



# MPS Matters Newsletter

TERM 3

WEEK 7

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.*

## Term 3 Upcoming Events

Week 7	
1-5 September	SASS Recognition Week
Thursday 4 September	<b>Rainbow Run</b>
Friday 5 September	No PSSA
Week 8	
Monday 8 September	Whole School Musical Run Through
Tuesday 9 September	Check in Reading Assessment (3/4W) Check in Numeracy Assessment (5/6P)
Thursday 11 September	Check in Numeracy Assessment (3/4W)
Thursday 11 September	K-6 Assembly hosted by KB
Friday 12 September	No PSSA
Week 9	
Monday 15 September	Cantabile - Rehearsal and Concert - Sydney Opera House
Tuesday 16 September	Whole School Musical Run Through
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 performance
Friday 26 September	Last day of Term 3

## Principal Report

On Monday, we recognised our fantastic SAS staff here at MPS. Aunty Kim, Ms Ilaria, Uncle Paul, Ms Nicci, Ms Olivia, Ms Lee, Ms Basma and Ms Mia do an incredible job and are the heart and soul of our school. Special thanks to our brilliant P&C for providing each member of staff with a gift during our celebratory morning tea.

We are still finding that many students are arriving at school before 8.45am. Active supervision on the playground does not begin before this time. Can I please ask that you support us by ensuring that your children do not arrive at school early? It has been fantastic seeing a massive increase in the number of students wearing their school hats every day - when you look at students in the playground as a group they look incredible!

Are you looking for ways to keep active and entertained these school holidays? Our gates will be open on weekends and the public holiday from 8:00 am to 5:00pm, inviting our school community and neighbours to enjoy the outdoor play and recreation facilities.

In staffing news, I will be absent from school for the final two weeks of this term as I will be undergoing minor surgery that requires a period of recovery. Ms Connell will be the Relieving Principal in my absence.

Finally, it is great that the Sydney Swans AFLW team plays their games so close to our doorstep. This Sunday they play at Henson Park at 1.05pm, and special offers are available to our community:

### **Special Offer: 2-for-1 Adult Tickets at Henson Park**

Grab your tickets now and enjoy **2-for-1 adult general admission** with code **MCEVOY9**. Adult tickets start from just **\$15**, and juniors (under 18) go **FREE!**

[Book now on Ticketmaster](#)

*Terms & Conditions: Offer applies to general admission tickets only and is subject to availability. Juniors must redeem a free ticket via Ticketmaster. Limit of 2 tickets per transaction. A \$1.95 transaction fee may apply.*



# SYDNEY SWANS AFLW AT HENSON PARK



**USE CODE **MCEVOY9****  
**FOR 2 FOR 1 ADULT TICKETS**

**TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM \$15 FOR ADULTS,  
JUNIORS UNDER 18 GO FREE\***

## Great Student Work

This week, it was wonderful to see Manu, Hayley, Rory, Franky and Elwood demonstrating their construction skills up in the library during lunch. Future engineers!!!



## Rainbow Run Thursday 4th September

Tomorrow, we are excited to be finally holding our Space-Themed Rainbow Run on Thursday, 4th September! Students are encouraged to wear mufti clothes, including a white shirt (so the colours show up best) and an old pair of shoes.

Please also pack a large towel and a warm jumper for after the run. If your child is attending YMCA on Thursday afternoon, they will also need to bring a change of clothes.

If you can volunteer on the day, please click the link [here](#) to please sign up.

We can't wait for an out-of-this-world day of fun and colour!



## Chickens at MPS

One of our families has made a very kind offer to donate a chicken coop, complete with chickens, to our school. Before accepting this very generous offer it is important to find out if this is an initiative our school community would support. We will need the help of volunteers to help care for these chickens on weekends and during school holidays. 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](#)





## Musical Souvenir T-Shirts Available for Pre-order

Ready to show off your musical spirit? Our fantastic musical souvenir t-shirts are now on sale! Thank you to Jemima in 1/2S for her creative logo design! Here's how you can grab yours:

### To Purchase:

- Visit the [School Bytes parent portal](#)
- Log in to your School Bytes parent portal (or create an account).
- Go to "Statement of Account."
- Click "+ Add Other Item" and select "General."
- Choose your shirt size(s).
- Complete payment using Visa or Mastercard.

### Prefer Cash?

No worries! Follow these steps:

- Prepare the correct cash amount.
- Put cash, student name, and shirt size(s) in an envelope.
- Drop it off at the front office.

Pre-orders are due for production by Wednesday, Week 8 (September 10th). Get ready to rock your musical tee!

**Musical tickets will go on sale next week**

**Kids: \$15**

**Adults: \$18**

**Pre-order  
Yours  
Now!**



**School Bytes**

Orders close on Sep 10th



***The sizing guide has been shared via email***



## 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](#).

## School Upgrade

We have been informed that planned work around the school will commence on Monday 8 September. The replacement of the heritage roof in D Block (housing YMCA and Stage 1 classrooms) will begin late this term, with work expected to take a minimum of 8 weeks to complete. This will mean that our Stage 1 classes will need to be relocated to other areas within the school while work is taking place. YMCA will be able to operate as per usual, but access routes will change. The car park will be closed until renovations have been completed while the oval will not be able to be accessed by students while work is carried out.

Some areas within the school will also be carpeted, including the library, Stage 1 classrooms, Kindy classrooms, the EALD room and 3/4W. The mess hut area outside the kindy classrooms will get new flooring and the A Block toilets will also be upgraded.

## Colour Blind Awareness Day - September 6th

Did you know that 1 in every 12 boys is living with colour vision deficiency? That equates to almost one in every class at school. Colour Blind Awareness Day is an opportunity to celebrate and raise awareness of people with colour vision deficiency. The date was chosen because it's the birthday of John Dalton, the scientist who first studied people viewing colours differently. See the flyer attached for more information.

### COLOUR VISION DEFICIENCY

People who have a colour vision deficiency have difficulty seeing some colours or see them differently from other people. In the most common form of colour vision deficiency, people cannot see the red and green components of colours. They see most colours as shades of murky yellows and blues as often confuse colours with red or green in them.

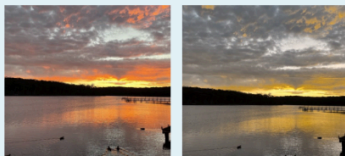
Normal Colour Vision



Colour Vision Deficiency



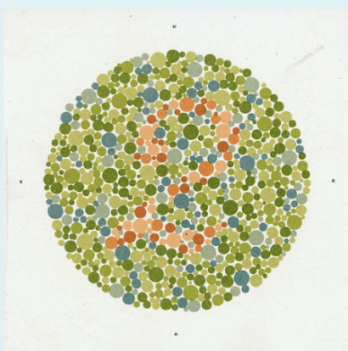
### COLOUR BLINDNESS VS COLOUR VISION DEFICIENCY



In the past, colour vision deficiency has been referred to as colour blindness. The term colour blindness does not accurately represent the condition as affected people still do see some colours. It does not affect the quality of vision.

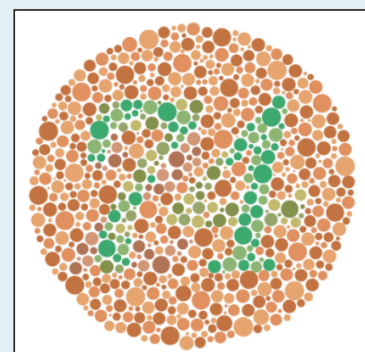
### GENETICS AND FREQUENCY

Colour vision deficiency is one of the world's most common genetic (inherited) conditions, which means it is usually passed down from your parents. It is found in 8% of males and 0.5% of females. That equates to 1 in every 12 boys.



### IDENTIFICATION

Does your child often confuse colours? Can they identify the numbers inside the circles on the left and right? Ishihara tests are used to identify colour vision deficiency. Your GP or optometrist can confirm a colour vision deficiency diagnosis.



### INFORMING THE SCHOOL

If your child's teacher is aware of a colour vision deficiency, they can make adjustments to their teaching to accommodate for your child's learning needs. If you are aware of colour vision deficiency in your child, please inform the school as soon as possible.



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### MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.colourblindawareness.org/>

## Upcoming Assessments

Over the next few weeks, our students will participate in a range of assessments. The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short assessment that tells teachers how students are progressing in phonics.

The check takes 5–7 minutes and is carried out in the classroom by classroom teachers with each student individually. Results are available immediately. Teachers analyse the results and, if necessary, plan for any additional support that students might require by targeting teaching aligned with NSW English syllabus outcomes. The check complements existing strategies to identify students' progress in developing foundational literacy skills.

Our students in Years 3-6 will also complete the annual check-in assessment for all students in NSW Public Schools. All students complete a reading and a numeracy test of approximately 50 questions each. Year 6 students also complete a writing assessment. These assessments support the identification of students' performance in literacy and numeracy and inform next steps in teaching and learning.

Please see below for the dates and times for your child's class:

### Writing Assessment

- Year 6 (6C & 6P) – Week 7, Monday 1 September, 10:10am (*Completed*)

### Reading Assessments

- 5/6C – Week 6, Tuesday 26 August, 10:10am (*Completed*)
- 5/6P – Week 7, Tuesday 2 September, 10:10am (*Completed*)
- 3/4DM – Week 7, Wednesday 3 September, 10:10am (*Completed*)
- 3/4W – Week 8, Tuesday 9 September, 10:10am

### Numeracy Assessments

- 3/4DM – Week 6, Thursday 28 August, 11:55am (*Completed*)
- 5/6C – Week 7, Tuesday 2 September, 12:55pm (*Completed*)
- 5/6P – Week 8, Tuesday 9 September, 12:55pm
- 3/4W – Week 8, Thursday 11 September, 11:55am

## 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		



## K-6 Assembly

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

Term 3 Week 8			
Class	First Name	Teacher Comment	
<b>KZ</b>	Isabella K	for producing spectacular sentences in writing and always having neat book work!	
<b>KZ</b>	Bonnie B	for using creativity to draw amazing illustrations that match her sentence writing. Great work!	
<b>KB</b>	Sophia H	for consistently demonstrating excellent behaviour, participation and effort in all aspects of school.	
<b>KB</b>	Eli D	for always joining in with lots of energy, his love to learn new things, and always challenging himself to improve.	
<b>1/2H</b>	Jed P	for his determination to push himself further in Mathematics by challenging himself every day.	
<b>1/2H</b>	Iraan E	for making safe choices in the classroom during our literacy block.	
<b>1/2K</b>	Arriette	for being an engaged learner and trying her best at all times	
<b>1/2K</b>	Warnurra	for her insightful comments during class discussions.	
<b>1/2S</b>	Franklin H	for his insightful contributions and for always trying his best.	
<b>1/2S</b>	Thomas H	for his focus on learning tasks and persisting when faced with challenges.	
<b>3/4DM</b>	Iggy R	for great improvement in participation and focus on class tasks	
<b>3/4DM</b>	Tobias S	for his exceptional public speaking skills and his wonderful creative ideas.	
<b>3/4W</b>	Theo O	for his amazing improvements in being a respectful learner.	
<b>3/4W</b>	Tobey B	for his engagement in learning tasks and active listening in the classroom.	
<b>5/6C</b>	Nathan H	for working hard to start and finish classroom tasks as well as being a responsible class member.	
<b>5/6C</b>	Samuel C	for great improvements in listening and concentration in all learning areas.	
<b>5/6P</b>	Edward L	For checking and editing his writing and for improving his accuracy when spelling new words.	
<b>5/6P</b>	Henrietta J	For working strenuously to memorise her lines for the School Musical. You really are Bagheera!	
<b>ICT/STEM</b>	Elijah W	5/6C	for progressing to the semi finals of the Young ICT Explorers competition. Good luck with your pitch to the judging panel.
<b>ICT/STEM</b>	Harvey W	3/4W	for always being willing to assist his teachers and peers. Thanks for helping the STEM Lab run smoothly.
<b>Library</b>	Darcy A	3/4DM	for regular borrowing and for the detail and effort he is putting into researching a country.
<b>Library</b>	Anthony D	5/6C	for consistent borrowing and for remaining on task to demonstrate research skills.

## Social Media

It has been interesting to see the Government introduce legislation to ban children from accessing social media by the end of this year. There is a slew of data that shows more young people are becoming more anxious, depressed and lonely than their parents and grandparents.

At our school, like most others, we are increasingly finding students arriving at school having been threatened, intimidated, harassed or humiliated online. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to monitor their children's online usage closely.

The eSafety Commissioner offers the following advice to students feeling the impacts of cyberbullying:

- Get help from a trusted adult or call Kids Helpline
- Get help from the police if you are in immediate serious danger
- Try not to say anything back - it could make things worse
- Keep evidence - take screenshots if you need to report it
- Report to the game or app
- Report to eSafety
- Block the person to stop them from contacting you

The eSafety Commissioner: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> is a great source of information for parents and carers.

## Public Speaking Finalists

Congratulations to Annabel (Stage 1), Aria M (Stage 2) and Amelie (Stage 3) who were the winners of our Public Speaking Stage Competitions held over the last week at MPS. These students will represent our school at the Network Final. They will each present their prepared persuasive speech along with an impromptu speech on a random topic. Ms O Connor and Mr Duker would like to congratulate all of the students who wrote, composed and presented a speech as part of their class and stage competitions. We wish our finalists all the best at the Network Final next term.





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**Instagram**

## September is going to be HUGE!

### **Tomorrow's the Day — Space Rainbow Run!**

The countdown is nearly over! Tomorrow we blast off into a galaxy of fun with Astronaut Academy, Space Invaders, Galaxy Quest, Alien's Revenge and more.

It's your last chance to jump on board — we'd love a few extra volunteers to help launch this mission. Even a short shift makes a huge difference. [Sign up](#) and be part of an unforgettable day for the kids. 🧑‍🚀 🌌

And don't forget — [fundraising](#) is still open right up until we run. Every dollar helps us reach for the stars ★.

### **Working Bee**

Sunday 14 September, 10am–1pm

This one's all about planting the new nature playground on the bottom oval. No green thumb required — if you can tell which end of a plant goes in the ground, you're in!

Come along, dig in, and help create a leafy new hangout for our kids. We'll have snacks, drinks and good vibes ready to keep you going. Gloves encouraged, muddy smiles guaranteed. Sign up [here](#).

### **Silent Auction + Musical Bingo Night – Friday 19 September**

The big night is getting closer!

#### **Silent Auction**

Donations are still welcome — products, services, vouchers, unique experiences... all are perfect. Every prize adds excitement and raises more for our school. Email [hello@mpspandc.org](mailto:hello@mpspandc.org) or [vp2@mpspandc.org](mailto:vp2@mpspandc.org) if you'd like to contribute. Auction goes live early September!

#### **Musical Bingo — Tickets Are Live!**

They're selling already — grab yours and get ready to sing, laugh and bingo the night away. Food truck, music, prizes and plenty of fun on the cards. Don't wait too long, tables will go fast! Buy your tickets [here](#).

#### **School Musical – Thursday 25 September**

The P&C will be running the intermission stall — bakers and helpers, stay tuned for a call-out soon. Sweet treats + great performances = a perfect night.

💖 September is HUGE! Thank you for jumping in, helping out, donating, or simply turning up to cheer. Our community makes all of this magic possible.



## 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](mailto:info@bennelongmusic.com.au) or check out our website at [www.bennelongmusic.com.au](http://www.bennelongmusic.com.au) for more information on what we offer.

Regards,

Vanessa  
Administration



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# Spring VACATION CARE

Where adventure Blooms!

**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.



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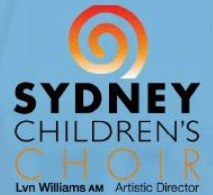
<b>MON</b> 29 Sept	<b>TUE</b> 30 Sept	<b>WED</b> 1 Oct	<b>THU</b> 2 Oct	<b>FRI</b> 3 Oct
<b>DAY CAMP</b> Wacky Wooden Works	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Silent battling DJs	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Kart Craze	<b>EXCURSION</b> Stardust Circus	<b>DAY CAMP</b> Junior Kitchen Stars
<b>MON</b> 6 Oct	<b>TUE</b> 7 Oct	<b>WED</b> 8 Oct	<b>THU</b> 9 Oct	<b>FRI</b> 10 Oct
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED</b>	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Glow-tastic Creations	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Illuminata Electric Circus	<b>EXCURSION</b> Allianz Stadium Tour	<b>DAY CAMP</b> Camp Carnaval
<b>MON</b> 13 Oct				
<b>DAY CAMP</b> Day Dreaming at the Y				



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Chatswood

9 minutes

Crows Nest

5 minutes

Vic. Cross

3 minutes

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**Sat, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025**  
**10am - 1pm**



Scan to register







# Mama & Daughters Workshop

## Do you want to play with me?

As a mum of two girls at the school, I know what it's like to juggle work, home, and kids. I also know how special it feels when you say yes to this question and how they feel seen, chosen and invited to play.

On the back of creating successful Inner Child Craft workshops for women, I'm hosting a school holiday workshop just for mums and daughters. This is a chance to step away from the to-do list, craft with your hands, and connect creatively with your daughter. Honouring her while reconnecting with your own Inner Child.

Ideal for daughters, nieces, or any young girl you care for aged 5+, this is a safe, playful space to make a beautiful mess and create joyful memories together.

***Tickets available via Instagram Bio  
@susan.schwager***

**When:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10am-12pm

**Where:** Sydney Street Gallery  
19 Sydney St Marrickville.



# **NSW public schools open these holidays!**

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- ★ Elders-led cultural program -- storytelling, ceremony & learning on Country
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- ★ Camp T-shirts

## WHY JOIN?

- ★ Connect with culture, Country & community
- ★ Make new friends
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## ACTIVITIES SNAPSHOT

- ★ Smoking ceremony
- ★ Yarning circles
- ★ Outdoor adventures

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