MPS Matters Newsletter

TERM 2 WEEK 4 2026

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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

Term 2 Week 4	
Thursday 14 May	Primary Aboriginal Dance Workshops
Thursday 14 May	K-6 Assembly hosted by 1/2S
Friday 15 May	Winter PSSA sport, Year 3-6 Sport & Enrichment groups
Term 2 Week 5	
Sunday 17 May	P&C Gardening Working Bee 10am-1pm
Monday 18 May	Round 1 Debate vs Erskineville PS
Monday 18 May	P&C Meeting in the library 6pm
Tuesday 19 May	PSSA Boys Hockey Knockout vs Oran Park PS
Thursday 21 May	Explore Kindergarten Parent information Sessions
Friday 22 May	Walk Safely to School Day
Term 2 Week 6	
Tuesday 26 May	National Sorry Day
Tuesday 26 May	Stage 3 NSW Parliament online session
Wednesday 27 May	Simultaneous Storytime
Thursday 28 May	K-6 Assembly 2.45pm hosted by 5/6C

From the Principal

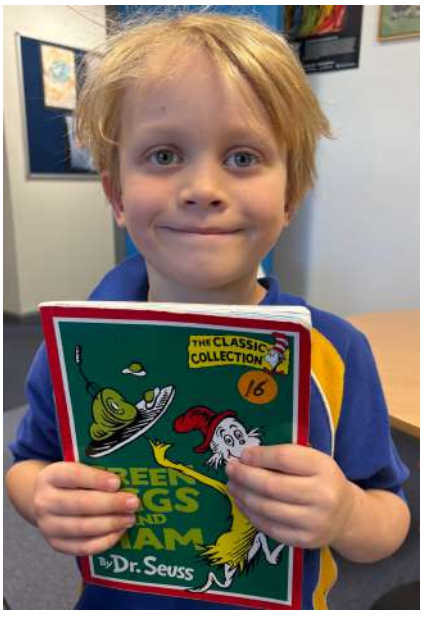
Next week, we begin the transition to kindergarten 2027 for parents and carers of students starting school next year. Two Explore Kindergarten sessions will be held on Thursday 21 May. The first session will be held in the library, beginning at 10am for parents/carers and children (the children will have the opportunity to spend time in a kindergarten classroom), followed by an evening online information presentation, beginning at 7pm. If you have a child starting school next year, you can make a booking to attend here

Our P&C Gardeners of the Galaxy do an incredible job looking after our grounds. This Sunday they will be at school from 10am-1pm working on the native garden at the bottom of the school oval and they'd love your assistance. Many hands make light work and it will be wonderful if you are able to spare some time to help maintain our expansive school grounds. As well, I'd also like to invite you all to attend our next P&C meeting on Monday evening in the school library. The meeting runs for one hour from 6pm-7pm and provides you with a great opportunity to hear about initiatives taking place at school as well as offering you the forum to ask questions or make suggestions to improve our school.

In Term 2, we are inviting parents and carers to participate in the NSW Public Schools Parent Survey. The survey gives you the opportunity to share your experience at our school, including communication, inclusion, wellbeing and how your child's learning is supported.

Hearing directly from our parents and carers will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made. Participation in the survey is optional, your responses are anonymous, and it takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete. You can access at the survey at: NSW Public Schools Parent Survey

Late last week I was privileged to receive a visit from students in KB keen to show me their Book of Bug Facts. These young students have worked exceptionally well with Ms Burke to produce a book that contains fascinating facts. As well, Oscar O (KR) popped in to read me 'Green Eggs and Ham'. This talented student read with fluency and expression and it was wonderful to see the joy he gained from reading.



Stage 2 Excursion

On Tuesday, 12 May, our Stage 2 students set off for a day of discovery at Hyde Park Barracks and the Museum of Sydney - and what a day it was! Students took part in the Convict Life Tour at the barracks where they explored what life was like back then. They lay in replica hammocks (just like the convicts did!) and went on a fun tool hunt, exploring the different tools convicts used to do their work. The best part? The students got to dress up in convict clothes and pretend they were convicts themselves - working hard to build a solitary confinement cell! It was all about teamwork as they acted out what life would have been like back then.

At the Museum of Sydney, students took part in the “Whose Place Is It?” experience. This was all about life when the First Fleet arrived and the impact it had on First Nations peoples. We saw replicas of the ships that arrived all those years ago, and sat around a yarning circle, learning new words in Aboriginal languages. The students had the chance to look at and touch interesting artefacts.

The students were super curious and had lots of questions. It was awesome to see their curiosity in action. There were lots of laughs, a bit of “wow!” moments, and plenty of learning packed into one fun day. We’re already looking forward to our next adventure!

Toys and Cards at School

We kindly remind families that students should not bring toys, including trading cards of any kind, to school. While these items may seem harmless, they often lead to issues such as loss, damage, or even being sold or traded, creating unnecessary conflicts and distractions during the school day.

Please note that the school provides a range of play options during lunch, including access to construction toys like LEGO and Connectix, which are available for all students to enjoy.

If personal toys or cards are seen during school hours, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a focused and respectful learning environment.

Zone Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to the students who represented our school at today's Zone Cross Country Carnival today at Federal Park, Glebe. Special thanks to Mr Crawley and Mr Jones for coordinating our school's participation in this special event.

2027 Enrolments

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2027. If your child turns 5 before July 31, 2027 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. If however you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available from the front office or you can download from the Department's site: Online Enrolment Application

K-6 Assembly

Tomorrow's assembly will be held from 2.45pm onwards in the hall. The amazing students in 1/2S will be hosting the assembly. During this assembly the following students will be presented with awards:

Class	Student First Name and Initial		Teacher Comment
KB	August C	for	making good choices for his learning and showing huge improvement in his writing through hard work and dedication.
KB	Lucy H	for	for her continued strong efforts in class and building her confidence to sound out unfamiliar words.
KR	Ayala I	for	consistently showing great effort during literacy groups and sounding out tricky words during reading activities.

KR	Lachlan H	for	making such a positive start at MPS and already contributing so wonderfully to our classroom.		
1/2K	Carter H	for	her active participation and valuable input across all learning areas during class discussions		
1/2K	Roland C	for	always demonstrating positive behaviour and working hard, being a good example for classmates.		
1/2S	Sophia H	for	sounding her words to spell during writing and being a respectful learner.		
1/2S	David T	for	moving away from distractions and focusing on his own learning.		
1/2W	Naomi H	for	striving to improve her learning and challenging herself with trickier tasks.		
1/2W	Manu P	for	her consistent respectful listening and efforts in improving her reading.		
3/4J	Aria C	for	providing valuable insights into sustainability during geography lessons.		
3/4J	Maisie D	for	constantly being a role model to classmates with her behaviour and application to learning.		
3/4S	Ivy A	for	working hard to complete her work in the allocated time.		
3/4S	Hannah N	for	being a kind member of the class and working well with her peers.		
3/4B	Hannah N	for	applying her best handwriting at all times and demonstrating excellent bookwork.		
3/4B	Joseph A	for	his effort towards concentrating during class learning time and applying the knowledge when completing independent tasks.		
5/6C	Samuel C	for	his contributions in all learning areas during class discussions.		
5/6C	Charlotte L	for	making good choices in her learning as well as being more focussed in class.		
5/6H	Jude HB	for	always applying himself, whether academically, as a friend, or as a school leader.		
5/6H	Maliyah S	for	completing extended, thoughtful, well-written and creative writing tasks each week.		
ICT/STEM	Franky H	in	1/2K	for	demonstrating high engagement and focus to code an animated scene using Scratch Jr.
ICT/STEM	Blake T	in	5/6H	for	using creativity, critical thinking and outstanding STEM skills to design an original waste sorting Lego robot.
Library	Kai M	in	KB	for	borrowing each week and successfully completing book responses to shared reading.
Library	Adelaide R	in	5/6H	for	regular borrowing, her love of reading and always being a respectful learner in our library lesson.
CLOTE	Tiffany H	in	3/4B	for	making good progress in Reading and Writing skills in Vietnamese.
PSSA	Molly F	in Netball for excellent participation and sportsmanship in PSSA sport.			
PSSA	Edward C	in Soccer for excellent participation and sportsmanship in PSSA sport.			

Explore Kindergarten!
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Orientation Information

Explore Kindergarten - Parent Information Session
21 May 2026
10:00am - in our School Library
7:00pm - online

Kindergarten Orientation Days
Tuesdays, 9:30am - 11:00am
November 10, 17, 24

School Tours
9:30am first Friday on the month during school terms or by appointment, please contact us to arrange a tour.

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DATE

SUN 17 MAY

TIME

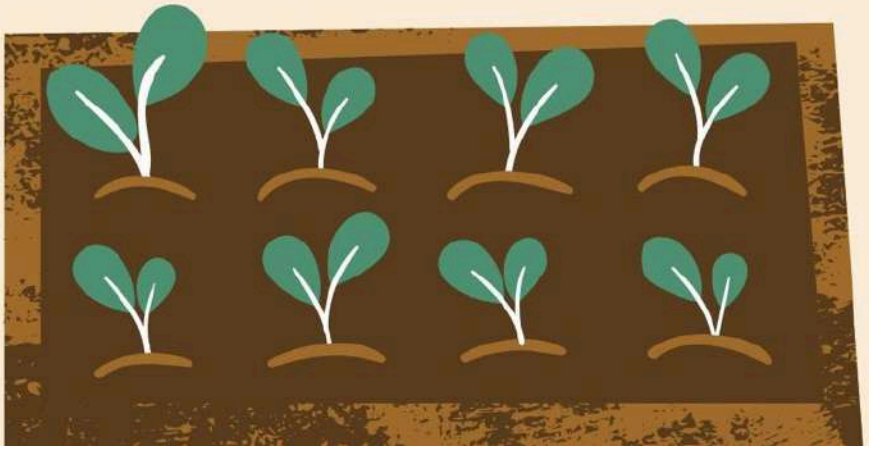
10AM - 1PM

Autumn Working Bee

Marrickville Public School

We'll be working on the native garden at the bottom of the oval!

BYO gloves



Safer journeys to and from our schools – Inner West feedback open

Inner West Council is inviting feedback on **safer school journeys**, with a focus on pedestrian and traffic safety around **all schools in the Inner West**. The consultation is seeking input from students, parents, carers and staff about safety issues experienced when travelling to and from school, to help inform future improvements to footpaths, crossings and roads.

Creating safer, more walkable and rideable school environments supports children's health, wellbeing and active travel.

If appropriate, we encourage you to share this opportunity with your school community.

How to provide feedback

- Online: **yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au**
- Phone: **(02) 9335 2002**
- Email: **school.safety@innerwest.nsw.gov.au**

Feedback closes: 5 July 2026

Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 22 May

Our SRC is promoting Active Kids are Healthy Kids by encouraging all MPS families to walk to school with a parent or carer on Friday 22 May. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the morning together and talk about how to be a safe road user.

To support safe walking habits, remember:
🚶 Plan a safe route with crossings and footpaths
✋ Always hold your child's hand until they're at least 8
👀 Supervise them closely until they're at least 10
🤝 Hold hands on footpaths, at crossings, and in car parks

SRC will be handing out free tattoos to students who walk safely to school!

Run Club with Mr Sherry

Mr Sherry's Run Club is growing in popularity with 49 students registering in this initiative.

In the house competition this week's placings were:

1st - Lorikeets (208 laps)

2nd - Rosellas (206 laps)

3rd - Kookaburras (205 laps)

This week Year 4 students led the way completing 194 laps, followed by Year 3 (175 laps).

Tiago K remains the top runner, completing 40 laps, followed by Kiran K (36 laps), Jed (31 laps) and Ilka R (29 laps).

You can still register your child for this activity. Please see the posters (below) for further information. Click here to view the QR code link.

Lost Property

Every day teachers are finding hats, jumpers, water bottles and lunchboxes without names on them. This makes it very difficult for us to return items to their owners. Pictured here are the jumpers left after one day (two others had names and were returned).

If you acquire a new piece of school gear for your child, **please label it clearly with their name**. Help us keep out Lost Property Tub empty because everything has been successfully returned ❤️

Contact us:
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Instagram

SUNDAY 17 MAY - Please join us for a gardening working bee 10am - 1 pm.

MONDAY 18 May - The next P&C meeting will be held at 6pm in the school library. We would love to see you there - children also welcome.

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 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.

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 - /marrickvillepublicschoolpandc

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 Run Club with Mr Sherry 8.45am	School Band In the hall	Primary Proms In LST Hub	Cantabile Rehearsals (in 1/2S room Stage 3)	PSSA Soccer & Netball training with Mr Jones & Ms Bassam
Lunch Time	Chess Club In EALD room Stage 3 Book Club With Ms Mann Senior Strings In music room		Junior Choir with Ms Mann		Rock Band with Mr Duker	SRC Meetings with Ms Hutchinson Rookie Recorders with Mr Harding
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)

Free Fun Family Hub Day

Info stalls and activities for families with kids 0-12yrs:

- Featuring **World Champion Juggler**, Kenny Cheung
- **Free toy giveaways** & activities: Playdough, Origami Lego and more by Joy of Giving
- Empowering **activity for parents**
- **Creator Club** by Reverse Garbage
- Connect with **25+ helpful services**
- Free **snacks**

Thursday 14th May

1:00pm - 6:00pm drop in anytime!

Marrickville Town Hall, 303 Marrickville Road

For more information, call **0467 400 163**
or email **getinvolved@sgch.com.au**

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Processing Big Changes and Traumatic Events

Some children need support during periods of transition (e.g. starting primary or high school or following parental separation). Others have experienced challenging or traumatic events (e.g. illness or loss of a loved one, domestic violence) and need support to express their feelings and make sense of these experiences.

Understanding and Managing Feelings Better

Parents may feel concerned about a change in their child. Their child may not be able to communicate what is troubling them. Art making provides a way for the child's fears, worries and upsets to be expressed, better understood and ultimately feel more manageable.

Earlwood based Art Therapist Kerrie Webb has extensive experience supporting children and families in community, health and education settings and is a Registered Art Therapist with ANZACATA.

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