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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	
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
Sunday 7 December	Rock Band Gig - Factory Theatre Courtyard
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	School Fun Day
Friday 19 December	Last day of 2025 School Year
2026 - Term 1	
Tuesday 27 January	Staff return to school
Monday 2 February	All students return to school

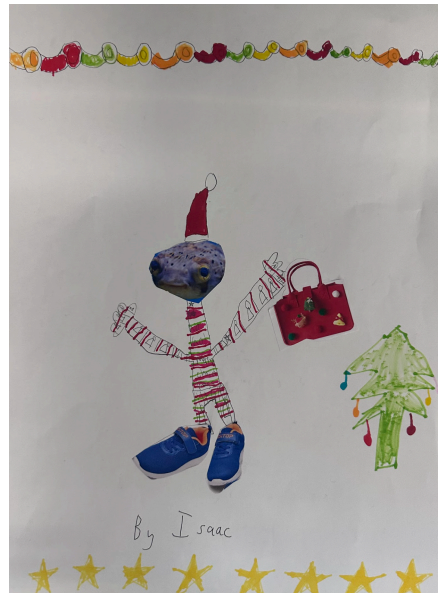
Principal Report

In staffing news, I am delighted to inform you that Ms Ilaria Donati was successful, via merit selection, in being appointed to the permanent position of School Administrative Officer at our school. Applications for the vacant Assistant Principal position close this afternoon, with interviews scheduled to take place towards the end of next week. In other staffing news, Ms Lily Terashima has been offered a classroom teacher position here next year as well.

In construction news, our Stage 1 classrooms will have new carpet installed this week. It is now also likely that the library carpet will be replaced before the end of the year. I also met with the team that will be completing an upgrade of the A Block student bathrooms today. They are hopeful of starting work as early as this weekend and I'm very excited to see the modernisation of this area.

Today, we held our second 2026 class transition session. While walking around the school, I was impressed with how settled the students were in their classes. As we have not yet finalised our staffing for 2026, we are unable to provide students with information about their teacher for next year. We are hopeful about letting students know before the end of term. Students in Stage 2 next year created some fabulous artworks during this period, some of which will be displayed in our office hallway for the remainder of the year.





P&C Meeting

On Monday evening, we will be holding our final P&C meeting for the year. This small group of dedicated volunteers has worked tirelessly throughout the year to support our school. Julia Hume, our 2025 President has been a fantastic contributor to our school, leading the team in a number of fundraisers and events that have delivered much needed resources for our school. She has been ably supported by a very strong team that includes Rachel Rohrlach, Frank Holmes, Ros Gloag, Naomi Derrick, Kara Fung, Fergus and Carly Cumming and Sally Lane.

Semester 2 Reports

It is anticipated that Semester 2 student reports will be available on the Schoolbytes parent Portal from Thursday 11 December.

Parents/Carers should download their child/ren's report, together with any other reports for your records. This is particularly important for students in Year 6 - please be reminded that the school charges an administration fee to provide parents with documents after their child/ren have left the school.

Fun Day - Thursday 18 December

MPS will be celebrating the end of the year on Thursday 18 December with a big fun day featuring wet inflatables (jumping castles and rides with water). Students can wear casual clothes to school but must wear their swimmers underneath their clothes. They should also bring a plastic bag with a towel, underwear and thongs / crocs. Please ensure you apply sunscreen before students leave home.

After the water activities, children will be enjoying a picnic lunch before watching a G or PG movie with their class. Can you please notify the school if you do not give permission for your child to watch a PG movie. Please check your emails to complete permission for this event.

Library Stocktake

Time to search under those beds! Towards the end of this term, the Library will be undergoing a stocktake. All books need to be returned by the end of this week. Please feel free to contact the Office with any queries about loans or overdue notices sent home.



Rock Band Gig

The MPS Rock Band is excited to announce that they will be performing as part of a free Christmas-themed gig at The Factory Theatre Courtyard on Sunday, 7th December.

Spaghetti Confetti - Mr Duker's children's music band is also playing along with amazing family entertainers Emily Who and The Lex Man.

The MPS Rock Band will be playing a 20-minute set from 3.30pm. This will be the last external performance for our long-time band members Ruby and Alex before they graduate to high school. Everyone is invited to attend, and you can [reserve free tickets by clicking here](#).



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/>





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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.

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 our school gardens.

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 before the end of December or check out our website at www.bennelongmusic.com.au for more information on what we offer.



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“A DAY IN FRANCE” FRENCH HOLIDAY CAMP

At Rozelle Presbyterian Church

9am to 3pm

For children in Kindergarten to Year 3

Beginners Camp Tue 13th Jan or Wed 14th Jan

Perfect for children new to French or with limited previous exposure. Games, music, movement, stories and craft to spark confidence and curiosity in French

French Speakers Camp Fri 16th Jan

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INCLUSION FESTIVAL

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**Disability Pride Flag Raising
+ Community BBQ**
At Marrickville Town Hall, 3 Dec

Filmable Short Film Festival
At Marrickville Library
and Pavilion, 3 & 6 Dec



Inclusion Festival Art & Craft Fair
At Marrickville Library
and Pavilion, 6 Dec

Hydro Disco Pool Party
At Annette Kellerman
Aquatic Centre, 12 Dec



Inclusive Multi-Sport Day
At PCYC Marrickville, 13 Dec

INNER WEST



We had so much fun last series, we're making more episodes of HARD QUIZ KIDS!

Applications are now open. We're looking for NSW kids that will be in Year 5, 6 or 7 in 2026 who are an expert on a special topic. Auditions will be in Sydney in March 2026.

Kids will need to fill out the application with their parent/guardian here:

hardquizkidsauditions.com.au

Choose your topic, apply now and get ready to play, HARD!