



MPS Matters Newsletter

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WEEK 8

2025

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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 8	
Thursday 11 September	Check in Numeracy Assessment (3/4W)
Thursday 11 September	K-6 Assembly hosted by KB
Friday 12 September	No PSSA
Week 9	
Monday 15 September	Cantabile - Rehearsal and Concert - Sydney Opera House
Tuesday 16 September	Whole School Musical Run Through
Friday 19 September	P&C Bingo Night in the Hall
Week 10	
Monday 22 September	Whole School Musical Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 23 September	Primary Proms Concert - Sydney Town Hall
Wednesday 24 September	Marrickville HS Creative Arts Showcase
Thursday 25 September	Whole School Musical matinee & evening performance
Friday 26 September	Last day of Term 3
Term 4 Week 1	
Monday 13 October	School Development Day - staff only
Tuesday 14 October	First Day of Term 4 for students

Principal Report

As we approach the end of term, all classes are working hard on finalising their class items for this year's school musical, 'The Jungle Book'. Information on how to purchase tickets was emailed to all families earlier today.

We are still finding that many students are arriving at school before 8.45am. Active supervision on the playground does not begin before this time. Can I please ask that you support us by ensuring that your children do not arrive at school early?

This year our talented mathematicians in Stage 3 participated in Maths Olympiads and Maths Games competitions conducted by APSMO while our Year 2, 3 & 4 outstanding mathematicians participated in Maths Explorer competitions. Students participated in four monthly challenges where they were asked to solve 5 challenging problems. Today students completed their final Maths Olympiad and Maths Explorer competition for the year. Overall, our students performed exceptionally well with the following students achieving the best results for our school:

Maths Olympiad - Overall score out of 20

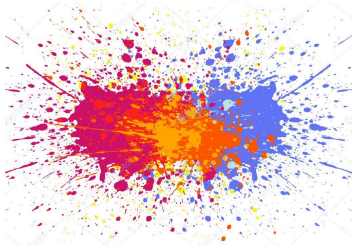
- ★ 1st 17/20 - Henry S
- ★ 2nd 16/20 - Ecky R, Henriett J
- ★ 4th 15/20 - Bella S, Maxim B

Early next term, we should have statistics showing how we have performed compared to other schools across Australia.

Rainbow Run

Last week's Rainbow Run was a superb school community event, bringing smiles to everyone! Thanks so much to Rachel, Carly and the P&C for investing significant time and energy to create a memorable school experience - definitely one of the highlights of the school year!









Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Jude G on representing our school in the State Wind Band performance! What an incredible achievement - we are so proud of you! 🎵👏



Musical Souvenir T-Shirts Pre-order Closes TODAY

Ready to show off your musical spirit? Our fantastic musical souvenir t-shirts are now on sale! Thank you to Jemima in 1/2S for her creative logo design! Here's how you can grab yours:

To Purchase:

- Visit the [School Bytes parent portal](#)
- Log in to your School Bytes parent portal (or create an account).
- Go to "Statement of Account."
- Click "+ Add Other Item" and select "General."
- Choose your shirt size(s).
- Complete payment using Visa or Mastercard.

Prefer Cash?

No worries! Follow these steps:

- Prepare the correct cash amount.
- Put cash, student name, and shirt size(s) in an envelope.
- Drop it off at the front office.

Pre-orders are due for production by Wednesday, Week 8 (September 10th). Get ready to rock your musical tee!

Kids: \$15

Adults: \$18

**Pre-order
Yours
Now!**



School Bytes

Orders close on Sep 10th



The sizing guide has been shared via email

Musical Costumes

All classes will be provided with costumes for the musical; however, some classes or individual students may need to bring in additional items from home to complete their look. Please see the details below:

KZ & KB	Thongs or slippers to transition to and from the Hall
1/2S	Thongs or slippers to transition to and from the Hall
1/2H	Thongs or slippers to transition to and from the Hall
1/2K	Thongs or slippers to transition to and from the Hall
3/4W	Thongs or slippers to transition to and from the Hall
3/4DM	Thongs or slippers to transition to and from the Hall
Year 5	Our Year 5 students will be playing two different roles - the students and the villagers, and will need to bring their costumes from home. For the student role, we're asking them to wear their school uniform (blue school shirt, blue school shorts, white socks, and black shoes). For the villager role, they will also need jeans and a plain shirt. This might mean raiding your wardrobe or even popping into an op shop to find suitable pieces.
Year 6	All year 6 students who are in the production crew should wear black clothes, black socks and black shoes. Some students have been asked to bring in certain items to supplement their costumes.

To Parents & Carers: All students are asked to bring to school a reusable bag for their costume, labelled with their name and class. Their costumes will be kept in this bag. Costumes are provided by the school, except for the following items. Please bring the following items to school in a reusable bag as soon as possible. All items must be at school before the dress rehearsal on Monday 22nd September.



National Songwriting Competition

The Australian Children's Music Foundation National Songwriting Competition is now open for all school-aged children. Students are encouraged to compose an original song and enter it to be considered for cash prizes to go towards music equipment. The quality of the recording is not important and is not judged so why not support your child to write a song and enter it online. More details can be found at <https://acmf.com.au/national-songwriting-competition/> If you need any tips, ideas and would like some feedback on your child's entry please contact Mr Duker.

Planning for 2026 Enrolments

Planning for 2026 is underway and it is critical that we receive information to assist us in this process. If you are aware that your child/ren will not be returning to MPS next year, can you please notify the office as soon as possible. Once again, this year we are hoping to be able to trial students in 2026 classes midway through next term. However, we need accurate information to form potential classes based on enrolments.



Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2026. If your child turns 5 before July 31, 2026 they are eligible to start school next year. To help with our planning, it will be greatly appreciated if you can submit your application as soon as possible.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to [enrol online](#). The online enrolment portal also accepts out-of-area applications. Out-of-area applications will be considered and decisions made as soon as possible.

If you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available from the front office, or you can download it from the [Department's site](#).

2025 Library Borrowing Days (Term 3)

Please take note of the new library borrowing days for Term 3.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5/6P	1/2S	5/6C	1/2H
1/2K	3/4W	3/4DM	
KZ	KB		

Premier's Reading Challenge Closing Soon

The closing date of the Premier's Reading Challenge is fast approaching! Make sure you read your books and record them online by Friday 19 September.

K-2 students have been completing the challenge in Library lessons and in class. 3-6 students are responsible for entering books into their own online reading record on [the PRC website](#). Students can also access the website directly from their student portal.

Note that many new books have been added to the booklist. You can find the updated list on the [Booklists page](#) of the PRC website.

Upcoming Assessments

Over the next few weeks, our students will participate in a range of assessments. The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short assessment that tells teachers how students are progressing in phonics.

The check takes 5–7 minutes and is carried out in the classroom by classroom teachers with each student individually. Results are available immediately. Teachers analyse the results and, if necessary, plan for any additional support that students might require by targeting teaching aligned with NSW English syllabus outcomes. The check complements existing strategies to identify students' progress in developing foundational literacy skills.

Our students in Years 3-6 will also complete the annual check-in assessment for all students in NSW Public Schools. All students complete a reading and a numeracy test of approximately 50 questions each. Year 6 students also complete a writing assessment. These assessments support the identification of students' performance in literacy and numeracy and inform next steps in teaching and learning.

Please see below for the dates and times for your child's class:

Writing Assessment

- Year 6 (6C & 6P) – Week 7, Monday 1 September, 10:10am (*Completed*)

Reading Assessments

- 5/6C – Week 6, Tuesday 26 August, 10:10am (*Completed*)
- 5/6P – Week 7, Tuesday 2 September, 10:10am (*Completed*)
- 3/4DM – Week 7, Wednesday 3 September, 10:10am (*Completed*)
- 3/4W – Week 8, Tuesday 9 September, 10:10am (*Completed*)

Numeracy Assessments

- 3/4DM – Week 6, Thursday 28 August, 11:55am (*Completed*)
- 5/6C – Week 7, Tuesday 2 September, 12:55pm (*Completed*)
- 5/6P – Week 8, Tuesday 9 September, 12:55pm (*Completed*)
- 3/4W – Week 8, Thursday 11 September, 11:55am

Chickens at MPS

Thanks to everyone who has responded to last week's survey about the potential for having chickens here at MPS. We have received 15 responses so far. If you would like the school to accept these chickens and you are willing to help out, please complete the short survey: [Chickens at MPS](#)



K-6 Assembly

Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by KB in the hall at **2:45pm**. During this assembly, the following students will be presented with awards.

Term 3 Week 8			
Class	First Name	Teacher Comment	
KZ	Isabella K	for producing spectacular sentences in writing and always having neat book work!	
KZ	Bonnie B	for using creativity to draw amazing illustrations that match her sentence writing. Great work!	
KB	Sophia H	for consistently demonstrating excellent behaviour, participation and effort in all aspects of school.	
KB	Eli D	for always joining in with lots of energy, his love to learn new things, and always challenging himself to improve.	
1/2H	Jed P	for his determination to push himself further in Mathematics by challenging himself every day.	
1/2H	Iraan E	for making safe choices in the classroom during our literacy block.	
1/2K	Arriette	for being an engaged learner and trying her best at all times	
1/2K	Warnurra	for her insightful comments during class discussions.	
1/2S	Franklin H	for his insightful contributions and for always trying his best.	
1/2S	Thomas H	for his focus on learning tasks and persisting when faced with challenges.	
3/4DM	Iggy R	for great improvement in participation and focus on class tasks	
3/4DM	Tobias S	for his exceptional public speaking skills and his wonderful creative ideas.	
3/4W	Theo O	for his amazing improvements in being a respectful learner.	
3/4W	Tobey B	for his engagement in learning tasks and active listening in the classroom.	
5/6C	Nathan H	for working hard to start and finish classroom tasks as well as being a responsible class member.	
5/6C	Samuel C	for great improvements in listening and concentration in all learning areas.	
5/6P	Edward L	For checking and editing his writing and for improving his accuracy when spelling new words.	
5/6P	Henrietta J	For working strenuously to memorise her lines for the School Musical. You really are Bagheera!	
ICT/STEM	Elijah W	5/6C	for progressing to the semi finals of the Young ICT Explorers competition. Good luck with your pitch to the judging panel.
ICT/STEM	Harvey W	3/4W	for always being willing to assist his teachers and peers. Thanks for helping the STEM Lab run smoothly.
Library	Darcy A	3/4DM	for regular borrowing and for the detail and effort he is putting into researching a country.
Library	Anthony D	5/6C	for consistent borrowing and for remaining on task to demonstrate research skills.



Contact us:

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F: [/marrickvillepublicschoolpandc](https://marrickvillepublicschoolpandc.org)

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Thank You, Space Rainbow Run Crew!

What a stellar day! The Space Rainbow Run simply wouldn't have lifted off without the incredible volunteers who suited up, rallied the kids, wrangled the activities, and cheered everyone on. From guiding cadets through Astronaut Academy, to keeping the Galaxy Quest on track, to handing out cosmic zooper doopers, to packing down at the end — you made it all possible. 🌟

Your time, energy and good humour turned the day into an out-of-this-world experience for our kids and community. We are so grateful for every shift, every smile, and every helping hand. The MPS community is truly wonderful. ❤️

And for those who fundraised, you have until Friday night to choose your prizes or donations — [fundraising](#). We will be back in a few weeks with a summary of the funds raised and how that will help make our library great.

Working Bee POSTPONED!

Sunday 14 September, 10am–1pm

A big thank you to everyone who had already signed up! With the oval still out of action due to the school building works, we've decided to press pause and shift the working bee to November. This way, we'll have full access and can make an even bigger impact together.

Silent Auction + Musical Bingo Night – Friday 19 September

We can't wait to see you there, but we need you to make the night a hit!

Musical Bingo — Tickets Are Live!

This is the grown-up night of the year — music, laughs, prizes, a food truck, and plenty of fun with our school community. Tables are still available, so why not get a group together and join us? It's the perfect way to support the school and have a brilliant night out. Buy tickets [here](#) 

School Musical – Thursday 25 September

Our Jungle Book musical is nearly here — Wednesday 25 September — and we need a jungle feast for the intermission stall!

Go Bananas for Baking!

 Bring the bear necessities with a cake or slice.

 Sssslip in some biscuits or brownies.

 Monkey around with muffins or cupcakes.

Let us know what you can bring [here](#) and drop your treats at the school kitchen from 3.15pm on show day and help turn intermission into a jungle banquet. Every tasty bite will raise funds and keep the crowd roaring with delight! 🦁✨

☀️ Keen to join the crew on the night? Drop us a line at hello@mpspandc.org — every extra set of paws helps make the stall a roaring success! 🐾🦁🌿

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The next 2nd hand uniform will be on Wednesday 17th September at 3.15pm

BENNELONG MUSIC NEWS

We have had a wonderful term of music and are now taking enrolments for term 4. If you would like your child/ren to begin music lessons or join the band at MPS next term, please contact us at info@bennelongmusic.com.au or check out our website at www.bennelongmusic.com.au for more information on what we offer.

Regards,

Vanessa
Administration



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MON 6 Oct	TUE 7 Oct	WED 8 Oct	THU 9 Oct	FRI 10 Oct
PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED	WORKSHOP Glow-tastic Creations	WORKSHOP Illuminata Electric Circus	EXCURSION Allianz Stadium Tour	DAY CAMP Camp Carnaval
MON 13 Oct				
DAY CAMP Day Dreaming at the Y				

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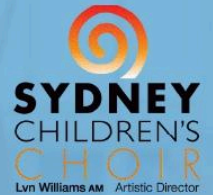
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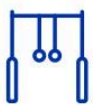
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