MPS Matters Newsletter

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We acknowledge the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is built.

Upcoming Events

Week 10	
Thursday 2 April	Fancy Hat Parade 2.30pm Last day of Term 1
Term 2 Week 1	
Monday 20 & Tuesday 21 April	School Development Day - staff only
Wednesday 22 April	Students return to school
Thursday 23 April	ANZAC Day Service 2.20pm in the hall
Friday 24 April	Winter PSSA Netball and Soccer begins.
Friday 24 April	Inner West Youth Voice Summit
Term 2 Week 2	
Monday 27 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 29 April	Zing Activ Dance (K-2) and Athletics (3-6) program begins
Thursday 30 April	K-6 Assembly hosted by 3/4B 2.45pm in the hall
Friday 1 May	School Tour for new families 9.30am

From the Principal

As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to congratulate all students for a fabulous term of learning and thank all parents and carers for the great support you have provided throughout the term. I hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday with your family and are able to relax and recharge.

It was fantastic seeing over 90% of our families book interviews with their child's teacher to discuss progress made in class this year and to collaboratively set learning goals for next term. Special thanks as well to our dedicated teachers for a great effort preparing for and conducting these interviews. If you are unable to meet your child's teacher this term please contact the school (9560 2208) to arrange a time to discuss your child's progress this year.

We are also excited about tomorrow's Fancy Hat Parade. This event is always a fun way to end the term and we'd love for you to be able to join us under the COLA (weather permitting) on Thursday 2 April at 2.30pm.

As we approach the holidays we would love for families to help care for our chickens. We still have a few holiday spots free as well as some weekends in Term 2. If you are able to help please add your name to the spreadsheet: Chicken Run Term 2

Next term on the first School Development Day staff from Newtown PS, Erskineville PS, St Peters PS and Petersham PS will be joining us here at school to participate in five hours of professional learning based on disability, diversity and inclusivity. This is a great opportunity for our teachers and SLSOs to work collaboratively with staff from local schools and share ideas.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Wednesday 22 April, following the School Development Days on Monday 20 & Tuesday 21 April.

Sydney University Reading Program

This term final-year Primary Education students from Sydney University have worked with our students to develop reading fluency. This an established, highly successful program with students making tremendous progress over the five week period. Special thanks to Ms Hyman for coordinating our school's participation in this great initiative.

Sydney Dream and Lead - Student Leader Conference

ANZAC Day Ceremony

All parents and carers are invited to attend our 2026 ANZAC Day Ceremony in the Hall at 2:20pm on Thursday, 23 April. Our Year 6 student leaders will host this ceremony.

Reconciliation Week Message Stick Filming

Last week the NSW Parliament Education team, in partnership with the Museums of History, delivered a reconciliation Week event (27 May - 3 June) targeted at primary schools across NSW. They filmed a webinar that featured our school's First Nation students and a chosen buddy working with renowned artist, Blak Douglas. Blak guided students through a Message Stick activity, highlighting the significance of the Message Stick that was presented to Parliament during the final reading of Aboriginal Languages Act 2017. Special thanks to Ms Wiggins for coordinating this event.

3D Printing Superstars

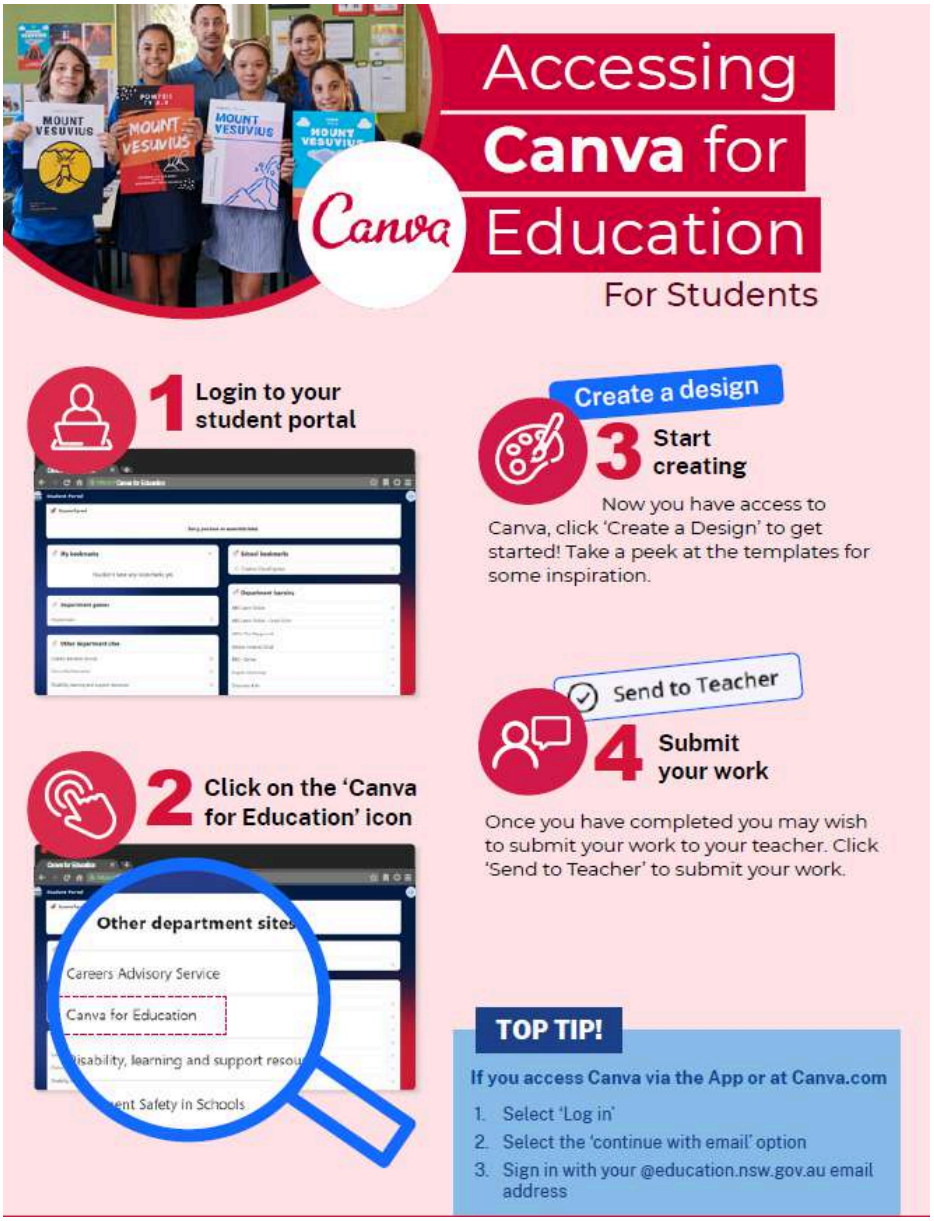
Robbie and Eamon popped into the STEM Lab this week to share some tips on how best to use the school's 3D printers. Both boys have these devices at home and have been great supporters of Mr Duker in setting up and managing our school's 3D printers. Robbie even brought in a special build plate to demonstrate how designs can be textured.

Student Canva Access

Canva is an online design platform that makes it easy for users to create and edit a wide range of visual projects such as posters, presentations, infographics, and more. Students in Stage 1 have been using it to publish their writing in the STEM Lab, and Years 5 and 6 students have been creating presentations as part of their history projects.

All NSW DoE students have access to Canva for both educational and personal use. It is a great way to create birthday party invitations or posters for around your home. Students can access Canva from home during the holidays by using their Department of Education (DoE) credentials.

Students can access Canva via the DoE Student Portal at https://education.nsw.gov.au/ or through the Canva app by selecting the Google sign-in option. When using the app, students enter their login followed by **@education.nsw.gov.au** and their password. This is the same login and password they use to access technology at school. Students in Years 1 to 6 are familiar with their login details. Please refer to the poster for more information.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Did you know that we have the following activities happening at MPS? Email the office or click on the links if you would like to enrol your child.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday
Before School	Junior Strings In music room	Senior Recorder 8am in Music Room with Ms Hutchinson	School Band In the hall	Primary Proms In LST Hub	Cantabile Rehearsals (in 1/2S room Stage 3)	
Lunch Time	Chess Club In EALD room		Junior Choir with Ms Mann		Rock Band with Mr Duker	SRC Meetings with Ms Hutchinson
	Stage 3 Book Club With Ms Mann		Senior Choir with Ms Cai			Rookie Recorders with Mr Harding
	Senior Strings In music room					
After School	Band Tuition In the hall	Minecraft Engineers 3.30-4.45pm			Inner West Drama 3.15pm-5.15pm In the hall	Gemini Dance (starting Term 2 in the Hall)

Contact us:
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Secretary Laura is updating our mailing list. Please email secretary@mpspandc.org if you'd like to be added (or removed). The next meeting will be on **MONDAY 15 May 6pm** face to face in the school library.

There was a small yet mighty crew that turned up to the working bee on Sunday 22 March - corsi boxes were dismantled and a wonderful array of natives planted at the bottom of the oval. We will endeavor to give more notice for the next working bee. Big thanks Cara and Naomi for leading our **Gardeners of the Galaxy on the weekend and in Term 2 they will be getting together every FRIDAY after school from 3:15 - 4:15.**

If you haven't already joined the MPS P&C facebook page now is the time as Betty is doing a fantastic job of keeping it updated with both P&C activity and also what's on at school - like exactly which day are students returning in term 2…
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Second hand uniforms - we continue to accept good quality second hand uniforms - drop them in the basket in the office. Please no yellow t-shirts. In Term 2 the shop will be open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, Assembly Thursday and Friday afternoons.

The uniform shop will be open this THURSDAY 2 APRIL after the Easter hat parade.

MPS P&C is excited to announce that we are partnering with Newtown Jets to provide parking on game days. The P&C are looking for volunteers to assist for two hours on a Saturday. If you are available on May 2, 30, June 6 or July 11 or 18 please **CLICK here** to nominate a time slot that you can assist with.

Term 2 GARDENERS of the GALAXY will be getting together every FRIDAY after school from 3:15 - 4:15.

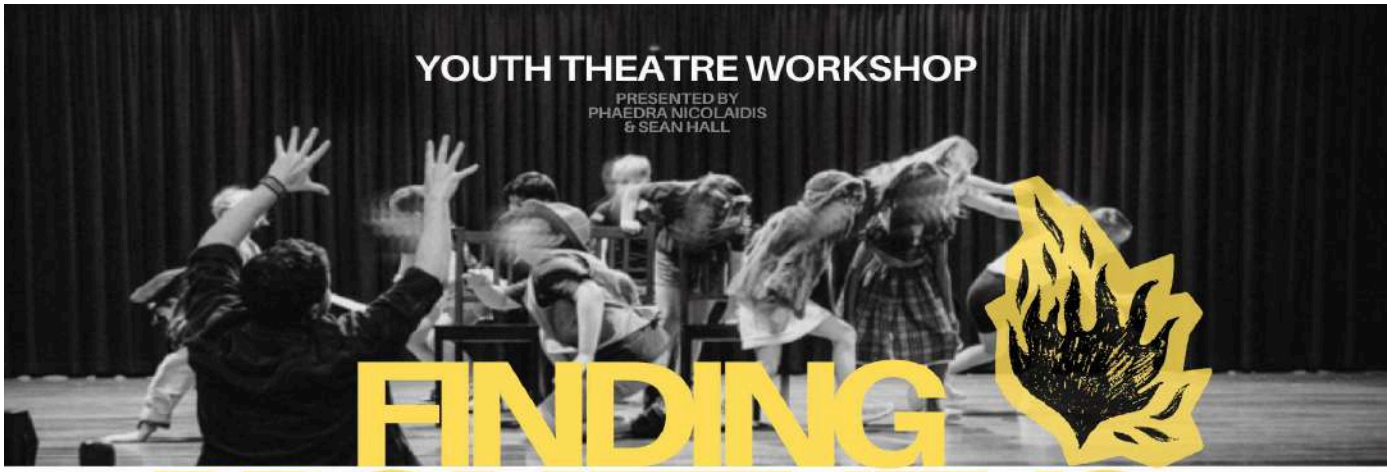
April Holiday Workshop!

Get the drama on the stage. Create a play in 4 days!

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April 9am - 3pm daily

Enrol at: www.innerwestdrama.com/kids

INNER WEST DRAMA HOLIDAY WORKSHOP!



FINDING PROMETHEUS

A two-day skills-based interactive theatre workshop for young people aged 9-14 years using Greek mythology as a springboard to foster imagination, creativity and confidence.

TIME: Thursday, 16 April & Friday, 17 April, 10am - 4pm
LOCATION: AHEPA Hall 394-396 Princes Hwy, Rockdale, NSW, Australia, 2216
FEE: Free workshop with limited places offered to successful applicants
BOOKING & CONTACT: https://events.humanitix.com/finding-prometheus-youth-theatre-workshop

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Have you got a **SHINING** personality? Or a **FLAIR** for creativity?

Calling all kids from Kindy - Year 6 to join us on Fridays 3:30pm - 4:30pm for a fun afternoon of games, skill building and learning a dance routine!

From Term 2 Week 1, to Term 1 Week 11!

Cost is $275 for the term, that is $25 a class!

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- Wednesday 5:00pm – Lyrical

10–12 YEARS

- Wednesday 4:00pm – Hip Hop
- Wednesday 5:00pm – Contemporary

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Clay Play Easter 2026

April 7-15

Get Creative This Easter with Clay Play Kids Classes!

Let your child's imagination run wild these Easter holidays in our fun and hands-on Clay Play Classes! Perfect for kids aged between 8 and 12 of all skill levels, these classes will teach them how to shape, mould, and create cute mini sculptures, breakfast bowls, egg cups and more with clay.

Ages: Our school holiday program caters for children aged 8 to 12 years old.

Class times: 10am-3pm

Cost: $130 per day

Location: Drop off and pick up is at the OCD Studio - 9 Addison Rd, Marrickville NSW 2204

Clay Play Easter 2026 Program:

Tuesday, Apr 7th - **Easter Egg Basket**

Wednesday, Apr 8th - **Easter Egg Cups**

Thursday, Apr 9th - **Easter Bunny Plate**

Tuesday, Apr 14th - **Breakfast Bowl & Spoon**

Wednesday, Apr 15th - **Kawaii Food**

For more info, to book, or to explore other classes, visit: www.ocd.sc

MPS
STRINGS
ARE YOU KEEN ON MUSIC IN 2026?
JUNIOR STRINGS IS ENROLLING FOR 2026. JOIN US AS WE PLAY, LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER
MPS strings ensemble is a safe, creative space, that provides kids who love music with the opportunity to play, develop, and be part of a friendly group.
Ensemble of violin/viola/cello for beginners on Monday mornings before school led by tutor Juliet Lochrin. As kids in Junior Strings progress they will have the opportunity to move into the Senior Strings ensemble depending on their confidence and ability.
The Programme also has string instruments available for hire.
The aims of the program for each student are:
To learn to read music: notation, rhythm, dynamics
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