

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Week 11	19 Staff Development Day	20 Staff Development Day	Holiday		
2012 JAN Week 1	Holiday				27 Jan Teachers Return
2012 Week 2	30 Current Students Return. Best Start Assessments start	31 New Students Yrs 1-6 Start. Best Start Assessments	1 Best Start Assessments	2 Best Start Assessments	3 Best Start Assessments
Week 3	6 All new Kindergarten start.	7	8 Textbook Sale day	9	10

Special dates to take into consideration when planning holidays next year:

Year 6 Canberra Excursion – Term 1 Week 11 – 2nd, 3rd and 4th April.

Year 5 Camp – Term 1 Week 7 – 7th, 8th and 9th March.

Swimming Carnival – Thursday 16th February.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Wow! It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another fantastic year at MPS. Thank you all, and especially to our P&C for your wonderful support throughout 2011, in so many ways.

What a fabulous school! What an amazing community!

Special thanks to all who donated gifts so generously to the **Smith Family Christmas Appeal**. There were so many lovely gifts that I thought I was not going to be able to get into my office!

Sadly, we farewell **Lauren Curry** who will be teaching at Curl Curl North from 2012. Thank you Lauren for an absolutely brilliant job at MPS, we will truly miss you but wish you all the very best – lucky Curl Curl!

We also farewell **Stephanie Farmer** who has gained a permanent position at Lane Cove West. Congratulations Steph, thank you for a great job at MPS and all our best wishes for 2012.

I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing you in 2012 and we will do it all again!

Best Wishes,

Kate Cooper



STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Year 5P Mini Golf - Term 4 Celebration

On Monday 5th December, Year 5 had a fun day ahead of them. We were heading out to Warriewood to play Pirates Mini Golf for our Term 4 Celebration. The bus ride took 40 minutes but was definitely worth the wait. Amani, Caitlin, Megan and I started on the Shipwreck course with 18 very challenging holes. Hole 13 was super tricky even for some of our best golfers. Hole 17 was amazing as you watched the ball roll into a barrel and then roll out and through a Pirate's mouth. If you were lucky, you could get a hole in one! The Caves Course was easier but contained a lot of difficult obstacles. After a challenging game of golf, we sat down to have an ice block. It was a great end to a term of hard work. *Mia*

On the 5th of December, which was a Monday we had our Term 4 celebration at Warriewood Pirates Mini Golf. We played 36 holes over two courses and some were hard, some were easy but they were all extremely fun. They had hills, ditches, water and obstacles, which made them even more exciting. Firstly, my group of four went on the Shipwreck Course and saw pirates on their boats which were replicas. The second course we did was called the Caves Course because we went through two caves. At the end we tallied up our scores and I won both courses which is extremely lucky. After tallying, I saw that I got one hole in one and we all got delicious lemonade ice blocks, yum. That was our fantastic celebration! *Pieter*

On Monday the 5th of December, Year 5 went to play Pirates Mini Golf at Warriewood for our Term 4 celebration. Year 5 played 36 holes, 18 in shipwreck and 18 in caves. There were 4 people in my team; Amani, Mia, Megan and myself. My favourite hole would probably have to be hole 17 on Shipwreck because the ball travelled on a pipe, through the water feature and out a clown's mouth. The most difficult hole would definitely have to be hole 11 on Shipwreck. You had to get the ball up a hill, into a barrel and then down a pipe all at the same time!!! In the shipwreck course there was a water feature and the water was blue!!! At the end everybody enjoyed lemonade icy poles. Altogether everyone had a great Term 4 celebration. *Caitlin*

On Monday the 5th of December, the whole of Year 5 left school for a school celebration at Pirates Mini Golf. Pirates Mini Golf is at Warriewood on Pittwater Road. There were two courses; the Shipwreck course and the Caves course. Each course had eighteen difficult holes. A few cool and interesting things about Pirates Mini Golf were that the water was dyed blue, the graves were realistic and some of the holes had really cool features like the golf balls had tracks and tunnels to go in. The overall best things about the courses was that they were hard, exciting and had a great theme. *Oliver*



Jamie, Ratchanon, Cameron and Samuel

Mark hitting a shot at tricky Hole 13!





Having fun on the Caves Course.

P&C

Green Team Update

What a great year it has been for initiatives towards greening our school! Just some of the highlights - the fantastic EcoKids Day, native plantings and vegetable planter boxes, an expanding collection of water tanks, Trashless every day, and of course the worm farm. Thanks to Tina Jackson and Wendy Travers for leading the charge so well this year. We will be very sorry to see you go, and wish you all the best with high school.

Thank you also to Kate Cooper and her dedicated staff for all their support and work towards green partnerships.

Worm farm

With a little tweaking of the system, the MPS worms are now happy, well fed and producing plenty of worm juice – absolutely brilliant for your garden. We really don't want to see it go to waste so if you would like a bottle please contact the Green Team to organise a hand over. Some dedicated parents have kindly offered to look after the worms over the school holidays, so we can be sure to see them alive and well in the new year.

K-2 Aboriginal Discovery

On Tuesday all K-2 classes were fortunate to get involved in some great activities with Aboriginal Discovery Ranger Les McLeod and his NPWS Ranger helpers. Uncle Les reminded everyone about caring for our land while demonstrating the use of a wide range of traditional tools and equipment. Hands-on games included hunting kangaroos for dinner and protecting the camp from raiders.

Reduce your rubbish this Christmas

Ian Kiernan of Clean Up Australia offers these quick tips:

- Look for gifts that have less packaging; especially packaging that is difficult to recycle.
- Wrapping paper generally ends up straight in the bin after being used once. If possible, use wrapping paper that is paper versus non-recyclable foils, or get creative and use reusable materials such as tea towels or cloth bags as your gift wrapping.
- Take a reusable bag when you go shopping. Say NO to plastic bags.
- Say NO to bottled water. There is a terrific range of good quality reusable water bottles now on the market.



Tegan Burton & Sheree Hardy
Green Team Coordinators

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**Saturday 10th or 17th December
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- ✧ Masman High School - Military Rd entrance
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