



MPS Matters Newsletter

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WEEK 3

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 3

Thursday 30 October	Stage 1 Geography Excursion (Jarvie Park & Marrickville library)
Thursday 30 October	Stage 2 Drama Excursion (Flight Path Theatre)
Thursday 30 October	Stage 3 Science Excursion (Taronga Zoo)
Thursday 30 October	Monster Ball 5pm - 7pm
Friday 31 October	Teacher Appreciation Day

Week 4

Monday 3 November	SISA gymnastics program
Monday 3 November	P&C Meeting - online 7pm
Tuesday 4 November	Interrelate Parent Information Session 7pm
Wednesday 5 November	2026 Student leadership speeches
Thursday 6 November	K-6 Assembly hosted by KZ - 2.45pm in the hall
Friday 7 November	Year 3-6 Sport & Enrichment groups

Week 5

Monday 10 November	SISA gymnastics program
Tuesday 11 November	Kindergarten Orientation 1 9.30am - 11am
Tuesday 11 November	Stage 3 Interrelate program
Wednesday 12 November	Year 6 Mini-Fete

Week 6

Tuesday 18 November	Kindergarten Orientation 2 9.30am - 11am
Thursday 20 November	PJ Day (SRC Fundraiser for RPA Hospital School)

Principal Report

Join us for a spooktacular evening at the Monster Ball on Thursday! Get ready for a night of fun with an outdoor disco, Halloween costumes, and treats galore. Enjoy delicious jaffles, popcorn, and coffee for sale as you dance the night away under the stars. Don't miss out on the thrills and chills this Friday from 5-7pm, it's going to be a fang-tastic time for all ages!

We will be trialling 2026 classes in Week 7 and 8 this term. It will also be greatly appreciated if you can complete the survey, [Student Information for 2026](#), to help us with our class planning. Special thanks to the 63 families that have already completed this survey. Please note it will close on Friday afternoon at 5pm.

Special thanks as well to the 29 families that have completed the [short survey](#). About our school. Your honest answers will help us find out what we are doing well and what we can make better. This survey will also close on Friday afternoon at 5pm. A summary of responses will be published in next week's newsletter.

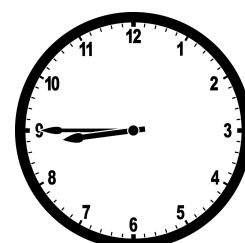
Our teachers are busy writing end-of-year reports for all students. These reports will be made available through Schoolbytes on Thursday, 11 December (Week 9). I strongly encourage all families to reach out to their child's class teacher to arrange a time to discuss the progress and achievements made this year in all key learning areas.

Every day a student attends school enhances their learning and wellbeing outcomes. Regular attendance is the gateway for all other achievements at school. If we achieve improved attendance, we enable students to flourish in all other areas. This week we received our Semester Two Attendance Data, and the results are outstanding. Please see below our school attendance rate compared to State (DoE), Network and Statistically Similar Sized Group (SSSG) data:

93.5% School Attendance Rate			75.5% Students attending >=90% of the time		
87.3% DoE	91.1% Network	90.7% SSSG	52.7% DoE	71.0% Network	66.9% SSSG

Reminder: School Supervision Begins at 8:45am

A friendly reminder that students should not arrive at school before 8:45am, as the school grounds are not open or supervised prior to this time. This morning, several students arrived early and were waiting in the office area, which quickly became overcrowded and unsafe.



Please ensure your child arrives between 8:45am and 9:10am, when staff supervision begins.

If your child brings a mobile phone to school, please remind them that phones are not to be used on school grounds at any time. The only time students should have their phone out is to sign it in at the office before the start of the school day. Your support in keeping our school safe and orderly is greatly appreciated.

World Teachers Day

World Teachers' Day will be celebrated at MPS on Friday 31 October. We have some incredibly passionate and talented educators here at MPS. Tell us who lights up our school community by adding a NSW teaching gem to our interactive map. A gem is a teacher or educator who is important to you (see link below).

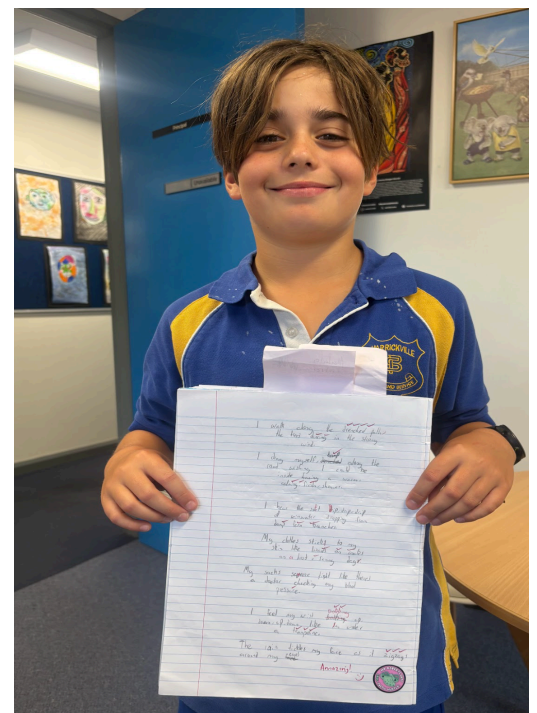
[Nominate an MPS teacher](#)



Student Spotlight

Emerson (3/4W) also showed me the fabulously descriptive poem he had written in class. His poem reads:

*I walk along the drenched path,
The trees dancing in the strong wind.
I drag myself along the road,
Wishing I could be inside having a calming fresh shower.
I hear the soft drip, drip, drip of rainwater,
Dropping from damp fern branches.
My clothes stick to my skin,
Like lizards on rocks on a hot sunny day..
My socks squeeze tight,
Like there's a doctor checking my blood pressure.
I feel my wrist bobbing up, down, up down,
Like I'm under a trampoline.
The rain tickles my face as it zigzags around my eyes.*



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.

AFL at MPS

The Sydney Swans will be running a 4-week AFL clinic for students at our school, beginning on Tuesday, 28 October. The coaching sessions run for 60 minutes each week from 3.15pm-4.15pm. For \$50, students will receive 4 weeks of footy fun and a bag of goodies. Please see the attached poster further down for more information. ***It is not too late to sign up!***



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.

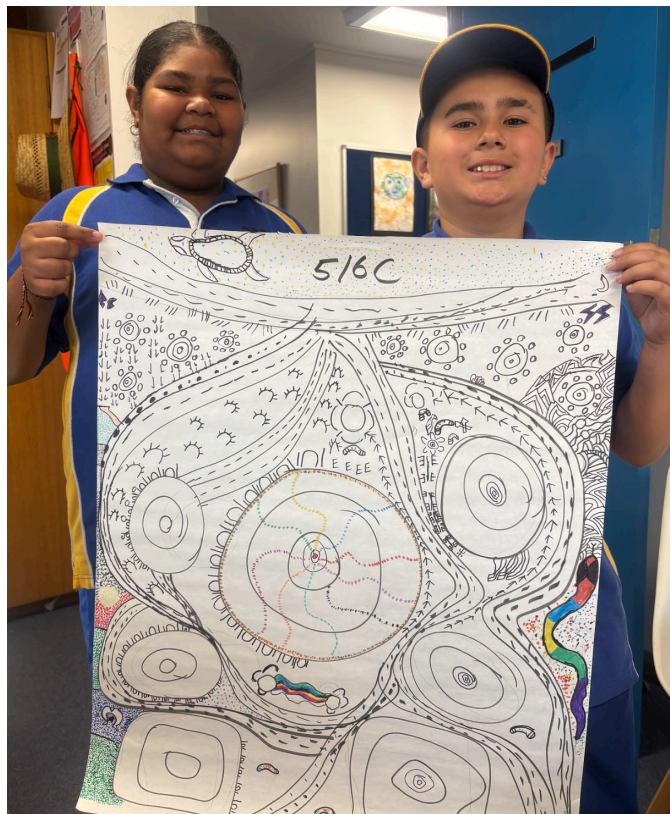
Please consider contributing to this wonderful cause. Funds raised will also go towards Student Learning Packs, encouraging a love of learning and reading for young patients. For more details about the initiative, please visit their website. Let's get cosy in our PJs and make a difference together!

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



Stage 3 Spotlight

Recently, Aiyanna and Robbie from 5/6C dropped by my office to show me their Songlines. In Stage 3 English, students are exploring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors who employ imagery, symbols and connotation to convey perspectives through Cultural narratives such as Dreaming stories and Songlines and informative texts.



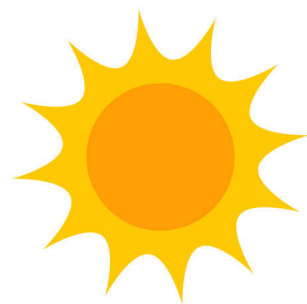
School Hats - A Daily Essential

A friendly reminder that all students are required to wear their school hat every day. Wearing a hat is an important part of our school dress code and our risk assessment to keep students safe in the sun. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled and brought to school each day.

Students in years 3-6 who attend off-site programs, such as Friday sport, will not be able to participate if they do not have their school hat. Those without a hat will remain at school and join the indoor Zumba program instead.

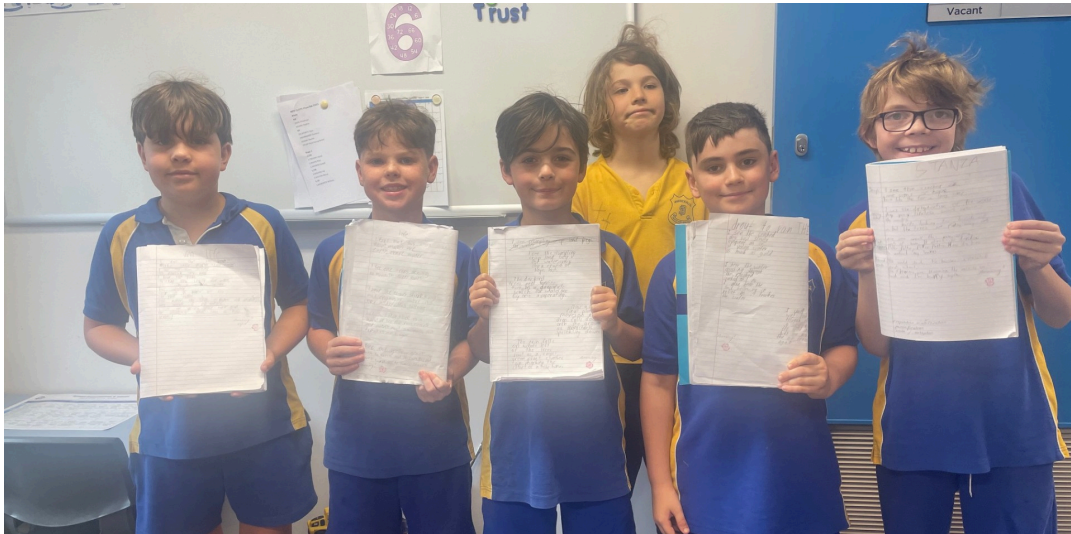
Similarly, during play breaks, students without a school hat will need to play indoors in the library.

Thank you for helping us keep our students sun safe and ready for learning.



Stage 2 Spotlight

This week, Woody, Bailey, Elliot, Oscar, Coen and Darcy shared their poems about rain after a drought. Students have been exploring figurative language, and when listening to them read their poems, their words created clear and powerful images. Very impressive work!



Walking or Riding to School Alone: When is it Safe?

As children grow, they naturally want more independence, including travelling to school on their own. But how do you know when it's safe?

It depends on your judgment of how well your child can handle the unpredictability of traffic and busy streets. Observing their behaviour and discussing potential dangers together will help you decide.

Transport for NSW recommends:

- Children under 8 should always hold an adult's hand in traffic.
- Children 8–10 should be actively supervised.
- Ride with your child up to 10 years of age.
- Riding on the footpath with your child is recommended up to 16 years of age.



Before allowing independent travel:

- Explain that road safety is a shared responsibility. They must follow road rules for pedestrians, cyclists, and public transport users.
- Plan and practise the route together, discussing potential dangers and safe responses.
- Role model safe behaviours: put phones away, wait back from the road edge, stop-look-listen-think before crossing, and make eye contact with drivers.
- Let your child make crossing decisions during practice so you can gauge their readiness.
- Consider responsible friends for company and discuss alternatives if plans change (missed bus, delays, blocked footpaths, flat tyres).

Until you feel confident in your child's ability to navigate independently, continue travelling with them. Safety first!

Stage 1 and Pollution

Students in 1/2H have been learning about how pollution affects our world and how we can make positive changes. Here are some of our published works and you can view the entire series [here](#).



K-6 Assembly

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

Term 4 Week 4			
Class	First Name	Teacher Comment	
KZ	Coral MS	for fantastic writing in literacy. Well done!	
KZ	Naomi H	for challenging herself when completing writing and mathematics activities.	
KB	Luciana B	for showing wonderful improvement and believing in herself when writing independently.	
KB	Ayden C	for his hard work in writing and for showing great focus and commitment in mathematics.	
1/2H	Clare H	for her passion to achieve her best in all learning areas.	
1/2H	Alasdair B	for the huge improvement in his handwriting this term, keep up the good work!	
1/2K	Arritthe A	for trying her best during maths groups.	
1/2K	Warnurra D	for her engagement, enthusiasm in all subject areas at all times.	
1/2S	Harrison K	for sequencing his writing using time connectives.	
1/2S	Beatrice C	for working hard to show different strategies to solve number problems.	
3/4DM	Xavi N	for quiet persistence in his learning and for a strong ability to ignore distractions.	
3/4DM	Woody H	for a greatly improved attitude to all areas of learning.	
3/4W	Eden RP	for his sharing of ideas and technical vocabulary in writing tasks.	
3/4W	Molly F	for her use of figurative language and description in stories and poems.	
5/6C	Alessandro S	for his hypnotising performance in the school musical, as well as improvements in mathematics.	
5/6C	Brooklyn M	for her consistent improvement when writing informative summary paragraphs in class.	
5/6P	Bella S	for consistently high effort in all subject areas and at all times.	
5/6P	Archie R	for always being a pleasure to learn with, a pleasure to teach and a pleasure to know.	
ICT/STEM	Isaac L	1/2K	for designing and making a brand new instrument that produces unique and engaging sounds.
ICT/STEM	Robbie B	5/6C	for demonstrating engagement and skill in designing and printing enrichment objects for Taronga Zoo animals using the 3D printer.
Library	Annabel S	1/2H	for consistent borrowing and always being an active learner in Library lessons.
Library	Elliot W	3/4DM	for engaging with non-fiction books about animals and for his observant contributions in shared reading.



Contact us:

E: secretary@mpspandc.org

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

Instagram

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 3 November at 7pm. All welcome, please use the Google Meet link [HERE](#).



Volunteers Needed: Monster's Ball Set-Up — Thu 30 Oct

Help us turn the cola from “school” to spook-tacular! We’re looking for handy ghosts and ghouls to help set up the Monster’s Ball on Thursday, 30 October.

Any time from 3.15. No experience required—just comfy shoes and a can-do boo!

Keen to help? Email president@mpspandc.org or contact Julia 0433 768 521. Let’s make this a night to dis-member (in a good way)! 🍷

RPA HOSPITAL SCHOOL

CARE / CONNECTION / CONTINUITY

WALKATHON

WHEN: Friday 28th Nov

WHERE: Inner West School Loop

WHY: Fundraiser to
Support our School

WHO: RPAHS Staff & Supporters



SCAN TO SUPPORT!



PLUS. EXCLUSIVE
AFL GOODIES



4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

Marrickville PS Auskick Centre
(After School) Tuesday's 28th October -
18th November 3:15PM - 4:15PM



8 - 12 YEAR OLDS

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SUPERKICK
GOODIES



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**Dulwich Hill
Public School**

50TH JUBILEE

**Saturday 8 November 2025
10am-4pm**

**Hercules and Kintore St,
Dulwich Hill**

Live music

Historical
zone

STEM
activities

Coffee
stand

Food
trucks

Carnival
rides

Sausage sizzle

Cake
stand

Cashless
event



Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134

Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Marrickville Public School is held on Mondays from 11:00am to 12:00pm, starting on 20 October 2025.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Are you interested in studying:

- Chinese
- Macedonian
- Modern Greek
- Spanish

in 2026 and beyond?



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SCL - KOGARAH CAMPUS OPEN DAY

When: Saturday, 6 December 2025

8:30am-10:30am

Where: Kogarah High School

Audience: Current Year 6-10 students

What's on the day?

- SCL Language programs introduction- Kogarah Campus
- Cultural performances
- Language workshops
- Student testimonials
- Free BBQ!

**Register your
intent to attend**



RSVP: 29/11/25