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Dear Parents and Community,

As you may be aware, NAPLAN results have arrived and been distributed. On a quick look at the statistical and cohort performance, we have once again areas of strength and significant growth along with areas of development. A quick snapshot:

Year 5 - All measures against State/National performance declared invalid due to size of Year 5 cohort <20. However, considering the controversy regarding the difficulty of the Writing task noted in recent press articles, the growth and performance of our Year 5 students appears to be in the top 1% of the nation's results.

Due to the lack of cohort validity we will be focusing on individual student responses to the tests and the notes taken by the supervising teachers regarding individual's attention to the tests and levels of illness and anxiety.

Year 3 - Cohort >20. Performance in all areas surpassed state and regional targets, remembering we are the highest performing region in the nation. Again, there are individual instances where targeted areas of need have been identified and will be planned for remediation.

The new planning cycle is upon us. This cycle will see a number of significant changes to the corporate governance of every NSW DEC school. The new plan pleasingly reduces markedly the reliance on NAPLAN as a measure of a schools and student performance. The plan will now see the school actively planning for and assessing Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). In conjunction with this change, is a new focus on the school community being an active and functional part of the planning process. As you will see from the school draft plan directions (provided at P&C meeting and available from the office) the community and the needs are embedded into the three school components and a standalone sector of the three sectors of the plan.

I have spoken at length to Neil Gow our P&C president regarding the plan and how the community will be contacted regarding community needs and directions for the school and students. Term Four will see a variety of surveys rolled out to community and new 2015 parents.

Congratulations to Miss Weeks who has been appointed as our substantive Assistant Principal. With all the changes and professional courses the principal is managing at the moment, the role of Assistant Principals throughout the State is changing markedly. The Assistant Principal now manages many of the previous roles once defined for the Principal. I am sure Miss Weeks' tenure at our school will be a rewarding and beneficial one for our students and community.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to be vigilant when our students are out and about, particularly walking to and from school. Remind them about stranger danger. No matter how 'nice' the person appears do not stop and talk to or accept anything from a stranger.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for a successful and productive Term 3. It's the exceptional work from students, staff and the community that make MKPS such a unique and dynamic learning place. Enjoy the well deserved break, spending time with loved ones and relaxing.

Glenn O'Neill
Principal

TERM 4 FUNDRAISER

Keep **Wednesday 17th December**
FREE!!!! We are holding a movie, pizza
and carols night. There will be a jump-
ing castle and lots of fun to be
had!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Torch Relay!

The MKPS Torch Relay Fundraiser was held on Sunday 31st August. The weather gods were shining on us putting on a fabulous display of weather. Lots of fun was had by all and the participating families managed to clock up over 300 laps around the school which equates to over 150km. Over \$1600 was raised through sponsorships and raffles which will allow the school to purchase some new sports equipment. Congratulations to Caelan Rawlinson who was awarded the prize for the highest fundraiser, collecting over \$500 in sponsorship. Congratulations also to the Mannion family for winning 'Best Dressed' with their team Minion T-Shirts and the Jurotte family for 'Most Laps' clocking up 50 laps around the school.

A very big thank you to Leanne Johnson and Hannah Sims for all their work in organising the event and also to Abby West and Kate Gow for their assistance with catering on the day.

Thanks also to all our 'bakers' who provided some delicious goodies to be sold at the canteen and our sponsors A&R Meat, Rebel Sports and Hart Sport.



Band Performance.

Under glorious blue skies on Sunday 14th September 2014 our wonderfully talented School Band played a very entertaining repertoire at Asquith Boys High School. They played Wild Thing, Hound Dog, Mission Impossible. It was wonderful to watch our fantastic band do MKPS proud. Well done kids, you sounded awesome.

Band Recruitment.

At the end of the year we will sadly bid farewell to seven of our band members as they head off on a big adventure to high school. Consequently, our band is always on the lookout for any new talent within the school. So if you play a musical instrument and have done so for at least 6 months and would like to join the band please contact Abby West on 0421 922 537 or abbywest1@bigpond.com and your details will be passed onto Miss Isabella Harvey (Band Director).

Band Treasurer / Co-ordinator.

At the completion of this year the Band Treasurer (Mr Martin West) and the Band co-ordinator (Mrs Abby West) will stand down from these positions. Consequently, the two above mentioned positions will be vacant. Therefore the band will be looking to fill these important positions. Please see Abby West for further information.



ATHLETICS

Zone...

Congratulations to all of our athletes who competed in the Zone Athletics carnival at Narrabeen. We had a very successful carnival with a number of students qualifying for Area which will be held during Week 9 of this term at SOPAC. Mt Kuring-Gai came second overall at the carnival which is a wonderful achievement particularly considering the number and size of the schools we were up against.

Congratulations also to Jack G and Lauren W who were the carnival age champions for their respective age groups as well as Cameron L and Jasmin G who were runners up in their age categories. A wonderful achievement!

Finally a special mention to our Snr girls relay team who qualified in first place to go through to area. Well done to all of our students on a great carnival.

Area...

Congratulations to the following athletes who qualified for the Area Athletics Carnival which took place on Monday 8th September at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre.

Isabel G	Jack G
Lauren W	Oliver L
Isabella G	Cameron L
Jasmin G	Chloe G
Ella G	

There were some fantastic performances on the day with the following students going on to compete at the State Carnival in Term 4.

Senior Girls Relay Team (Isabel, Jasmin, Isabella, Lauren)

Jack G – Shot Put

Lauren W- Long Jump

We wish these students the very best of luck!



PSSA/SCHOOL SPORT

Netball....

Congratulations to our Jnr and Snr PSSA netball teams on a great 2014 season. It has been a pleasure to coach such a lovely group of girls. For most of our junior girls it was their first taste of playing netball and although we didn't manage to come away with a win, the girls never lost their enthusiasm for playing or commitment to improving. The girls should be very proud of their efforts.

The senior girls were a force to be reckoned with this season and we were unlucky not to make the semi-finals, being handed a very tough draw for their last game. We had a talented group of netballers who showed great teamwork and gave 100% each and every week.

It was so enjoyable to coach these girls and watch them play and improve throughout the season. Well done girls!



Soccer....

The junior and senior soccer teams were outstanding representatives for MKPS. Each week they turned up with exceptional attitudes and persisted despite the difficult teams they faced. They gave it their all and were eager to train at lunchtimes, even if the weather was miserable.

Congratulations to both teams for their effort, commitment and sportsmanship throughout the PSSA soccer season.

School Sport

Students in years 3-6 participated in school sport on Friday afternoons. Each week students formed two teams and played soccer against each other. All students put in 100% effort each week and were congratulated on their team work and persistence. The students thoroughly enjoyed playing against each other and some even uncovered skills they never realised they had.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday 7th October

- ◆ Day 1 Term 4

Monday 13th October

- ◆ Session 1 Kindy KickStart

Friday 17th October

- ◆ Gymnastics

Wednesday 15th October

- ◆ P&C Meeting 7.30pm in 6J
- ◆ State Athletics

Thursday 16th October

- ◆ State Athletics

Tuesday 21st October

- ◆ Session 2 Kindy KickStart

Friday 24th October

- ◆ Gymnastics

CANTEEN NEWS

Thanks!

As the Term Three comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has assisted with the canteen throughout the term. Without our wonderful volunteers we wouldn't have such a great canteen. Have a wonderful holiday, stay safe and we look forward to serving you next term.

The Canteen will reopen for business on Thursday October 2014.

Canteen Volunteers.

Unfortunately, the canteen volunteer pool will lose further 3-4 volunteers as of Term 4 for the Thursday roster. If we are unable to recruit more volunteers for Thursday canteen shifts we may potentially have to close the canteen on this day for Term 4. The canteen urgently needs more volunteers for to save losing a canteen day. So if you are able to assist in anyway please contact Mrs Abby West (Canteen Manager) on 0421 922 537 / 9457 0636 / abby-

SEPTEMBER 2014

HOLIDAY CLINICS

Soccer Kickstart

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LOCATION	CLINIC	DATES	TIMES	COSTS
North Ryde, Magdala Oval	7-14 years Advanced Div 1 - Representative Players	Tue 30/9/14 to Fri 3/10/14	9:30am - 1pm	\$249 (4 Days) \$15 (Single)
West Pennant Hills, Thomas Thompson Oval	4-12 years Level 2-3 Beginner - Intermediate	Wed 24/9/14 to Fri 26/9/14	9:30am - 1pm	\$149 (3 Days) \$65 (Single)
Cheltenham, Cheltenham Oval	4-12 years Level 2-3 Beginner - Intermediate	Wed 1/10/14 to Fri 3/10/14	9:30am - 1pm	\$149 (3 Days) \$65 (Single)
Ryde, Ryde Aquatic Centre	4-12 years Level 2-3 Beginner - Intermediate	Mon 29/9/14 to Wed 1/10/14	9:30am - 1pm	\$149 (3 Days) \$65 (Single)
Turnermans, Kest Oval	4-12 years Level 2-3 Beginner - Intermediate	Mon 22/9/14 to Wed 24/9/14	9:30am - 1pm	\$149 (3 Days) \$65 (Single)

FREE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE 8AM - 1:30PM

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PRESCHOOL
kickstart
(2 to 5 year olds approx)

LEVEL 2
BEGINNER
Soccer Kickstart
(4 to 7 year olds approx)

LEVEL 3
INTERMEDIATE
Soccer Kick-On
(7 to 10 year olds approx)

LEVEL 4
ADVANCED
Soccer Kickstar
(8 to 16 year olds approx)

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Pennant Hills Rd, Normanhurst, NSW 2076

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Information Mornings for Year 7 2016

To assist parents, two Information Mornings will be held in the School for those interested in the 2016 Year 7 selective intake.

Friday 19 September 2014

9.30am – 11.00am

Tuesday 7 October 2014

9.30am – 11.00am

Please telephone the School on **9489 1077**

for more information or contact us at:

normanhurst-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au OR

www.normanhurst-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Community Notice Board



Attention YR 6 Parents!

We're inviting all YR 6 Kids to attend Wildcats Youth Group in Term 4.

We understand that moving from Primary School into High School can be a big transition for kids; so we look to offer a small step in between.

Wildcats is for all High School aged Young People in YR's 7 - 12.

WHERE Unit 4/ 67 - 71 Jersey St, Hornsby

WHEN 730pm-930pm

Every Friday of the School Term

For more details visit www.cch.net.au/youth/

Wildcats Youth is a Ministry of



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Affordable!
Convenient!

Register Online Now!

www.musicstars.com.au

Limited places are available and minimum numbers are required to ensure lessons can run. If you would like your child to participate in Term 3 please register ASAP. IMPORTANT! Registrations close end of Term 2! Be quick so you don't miss out!

About Music Stars!

Music Stars is Australia's leading provider of school music tuition. We provide a wonderful opportunity for children to have quality group guitar and keyboard lessons at school that are both convenient and affordable. Our aim is to make music available to every child across Australia.

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We provide professional teachers and a quality curriculum ensuring your child is getting the very best music education available.

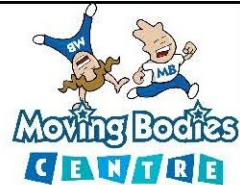
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT MT KURING GAI Moving Bodies Centre



Gymnastics Holiday Program A day packed full of fun using all of our gymnastics equipment including foam pit, trampoline, fun climbing wall, sprung floor, bars, beams, rebounders, floor work, softplay playground and more!

Teenage Gymnastics A gymnastics session catering for older children aged 10 years +, using all of our gymnastics equipment in working towards achieving more challenging gymnastics skills and activities.

Boot Camp Combining fun with fitness for kids! The session will include fun fitness activities concentrating on aerobic, anaerobic and isometric fitness.

Soccer Clinic An energising session run by our motivating soccer coach that will include ball skills and soccer game play.

Dance Clinic Enjoy developing dance skills while creating a choreographed dance routine to present to parents at the end of the session. Also included will be some fun in our softplay playground!

Softplay Playground Please check our website for opening times.

Book into just 1 session or as many as you want!!

For information, dates and enrolment forms please visit,

Moving Bodies Centre: www.movingbodiescentre.com.au
Ph: 9457 7732



On THURSDAY 25th September from 6.30 - 10.30pm. rock up and do luna park in your pj's!



Enjoy the rides by night in the comfort of your PJs, to raise vital funds for children in foster care - book today!

For tickets & information go to www.thepyjamafoundation.com