

Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
FEB Week 2	1	2	3	4 2010 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS START	5 Textbook Sale Day
Week 3	8	9	10	11	12 Surf Program Years 5&6
Week 4	15	16	17 Scripture Starts	18 Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival	19 Surf Program Years 5&6
Week 5	22	23	24	25	26 Surf Program Years 5&6
Week 6	1	2	3	4	2 Surf Program Years 5&6

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back! A special welcome to the many new families joining us this year, I hope you will soon feel part of our wonderful school community. We also welcome new teachers to our school, Ms Kathryn Morris (3M), Ms Aisling Duke (5D), Mr Brenda Frost (5F), Mrs Jeanette Havercamp (ESL, Wednesdays) and a new School Counsellor, Ms Sandra Vine who will be working here on Mondays and Wednesdays. Also this term, Hao Lu is on leave and Daniel Cox is taking his place teaching Sport.

Classes for 2010 are as follows:

KB	Amanda Brooks	4D	Fiona Davis
KW	Julie Watson	4J	Jocelyn Drennan
KR	Ally Ricketts	4L	Samantha Lloyd
KD	Amanda Daffas	4S	Stephen Dowler
KM	Brenna Macdonald	5C	Lauren Curry
1J	Jennifer Jones	5D	Aisling Duke
1R	Rebecca Rooney	5F	Brendan Frost
1P	Nick Pye	6G	Vanessa Grayson
1K	Simone Paikea / Katie Rowley	6N	Barbara Napier
1/2M	Wendy Mwangi	6B	Ben van Biljon
2B	Jo Brown	Music	Barbara Tauber
2J	Janet Moroney	Library	Gabi Hodge
2L	Lorraine Mollard	Sport	Hao Lu (Term 1 Dan Cox)
3T	Delia Tyler	ESL	Renee Phegan / Jeanette Havercamp
3M	Kathryn Morris		
3A	Simon Alderton		
3W	Cheryl Wilson / Jackie Sullivan		



Phoebe and Olivia settle into KB

The year has started very smoothly, with all children happily settled in their new classes from Day 1. Unlike many schools, we are able to do this thanks to the additional teacher funded by P&C. This gives us greater certainty of staffing without having to wait for all children to arrive. **Thank you P&C!**

Thank you to Nicola Dumbrell and her team for organising **'Tissues and Tears'** on Thursday of this week to welcome our new Kindergarten parents. It's always comforting to have a friendly shoulder to cry on when your child first starts school!

Parent/Teacher Nights will be held for all grades next week, starting in the hall:

Monday Feb 8 th	6.30pm - Kindergarten
Wednesday Feb 10 th	6.30pm - Years 3 and 4
Thursday Feb 11 th	6.00pm - Years 1 and 2
Thursday Feb 11 th	6.30pm - Years 5 and 6

Thank you all for the wonderful effort to ensure that all children are in **full school uniform**. Please remember that black shoes should be worn every day, including for sport, therefore it makes sense to purchase multi-purpose **black joggers**. One of our **school rules** states that full school uniform should be worn with pride every day.

'Building the Education Revolution' Project:

Work should commence on the new library and COLA very soon. This will have a major impact on our playground space for the next few months, however, the end result should be well worth it. Children are eating lunch in their classrooms because of the dust which will be caused by the building. The building work may also affect parking and pick-up/drop-off in Gouldsbury Street.

Reminders:

- **Please take care when parking and driving around the school**, especially in the area opposite the school in Belmont Road, close to the traffic light crossing. **Please do not** double park or allow your children to get out of your vehicle from the road side or beckon them across the road when you are parked illegally in a no-stopping zone!
- **Council Rangers and the Police** are currently being very vigilant regarding illegal parking. In the school drop-off/pick-up zones you are permitted to stop **for no more than 2 minutes** and you are only allowed to be a **distance of 3 metres** from your car. This means that you cannot leave your car in the zone to walk to the school gate or come into the grounds.
- Children are **not** permitted to **ride bicycles, scooters or rollerblades (including roller shoes)** to school. Apart from safety concerns, the school does not have space for any of these and cannot take responsibility for their storage.
- MP3 players or "iPods" and electronic games are not allowed at school.
- We will not take responsibility for mobile phones which must be kept in the child's bag and switched off during the school day. Children are not permitted to use their mobile phone to contact you during the day, all telephone contact must be via the school office.
- **Dogs** are not permitted to be in the school grounds before, after and during school hours.
- Please note that Public School Teachers and Principals are **not permitted to provide references** for students going to private schools. This is considered to be in breach of the Department of Education and Training's Code of Conduct. School reports and portfolios should provide sufficient evidence of a child's ability and attitude to learning.

I look forward to seeing you all on Parent/Teacher Nights next week.

Best Wishes,
Kate Cooper



KM ready to have a tour of the school



Max, Jordan & Jake hang up their bags for the first day of their school life



BAND NEWS



Bands are up and running and sounding very promising. Congratulations Performance Band, you are already vibrating with energy.

Rehearsal Times in the Hall

Junior Band – Wednesdays at 7.45 am sharp!

Performance Band – Thursdays at 7.30 am sharp!

String Ensemble – Fridays at 7.45 am sharp!

Notice the emphasis on sharp for starting times! The Performance Band should be called 'The Big Band' this year. I was extremely impressed that we had a one hundred per cent roll up this week. Please be a little patient as we get things organised on the music side as we need to consider a number of changes to establish an exciting program for the students.

Junior band also had a good start. Again be very patient. It will be a few weeks before we are firing on any new band scores.

Brad Madigan is conducting the Junior and Performance Band and Doug Cotterill is conducting the String Ensemble.



PRIVATE LESSONS

Private music lessons have begun again in earnest. We have incorporated all music lessons on one sheet and you will receive regular updates as the timetable progresses. I have tried to keep students in the same class around the same times to cause less disruption for the class teacher. Students wanting a different time can then swap around at the end of each term so class times missed are rotated around.

CHOIR

Choir for Year 3 students will be organised by Year 3 teachers, led by Mrs Tyler and Ms Morris. You will receive information about this in Week 3 or 4. There is only one other free spot in the hall, so there will be one choir for Year 4,5 and 6 students. It will be on Monday mornings at 7.55 am sharp!

I will send out enrolment forms via the school bulk email system. I would be happy for you to register back via email or by returning forms to the office.



Give your child a creative opportunity in 2010

THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR AND THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH DANCE THEATRE

Offer your child an opportunity to develop vocal or jazz dance skills close to home.

Meeting new people, learning new skills and performing, helps to build confidence and self esteem.

For further information please telephone our office 9808 5563 or visit our website www.niypaa.com.au

Barbara Tauber

(Creative Arts Coordinator)

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We have a number of students enrolled who have mild to severe allergic reactions to food. All classes involved and the teachers have been informed and discussions have taken place.

- It is school policy that students are not allowed to share food and this has been discussed with each class.
- Please check with class teacher when sending birthday treats for your child's class.
- Please do not send money for your child to buy for friends at school canteen. If you are working at the canteen please only buy for your child not your child's friends.



If your child has a medical condition like allergies or asthma and you have not completed an Individual Health Plan then please contact Mr Cobcroft (Deputy Principal).

P&C



The first P&C meeting will be on Thursday, February 25 at 9.00am in the Staffroom, we welcome all new parents to attend these meetings.

Nicola Dumbrell and Lyn Staniforth help make Kindergartens first day (and their parents!) smooth and enjoyable

CANTEEN NEWS



New at the Canteen:

Apple Slinky for \$1.00

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mosman Football Club Registration

Registration Day is 6th February

9am – 2pm at Middle Harbour Public School

8 Hale Road, Mosman

(Cash/cheque only please)

See www.mosmanfootball.com for details of early registration

New Players are always welcome to play the world game in one of over 100 teams:

Sub-Junior Mixed: U6 to U8

Junior Mixed: U9 to U16

Junior Ladies: U10 to U18

Rugby League

North Sydney Brothers Junior Rugby League Club in conjunction with the North Sydney Bears and the Australian Rugby League Development are conducting a free come and try Rugby League Clinic in preparation for season 2010 for boys and girls from U6's to U12's!!

When: Tuesday the 16th of February, 2010

Venue: Tunks Park, Cammeray

Time: 4-5.00pm

Cost: FREE

For more information please contact:

Annette Hema: 0404 610 048

Email: nsbros@hotmail.com

Website: www.nsbros.com.au

Mosman Junior Rugby Club

Registration: Saturday 13th February

Warringah Bowling Club, Bradleys Head Road, from 10am

St Clements, Mosman

All New action packed groups!

Games+Fun+Bible+Music+Food+Socials

Fridays from 6-7.30pm

>'CEBS' Boys in Years 1-4

> 'Girls Club' Girls in years 1-4

Sundays from 5-6.15pm

>FUSE Years 5-8 youth group

> Senior High Years 9-12

Join us at St Clements

Service Times (Sundays)

8am Holy Communion

10am Morning Service + Kids @10

5pm Family Church + Clems Club + Youthchurch

7pm Church @7

Valentine's Day Canteen Special!

Bring in a gold coin on Friday 12th
February and receive a frozen
watermelon heart on a stick!

Proceeds help with Canteen
improvements



Mosman Netball Club, 2010 Registration Online Only

Open Now at: www.mosmannelball.com.au

Registration closes 12th February, 2010

Players: Seniors – 16yrs+, juniors – 10-15 years and Nettas for players turning 8 or 9 years.

Juniors Grading – Cross Street, Mosman

10-12 years: 16th, 23rd Feb and 2nd March

13-15years: 18th & 25th Feb

Information Day – 6th February 2010 1pm-3pm, Bridgepoint Overpass, Mosman

For further details and information, please see the school notice board or the Mosman Daily.