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Newsletter T1 W7

Thursday 15 March, 2018



Teacher visits

Teacher professional learning is a vital part of a teacher's journey to becoming a better teacher. This week and next, we have a number of staff visiting other schools looking at how new future focused classrooms are making improvements in student outcomes.

This week, Miss Aravopoulos, Miss Hemingway and Mr Crowther visited Claremont Anglican School in Randwick and were very impressed with what they saw. Next week, all staff in team teaching rooms this year will be visiting Bellevue Hill Public School which opened late last year and is an amazing new school.

These are wonderful opportunities and I thank the Principal's of Claremont and Bellevue Hill for allowing us to visit. We have a great school at Maroubra Bay, but we are lifelong learners and relish any opportunity to further develop our skills. Parents are welcome to discuss with our teachers what they learnt from these visits.



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Parent Teacher Interviews

As a new initiative in 2018, we will be having parent and teacher interviews in term one this year. These interviews will be an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers individually, discuss learning goals and any important things that both sides need to know. I hope that many parents can attend these important interview times starting from Monday 26 March until Thursday 29 March.

Parents can book interviews online at

www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code **x8vh5**

Parents of students in 4H should also be aware that interviews will be conducted by Mr Speck. This is a great opportunity to meet Mr Speck and discuss your child with him. 1R interviews will be with Miss Hamilton.

Easter

Have you got your raffle tickets in yet? Egg donations are still welcome in the school office.

Students in K-2 will all be participating in the Easter Hat parade with hats made from home. Students in Years 3-6 can participate if they wish.

Parents are welcome to attend this event on March 29.

The next school newsletter will be Thursday 29 March, 2018.

Matthew Ackerman

Principal

Week 7

Tue 13/3 | 3H Assembly 2.15pm

Fri 16/3 | PSSA Rnd 4

Week 8

Tue 20/3 | 3P Assembly 2.15pm

Kinder Bellevue Hill visit

Wed 21/3 | Year 3 + 5/6 Bellevue Hill

Fri 23/3 | PSSA Rnd 5

Week 9

Tue 27/3 | 2A Assembly 2.15pm

Mr Ackerman @ Principal Conference

Wed 28/3 | Mr Ackerman @ Principal Conference

Thu 29/3 | Easter hat Parade 2pm

Mr Ackerman @ Principal Conference

Fri 30/3 | GOOD FRIDAY

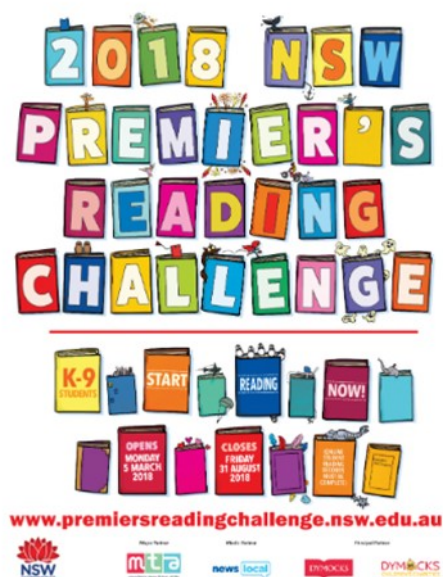


Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The challenge closes Friday 31st August.

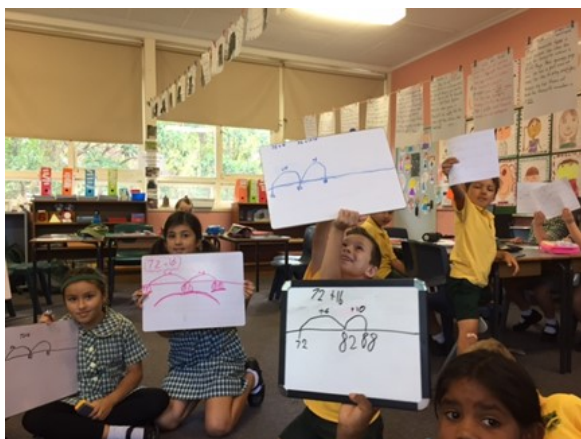
During Library lessons children are strongly encouraged to borrow PRC books and to participate in the challenge. Parents may assist their children in borrowing PRC books from their local library. Each child in years 3-6 will be given a personal reading log to keep in their library bag. Children in years K-2 will complete the challenge with their class teacher. Parents please help your child to add books to his/her personal reading record regularly.

For more information please visit the Premier's Challenge website: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



2A Mathematicians!

2A have been learning all about the jump strategy in maths this week. Have a look at our problem solving on the white boards! We are all really good at breaking numbers into tens and units.



South Sydney Rabbitohs visit

Last week, four players from the South Sydney Rabbitohs team came to visit Maroubra Bay Public School to discuss the importance of wellbeing, having respect for others and being responsible about nutrition and fitness.

Firstly, the four Rabbitoh's players spoke about the importance of having respect for others, not just on the field, but also when we are outside of school.

Secondly, they spoke about nutrition and how important it is to be healthy and eat your vegetables. They told us what they eat before and after games. One of the players said he eats bacon and eggs and drinks 3 litres of water. They said that everyone, including themselves, should only have treats in moderation.

Thirdly, the Rabbitoh's players showed us a clip about women's AFL and how we should all celebrate Australia's win, in both the women's and men's AFL. They encouraged us to play a team sport and to always stay active.

Years 3-6 had a wonderful time! Some students were lucky enough to get their photo taken with the players.

Written by Ben and Sienna from 4H



First week of Ballroom

The talent pool of amazing dancers at Maroubra Bay has definitely bubbled into a fountain this week as every child commenced Ballroom Dancing classes. This experience where every child has the opportunity to learn to dance with a partner is a unique initiative offering so much to our students.

A history of Dancesport in our school has led to far more than being able to ask a partner to dance and strut your stuff. The interactions between children have markedly improved over the years, also the cultural development between the school and community has recognized the Ballroom program as one of the contributing factors for its success. Students' ability to concentrate in class is piqued by anticipation of spending the afternoon dancing to their favourite tracks.

Over the next 20 weeks, Kindy students are learning to Tango to the Eskimo song and Merengue to the party rhythms of South America. Year 1 are learning the Jive, Cha Cha, Waltz and Boogie, Year 2 are learning the Samba, Swing and Progressive barn dance. Year 3 are dancing Salsa and the beautiful Slow Waltz. Year 4 are learning the Viennese Waltz and Paso Doble. Year 5 are working on the 5 Dancesport Challenge Dances within their routines and Year 6 will dazzle us with their Lindy Hop and Waltz.

Due to the outstanding success of previous years concerts, this year, we will take our concert to the next level, to be held at the NSW University Science Theatre where our annual concert will be held in this beautiful auditorium.

Save the date 24th September for this fantastic showcase.

Gardening Volunteers at School

Do you love to garden?

Looking for some time in the sun?

We are looking for volunteers to come in during school hours to help in our gardens.

What do you need?

- A working with children check –Volunteer. You can get this for free at the RMS
- Then come into the school office. Show them your working with children check and sign on as a volunteer.
- At the office check in our GARDEN VOLUNTEERS JOBS book. Find a job you can do. Sign your name against it and date it
- On your way out sign out of the volunteers book

Any help you can give us is great..1hr here and there or weekly visits...whatever works for you.

Who can volunteer...Anyone who has their working with children check, parents, grandparents, neighbours. If you have a green thumb or are just happy to pull weeds we would be glad for your help.

Please see Rose in the school playgrounds for more information.



Mother's Day High Tea at the Bay

Our annual 'Mother's Day High Tea at the Bay' is fast approaching. It will be held on **Wednesday 9th of May at 2:00-3:00 in the school hall.**

We are looking for a sponsor to support this event. If you are interested please let Ms Jovanovska know.

The Mother's Day committee are really looking forward to this event and cannot wait to share this day celebrating all the wonderful women who are part of this community. More information about tickets will be available in the next newsletter.

Mother's Day Committee

National Young Leaders Day

On Monday 12 March, both the House Captains and the School Captains went to the International Sydney Convention Centre to listen to famous speakers at the National Young Leaders Day. Over 5000 students from different schools joined us there and listened to four amazing speakers.

The first speaker was John Coutis who told us the struggles he had in his life and how he overcame the adversary. He taught us no matter who you are, no matter what you look like you can always be a leader. The second speaker was Lauren Cheatle a player for the Sydney Sixers Cricket Team. This nineteen year old gave us some valuable advice if it does not challenge you, it will not change you. The next speaker was Harrison Craig who was the winner of The Voice 2016. We learned to follow your dreams and never give up. The last speaker was Australian author Matt Cosgrove who taught us that persistence is key. Each speaker was inspiring and to break up the stories we played a number of little games. It was fun to learn new people's names from new schools and guess whether a phrase was the title of a book or something related to food.

Overall, we had a great experience and we all loved it. We all learnt something new from them about public speaking and being a leader. We cannot wait to put some of these ideas into practice. A big thank you to Ms Brodsky and Ms McAleer for taking us there.



New 5/6 Furniture

It's like Christmas in the 5/6 learning space at the moment with the delivery of our new flexible learning furniture! The colourful, light-weight and comfortable furniture is a hit with the students who as you can see are creating interesting learning spaces with each activity. We have also received high tables with stools to cater for those students who prefer to complete activities standing up. We have asked students to think carefully about how they learn most effectively and to make positive choices about where they work in the learning space. We encourage parents to have conversations with their children about how best they learn in the space and reflect on not only the advantages but also discuss the difficulties they may be experiencing in the new space.

Mr Crowther



Some quotes from our 5/6 students

"It's comfortable and very good for flexible learning!"
Isabella N.

"It's amazing how we can build our own desks!"
Georgie B

"It's the perfect fit for our new classroom." Katana BB

"It's good for individual, group and paired learning"
Luca B

"My back use to hurt when I was sitting on the ground for too long, it's just more comfortable now" Kye T

"I love the high tables because I prefer to stand up while I work" Carson R

What's been happening in Kindergarten?

Comfortable cushions!



Whiteboard Tables!



We received our new furniture last week and we are absolutely loving it! Here are some photos of us in action...



Colourful Jenga Blocks!



Amphitheatre!

We are also enjoying our Phonics Program 'Get Reading Right', which is part of our daily routines. We are working really hard to learn our camera words and phonemes.



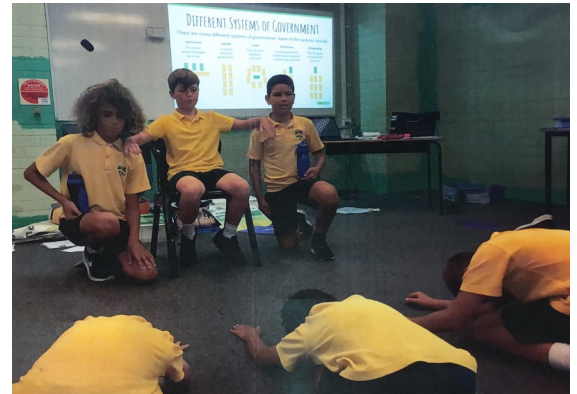
FOCUS on 5/6C

This term 5/6 have had many great experiences. We are learning to be independent and make good decisions about how to be the best learners. We have enjoyed moving around the room, choosing the area we are sitting in, and using the new furniture.

The new furniture includes lapboards and button cushions, which are great to sit on the floor and work, and Jenga Blocks; which are soft and light, and can be used in a range of ways. We also received two high tables that are whiteboards too. Sitting on the floor listening to the beginning of a lesson or having class discussions have been so much more comfortable with the new furniture.

This term we have all been focusing on the government and different levels of it. There is State, Federal and Local. They each have different responsibilities and different amounts of power. We have also been learning about different systems of government like oppression, anarchy, revolt, democracy and dictatorship. Then we acted out the different types of government, which was so much fun! These are some of the most fun lessons in our classroom because 5D join us too and they are preparing us for camp. We are so excited about going to Canberra and seeing the new and the old Parliament house. Only two and a half more weeks until we go!

Xavier & Marsala



We started ballroom dancing last week and it was great! We refreshed our knowledge of learning the tango, jive, salsa and cha cha. Gordon introduced two excellent dance teachers Mr Brad and Ms Emily who will help polish our skills and teach students who are unfamiliar with the dances. It was so much fun and are excited to learn new dances.

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Zone Swimming

The Eastern Suburbs Zone Swimming Carnival was held at the Botany Aquatic Centre on the 27th February. 33 students represented Maroubra Bay and swam their hearts out across the 4 swimming disciplines. It was incredibly tough competition this year and I would like to thank all the Maroubra Bay representatives for the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the day. We had two remarkable performances from Lily Colvin, who came 2nd in the 12yrs 50m backstroke and Sebastian Elrick who came 2nd in the 50m freestyle. These two Maroubra Bay dolphins will now compete at the Sydney East Swimming Championships which will take place at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre in Homebush on the 20th March.

All of us at Maroubra Bay are behind you next week so best of luck!

Mr Crowther

Softball and Tee-ball Report

Last week on Friday the 10th of March, the Maroubra Bay Softball and T-ballers versed Malabar Public School. It was a well fought game from the two sides and fortunately we were able to beat them in both the junior and senior games. The juniors score was 14-10 and the seniors was 13-1.

We would like to thanks Malabar for the contest and wish them the best of luck for the following weeks of PSSA.

Finally congratulations to the amazing Natalie M for her Player of the Match award in the juniors and the incredible Zacharynah S for her Best on Ground award for the seniors.

Great job Maroubra Bay!!!

Katana B-B and Maya G.

AFL Report

Last Friday, both the junior and senior PSSA AFL teams played Pagewood PS. The junior team continued with their dominant performances this year with a 16 - 7 win. This means they are undefeated so far this year! Unfortunately the seniors didn't have the same result going down to Pagewood 7 - 17. It was a hard fought game and very close towards the end with close chances missed from our boys.

Although the seniors lost Toby S had an exceptionally good game and was named best on ground this week. In the juniors it Was Ellias who stood out and won Man of the Match this week.

Overall it was a great week at PSSA AFL and we look forward to a new challenge next Friday.

Luca B and Kye T

Upcoming Games

PSSA Friday 16 February	Venue	Opponent
T-Ball/ Softball	Coral Sea Park	Maroubra Junction
AFL	Heffron Park	Daceyville
PSSA Friday 3 March	Venue	Opponent
T-Ball/ Softball	Heffron Park	Matrville
AFL	Heffron Park	Rainbow St

School Sport Report

It was another fantastic sport fortnight for School Sport. In week 5, all teachers saw an immense improvement in skill. Last week, we swapped groups.

Miss Brodsky was so impressed with her Senior team as most students had known the rules prior to the day. The focus was dodging and attacking techniques.

Ms Hamilton had a great time with her new senior group, and was excited to see student's learn to dribble the ball in Basketball.

In Miss Hatziantoniou's junior t-ball group, the students were really focusing on improving their catching skills.

Finally yet importantly, in Miss Hemmingway's cricket junior team, the class learned how to pitch a ball. Students should be very proud of their achievements in school sport so far.





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Term 1 2018

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January / February	1	29/1 Staff Return	30/1 Students 1-6 Return Kinder Best Start	31/1 Kinder Best Start	1/2 Kinder Best Start	2/2 Kinder students start
February	2	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2
February	3	12/2	13/2 5/6B Assembly 2.15pm	14/2	15/2 Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6	16/2
February	4	19/2	20/2 5/6C Assembly 2.15pm	21/2	22/2	23/2 Welcome Night at M Club PSSA Rnd 1
February / March	5	26/2	27/2 4/5D Assembly 2.15pm	28/2	1/3	2/3 PSSA Rnd 2
March	6	5/3	6/3 4H Assembly 2.15pm	7/3 School Photos	8/3	9/3 PSSA Rnd 3
March	7	12/3	13/3 3H Assembly 2.15pm	14/3 Photo Back Up day	15/3	16/3 PSSA Rnd 4
March	8	19/3	20/3 3P Assembly 2.15pm	21/3	22/3	23/3 PSSA Rnd 5
March / April	9	26/3	27/3 2A Assembly 2.15pm	28/3	29/3 Easter Hat Parade 2pm	30/3 GOOD FRIDAY
April	10	2/4 EASTER MONDAY	3/4 5/6 Canberra Trip 2C Assembly 2.15pm	4/4 5/6 Canberra Trip 4 Collaroy Trip	5/5 5/6 Canberra Trip 4 Collaroy Trip	6/5 School Disco PSSA Rnd 6
April	11	9/4 P&C Mufti Day	10/4 1/2M Assembly 2.15pm	11/4	12/4	13/4 PSSA Rnd 7 Last Day Term 1

Road safety

Walking together safely to and from school

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

STOP!

one step back from the kerb

LOOK!

continuously both ways

LISTEN!

for the sounds of approaching traffic

THINK!

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across



Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.



THE BIG EASTER RAFFLE



THURS 29TH MARCH

Calling for Easter egg donations for the Maroubra Bay PS Easter egg raffle! Place your chocolate egg donation in the box at the office by Tuesday 27th March.



**REMEMBER TO
SELL YOUR
RAFFLE TICKETS
& GIVE TO YOUR
TEACHER!**
(Due by 26 March)





Garden News

Garden Bee Sunday 18th March 1pm- 5pm

Many jobs to be completed, including bird bath, scarecrow making, mulching etc
Please bring a whipper snipper if you have one, the grass needs a good cut!

The garden needs, your AUTUMN LEAVES, NO leaves from native trees pls.
Please place leaves in the round black bin near the compost bays.

COMPOSTING- Recycle your fruit and veg scraps and help feed the soil. Place
ONLY fruit and veg scraps in green food bins in the garden area.

Have you got too much homemade compost? Please consider donating your
compost to the school garden to help improve the sandy soil.

Don't forget- Garden Club is FREE

Every Monday 3pm-5pm

All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Garden coordinator

Sandra Newell





DJ KATE MONROE PRESENTS KIDDODISCO

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PRIZES GIVEN FOR EGG-NORMOUS EFFORT

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Mon 23 - Fri 27 April

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South Maroubra

EASTER BONNET PARADE

2018

11.00 am
Easter Saturday
31st MARCH

GREAT PRIZES

Best Girl & Best Boy
plus a
Consolation Prize

Come and see the Easter Bunny

Easter Egg Hunt

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Education

Maroubra Peaceful Kids for 4-12 year olds

'Peaceful Kids' is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children. The program has been created to fulfil a need in schools to offer all children a developmentally appropriate program that gives children the skills, practice and support to utilize coping strategies that lessen the symptoms of anxiety and stress. The program also involves parental involvement and commitment to supporting the strategies at home.



Outcomes of the Peaceful Kids program:

- Lessen symptoms of anxiety and stress in children
- Teaches children to self-calm
- Empowers children to manage their own anxiety
- Supports children so they know that they are not alone with suffering from anxiety

Program structure:

- Peaceful Kids is a 8 week program of 50 minute sessions
- Sessions include learning a range of mindfulness strategies and meditations and positive psychology exercises.
- Children are guided through meditations daily online via the Peaceful Kids website: peacefulkids.com.au

More information on the Peaceful Kids program: Peacefulkids.com.au

Next group to be held near you, run by Lilly Pilly Counselling:

Where: Yogala, Level 1/822 Anzac Pde, Maroubra

When: 3:30- 4:20 Mondays, Starting on 21st May 2018

Cost: **FREE** - A GP mental health treatment plan for your child will be required to secure attendance in the 8 week PSS group program
GP consultation fee may apply

Bookings: contact Leanne 0422173512 or Vivien 0450370496 or email:

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