



**RESPECT**



**RESPONSIBILITY**



**PERSONAL BEST**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 1 August** – P&C Meeting (6.30pm via Zoom)

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

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

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

**Tuesday 22 August** - Book Week Parade (10.20am)

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

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

**Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 September** – School Show

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

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

We, 3/4R, acknowledge the Cammeraygal People who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn, play and grow.

We honour Elders past, present and emerging who have deep knowledge of this land and invite them to educate us through stories in many forms including music and dance.

We acknowledge our role in caring for Country - from the shoreline of Balmoral Beach to the muddy fields of Tunks Park - we promise to look after the land as First Nations people have done for many thousands of years.



We, 5W, acknowledge and highly appreciate the Cammeraygal people and the land we gather on today.

We thank the Indigenous people of Australia for taking care of the land, the waterways, and the precious wildlife around us.

We are thankful for the opportunities our land provides us and we promise to only take what is needed. We honour the Elders past, present, and emerging and are grateful to share, learn and play on their land.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all our students and families to Term 3. I hope everyone took an opportunity to relax, enjoy and recharge over the winter break as this term is gearing up to be a very busy one! We look forward to Education Week and sharing our students' hard work and talents with you at our Special Open Morning on Monday 7 August. We also have Science Week, Book Week, 3-6 Athletics Carnival, excursions and incursions and of course our annual School Show! Be sure to check Audiri and Seesaw to keep up to date with all our happenings.

### EDUCATION WEEK 2023



This year marks 175 years since the establishment of public schools in NSW. Founded in 1848, the Board of National Education was formed and tasked with establishing a public education system in NSW. Prior to 1848, schools operated under a denominational system and were the responsibility of churches. This year's theme is 175 years of public education in NSW and focuses on learning from our past, celebrating our achievements and embracing the future with confidence.

As part of Education Week we would like to invite all families, friends and community members to and Open Morning at Middle Harbour PS showcasing the many talents of our students. **Please see the flyer in this newsletter for details.**

As part of embracing the future of public education, the NSW Department of Education is developing a new plan for NSW public education and wants to hear from parents, carers, and community on this important work.

The draft plan for NSW public education outlines the continued creation of an outstanding and equitable education system and uplift in trust and pride in the teaching profession. It has a focus on how public education can transform lives and sets aspirations for every learner.

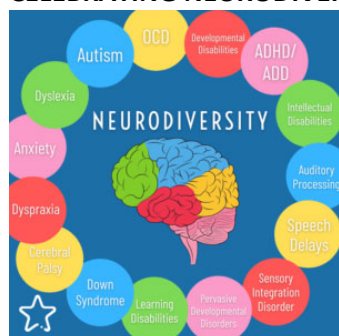
You are invited to have your say on this important work. You can do this by visiting the department's draft plan for NSW public education at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/campaigns-and-initiatives/draft-plan-for-nsw-public-education>

Here you will find an online engagement platform that can be used to share your feedback. It will take between a few minutes to 10 minutes, depending on the level of feedback you wish to provide.

Consultation will take place between Monday 17 July 2023 and Friday 25 August 2023. If you have any questions about the draft plan, or the consultation, contact the Department of Education at [engageTD@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:engageTD@det.nsw.edu.au).



### CELEBRATING NEURODIVERSITY AT MHPS



Our SRC have arranged a Neurodiversity Awareness Day on Thursday 10 August to raise awareness and celebrate difference in learning and being. We are incredibly proud of our SRC for embracing this idea. Students are encouraged to wear their regular uniform with a 'touch of rainbow' on the day and will engage in a number of activities that support understanding and inclusion for our neurodivergent learners.

A 'catch-up and connect' for parents of neurodivergent children has also been organised for this day. Please join us for morning tea in The Kids Cottage on Thursday 10 August, 9 – 10am.

Laura Barry  
Principal



# Middle Harbour Public School

celebrates

175 years of public education in NSW

## **MONDAY 7 AUGUST 2023**

### **SHOWCASE ASSEMBLY**

**9:15am - 10:30am**

Join us for musical performances from our students.

### **CLASSROOM ART GALLERY WALK**

**10:30am - 11:00am**

Walk through all our classrooms and view our student artworks  
exploring the theme: *What Stories Will You Dream?*

### **WHIPPER SKIPPER PERFORMANCE**

**11:00am**

Enjoy an energetic performance from our famous Whipper Skippers!

### **PICNIC MORNING TEA**

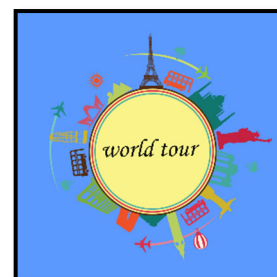
**11:00am - 11:30am**

Join your child/children for a picnic morning tea in our playground.  
Don't forget to bring a picnic rug!

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### SCHOOL SHOW 2023

Preparations for our 2024 School Show – **World Tour** – are underway. There is a buzz of excitement from both students and teachers. Please see important dates in this newsletter (these were also sent home by Audiri last week). Further information will be shared soon.



### LOST PROPERTY

Every day there are more items placed in lost property. A number of these items are not labelled or are students who have left the school. Students start the cold mornings with a jumper and then warm up when playing with friends, leaving their jumper on the playground. ***Please check labels and encourage your child to take responsibility for looking after their belongings.*** Our staff and SRC are saddened to see such a sustainability issue taking place in our school each day.

A reminder that all students need a school hat and a water bottle every day.

### NEW BASKETBALL HOOPS

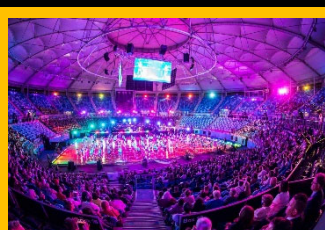
Thank you to Mr Chris Olsen and Mr Tim Ward for their efforts installing our new basketball hoops and backing boards over the winter break. A gift from our graduating class of 2022 with money raised from their annual Mini Fete, the hoops have been thoroughly enjoyed by our students throughout the start of term 3!



Joy Renauf

Relieving 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!](#)



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



On Wednesday 26th July the Middle Harbour Whipper Skippers launched Jump Rope for Heart with a 6 minute routine they have been working on since term 2.

Please get behind this worthwhile cause by clicking on the link and registering. We will be holding a jump off at the end of term and prizes will be given out to students who raise money. Let's all get skipping and raise some funds for the heart foundation. More information will be sent home with your child next week.

[www.jumprope.org.au/parents](http://www.jumprope.org.au/parents)



## 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

### Lunchtime Craft

We are looking for donations of colourful wool and paddle pop sticks for lunchtime craft, if you would like to contribute, please send supplies with your child to the library or leave donations at the school office.



### Education Week

We look forward to sharing our library space with you for the Open Day on Monday, 7 August. After viewing the classroom art displays, you are welcome to visit the library with your child and to browse and borrow from the collection, as well as view the displays your child has contributed too.

### Years 3-6 PRC finishing soon!

The Year 3 -6 students who have not completed the Premier's Reading Challenge have been notified and may need your help in logging books online. Click [here](#) for instructions. If your child is unsure if they have in fact finished, you can log in and check from home. Please email me via the school office if:

- Your child is unsure whether they have finished and you are unable to check from home
- You would like your child to record the books offline
- If you have any further questions or concerns

All K-2 students have completed the challenge and had their books logged.

*Sarah Rosenberg*  
Teacher Librarian

## SCHOOL SHOW



The School Show is an event that children, teachers and parents look forward to each year. To ensure your child's safety and to assist with the show running smoothly, please read the following information carefully. Further notes will follow about costumes, tickets and other concert information.

### Expectations

If your child(ren) will not be able to attend a performance (see below) it is very important that you have informed the class teacher. This will enable teachers to plan in advance so your child is not placed in a central role. Students will be expected to perform in **all** matinee and evening performances.

The annual School Show will include a K-2 Show and 3-6 Show.

Date	Time	Performance	Session	Cost
Friday 15 September	All day	Dry Run Whole School		Closed
Monday 18 September	9:30-10:30am	Show Rehearsal Sound and Lighting K-2	K-2 watch	Closed
Monday 18 September	11:30-12:30pm	Show Rehearsal Sound and Lighting Years 3-6	Years 3-6 watch	Closed
Tuesday 19 September	9:30-10:30am	K-2 Filming	Years 3-6 watch	Closed
Tuesday 19 September	11:30-12:30pm	Years 3-6 Filming	K-2 watch	Closed
Tuesday 19 September	5:00-6:00pm	Years K-2 Show: <i>World Tour</i>	Early Evening	\$10 entry
Tuesday 19 September	6:30-7:30pm	Years 3- 6 Show: <i>World Tour</i>	Late Evening	\$10 entry
Wednesday 20 September	9:30-10:30am	Years K-2 Show: <i>World Tour</i>	Matinee	Ticketed
Wednesday 20 September	11:30-12:30pm	Years 3- 6 Show: <i>World Tour</i>	Matinee	Ticketed
Wednesday 20 September	5:00-6:00pm	Years K-2 Show: <i>World Tour</i>	Early Evening	Ticketed
Wednesday 20 September	6:30-7:30pm	Years 3- 6 Show: <i>World Tour</i>	Late Evening	Ticketed

Thank you for your support.

## 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.

## PERSONAL BEST



Congratulations to our representative boy soccer team who have advanced to the semi-finals for Sydney North in the Soccer School Sports Knockout Competition beating Mona Vale PS 2-1 in Round 5 this week. Congratulations boys! We are very proud.



Congratulations to some more soccer stars Ethan H, Sandy G and Hugo S who recently participated in 2023 Kanga Cup Soccer Tournament held 3-7 July in Canberra. They played with another 9 team mates, representing U10 Mosman FC, calling themselves the Mosman FC Sharks. The Sharks got to the semi-finals and unfortunately went out in extra time. They played 7 games, won 5 games and came second in their pool! Well done!

## KIDS COTTAGE NEWS

On Wednesday 26th July we celebrated OOSH Educator's Day, thank you to all of the children and families who came to the party and thanked our educators.

*Jacqui*

Director – Monday to Thursday

## BAND

Term 3 is shaping up to be a jam-packed term for band with

2 performances for Education Week:

- For the students and families in the morning
- For the residents of the Manors of Mosman at midday

Our 3 bands will compete in their first ever eisteddfod – this one is called ASBOF:

- Training and Senior bands 20th August at the KNOX school
- Concert band 3rd September at the University of NSW



And THE BIG ONE... CAMP!! A weekend away at Galston Gorge together with Strings.

Band is open to all students in years 3-6. Term 4 is the time to register to join the band for next year... watch out year 2's – that's you! We'll communicate more about how to join the band next term.

We're excited for a rockin' term 3!

### **Trivia**

Our inaugural trivia night is just around the corner. It promises to be an incredible evening packed with games, prizes, a touch of underground blackjack, and an opportunity to have a blast with the parents of MHPS!

If you haven't purchased your ticket or chose not to attend because a table wasn't arranged, don't worry, there are still available spots. Unlike Sparkle, where formal table assignments were necessary, trivia night allows us to exceed table numbers and place you with others from your year group. Simply purchase a single ticket and text Dana at +61 438 388 184 with your year group preference. P&C events are all about fostering community, so this is a great opportunity to meet new people.

### **Event Volunteers**

We're all set to run some awesome games and competitions in our Side Show Alley, and we could really use your help! If you're up for lending a hand and making this event even more amazing, just sign up using this link. Can't wait to have you on the team!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A8A92DA7FAC52-trivia>

### **Silent Auction – Live now**

In addition to our Trivia night, we are hosting a silent auction – Open to all members of the school community! The auction will begin this Friday and run until Sunday night. Remember that all the funds raised will benefit the school and your child, and the prizes are incredible!!

Take a look by scanning the QR Code provided or by following this link: <https://www.32auctions.com/thegreatestshow>

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the individuals in the Mosman/Cremorne Community who have made contributions. The presence of small businesses truly adds a unique charm to our neighbourhood, and it would be wonderful if we could show our support by patronizing these establishments that have shown their support to us.

### **P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 1 August at 6:30pm via Zoom. All are welcome to attend! Zoom link to follow soon.

### **Bricks from Sparkle**

Exciting news – Our MHPS bricks with our beautiful hand-drawn designs are on their way. More details to follow on when we'll see them at the school.

## **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.



# BOOK WEEK

MHPS 21-25 August 2023

## Family Fun... Library Scavenger Hunt

### When:

8.30 - 9.00am

Mon 21 - Fri 25 Aug 2023



**What:** Families are welcome to visit the library before school each day to read together and complete our library scavenger hunt!



## Art Competition

**When:** Entries due in the library by Wed 16 Aug 2023



### What:

**K-2** Complete the colouring sheet available in the library.

**Yr 3-6** Complete the colouring sheet available in the library or design your own poster using the theme *Read, Grow, Inspire* (template available in the library).

## Book Costume Parade

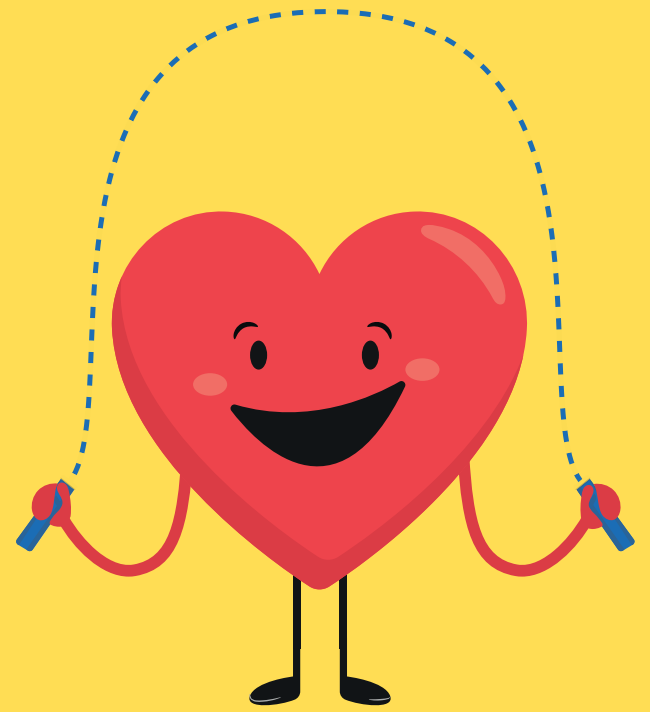
**When:** 10.20am on Tues 22 August 2023

**What:** Students can come to school dressed as a book character and join our parade at 10.20. Families are welcome to come along and watch. It will take place on the Stage 1 deck outside the hall.



**\*\*In the event of wet weather, we will notify families of alternate plans via Skoolbag.**

# JUMP ROPE *for* HEART



## Be active every day!

**Being active is important  
for your health!**



Aim for at least **1 hour of  
physical activity every day.**



Especially exercises that  
will make you **'huff and puff'**.



Limit your screen time to  
**less than 2 hours per day.**



### Did you know?

- ✓ **Skipping** is a fun way to get your heart pumping.
- ✓ It is a great way to **strengthen your muscles and bones.**
- ✓ **Skipping and being active with friends** is good for your heart.