



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.

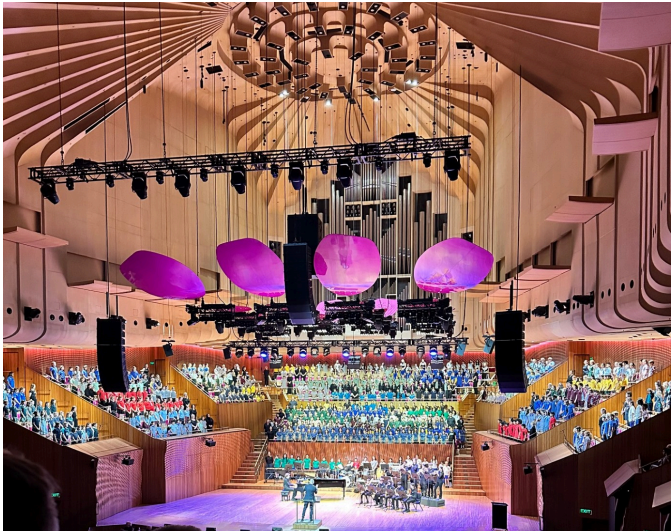
Upcoming Events

Week 9	
Wednesday 17 September	Young ICT Explorers Semi Final
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 Performances
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

Rel Principal Report from Mrs Connell

It has been another busy and exciting week at our school.

On Monday evening, our choir students took part in the Cantabile Concert at the Sydney Opera House. I was fortunate to attend, and it was a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their talent on such a grand stage. I was very proud of their efforts, well done to all involved! A special thank you to Ms Cai for preparing our students so beautifully, and to Mr Crawley for providing additional support on the day and evening of the concert.



Throughout the week, our students have been preparing for our upcoming Musical. We held a full run-through on Tuesday and rehearsals have continued across the week, building momentum as we approach performance time. If you haven't already purchased your tickets for next week's performances, please get in quickly; tickets are selling fast, and we have limited seats left for both shows (12pm & 6pm). Please use the link that was emailed to you last week.

Today, Elijah WS proudly represented our school at the Young ICT Explorers Semi-Final. This was a fantastic opportunity for him to showcase his project to the judging panel, who were highly impressed by both his game and his knowledge of earthquakes. Elijah received excellent feedback on his innovative idea and presentation skills. A big thank you to Mr Duker for supporting and making this experience possible.



Tomorrow, we will welcome Jan Green, Executive Director Metropolitan South, and our DEL, Chris Buenen. We look forward to showing them around our school, visiting classrooms and sharing our ongoing work in Aboriginal Education.

We need your help with lost property. We are finding a large number of unclaimed items, lunch boxes, hats, jumpers, water bottles, and even the smaller containers inside lunch boxes, that are not labelled and unfortunately have to be thrown out when we cannot return them. Please take a few minutes to clearly label *all* of your child's belongings, including individual containers, to help us reduce waste and ensure items make their way back to the right owner.

Finally, I'd like to share some personal news - I'm expecting a baby at the end of the year. I plan to continue working up until the end of the year if I can. Thank you to those who have offered their best wishes.

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.

Congratulations Kiran

We are thrilled to celebrate Kiran for receiving the Special Academy of Chess Gold King Award. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Kiran's dedication, skill, and love of the game, well done!



Congratulations Blake

We are thrilled to announce that Blake's entry into the Space Mission Patch Competition has been selected as a finalist! Inspired by the theme "Sustainable Space: Resilient Earth," Blake's outstanding work will be showcased at the International Astronautical Congress in Darling Harbour on 3 October 2025.

Being among the top twenty submissions, Blake will receive a certificate of recognition and the exclusive opportunity to participate in a meet-and-greet with astronauts, organised in collaboration with the Australian Space Agency.



K-2 Swimming Superstars

Our K-2 students have been making fantastic progress in their swimming program each Friday. It's wonderful to see their growing confidence in the water, as well as the enthusiasm and effort they bring to each session.



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		

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](#)



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.



Contact us:

E: secretary@mpspandc.org

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


[Instagram](#)

Silent Auction – [Now Live!](#)

Bidding is open and there are amazing prizes up for grabs — from vouchers and experiences to local treasures. Prizes will continue to be added over the next week, so keep checking back. Every bid helps raise funds to develop the nature playground in the bottom oval, so jump in and start bidding today. Bidding closes Friday 19th September 10pm.

Musical Bingo Postponed

We've decided to hit pause on Musical Bingo for now due to low sign-ups — but don't worry, we'll be back with a bigger, better night of music, laughter and prizes early next year!

All ticket purchases have been refunded, and we want to send a big thank you to everyone who booked, shared, or locked in a babysitter. We appreciate your support and can't wait to party with you in 2026! 

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.

 Ssssslip 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! 

Spring VACATION CARE

29 Sept - 13 Oct 2025

The Y | Marrickville Public OSHC

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) reduced fee available
In addition to the scheduled activities, we also run sports and outdoor play, arts and crafts, cooking, drama, dance and music, free time plus more every day!

Secure your spot, book online today!

*Dates, activities and prices may be subject to change. View our website for more information.

MON 29 Sept	TUE 30 Sept	WED 1 Oct	THU 2 Oct	FRI 3 Oct
DAY CAMP Wacky Wooden Works	WORKSHOP Silent battling DJs	WORKSHOP Kart Craze	EXCURSION Stardust Circus	DAY CAMP Junior Kitchen Stars
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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1300 000 679 | childcare@ymcansw.org.au

FIND OUT MORE

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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www.bennelongmusic.com.au



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FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

AT THE PARLIAMENT OF NSW

Free activities
for children
up to 12 years
at the
Parliament
of NSW

**Friday
10 October
9.30am – 3pm**

Visit Australia's oldest
Parliament, step inside
history and get creative in
workshops and role plays.

- Visit our heritage rooms
- Make craft animals and objects
- Play music and draw with Blak Douglas
- Have your say in a committee role play
- Learn how to vote
- Enjoy live music and more...



FREE ENTRY

Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION

Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

P: (02) 9230 2047 or

E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au





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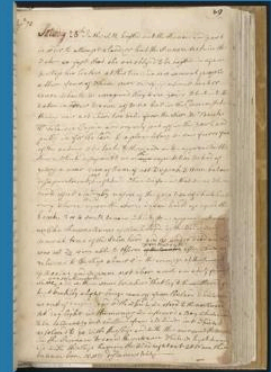
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REGISTER NOW FOR THIS IMPORTANT DAY

Truth Telling – at Kamay Botany Bay



Kamay Botany Bay is the site of first encounter between Lieutenant James Cook and the Gweagal People in 1770 and it is fitting it should also be the place to present a Truth Telling Education Opportunity. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear our early shared history from factual written records.



Recognise the Truth

YOU ARE INVITED

Register HERE NOW

*This invitation comes to you courtesy of:
The Act of Recognition National Leadership,
and La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council*

*Visit the website for information
and to view previous gatherings.*



Saturday 25 October 2025

10am to 4pm

**Kamay Botany Bay National Park
KURNELL NSW**

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TOMORROW.**

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