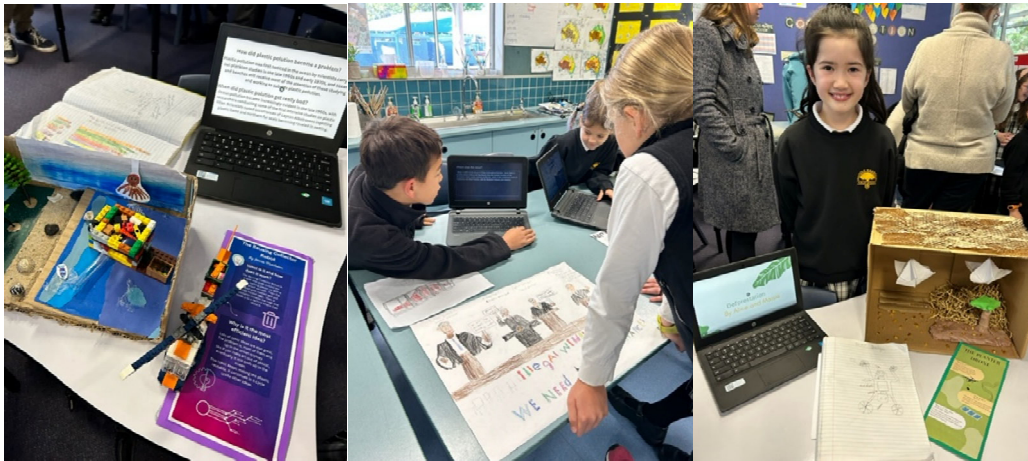
NAIDOC Week is a time to reflect and celebrate the histories, cultures, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, recognising them as the ongoing Custodians of the land. This year Middle Harbour PS Public School celebrated NAIDOC Week 2023 during Week 10, Term 2.

The theme 'For Our Elders' celebrates and pays respect to all Elders, honouring the important role they play as cultural knowledge holders and leaders in the wider community. It was inspiring to see our playground awash with messages from students this week as they wrote about something they have learnt from an Aboriginal Elder or someone else older than them. There were a number of beautiful messages of how elders had taught them about kindness, respect and caring for country.



## STAGE 2 EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS – ERPS

It was an absolute delight to visit the students' ERP showcase this week and see what and how they have approached conceptual interest-based research learning. Teaching and learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is not about learning prescriptive and narrow content. Rather, it is teaching and learning concepts that emphasises not only knowledge and understanding, but more importantly helps students engage and produce skills in research, exploration and translating information into new ideas. ERPs are designed to provide authentic engagement into these learning practices through student interest, and that is certainly what was on display in the Stage 2 showcase this week. Well done!



Don't forget to check out our [MHPS Student Blog](#) to read about more wonderful happenings at Middle Harbour this term!

### NEW DEMOUNTABLE

You may have noticed that a new demountable classroom has landed in our playground. This demountable will be onsite for the duration of terms 3 & 4 as repair and restoration works on our A Block roof is (finally!) due to commence. A Block is the original school building for this school site, built in 1916. The original Welsh slate tiles will be replaced with new Welsh slate tiles, and any required repairs to the roof will be made. The restoration project is expected to take 6-8 months.

I hope that everyone in our school community stays well over the winter break and takes the time to rest, reset and recharge. School resumes for students on Tuesday 18 July. Staff will be engaging in professional learning on Monday 17 July with a focus on quality differentiation in teaching and learning.

*Laura Barry*

Principal

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to Year 6 2022 for our wonderful new basketball back boards. We also have some new post pads coming in Term 3.

**eSafety parents** shares resources to keep your family safe online and offers free, informative webinars for parents and carers such as *Online boundaries and consent* (90 minutes held online in August and September) and *eSafety 101: How eSafety can help you* (30 minutes on 1 August). For more information and to sign up, go to <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

**Save the date – Year 6 families** please save the following dates:

Wednesday 6 December (daytime) – Staff vs Student netball game

Tuesday 12 December (daytime) – Celebration of Learning

Thursday 14 December (evening) - Year 6 farewell

Friday 15 December (afternoon) – End of year tunnel

I will be on leave for the first 4 weeks of Term 3. We look forward to welcoming back Ms Lauren Kenny from maternity leave who will relieve in my role Monday to Wednesday, and Mrs Joy Renauf on Thursday and Friday.

*Carole Jaye*

Deputy Principal

## LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF WOOL

Next term, students in Stage 3 are looking at art across cultures. We will be experimenting and producing different styles of art. One of the artworks we would like to explore involves weaving wool. If anyone has any balls of wool at home, they would be able to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Wool can be dropped off at the office at the commencement of next term. Thank you in advance for helping out with this project, we look forward to sharing our creations with you on the student blog.

*Ms Hesketh and Stage 3 Teachers*

## 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

### Strings Ensemble play at Opera House

Congratulations to our Strings ensemble who played at the Opera House as part of the Festival of Instrumental Music 2023. What an amazing opportunity and honour for our students to play on stage at one of the world's great concert halls.



### State Football Trials

On Tuesday 27th of June Rhys S (6M) took part in the State football trials. We are delighted to share that – out of 80 people who tried out – Rhys was selected in the final team of 12 to represent Sydney North at the State Cup.

## PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE



In Term 3 all of 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### AUTHOR TALK

Dany Proenca is an author, filmmaker and journalist, as well as a MHPS parent. Our Year 3 students have been fortunate to have Dany speak with them recently about the picture book she has written 'Lipe and Tom, Around the World'. The students were in awe of the vibrant illustrations, the background and inspiration for the story, as well as the book making process. A big thank you to Dany for her time, patience and enthusiasm.



### BOOK WEEK (21-25 AUGUST 2023)



In term 3, schools and libraries across Australia celebrate Book Week, an exciting time to promote literature and inspire creativity. MHPS will recognise this special week with the following events and activities:

- Families can **visit the library from 8.30am** each day of Book Week to explore our wonderful space and participate in our library scavenger hunt
- In week 6 (day TBC) students and teachers are invited to **dress as their favourite book character** and participate in our costume parade. Parents are welcome to attend
- Students can enter our **colouring and art competition** inspired by this years' theme, 'Read, Grow, Inspire'
- Finally, we will use our library lesson time to explore the shortlisted and winning titles of this years' Children's Book Council Awards



We hope your family will join us in our Book Week festivities!

### PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

K-2 students have completed the challenge in our library lessons and their records will be updated over the holidays. Years 3-6 need to complete the challenge by 18 August 2023. For more information, see our [Library Newsletter](#) or email me via the school office.

Sarah Rosenberg  
Teacher Librarian

## 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.

## KIDS COTTAGE NEWS

In Term 3 Sydney FC will be running a soccer clinic for 8 weeks as our extra-curricular activity. This will be held on Tuesday afternoons at 4pm. Look out for when bookings open. Email us to get more information.

Spots are limited for the upcoming July Winter Vacation Care, please email us for availability.

Warmest regards,

*Jacqui*

Director – Monday to Thursday

## P&C NEWS



### P&C Trivia Night

Tickets are still available for Trivia night but there are only 25 remaining. If you don't have a table but are keen to join please contact Dana on the number below and we can sort out a table. It's going to be a fun night with heaps of prizes.

Click here to find out more: <https://www.trybooking.com/CIRFG>

### Donations to raise funds for Trivia Night

Trivia will be 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. We'll compile smaller items into a hamper, prizes for games and for our raffle. Items like cosmetics, toys, food items, jewellery, games or anything that can be placed in a hamper would be greatly appreciated.

Physical items can be brought to the school and left at reception in the basket provided except for ALCOHOL.

We are also looking for beverage donations of any kind. We will be using the donated beverages for a game for the sideshow alley. Donations can be collected from your house – just get in touch.

The raffle will be available to the entire school so even if you can't attend the Trivia you can participate.

Please dig deep. You don't always see the things that the P&C purchases – like updated technology equipment, but the P&C is continually providing funds to the school to make your child's learning experience the best it can be.

Any questions please call Dana Lightbody on 0438388184.

## MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PROGRAM COMES TO MHPS

The NSW Department of Education has introduced a menstrual hygiene program in NSW public schools.

Our menstrual hygiene program aims to reduce any barriers that may prevent students from participating fully in school life. Menstruation (and its unpredictability) may stop students from attending school or taking part in learning activities. There are also known health risks from using improvised sanitary hygiene products.

As part of the program, our school now has dispensers that provide free pads and tampons for students to access during school hours. Period underwear is also available.

Our school can also order period underwear at no cost for students. Students can access this product by emailing the office on [middleharb-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:middleharb-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Each pack of period undies contains 2 pairs that are the same size, colour and style. These are available upon request and there may be a short waiting period until the undies are delivered to our school.

Visit <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/we-look-after-our-schools/menstrual-hygiene-program.html> to find more information and to download a flyer about the program which is available in English and 10 other languages.

## STEWART HOUSE

Thank you to all our generous Middle Harbour families for donating to the Stewart House fundraising drive. We raised \$239. Stewart House, as a not for profit organisation, must raise \$5.2 million to cover annual operating costs. Your commitment enables quality care for more than 1600 children each year. With support such as this, we will confidently meet the future needs of children from public schools across NSW and the ACT.