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FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Deaf Children thrive with sign language.

Last Friday we had the privilege of celebrating Auslan Day with all of Mosman Park Primary, the Deaf school families and some special guests from the Deaf community. It was a very positive morning where our Deaf kids showed everyone that 'Deaf Kids Can' dance, perform and entertain just like any other child.

We had an alphabet challenge where Emerson surprised everyone by fingerspelling the alphabet quicker than Mrs Robb could say it! The boys from Mr Stewart's class helped to demonstrate the best ways to communicate with Deaf people in positive ways. Then Ms Fitzgerald handed out the final Auslan Star awards for 2019 to primary school students from year 3 – 6. Our kids loved ending the show with a Party Rock dance.

After the assembly many people came into the Deaf school classrooms to see the kids in action. Once again this was a time where our Deaf kids could proudly show the world that being deaf is not a disability and does not stop them from achieving anything they set their sights on.

Our Deaf students are now looking forward to camp next week where we will spend three days by the river immersed in Auslan 24/7. This is another cherished time of the year and we know the weather will be perfect for their favourite camp activity of swimming!

With all of these exciting Deaf school activities happening, it is a perfect time for me to reflect back on the year that was and thank everyone who has contributed to the success of our children and the inclusiveness we share with Mosman Park Primary School students, staff, and families. Thank you to all who welcome our children and to all who have learned some Auslan to improve the communication between the deaf and hearing worlds.

Monique Smith and Alison Robb

PRINCIPALS

BOOKLIST COLLECTION

Tomorrow is the final day for booklist collection from school. Booklists will be returned to Ziggies for pickup.

MOSMAN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL WEBSITE – QR CODE



By hovering over this code with your device, you will be directed to the school website.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to each of our students who were awarded certificates at our last assembly.

Pre Primary	Essie Maund Ethan Hopper	Lilly Acklin
PP/Year 1	Abigail Daw	Lucas Lee
Year 1	Bentley Davis Tim Knuckey	Maddie Macredie
Year 2	Emmanuelle Howard Nadia Crews	Will Taplin Olivia Goodworth
Year 2/3	Sam Bailey	
Year 3	Xavier Hopper Wilbur Poushkin	Emilie Pieyre Asha Letts
Year 4	Anna Boghossian Kiperman Ben Bowles	Tyson Burton Luca Croci
Year 5/6	Rufus Darwin Billy Curtis George Fisher Izzy Culity Rafael Croft Lonnie Bozier	Lewis Albrecht Kartar Ghag Annie Simpson Sophia Tiamzon Luke Burling



GRADUATION ASSEMBLY – YEAR 6

The school community is invited to come and farewell our Year 6 students Thursday, 19 December 2019 from 8.50am.

ASSEMBLY

Our final class assembly presented by the Pre-Primary students will be Friday 13 December. Everyone is welcome!

DEBATING



Year 6 students (Mabel, Rosie, Eva, Leo, Lachlan, Toby and George) attended an Inter-school Debating Workshop and Competition on Tuesday 3rd December. The students did Mosman Park, and themselves, proud winning four of their debates, drawing one and losing one. They all learnt a lot from the student coaches at Shenton College.

LATITUDE and SCITECH

On Wednesday, the 27th of November, Mr Ong and Mrs Smallbone's class (T12 & R6) went on an all day excursion to Latitude and Scitech! First, we left school at 9am, arrived at Latitude at 10am, split into 3 groups, and finished playing at 11am. We went rock-climbing, trampolining, did an obstacle course in the air, (Sky High Obstacle Course) and a Ninja-Warrior Obstacle Course called The Grid. We ate recess until 11:30, and left to go to Scitech. Then we arrived at Scitech at 12pm and while Mrs Smallbone's class had free-time, then ate lunch, Mr Ong's class solved a mystery of an Egyptian Urn being stolen! After that the classes swapped around. It was a fantastic, splendid, exquisite and marvellously fun time! Everyone had a fabulous time, climbing, jumping, running, and racking their brains for answers. In the end, we had sore shoulders, stiff necks, and tired brains. It was an excursion we'll never forget!

Jacinta Kearney



TECH TALK 14

3D Printing – Christmas Crackers

This term all the year 5 and 6's have been designing their own trinket of something that they would like to find in their Christmas cracker. The students used makers empire to design their design. I then downloaded it using UP studio and we printed them using the 3D printer kindly lent to us from the Deaf School



Screen Time over the Holidays:

Parents worry that excessive time online will disrupt their child's development and compromise their health. For example, many parents worry that their child will spend less time being physically active, engaging in real social interactions with their siblings and peers and limit their sleep.

Fortunately there are things you can do to limit your kids' use of screens during holidays.

Plan don't ban

Create a tech plan before the holidays begin. Establish firm rules about what, when, where, with whom and how much time your child can spend with screens. Do this in consultation with your child/teen and set realistic and achievable limits for best results.

Quality over quantity

Find high-quality, age-appropriate content. What your child does with technology is more critical than obsessing over 'how much' time they spend plugged-in. Is it leisure or learning? Are they active or passive? Is it age appropriate? The Australian Council on Children and the Media have some great review tools.

Use internet filtering software

Filtering software is great to ensure kids aren't accessing inappropriate content when you're not around to physically supervise them during the holidays. I have just set up the free trial of **The Family Zone**. It is recommended because it allows you to restrict what content kids can download and access on devices, but it also helps to enforce limits on the amount of time kids can access and when they can use devices (this is especially helpful for working parents, or for kids who have their 'own' devices).

Establish cut off points or time

Rather than prescribing an amount of 'screen time', give kids precise quantities and clear cut-off points. For example, tell them: "You can have five Fortnite battles" or "You can watch two episodes of your favourite show on Netflix". This prevents them entering the 'state of insufficiency' where they never feel 'done' or 'complete' when they're online should be tech-free.

Crowd out screen-time

Plan tech-free activities each day where kids are engaged in physical activity. Kids more than ever, need 'green time', time in nature, so ensure they have plenty of time outdoors.

Avoid digital sticks and carrots

Avoid using screen-time as a reward or punishment tool. Using screen-time as a 'digital carrot' to reward good behaviour, or for completing chores (or to threaten children for inappropriate behaviour) only works in the

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short-term and can have negative long-term consequences (for example, we know kids are unlikely to report cyber-bullying to parents if there's a threat of 'digital amputation').

Hope you all have a safe and great holiday!

Technologies Specialist, Jess Anderson

COLOUR BLINDNESS

A message for all parents from the School Nurse:

Colour blindness means that a person cannot distinguish some colours or sees the colours differently to other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours. Commonly, the colours seen differently are greens, yellows, oranges and reds. Colour blindness is usually inherited and there is a higher incidence in boys.

A pamphlet on colour blindness was distributed to all year 6 students earlier in the year (along with a *Scoliosis and Health information for parents of upper primary school students* pamphlet). As of 2020, instead of Year 6 students receiving the pamphlet, all Pre-Primary students will receive a hard copy of the *Colour Blindness* pamphlet, as most children in Pre-Primary can identify colours. **Early identification of colour blindness means strategies can be put in place sooner to help children who are colour blind.**

Therefore, as **parents of Pre-Primary to Year 5 students in 2019 will not receive a hard copy of the Colour Blindness pamphlet in future years**, please view the information via the attachment with this newsletter.

Ophthalmologists (eye specialists) and optometrists (opticians) can test for colour vision. Some General Practitioners can also test children's colour vision.

If you need support visit the Colour Blind Awareness and Support Group at members.optusnet.com.au/~doverton/.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

A BIG THANK YOU from **Salvation Army** for your generous donations last week. We presented all items Lyn Jones from the Floreat Salvation Army Corps at the Values Assembly on Friday. Lyn struggled to get them all into her car to deliver back to their Barracks.

We also received second hand donations from various students and families which will go into the Salvation Army stores to help support needy families. They are greatly appreciated so THANK YOU for those too.

I will be away next Monday – Thursday spending time at the Year 5 Camp, Deaf School Camp and The Big Week Out, so you won't see me around the school until Friday. If you need to have a chat I will have my phone with me so please call. I will get back to you asap and do what I can to help where ever possible. Have a great week.

If you need any support with any programs or other issues to do with school, family or support services please contact me using the contact details below.

Blessings

Rhonda Miller, YouthCARE Chaplain

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The Uniform Shop would appreciate donations of uniforms that your child no longer needs or has grown out off.

KAPTURE SCHOOL PHOTOS

This is your last chance to purchase photographs. Please visit www.kapture.com.au using our school code; **MZLKJK**

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSURE 2019 AND OPENING 2020

The office will be closed from 11.30am on Friday, 20 December 2019 for the Christmas break and will reopen next year on Tuesday, 28 January 2020.

Students commence on Monday 3rd February 2020.

UNIFORM SHOP – 2020 OPENING

Special opening for start of 2020

Thursday 30 January 2pm – 4pm

Friday 31 January 9am – 11am

Online Uniform orders: www.quickcliq.com.au

Matt Needham, MPPS Uniform Shop Coordinator

0411 222 630 or email uniform@needhams.net.au

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2020

The 2020 Schedule of Contributions and Charges has been sent home this week to comply with DoE Policy.

If making payment by bank transfer please pay after 1 January 2020.

BEESWAX WRAPS

Do you want to help save the planet from rubbish?

If so, you'll be excited to know that Mr Ong's class is going to be selling amazing handmade beeswax wraps on Friday 13th December at 8:30am. They come in lots of pretty patterns and cool colours! You can buy a small for \$2.50, a medium for \$5 and a large for \$10. You can even save \$3.50 by getting the whole set for \$14! Make a difference by buying beautiful beeswax wraps from Mr Ong's class.

GIFTED & TALENTED SELECTIVE ENTRY PROGRAMS

If you have a child in Year 5 and would like to apply for the GATE program for Year 7 2021 for more info please see:

www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented



P&C NEWS

HALLOWEEN DISCO

P&C activities kicked off immediately after the last P&C Meeting Friday 1 November with the Halloween Disco. The venue was right in character being decorated fabulously and appropriately Halloweeny thanks to the efforts of the parent helpers. The kids all had a fantastic time. Thanks to organisers Lu Dillon, Sal Mitchell-Bathgate and Kelly O'Brien and everyone who pitched in in different ways. Thank you to our valued and much appreciated sponsors: Coles Mosman Park, Bakers Delight Mosman Park (Franc family) and the Michell-Bathgate family. Special mention to JD the DJ (James Davidson).

As an important PS: ...over \$1,500 was raised for the benefit of the school and students.

MOSMAN CRAFT MARKET MPPS P&C CAKE STALL

The Mosman Craft Market - a collaboration between the Mosman Park Men's Shed and the Town of Mosman Park - was held on Sunday 10 November. The P&C had a cake stall in a good spot next to the Men's Shed Sausage Sizzle. Over \$450 was raised from the sale of cakes, MPPS keep cups and the shopping bags. A positive aspect of having the MPPS P&C stall there was the opportunity for the local community to reconnect with the school and to create awareness of what we do and who we are. A number of people came up to say that they used to teach at the school, or their children or grandchildren went to the school, and shared some memories and anecdotes. This was a lovely example of the intertwining of the community and fundraising aspects of our P&C.

P&C AGM 2020 + VOLUNTEERING

The P&C AGM will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 11 February 2020 followed by a P&C General Meeting. Please put in the diary and attend if you can.

If you are interested in getting involved next year, including as a Class Rep, please get in touch. Over the summer break is fine, once class lists are out.

The Treasurer position will be vacant from February 11th and we are looking for someone to fill it. The position won't include the canteen aspects (ordering and meeting suppliers).

We would love to have more of the male members of the school community involved. The Fathering Project will be happening in 2020 which is something to keep in mind, but we need more dads!! On the P&C committee (Treasurer?), as P&C members, as volunteers (and thanks to all those who currently do), as Class Reps... so please put your hand up and get in touch!

THANK YOU

On behalf of the P&C, thank you for your support and efforts over 2019.

All the Class Reps, you've been amazing! You are the P&C's lifeline to the school community. Thank you.

To everyone who has 'Baked and Donated', done a shift in the canteen; baked or staffed a cake stall; attended an event; filled out a Sausage Sizzle form; purchased a MPPS Keep Cup or Bag; read the P&C News; come to a Meeting; bought a coffee at an assembly; offered a suggestion or given feedback, and helped or contributed in any of the other of the myriad ways possible for the P&C throughout the year...thank you.

P&C NEWS continued

Wishing the whole of the school community a safe, healthy and happy festive season and a very merry Christmas. Goodbye to departing families, and for the rest, enjoy the break and see you in 2020!!

Jane Cresswell, Mosman Park Primary Schools P&C

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Fencing Have-a-Go Weekend on 14-15 December 2019

UWA Fencing Club, in conjunction with Fencing Western Australia, is offering a free opportunity to have a go at the modern sports of Olympic and Paralympic Fencing.

The have-a-go weekend will run on 14-15 December from 9am to 4pm at the UWA Claremont Gymnasium near the corner of Goldsworthy Road and Princess Road, Claremont.

Fencing is an exciting, safe, modern, and fast paced sport practiced world-wide by people of all ages and genders.

UWA Fencing Club welcomes all members of the community including wheelchair participants, whatever your age, fitness or ability. Visit uwafencing.org for details.

VICTORIA QUAY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER | 3 - 9PM

Christmas fun for all ages on the vibrant waterfront at Fremantle Port

Exciting carnival rides Live music Santa
FREE popcorn & fairy floss Skate clinic
Face painting Food Trucks and.....lots more!



victoriaquay.com.au



Beasts Fitness Academy is running a Junior Sports Athletics program on 23 December 2019.

This program is a very positive one for junior athletes and it gets them outdoors, active, laughing and having fun!

It will be a great day for kids - lots of fun, creative sprint and agility work (city beach oval), followed by a cafe lunch by the beach (Rise Pizza) then some beach sand and water challenges at City Beach.

All coaches are in training towards the Olympics and the fees paid help them on their journey. Visit beastsfitnessacademy.com for details.

Kidz'Sports are offering numerous Holiday programs.

Visit kidznsport.com.au for details and enrolment.

