



# 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 6	
Tuesday 18 November	Kindergarten Orientation 2 9.30am - 11am
Tuesday 18 November	Stage 3 Interrelate Program
Thursday 20 November	PJ Day (SRC Fundraiser for RPA Hospital School)
Week 7	
Tuesday 25 November	Kindergarten Orientation 3 9.30am - 11am
Tuesday 25 November	Stage 3 Interrelate Program
Wednesday 26 November	Emergency Evacuation & Lockdown Drill
Week 8	
Tuesday 2 December	Year 6 High School Orientation Day
Tuesday 2 December	Instructional Rounds for Teachers
Thursday 4 December	K-2 Incursion - Mad About Science
Week 9	
Thursday 11 December	Semester 2 Student Reports available to families
Week 10	
Tuesday 16 December	K-2 Presentation Day Assembly 9.30am-10.30am Year 3-5 Presentation Day Assembly 11.15am - 12.15pm
Tuesday 16 December	Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea 10.30am-11.00am
Wednesday 17 December	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 10.00am
Wednesday 17 December	Year 6 Farewell 6pm-8pm
Thursday 18 December	<b>School Fun Day</b>
Friday 19 December	Last day of 2025 School Year

## Principal Report

We were very excited to welcome our 2026 students and families to our school yesterday when we presented our first Kindergarten Orientation session. It's incredible to think that only last week our current kindergarten students hosted a K-6 assembly - it is amazing how quickly students develop confidence at our school! On Tuesday, our new students spent the morning in the classrooms while I spoke with parents and carers in the hall about the transition to school process and expectations. Our Senior recorder group performed for families, and I am very grateful that one of our current Kindergarten parents, Ms Lisa Rose, spoke with families about her own experiences this year.

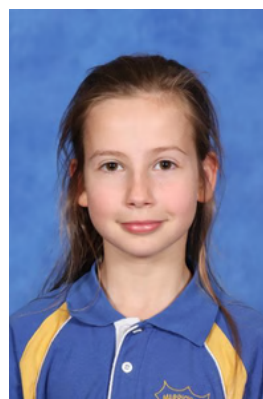
This year, our staff would like to thank all parents, carers and volunteers for the support and positivity sent our way. We would like you all to attend a special morning tea on Tuesday, 16 December between 10.30am and 11.00am. We have scheduled the event for this time to fit between our K-2 Presentation Day assembly and our Year 3-5 Presentation Day Assembly. It will be fantastic if you are able to join us on this day to celebrate all we have collectively achieved in 2025!

Tomorrow morning our Stage 1 classes will begin the process of moving back to their regular classrooms following the replacement of the D Block roof. We have hired removalists to assist with this process and I'd like to thank the staff and students for the flexibility they have demonstrated while work has been undertaken.

## 2026 Student Leaders

Today, we proudly announced our 2026 School Leaders! We are incredibly proud of all 25 students who nominated themselves, delivered thoughtful and inspiring speeches, and consistently demonstrated what it means to be a positive role model every day.

**Congratulations** to our newly elected leaders:





## Kindy Orientation Day 1

Today, we welcomed many new families to our school for the first Kindergarten 2026 Orientation session. It was wonderful to see so many excited children and parents beginning their school journey with us. The students enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and meeting some of our teachers.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back next week for session 2!



## 2026 Transition Taster Session

Next week, we will be holding our first Transition Taster Session for students. During this time, staff will be trialling draft class groupings for 2026 to see how students work together and to ensure classes are balanced to best support everyone's learning and wellbeing needs.

Please note that staffing for 2026 has not yet been finalised, so this session is not about which teacher students will have next year, but rather an opportunity for us to consider how class dynamics work in preparation for final class placements.

## Morning Announcements

This morning, two of our Kindergarten students took charge of the morning announcements! They spoke with such confidence and enthusiasm. We are so proud of them! It's wonderful to see how much all of our Kindy students have grown this year, especially in their reading and communication skills.



## Parent Teacher Meetings

Did you know you can request a parent-teacher meeting at any time throughout the year? These meetings are a great way to check in on your child's progress, ask questions, or discuss any concerns you may have.

To arrange a meeting, please email the school with "Attention: [Teacher's Name]" in the subject line and kindly request that the teacher provide some suitable times to meet. Meetings can take place in person at school or over the phone, whichever you prefer.

When sending your request, it's helpful to include the reason for the meeting (for example, to discuss friendship concerns or check in on your child's learning progress). This allows the teacher to prepare and ensure the conversation is as productive as possible.

## PJ Day for a Great Cause!



Our Student Representative Council (SRC) has organised a PJ Day fundraiser on **Thursday, 20 November**! Students are encouraged to come to school in their comfiest pyjamas, and all funds raised will go directly to support the Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital School. SRC students will be collecting any donations on the day.

The RPA Hospital School provides individualised education for K-12 students during hospital stays, helping them continue learning even while receiving medical care. This year, RPA Hospital School staff and students are doing a 20km Walkathon through the Inner West to raise funds for their expanded services, including support in Emergency and Outpatient departments.

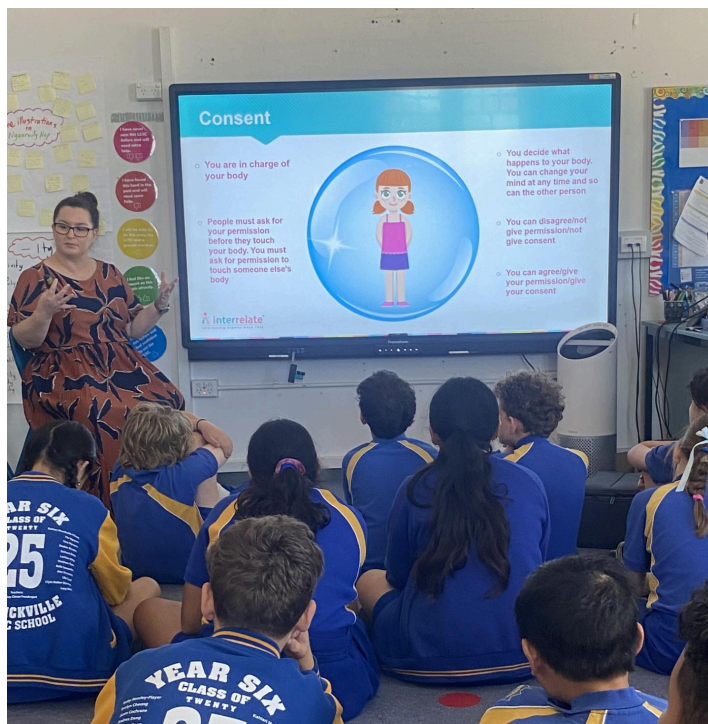
Please consider contributing to this wonderful cause. Funds raised will also go towards Student Learning Packs, encouraging a love of learning and reading for young patients. For more details about the initiative, please visit their website. Let's get cosy in our PJs and make a difference together!

The RPA team anticipate passing our school at approximately 10:02am on Friday, 28 November.



## Stage 3 Interrelate

Today, Stage 3 commenced their 3-week Interrelate sessions, focusing on moving into the teen years. Today's session focused on respecting ourselves and others, naming adults we can trust, and we began looking at body changes that occur as we grow. Thank you to all students for their input, engagement and curiosity!



## School Uniform Update

I recently met with the Sales Manager from Pickles, who provides our school uniforms. They have now agreed that the Gold Polo shirt (short and long sleeved) will no longer be available for sale. They will be working with their team to create a long sleeved blue and gold polo that will be available for sale at the beginning of Term 2, 2026. The excess stock of gold uniforms will be donated to a school in Vietnam. Special thanks to our CLOTE teacher, Ms Nguyen, for coordinating this arrangement.





## Year 6 Mini Fete

Today, our Year 6 students hosted their highly anticipated Mini Fete! Each group designed and ran their own stalls, complete with creative advertising, plenty of fun activities and prizes! All money raised from ticket sales will support their end-of-year celebrations. Students from Kindergarten to Year 5 had an absolute blast visiting the stalls, playing games, and enjoying the festive atmosphere. A huge congratulations to our Year 6 students for their hard work, teamwork and enthusiasm. What a fantastic day!





## Selective High School & Opportunity Classes

Applications for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2027 will be open from 6 November 2025 to 20 February 2026. Applications can be made: [Apply here](#)

For opportunity class placement, parents and carers need to apply when their child is in Year 3 (or when their child is in year 4 up until the end of Week 3, Term 1).

For selective high school placement, parents and carers need to apply when their child is in Year 5 (or when their child is in year 6 up until the end of Week 3, Term 1).

The placement tests will be computer-based and are held in May. Most test centres will be local high schools. Some primary schools may be required to act as test centres. Only one test is held on each test day. A student will only be required to sit the placement test on one day.

## 2026 test dates

### Test dates

Test	Date
Selective High School Placement Test	Friday 1 May and Saturday 2 May 2026
Opportunity Class Placement Test	Friday 8 May and Saturday 9 May 2026
Make-up test (SHS and OC)	Friday 22 May 2026

## Enrol Now for 2026!

The Y NSW OSHC provides a safe, fun, and engaging environment for children before and after school. Spaces for 2026 are filling fast — secure your child's place today!

<https://www.ymcansw.org.au/childrens-services/before-after-school-care/>





## K-6 Assembly

Next week's assembly will be hosted by the 2025 SRC in the hall at **2:45pm**. During this assembly, the following students will be presented with awards.

Term 4 Week 6			
Class	First Name	Teacher Comment	
KZ	Henry P	for applying great effort during phonics which has helped improve his reading skills!	
KZ	Franky H	for fantastic reading in all areas and effective self-editing during writing tasks.	
KB	Kaia N	for great dedication towards sounding out and blending new words. Well done!	
KB	Manushree O	for always having a cheerful attitude at school and displaying great enthusiasm in her learning	
1/2H	Millie H	for defining and using Tier 3 words expertly in our vocabulary lessons.	
1/2H	Jesse S	for her careful attention to detail in her writing, ensuring she meets the success criteria every time.	
1/2K	Charlie. R	for his positive 'can do' attitude and his increased focus during writing.	
1/2K	Max. B	for his increased focus during gymnastics.	
1/2S	Ivy A	for always being a helpful peer and giving her best effort in everything she does.	
1/2S	Penelope M	for her attention to detail in her story writing, artworks and designs for projects.	
3/4DM	Iggy R	for making such enormous improvements in all areas of learning!	
3/4DM	Coen	for striving to always do his best, his creative writing and his kind and thoughtful nature.	
3/4W	Willem F	for his enthusiasm in all aspects of school.	
3/4W	Joshua H	for his focus in writing and engagement in all learning areas.	
5/6C	Anneliese D	for always giving her best effort as well as continuing to improve her informative writing in class.	
5/6C	Lucy W	for continuing to improve her handwriting, spelling and being a good friend to others.	
5/6P	Harrison L	For his high energy and drive to improve his skills during Friday Sport sessions.	
5/6P	Denisha T	For consistent application and commitment to doing her best at all times and in all activities.	
ICT/STEM	Quinn J	3/4DM	for creating an engaging short film filled with humour, advanced film techniques and a range of camera angles.
ICT/STEM	Andrea D	5/6P	for using creativity and technical skill to design a piggy bank using 3D modelling software.
Library	Lachlan P	1/2K	for borrowing regularly and for making thoughtful contributions in shared reading.
Library	Maliyah S	5/6P	for being a diligent library monitor who puts care and attention into her duties.



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## P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 1st December at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the school library. We will then head up to the Henson Hotel to celebrate the end of the year. All are welcome - students included.

## Even BIGGER THANK YOU 🧟

One final thank you to Nathan and the CHEESY DUZ IT team for the \$690 that they raised and donated to the school following the Monster Ball.



## Second-hand Uniforms

The P&C uniform room will be open on Mondays while the Gardening Club is on each week. The room will be open, then find Naomi, and she will facilitate payment.

## Gardening Club

On Monday afternoons at 3:15 for an hour or so. Join Naomi and Kara to help look after some special parts of our school playground, including the home of this monster-sized stick insect, thriving in our playground.



## BENNELONG MUSIC NEWS

We've had a fantastic year of music and are now taking enrolments for 2026. We teach all instruments (on site, after school hours) from beginner through to advanced levels as well as offering tuition and preparation for AMEB examinations. If you would like your child/ren to begin music lessons and/or band next year, please download and complete the [enrolment form](#) and email it to [info@bennelongmusic.com.au](mailto:info@bennelongmusic.com.au) before the end of December or check out our website at [www.bennelongmusic.com.au](http://www.bennelongmusic.com.au) for more information on what we offer.







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#### PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 01** 9-3pm each day
- 02** Basketball, Cricket, Netball and Soccer on offer
- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs



**It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants**



## THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

#### LOCATIONS

- UNSW Fitness & Aquatic Centre, Kensington - 19, 20, 21 January 2026
- University of NSW, Daceyville - 12, 13, 14 January 2026
- Heffron Park, Maroubra - 15, 16, 17 December 2025
- Heffron Centre, Maroubra - 15, 16, 17 December 2025 & 12, 13, 14 January 2026
- Concord Recreation Centre, Concord - 17, 18, 19 December 2025
- Five Dock Leisure Centre, Five Dock - 19, 20, 21 January 2026

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