



MPS Matters Newsletter

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WEEK 2

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 2

Thursday 23 October	K-6 Assembly hosted by Community Languages students 2.45pm
Friday 24 October	Celebration for Ms Veronica - see flyer for details

Week 3

Monday 27 October	SISA gymnastics program
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 - 9.30am -11am
Tuesday 11 November	Stage 3 Interrelate program
Wednesday 12 November	Year 6 Mini-Fete

Principal Report

Welcome to Week 2. Recently, our staff have been analysing the recent check-in assessment results, looking at areas of strength and areas for development. Overall, the results are very pleasing, and I'd like to pass on my congratulations to our dedicated teaching staff for their efforts in ensuring all literacy and numeracy concepts are explicitly taught in their classes. You can view the overall results in this newsletter.

A quick reminder that we will be farewelling Ms Veronica on Friday afternoon at 3.30pm. We will be meeting at Sauce Brewery to thank her for all her hard work here at MPS for a number of years, and you are most welcome to join us. I'm sure she'll be super-pleased to see you!

Special thanks as well to the families that have completed the student information survey about their child. Your input is highly valued and greatly assists us when we are planning future class formations. This survey will remain open for another week so there's still time to complete it.

At this time of year, it is always good to reflect on how effectively we are meeting the needs of our families in ensuring we provide the best possible educational experience for our students. This year, we have had a strong focus on explicit teaching, differentiating the curriculum to meet the learning needs of all students and implementing programs to engage students and boost attendance rates. We want to work closely with you to help your child do their best at school. To do that, we need to know how well we communicate with you and how we are teaching your child. Please take a few minutes to answer this [short survey](#). Your honest answers will help us find out what we are doing well and what we can make better. Thank you for helping us.

Planning for 2026

We are in the process of developing plans for 2026. We are planning to form 10 classes in 2026 (this year we have 9). If you are aware that your child/ren will not be returning to MPS next year, 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 the term. However, we need accurate information to form potential classes based on enrolments. It will also be greatly appreciated if you can complete the survey, [Student Information for 2026](#), to help us with our class planning.

Based on our current student enrolments, we are planning for these classes to be formed in 2026:

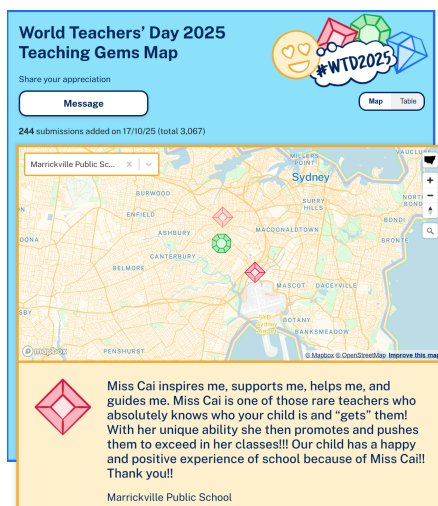
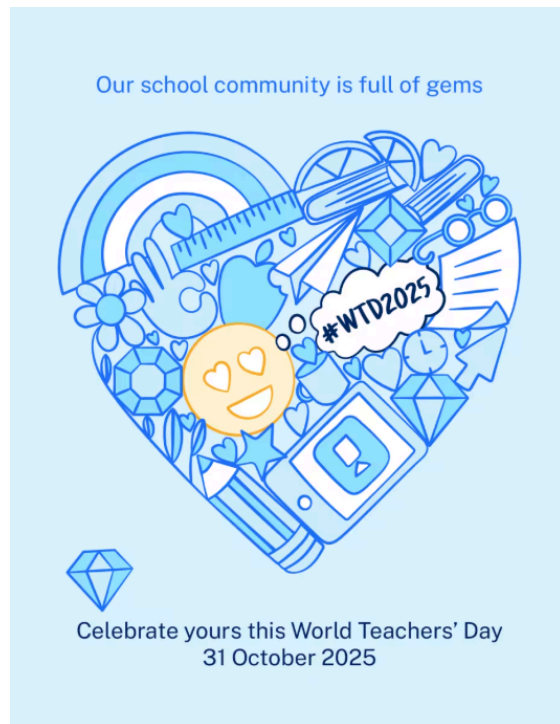
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Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2026. To help with our planning, it will be greatly appreciated if you can submit your application as soon as possible. Applications can be completed [via this online link](#). Please call the school office if you require any further information.

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](#)



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.



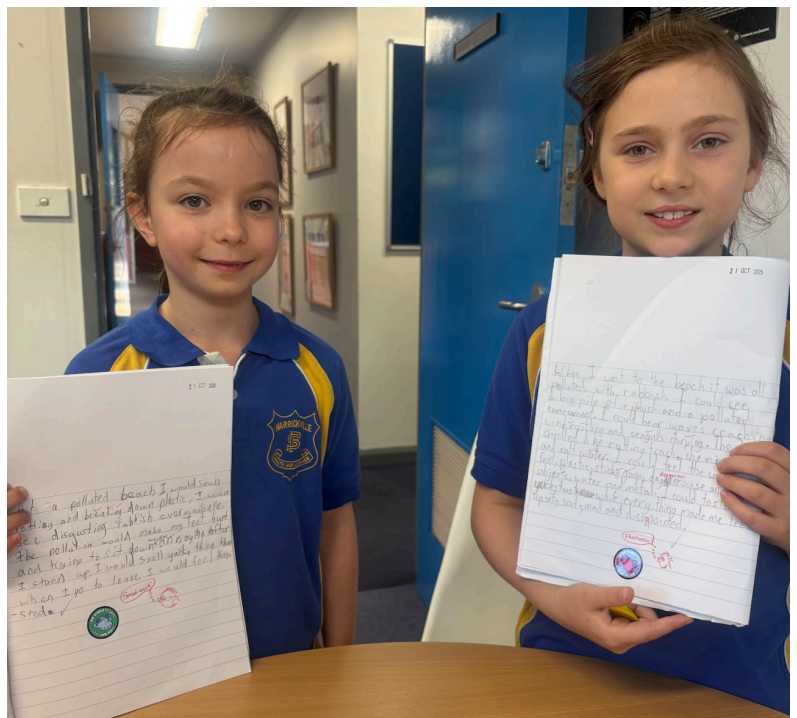
SISA Gymnastics

It was wonderful seeing our students engage in the SISA gymnastics lessons that began at school on Monday. This 10-week program is always popular with the students as they love the variety and challenges of each lesson.



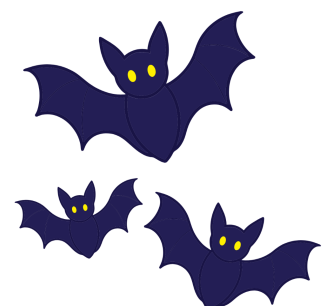
Class Spotlight

Yesterday, Maisie and Annabel from 1/2H popped into my office to show me the fantastic descriptive writing they had completed in class. It was great reading student work about a trip to a polluted beach that contained similes and adjectives!



Monster Ball

On Thursday, 30 October from 5pm-7pm we will again be holding our annual Halloween Monster Ball. Cheezy Duz It pizzas will be available for purchase, and Zing Activ will run the disco for the students. This is always a fantastic community event and we'd love to see large numbers of families wearing their spookiest outfits on the night!



Check-in Assessment Results

Late last term, all students in Years 3-6 completed the Check-in Assessment for Reading and Numeracy (Year 6 also completed a writing assessment). These assessments support the identification of students' performance in literacy and numeracy and inform next steps in teaching and learning. The school achieved extremely pleasing results, above the State average in all assessments. Congratulations to all our students! We are still waiting for the writing results to be published.

	Reading score	State Average	Numeracy score	State Average
Year 3	55.2	49.8	56.5	50.6
Year 4	59.4	50.8	63.2	56.6
Year 5	58.0	52.5	60.6	57.2
Year 6	52.2	51.9	62.7	61.5

Maths Olympiads

This year, our talented mathematical problem-solvers participated in Maths Olympiads, Maths Games (Years 5 & 6) and Maths Explorer (Years 2,3 & 4) Competitions. Students were asked to solve 5 challenging questions in each of four competitions. Our Maths Olympiad students achieved an overall result that placed them in the top 20% of all teams in this international competition. The top performers in each competition this year were:

Maths Olympiad	Maths Games	Maths Explorer
1st - Henry S	1st - Henry S	1st - Levi C
2nd - Ecky R	2nd - Bella S	1st - Emerson A
2nd - Henrietta J	2nd - Maxim B	3rd - Bailey A

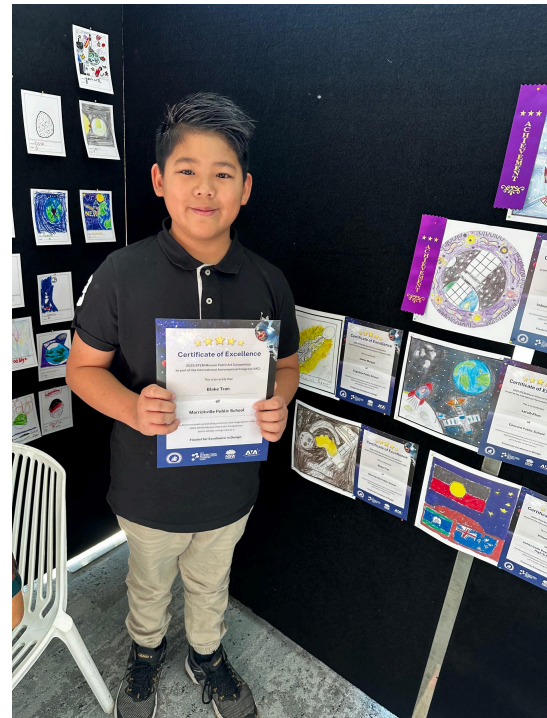
Public Speaking Competition Finalists

Congratulations to Annabel, Aria and Amelie for their enthusiasm and skill representing our school at the Network Final of the Public Speaking Competition held at Ultimo Public School on Monday. The girls presented the prepared speech they delivered at our school final on topics they were passionate about, including saving koalas, the harm of bullying and the importance of performing. They then had to deliver a persuasive impromptu speech with just five minutes of preparation time. The standard of speeches was outstanding, with each student delivering a unique perspective on topics such as triumph, treasure and having fun.



Mission Patch Art Competition

During the holidays, Blake and his family were invited to attend the 76th International Astronautical Congress after his artwork was selected as a finalist in the Space Mission Patch Competition. His artwork was one of twenty on display for the 20,000 attendees at the conference over five days. Blake received a certificate in an official ceremony before getting the chance to explore some of the activities on offer for kids such as creating a Lego space rover. Congratulations Blake!



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.



K-6 Assembly

Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by our Community Languages students in the hall at **2:45pm**. During this assembly, the following students will be presented with awards.

Term 4 Week 2			
Class	First Name	Teacher Comment	
KZ	Aiden O	for his spectacular skills across all mathematical areas! Woohoo!	
KZ	Joni S	for an amazing improvement and believing in herself when writing independent sentences!	
KB	Enzo S	for his growing literacy skills and enthusiasm towards learning, especially with his maths. Well done!	
KB	Bowie S	for her thoughtful contributions to class discussions and overall being a great role model for her peers!	
1/2H	Ida B	for the passion she shows for our environment and her drive to help save our oceans.	
1/2H	Angus T	for his enthusiasm and dedication to the Musical and performing on stage.	
1/2K	Frank.D	for his interesting and thoughtful comments during class discussions	
1/2K	Lennox C	for her engagement and responsible attitude during learning time.	
1/2S	Lucca W	for her brilliant work subtracting number problems and enthusiastic performance in the Musical.	
1/2S	Luis K	for editing his writing to make sure his capital letters are in the right place.	
3/4DM	Shay F	for his kind, gentle and respectful spirit, and for doing his best in class.	
3/4DM	Leo H	for his phenomenal origami paper crane skills and for being an attentive student in class.	
3/4W	Aerin H	for her engagement in a number of music ensembles and performance in the school musical.	
3/4W	Margot M	for her enthusiasm and helpfulness in all classroom settings and engagement in English lessons.	
5/6C	Elijah W	for a great performance in the school musical as well as a promising start to term 4 in the classroom.	
5/6C	William H	for his consistent hard work in all areas as well as his spectacular performance in the school musical.	
5/6P	Finn W	For his consistently hard work in Maths groups, Writing sessions and on the Sports field.	
5/6P	Thanh Van D	For always applying herself during Writing sessions, especially when creating deep and meaningful poems.	
ICT/STEM	Arriette A	1/2K	demonstrating resilience and creativity in developing her new musical instrument prototype.
ICT/STEM	Matthew R	5/6P	being engaged in all STEM Lab tasks such as exploring Generative AI tools.
Library	Beatrice C	1/2S	for regular borrowing and considered reflections comparing her own experiences with those of book characters.
Library	Zaha C	3/4W	for consistent borrowing and thoughtful contributions when analysing visual literacy.



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[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](#).

2025 School Tea Towels – Bright, Bold & a Little Bit Brilliant!

They're back — now in **bright turquoise!** Each towel features every student's self-portrait: cute, quirky and full of personality.

Perfect for gifts, framing, or pretending you're organised.

\$18 for 1 – One for you (because you've earned it).

\$33 for 2 – One for you, one for the grandparents — instant legend.

\$45 for 3 – One for you, one for the grandparents, one for when the good one's in the wash.

\$65 for 5 – One for every relative who says 'I don't need anything' — problem solved.

Purchase your tea towels [here](#). Orders close **Sunday 26th October**. They will be sent home early December. *Dish duty just got an upgrade.*



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. Let's make this a night to dis-member (in a good way)! 🦋

Farewell Ms Veronica



Join us to celebrate Ms Veronica's new role at Dulwich Hill PS and thank her for all of her hard work at MPS as the face of our school.

Friday 24th October

Sauce Brewing Co
1a Mitchell St Marrickville
3.30pm

Staff, Families, Students and
Community Members are welcome!

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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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Public School**

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

**Hercules and Kintore St,
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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.

COST OF LIVING HELP HUB

We know **households are doing it tough**. We're hosting two Help Hubs **bringing together all levels of government** and other services to make sure that you have **access to the rebates and assistance that you're entitled to**.

Ashfield Town Hall

Thursday 28 August

4:30pm-6.30pm

Marrickville Town Hall

Wednesday 29 October

9:30am-11:30am

Including:



AND MORE!

Hosted by:



Inner West Council



Hon Anthony Albanese MP

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!

