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May 2018

Principal's Report

Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2019

Information regarding Year 5 entry to Opportunity Classes for 2019 went home last term. Apologies, I had previously mentioned that the website for applications closes on Friday May 4. The application website closes on **Friday 18 May 2018**. No late applications will be accepted. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2019, you need to apply now.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

Parents/carers who complete *an intention to apply* must still submit an online application. **All intention to apply forms need to back to the school ASAP.**

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Our mums do so much for us and this is the one day each year that's all about them. I hope the children enjoyed selecting a special gift for that special someone. Thank you to all the parent helpers who volunteered at the stall yesterday. Wishing all the mums a wonderful day on Sunday!

Cross Country Carnival

The School Cross Country Carnival was on today. We couldn't ask for a better day. Thank you to Mrs Todd and all the parent volunteers who helped out today, we greatly appreciate your support. Congratulations to those students who will be representing our school at the Zone Cross Country in a few weeks, well done!



Geography this term at MKPS

MKPS and Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre have teamed together to deliver an exciting Geography program for all the students at MKPS that focuses on fieldwork in our community this term. The benefits for the students and staff are outdoor learning opportunities and strategies, looking at our community from a geographical perspective and teaching professional development opportunities. This will begin from Week 3, with more information to follow for each class that is specific to their learning. This collaboration is a very exciting opportunity for all involved and I am looking forward to seeing how the students engage with this fieldwork.

Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop Monday 14 May

Cancer Council NSW is holding a FREE workshop for parents/carers of Mt Kuring-gai Public School on Monday 14th May at 9.30-10.30am in the school hall. If you would like to:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Receive a free recipe book simply by attending

Please let the ladies now in the office ASAP. Registration is essential.

Star of the Month Assembly Friday 25 May

"Star of the Month" assembly will take place on Friday 25 May in the school hall at 9.30am. We look forward to The Emus (1/2) running the assembly.



NAPLAN Online 15 – 25 May

All students in Years 3 and 5 are expected to participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) online tests next week. NAPLAN tests will run over 2 weeks and will give you information on how your child is progressing against national standards. This information allows for additional intervention if necessary to ensure your child progresses at a rate where they can fully participate in all aspects of the curriculum. NAPLAN does not replace, but rather complements, assessments run by your child's classroom teacher throughout the year.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>.

Due to NAPLAN next week, there will be no assembly or scripture on Wednesday 16 May.

Family Law related matters

Lastly a friendly reminder on two family law related matters.

Firstly; the school is not the appropriate place for family disputes to be resolved nor is it appropriate for school staff to resolve such issues. Where separated parents cannot agree on what is in the child's best interests, it is the court, not the school, to determine those interests. We urge parents in these situations to expeditiously take steps to obtain court orders relating to issues impacting on the school and provide the school a copy of any orders obtained. The school makes decisions based primarily on what is considered in the best educational interests of the child.

Secondly; we understand that we have very busy families and on occasions parents ask the support of other family members or friends to pick up students during school hours for appointments. This school insists on written permission from parents to release students to the care of others. The necessity of this permission does include grandparents who are not the main carer of the child. At MKPS we take the safety and care of your child very seriously. Where an unexpected emergency has occurred and a signed permission note is not possible, we insist on a phone conversation between a parent and a staff member to verify permission.

Matt Pinchbeck
Principal

MOTHER'S DAY STALL THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who organised the Mother's Day Stall on Wednesday 9th May. Our fabulous helpers, Georgie Simpson-Lee, Emma Coffey, Tamara Williams and Mel Woods created a great variety of gifts for our very excited students to choose from. We hope all mums and grandmothers enjoy a relaxing and love filled day on Mother's Day.





The simplest way

to improve the health of your
school community

Come to our **FREE** Fruit & Veg Sense workshop for parents



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Start: 9:30am – 10:30am




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Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This is **FREE** workshop for parents run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

-  Save time and money making healthy meals.
-  Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters.
-  Get a free recipe book simply by attending.

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than **09/05/18** by:

Calling or visiting the school front office or register online at

cancercouncil.com.au/find-a-fruit-veg-sense-workshop

**Eat It To
Beat It** 

ANZAC DAY 2018

During the break, eighteen students from our school represented Mount Kuring-gai Public School at the Berowra Anzac Day march and service. Their behaviour was outstanding and we thank them for taking time during their holidays for such an important day in Australia. Well done and thank you to:

Kiara T, Jessica C, Eleanor C , Amy S-L, Emma S-L, , Hunter R, Billy R, Jack R, Lucinda R, James N, Seth P, Eleanor W, Charlie W, Joel T, Hayley A, Charlotte J, Connor M and Harry M.

Thank you also to Cameron Bennie who represented our school at the Hornsby Anzac Day dawn service.





MKPS wants your help!

Can you sharpen pencils? Sort books? Play games?

More information to come, but if you would like to volunteer around the school, opportunities will be coming.

Please see Mrs Whiting if you have specific skills which you think may benefit MKPS school and community.

Sydney North NSWPSA Girls Football Championships

Ruth has been chosen to represent Sydney North Area at the 2018 NSWPSA girls football championships in Kiama in June. Ruth has been given raffle tickets to help fund raise for this event.



Ruth will be selling the raffle tickets over the next couple of Wednesday's before assembly. You will see her near the hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

Monday 14th May

Fruit and Veggie Workshop

Tuesday 15th May

Naplan Online Testing Begins



SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking takes place every Tuesday morning outside the library.

Please take your books to Mrs Fieramosca and not to the school office.

If you forget we are happy to pass them on the following week.



Dear Parents

MKPS P&C are organising another comedy fundraiser night in August. Our last event was a big hit! Tickets available on sale now through the link below, look forward to seeing you there!!

Please see poster attached and invite your friends and family along for a fun, local night out!!

Comedy for a Cause

Featuring comedians from
Sydney & Melbourne
International Comedy Festival

In Support of:

Mount Kuring-gai Public School

**Saturday
18 August 2018**

Asquith Golf Club
Lord St, Mount Colah

**BOOK
NOW!**

Tickets: \$35 at
comedyforacause.net/MKPS
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm
(18+ only)



Cancer Council NSW launches interactive Healthy Lunch Box website for families



The task of packing healthy school lunch your kids will love is now easier with Cancer Council NSW's new Healthy Lunch Box website (healthylunchbox.com.au).

We know that 93% of children don't eat enough vegetables and 22% are overweight.

The website includes recipes and tips on how to include more fruit and veg in the family's diet and is complete with an interactive lunch box builder to involve the kids, at home, or on the move with a smartphone or tablet.

The website has been launched as part of Cancer Council NSW's *Eat It To Beat It* program which runs free sessions and workshops for parents of primary aged school children, helping them to understand why fruit and vegetables are so important.

Visit healthylunchbox.com.au to pack a quick and healthy lunch box today!



CANTEEN NEWS



NEED A LUNCH BAG FOR YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ORDER?

Below are the options available to purchase from our school Canteen:



Reusable Canteen Lunch Order Bags
"Lunch Wallets" \$10 each

- Designed to replace paper lunch bags when ordering from the canteen.
- Holds more food than paper bags.
- Sturdy flat base makes them easy to pack and stack.
- Made from non woven polypropylene (like green shopping bags) as it is durable and easy to clean
- Extremely easy to wipe clean with a damp cloth.
- Reduces paper waste.
- Hygienic zipper pocket to separate money from contact with food.
- Wallet in a closed position.
- Transparent pocket: displays name & class.
- Clear pocket with zipper for money & written lunch order.
- Size of Lunch Wallet is approximately: 23cm (H) x 18cm (W) x 10cm (D).
- Pocket sizes and colours may vary.



OR

Disposable Brown Paper Lunch Order Bag 10c each

Canteen Policy Update

*Please note young children are not permitted in the canteen due to Health & Safety guidelines and Insurance reasons.

*All lunch orders should be placed in the Lunch Order Collection Bin located near the Canteen door.

*New Canteen Committee email address mkpscanteen@gmail.com

Canteen Committee email: mkpscanteen@gmail.com

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Community Events



Thursday 24th May 10am-11:30am

Enjoy a wonderful morning of yummy treats and encouraging stories while helping to raise funds for Cancer Research.



Parenting and Emotion Coaching

Thursday 21st June

Thursday 28th June

Thursday 5th July

7:15pm-9:30pm

The 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching program aims to teach parents how to deal with their children's difficult behavior by using an easy-to-use signalling system. Parents with children in pre-primary and primary school years will find these 3 sessions incredibly worthwhile. \$60 per family.

To register or for more event details visit www.stjohnsasquith.org.au or call 9482 3282



Kamaroi School Fair

Sunday May 20th

10am - 3pm
Kamaroi Rudolf Steiner School
220 Forest Way, Belrose, 2085

Storytelling, Sword making, Crystal Gnome Cave, Warrior's Journey, Gold Panning, Pretzel Climb
Beautiful handmade gifts and crafts
and delicious wholesome food and coffee

Free, all day parking and shuttle bus
from Device Technologies - opposite
Belrose Supa Centa

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ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

2019 Scholarship Program

Scholarships are offered to students demonstrating academic, performing and creative excellence.



Junior and Senior Instrumental Band Scholarships

Year 7 Instrumental Band (4 Years)
Year 11 and 12 Instrumental Band

Applications for the Instrumental Band Scholarships close Friday 1 June 2018, 3pm.

Download the application package: www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au or phone the school on 9477 3508



CHILDREN'S SCIENCE PROGRAMS



A series of interactive science programs presented by the Children's Discovery Museum. Children will develop ideas and skills that will inspire further scientific exploration, discovery and learning.

THE LITTLE BANG! DISCOVERY CLUB

SESSION 1: Collecting & Classifying

In this first session we will learn how to sort and match objects from around the home and from the Discovery Box we loan to you for the duration of the course.

Thursday 17 May, 10.30am

SESSION 2: Measuring & Recording

In this session we will learn all about weighing and measuring – one of the first and most important skills of early discoverers.

Learn how to balance unevenly weighted objects so you can make your own mobile at home.

Thursday 24 May, 10.30am

SESSION 3: Experimenting

Today we will ask lots of questions and design our own experiments to find the answers. We put our measuring, observation and recording skills to the test. We will prepare you to undertake your own experiment at home for next week's science fair.

Thursday 31 May, 10.30am

SESSION 4: Science Fair & Graduation

In our final session the children will take part in their very own science fair, sharing what they have discovered in their own experiment. Then enjoy more table-top science activities and finally there is a graduation ceremony where each child will receive a certificate.

Thursday 7 June, 10.30am

Location: Hornsby Library
28-44 George Street, Hornsby

Ages: Strictly 3-5 years with an adult lab-assistant

Cost: \$40 for the 4 week program

THE JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

A four week program aimed for 6 to 8 years young scientists presented by the Children's Discovery Museum.

Participants will be able to learn and explore themes from different branches of science through numerous practical experiments.

SESSION 1: Balancing the Improbable
Monday 14 May, 4.30-5.30pm

SESSION 2: Bottled Planet
Monday 21 May, 4.30-5.30pm

SESSION 3: Sound of Silence
Monday 28 May, 4.30-5.30pm

SESSION 4: I Like to Move it, Move it!
Monday 4 June, 4.30-5.30pm

Location: Hornsby Library
28-44 George Street, Hornsby

Ages: Strictly 6-8 years
Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Cost: \$60 for the 4 week program

THE YOUNG INVESTIGATORS CLUB

A four week program aimed for 9 to 12 years young scientists presented by the Children's Discovery Museum. In this stimulating program children will be involved in lots of practical experiments and will be able to investigate and illuminate different fields of science.

SESSION 1: Chemistry Lab
Thursday 24 May, 5-6pm

SESSION 2: DNA Extraction
Thursday 31 May, 5-6pm

SESSION 3: Science of Sherbet
Thursday 7 June, 5-6pm

SESSION 4: Our Amazing Bodies
Thursday 14 June, 5-6pm

Location: Hornsby Library
28-44 George Street, Hornsby

Ages: Strictly 9-12 years

Cost: \$60 for the 4 week program

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or at any Hornsby Shire Library branch.



For more information about your local library visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

