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FROM THE PRINCIPALS

The new school year has started very smoothly and we are really pleased with how quickly the students have settled into their new classes. Thank you to all of the parents and families who have been assisting us in the background with making sure students are prepared for the school day.

Our School works very much on an open-door policy so if you have a concern about your child or the school environment please contact one of the Admin team – Alison Robb, Pamela Chatfield or Emma Lipscombe. We actively seek to create a welcoming, friendly and safe place for everyone – students, staff and families alike - and we ask for your support in making this happen.

The new Early Childhood classroom was installed and ready for the first day of the school term and we are grateful to all of the people who were involved in its placement and preparation. Unfortunately, there has been a fair amount of groundworks that have had to be done and this has affected our reticulation and lawns. We are looking forward to the grounds being returned to their original state but in the meantime we ask you for your understanding. There is a body of research that tells us children, play and dirt are a good combination and our current playground area provides us with a chance to explore that theory! We have also set aside a temporarily fenced area in which our Pre Primary students can safely play and be supervised.

We would very much like to welcome our new families who have joined us and also those who have returned to our school for 2019. The **P&C Welcome Picnic** is on this Friday, under the Fig Tree from 5PM. This will be a great opportunity for old and new families to meet up and get to know each other. We look forward to seeing you there.

Alison Robb and Monique Smith

PRINCIPALS

MOSMAN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL WEBSITE – QR CODE



By hovering over this code with your device, you will be directed to the school website. New information is added to the website weekly.

ASSEMBLY

This year's first assembly will be conducted by Mrs Wensinger/Ms Williams Year 5/6 T10 on Friday, 1 March at 8.50am. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

SUN SAFETY - HATS

Our school has a "No Hat, No Play" Policy in place from September 1st through to May 31st. A hat is to be worn during sport, physical education, recess, lunch times and on excursions.

Please mark it clearly with your child's name.



SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2019

MOSMAN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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| Principal | Alison Robb |
| Associate Principal | Pamela Chatfield Emma Lipscombe |
| Kindergarten | Denise Barnett Kerrie Lynch Marian Walter - Friday Trudy Fortescue - Friday |
| Pre Primary – EC1 | Christa Daly Marian Walter - Thurs Andrea Old Nicole Moone |
| Pre Primary – EC2 | Melanie Cole Nicole Moore - Thurs Andrea Old –Thurs (Tm 2) |
| Pre Primary/Year One – EC3 | Bec Worthington Trudy Fortescue - Wed |
| Year One – EC4 | Catherine McCunn Emma Lipscombe - Wed |
| Year One – Room 8 | Martha O'Hara Emma Lipscombe - Tues |
| Year Two – Room 7 | Sam Burton |
| Year Two – Room 5 | Helen Davis |
| Year Two/Three – Room 3 | Matt Stewart |
| Year Three – Room 9 | Svetlana Stefanovic |
| Year Three – Room 4 | Kris Lund (M, T, Th, F) Leanne Uttley (W) |
| Year Four – Room 6 | Marlena Smallbone |
| Year Four – T12 | Dennis Ong |
| Year Five/Six – T13 | Jane Martin (M, T, Th, F) Kimberley Williams (W) |
| Year Five/Six– T10 | Felicity Wensinger (Th, F) Kimberley Williams |
| Year Five/Six – T11 | Donna Davies |

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| Music | Sarah Orton |
| Learning Support coordinator | Amanda Fraser |
| Japanese | Fiona Blair – M, T, Th |
| ICT | Jessica Anderson – W/Th Jemima Simpson |
| Phys Ed | Geoff Davey |
| Teaching support | Marg Swan - Thurs |
| Library Officer | Amanda Rankin – W, Th, F |
| Education Asst – Kindy | Mary Badia Jane Mehan Emily Wood |
| Education Assistants (includes Special Needs EAs) | Gail Ward Patsy Vlachou Cathy Spencer Jane Templeman Emily Wood Wenhong Rogers Verity Drewettson Leanne Uttley |
| Manager Corporate Services | Sue Northey (Mon-Thurs) Simone Hepton (Fri) |
| School Officers | Liesl Chapman – M,W,F Dhana Richardson – T, Th |
| Gardeners | Geoff Edwards – M-W Simon Goodridge – Th, F |
| School Psychologist | Gemma Mansbridge - Tu |
| School Chaplain | Rhonda Miller |
| School Nurse (external) | Community nurse |
| School Volunteer | Margaret Baldwin |
| School Cleaners | Dawn Zupanov (Head), Maxene Easton, Tony Lau, Aleesha Matthews |

TERM CALENDAR

The term calendar was sent out last week and is also available on the school website.

Students

Term 1: Mon 4 Feb – Fri 12 April

Term 2: Tues 30 April – Fri 5 July

Term 3: Mon 22 July – Fri 27 September

Term 4: Tue 15 October – Thur 19 December

Staff Development Days for Staff (pupil free days)

Mon 29 April

Fri 31 May

Mon 14 October

Fri 20 December

STUDENT ARRIVAL TIME

A number of students are arriving very early to school – well before staff. Students at school before 8.15am may not be adequately supervised and at risk of stranger danger, or accidental injury. Staff need to set up their own classrooms for the start of the school day and so are unable to supervise students who arrive early.

Classrooms generally open at 8.30am; students arriving before this should be seated in the undercover area, under the fig tree or on the verandah of the main building (not in the play grounds).

Families who are unable to care for their children before school starts can book into the YMCA Outside School Hours

Care which operates from the school library starting at 7am. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

MEDICAL PLANS

If your child has a medical condition which may require medication and/or an individual medical plan, please let us know so that our records can be adjusted and medication stored. Please then provide the necessary medication (Ventolin, antihistamine, EpiPen etc) if you believe your child's condition warrants it. Please take note of the expiry date to ensure that the medication remains up to date. In addition, a doctor's medical plan would also ensure we respond correctly should your child have a medical emergency. Please bring these to the front office so we can store them centrally. In an emergency, when the medication is in a child's bag, it takes vital minutes to find your child's bag and locate the medication. Some medications are also temperature sensitive. Central storage means that the medication is readily available for class teachers, duty teachers and to take on excursions. If your child requires short term medication, we will need you to fill out a form to allow the front office to store and medicate during the day. These medications can't be stored in the classroom or administered by class teachers. Updating all contact details regularly is also important so that you can be contacted easily in the case of an emergency.

2019 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

School charges are now due. Swimming for Years 2-4 is \$60 per student (included in the school charges) and due immediately. Parents are welcome to set up a payment plan for the remaining charges if required.

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| Kindy | \$215 |
| Pre Primary | \$265 |
| Year 1 | \$335 |
| Year 2 | \$315 |
| Year 3 | \$305 |
| Year 4 | \$305 |
| Year 5 | \$325 |
| Year 6 | \$325 |
| P&C contribution | \$80 per family |

Payment can be by direct debit, cash or cheque.

Direct debit details: Mosman Park Primary School

BSB 016-281 Account No. 3408 80825

Please provide your child's surname in the reference field

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

This year's ANZAC Day service will be held on the last Thursday of Term 1 (11 April) at 9am. All are welcome. Once again, we would like to know of any family links to fallen soldiers so that our students can place a poppy by the name of the soldier. Please let the front office know of your family and the name of the soldier you wish to have remembered (a form is available) if you are new to the school and have not already registered in previous years, or if you are unsure whether you are registered. Forms must be received by 29th March if they are to be included.

Pamela Chatfield,

Associate Principal MPPS

MOSMAN PARK - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

YMCA Outside School Hours Care operates at Mosman Park Primary School.

Before School Care operates from the library at Mosman Park Primary School from 7.00am till the start of school.

After School Care operates from Alf Adams Pavilion on the oval next to the school on Solomon Street from the end of school till 6pm.

Please drop into the service to get an enrolment form or give the service a call on 0459 988 085.

UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS

Have you moved house? Changed mobile numbers? Health information needs to be updated? Please make sure to let the front office know of any change of details so school records can be kept updated.

SIGNING IN AND OUT

Mosman Park PS has a book for parents to sign their children in and out if they are late to school, need to leave during the day for an appointment or if your child is ill. This document is an important one as it will ensure that in an emergency we know where your child is, reducing confusion and unnecessary concern. Your attention to this would be greatly appreciated.

INTERM SWIMMING LESSONS – YRS 2-4

The Year 2-4 students commence swimming lessons on Monday 18th February at Fremantle Leisure Centre.

The permission note, swimming stage and Student Health Care Summary forms went home in the first week. All forms were due on Tuesday 12th February so please return ASAP if you haven't done so. Additional forms are available in the office.

Payment of \$60 per child for swimming is required prior to the lessons commencing. Thank you.

Year 5 – 6 lessons commence April 1 and forms have been distributed soon. Pre Primary/Year 1's lessons are in Term 4.

WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Please be reminded that we are a nut aware school and ensure that there are no nuts or products with nuts in your children's lunch boxes. Also, please do not send or bake items containing nuts or nut products to canteen. Thank you.



ICAS TESTING

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) design and deliver the assessments and is an arm of the University of New South Wales. Please be aware that these assessments are competitively based and may be conducted before school. They are conducted in September.

As entries are administered through the school, you can apply through the school by filling out and returning with

payment the form held at the front office. Please return the form to the School Administration before 11 March, 2019 – Late entries will incur extra costs.

CAT or AMC MATHS TESTING FOR YEARS 5/6

Registration for all Australian Mathematics Trust competitions has now opened! Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) is first up, scheduled for 2 April, and is available in paper or online format.

Students have an hour to complete the paper, which contains 9 problems that require logical and algorithmic thinking. This includes six multiple-choice questions that are relatively easy to solve, followed by three more challenging questions.

In 2019, the AMT is offering a package of the CAT and the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) for the discounted price of \$10 per student. Please fill in the same form as the ICAS testing and return to the office by 11 March along with the payment. Costs are non-refundable.

CONGRATULATIONS

At the Town of Mosman Park's 2019 Australia Day celebrations, Geoff Davey, our wonderful PE teacher, was recognised for his outstanding efforts in enriching the lives of TOMP community members.

LUNCHTIME IN THE LIBRARY



Welcome back to school and welcome to the library! This year the library will be open on **Thursday lunchtime from 1pm** for quiet reading and Lego construction. Plus, the Outdoor Library will be set up outside the library every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at lunch and recess. So if you feel the need for some quiet time, come along for a relaxing read!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome back to an exciting year of activities. I am providing Lunchtime activities for students who enjoy craft, colouring in and making things. I will be offering after school YouthCARE Outdoors Experiential Games for Emotional Awareness so if you would like your children to attend please let me know or if you would like more information please come and have a chat.

Breakfast Club resumed again this year with the support of the Primary School and Parent Volunteers as well as student volunteers. Thank you to all those who have already volunteered. If you would like to volunteer please let me

know what day suits you and I will slot you in! ☺ Breakfast Club is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and is open to anyone who would like to attend. It is an opportunity to meet with friends and peers and to learn some sign language related to Breakfast food. Preparations start at 8am and students can receive breakfast from 8.15am til 8.45am. Volunteers start and finish when they need to. So if you have a half hour or an hour we would love to have your help.

Rainbows Grief and Loss Program will be offered again in term 2 -3. If this is something your children will benefit from, please let me know this term so I can get the student work books ordered. If you would like to know a bit more about the program, please check the school webpage or contact me and I will provide you with information.

If you have a need and are not sure who to turn to, I am available for a chat and to help identify where you can receive the help you need. Feel free to give me a call, sms, email or just pop in to my office (double blue doors on verandah) when you are in the school.

Thank you for all your support of these activities. I look forward to catching up with you in the playground before or after school or by appointment.

Blessings

Rhonda Miller, YouthCARE School Chaplain
M: 0403523066, E: rhondam@youthcare.org.au

PERFORMING ARTS



The students have been having fun creating scenes using a green screen as part of the Performing Arts/media program.



A busy year ahead, with the musical being held at John Curtin in the final week of term 2. All students will be involved from year 3-6 and I am going to need lots of help. If you are able to help with costumes, props or anything else, we can find you a job. I will be attending the P&C meeting in week three to discuss the musical and what we can do as a community to ensure that it is an amazing experience for our students.

Sarah Orton

CANTEEN

Welcome back to Term 1 2019! Canteen reopens this Friday 15th February and will operate every Friday until the end of term. If possible we ask that you place lunch orders online for ease of operation. Online orders are now open for the year and close at 8.15am on any given canteen day.

Go to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to register your child and order lunches. For existing parents please remember to UPDATE child's year and teacher prior to your first order for the year.

Over-the-counter orders are still available in the morning, with canteen opening at 8.30am (cash only.) The canteen operates at recess and \$3 is usually enough for a muffin and an icy pole after lunch. Canteen volunteers are always there to help the little ones with the correct change.

Our canteen operates entirely through volunteer support from parents/carers in the school and we do not employ anyone to facilitate this. Occasionally we have to close the canteen due to lack of volunteers. The kids are really disappointed so let's not see it happen in 2019!

Please do not hesitate to email or call me with any other questions, concerns or general feedback.

Maz Johnston

Canteen Coordinator

mazbarnes@hotmail.com or 0406 623 571

UNIFORM SHOP – 2019 OPENING

Open Friday mornings 8.40am – 9.15am.

Uniform orders may be placed online at www.quickcliq.com.au

Please contact me on 0411 222 630 or email uniform@needhams.net.au

Matt Needham, MPPS Uniform Shop Coordinator

CHESS FOR LIFE – 2019 MORNING CHESS CLUB

The chess club is looking for new members in Term 1.

We have 16 keen club members and hope to increase our membership in 2019

The Chess for Life Mosman Park PS Morning Chess Club will recommence in **term 1 Wednesday 13th February and meet outside the multipurpose room at 7.20am sharp. We will then go to the room that we have been allocated until 8.30.**

New members are welcome to come along and join in with our regular members and learn the wonderful game of chess. Years 2 to 6 are eligible to join.

Enrolment forms are available from school office.

P&C NEWS

Our newsletter is very full so make sure to check the attached P&C News.

WELCOME PICNIC UNDER THE FIG TREE

Friday 15 February 5-7pm

Come along and meet other families under the fig tree. BYO dinner and drinks

COMMUNITY NEWS

Our newsletter is very full so make sure to check the attached Community News.

MOSMAN PARK NETBALL CLUB

Players wishing to play weekend netball, could you please return your forms. Not worried about payment right now.

Training days will be finalised once all forms are in.

Thanks, Mrs Baldwin