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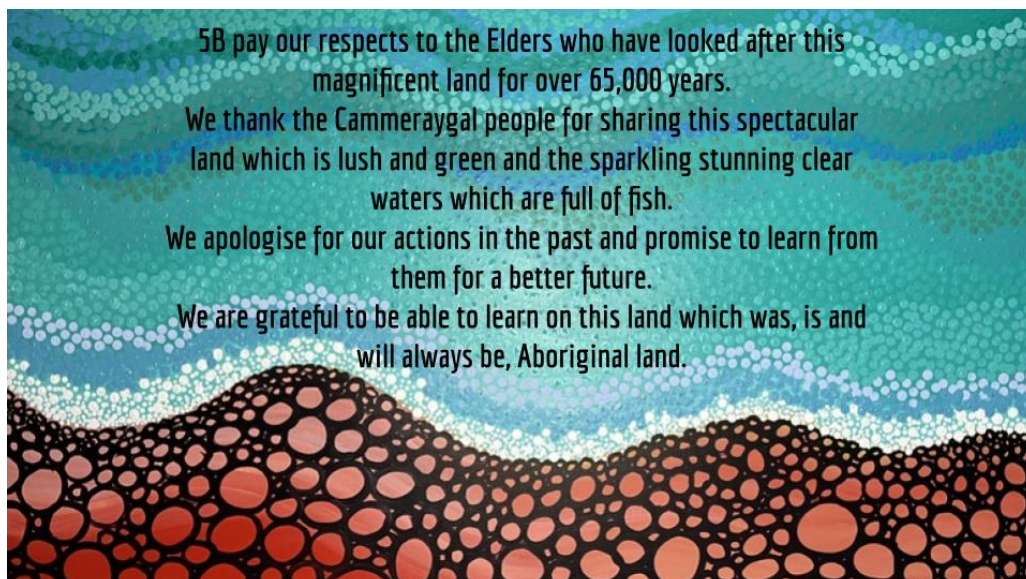


PERSONAL BEST

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 1 September – P&C Fathers' Day Breakfast
Tuesday 5 September – P&C Meeting
Thursday 7 September – SRC Pyjama Day
Tuesday 12 September – ThinkUKnow Presentation for parents
Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 September – School Show
Friday 22 September – Second hand Uniform Sale
Friday 22 September – Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off
Friday 22 September – Last day of Term 3
Monday 9 October – First day of Term 4

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

EDUCATION WEEK

It was wonderful to be able to welcome so many visitors to our Open Morning as part of our Education Week celebrations and share with our community some of the fabulous learning of our students. Thank you to our bands, strings, choir, poetry performers and Whipper Skippers for outstanding performances at our Education Week Special Assembly. It is always a pleasure to watch them perform. Thankfully the rain cleared and many of our parents were able to enjoy a picnic morning tea with their children!



Congratulations to all our students on their spectacular artworks and thank you to the teachers for creating such beautiful displays to showcase them. Walking through each classroom 'gallery' absolutely filled my bucket! The students' artworks were the culmination of a term's work exploring the theme 'What Stories Will You Dream?' as part of the Schools Reconciliation Challenge for Reconciliation NSW.



3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our students who participated in yesterday's athletics carnival. It was a great day with so many students involved in many different events. Thank you to our teachers and parent helpers, with special thanks to Ms Hooper and Mrs Heiler for their incredible organisation of such a fantastic day!

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have an excessive amount of lost property including uniform items, hats, drink bottles, lunchboxes, watches, toys and jewellery. Please encourage your child to think responsibly and sustainably by looking for items at lost property (near the uniform shop) or asking at the office (for valuables). Please also ensure that anything that is brought to school is CLEARLY LABELLED. Items can be returned when we know who owns them!

Laura Barry

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Parents/carers of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure that their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g., attending a funeral.

Parent/carers must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.

Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unexplained on the student's record. Students away for three or more days should provide a medical certificate. If a child tests positive for COVID-19 please send the school the ServiceNSW confirmation of the record of the COVID result.

School Attendance- NSW Department of Education



Tuesday 12 September, 6pm - ThinkUKnow Australia delivers presentations to parents and educators, providing you with the tools to create a safer online environment for children and young people, and empower you to feel confident in guiding them as they access the internet and use technology. We have organised members of the law enforcement and industry to present to MHPS parents on Tuesday 12 September at 6pm at the school. We encourage parents and carers to attend.

The Tell Them From Me surveys (conducted later this term) provide schools with student, teacher and parent perspectives about the engagement and wellbeing of their students. This information is valuable to schools and can be used to identify strengths and successes, as well as areas to target for improvement. Information about the surveys is available on the Department of Education website.

KYDS are running a free webinar for parents and teenagers called **Flip the switch: How to make friends with stress** at 12:30pm 12th September and repeated again at 6:30pm 13th September. Link to register: <https://lu.ma/pqm2zf0o>

Carole Jaye
Deputy Principal

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2024

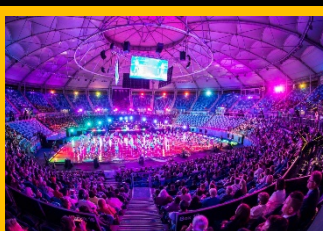


Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2024 and will be ready to start school?

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.

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

Jump Rope for Heart is well underway and it is great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. So far 47 MHPS families have already raised \$5945 towards our \$15,000 target. Thank you to the 91 families have already registered.



It is not long until our Jump Off Day on Friday 22 September so keep on practicing those tricks! And do not forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause! Still need to sign up online?

It is easy just follow this link and enter your details.

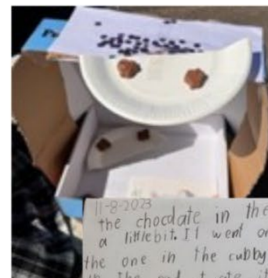
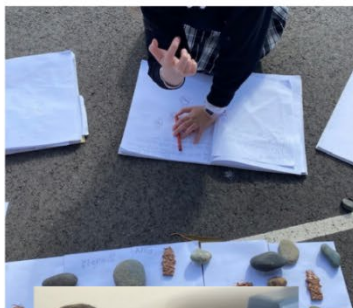
www.jump rope.org.au/parents

PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE



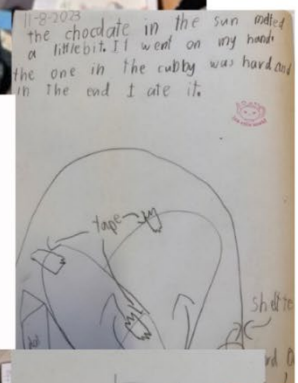
In Term 3 all MHPS will be taking part in the Premiers Sporting Challenge. This is a 10 week event which encourages students and staff to work towards a higher level of physical activity. Students will be recording their daily activity time commitment – either as part of a class or team or as an individual. 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.

SCIENCE WEEK



"innovation: powering future industries"

National Science Week at MHPS



LIBRARY NEWS



Thank you to all the families who visited the library before school during Book Week. It was lovely to see families reading and playing together in our special space. Congratulations to the students who entered the Book Week Colouring and Art Competition. Our finalists have their entries displayed in the library and have enjoyed special treats after winning a 'Golden Ticket'.

Another highlight this week was the costume parade, our teachers and students did not disappoint! What a spectacular display of creativity! Thank you Linda Deitz for capturing the colour and fun of the parade.

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 table) 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	Ticketed
Tuesday 19 September	6:30-7:30pm	Years 3- 6 Show: <i>World Tour</i>	Late Evening	Ticketed
Wednesday 20 September	9:30-10:30am	Years K-2 Show: <i>World Tour</i>	Matinee	By Donation
Wednesday 20 September	11:30-12:30pm	Years 3- 6 Show: <i>World Tour</i>	Matinee	By Donation
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Thank you for your support.

PERSONAL BEST



Congratulations to Daniel S and Hunter P of 4I for participating in the Kids Giving Back program. They have displayed exceptional leadership qualities, compassion and strong civic responsibility by taking part in this community program which provides hands-on and meaningful volunteering programs. If you are interested in getting involved, you can find out more at www.kidsgivingback.org

Congratulations to Amelie C (6I) and Harry J (3/4R) represented Middle Harbour PS by competing in the North Shore Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition together with students from other local schools!

'This year's speeches were of a fantastic calibre', said Felicity Wilson MP, who hosted these talented students at NSW Parliament.



Congratulations to Miles W in 6I who was recently shortlisted in the Mosman Youth Awards in Literature Competition from over 350 entries. Well done Miles!

KIDS COTTAGE NEWS

The Kids Cottage is looking for a Director to cover Jacqui while she is on maternity leave. We are seeking an experienced, proactive and enthusiastic Maternity Leave Cover Director to lead our dynamic and inclusive team!

To find out more head over to our website: <https://info871587.wixsite.com/thekidscottage/jobs>

Send all applications to: director@kidscottagemiddleharbour.com

Jacqui

Director – Monday to Thursday

BAND

Education week: Our 3 bands were thrilled to perform for parents and residents of the Mosman Manors at the school's Education Week Celebrations. Bravo to all 3 bands for putting on a terrific performance.

ASBOF Music Eisteddfod: WOW WOW WOW – the Training Band and Senior Bands performed at the ASBOF music eisteddfod on Sunday 20th August (Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival). Middle Harbour hasn't been able to perform at this festival for the last 3 years due to COVID restrictions which meant that it was a new experience for every single band member and WOW – what a performance it was. Our training band earned a bronze award and the senior band earned a silver award.

It is the concert band's turn coming up on 3rd September performing at UNSW.

Following that we have a full weekend camp on 16/17 September!



P&C NEWS

Father's Day Breakfast - On Friday 1 September the P&C will be hosting a Fathers' Day breakfast to celebrate Fathers or other special persons. This is instead of the Fathers' Day stall. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles or other special persons can join their child/children for a morning of food and fun!

Time: 7am to 8.30am

Pick up your gourmet egg & bacon roll and hot chocolate (with marshmallow) from the canteen

Cost: Please pre-order your ticket for \$14 on trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1103923>

Ticket price includes 1 roll, 2 hot chocolates and activities and extra hot chocolates can also be pre-purchased.

Sorry no payment on the day.

Activities We will have a photo opportunity with dress up, a photo booth (extra cost), arts and crafts table, fun games and competition for best (and worst) Dad jokes!

To note:

* If your child is going to Cottage only sign your child in when you are leaving the school so that Cottage knows which children are in their care

* Please do not leave your child unattended before 8.30am.

P&C meeting

Please join us for our next P&C meeting:

Time: 6:30pm

Date: **Tuesday 5 September**

Location: School Hall

Christmas Festive and Holiday Fair

📢 Calling all parents that moonlight as secret elves 🧝.. or just have a love for the joys of Christmas and Festive Holidays 🌟🌟.

The P&C together with years 4 &5 are starting to plan the first ever MHPS Christmas & Festive Holiday Fair - the school community event of the year! Just imagine... activities, the smell of yummy baked goods mixed with a good old sausage sizzle, Christmas family photos and crafts and the warm feeling of joy of Festive Holiday feelings flowing through MHPS wrapped up with some music by candlelight. If you'd like to get involved to help with planning, logistics or have a great idea, please sign up

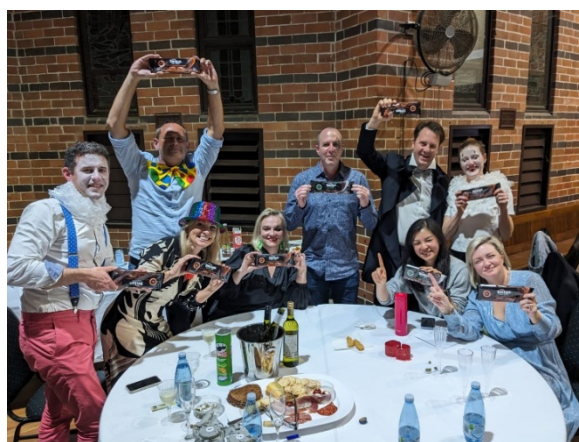
here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A8A92DAAF4C61-christmas>

Greatest Showman Trivia

A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended the Trivia Event, we had an amazing turnout, and we are pleased to announce that almost \$20,000 was raised. We gratefully acknowledge the support and donations from many generous families and businesses, and everyone that took part in the fundraising on the night and silent auction.

A very special thank you to Dana Lightbody and all our volunteers who worked for months to make this a successful event. We are so grateful for all your hard work and effort.

Thank you!



P&C

UNIFORM SHOP

Second hand Uniform Sale – we will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Friday 22 September (the last day of Term 3). This is a great opportunity to buy summer uniform items ready for term 4.

Donations of good quality, clean, second-hand uniforms are welcome – please drop to the Office in week 9 and 10.

Go4Fun PROGRAM



Go4Fun is a FREE NSW Health program for children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight, and their families. The program aims to help families learn about eating well, staying active and also helps to boost children's self-esteem and confidence. The program includes: face-to-face sessions once a week during the school term and is facilitated by qualified health professionals. Register for the program by calling 1800 780 900 or visiting www.go4fun.com.au/register. The

Term 4 program is coming to Chatswood and Hornsby commencing 9 October 2023.

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

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.