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## Principal's Report



### World Teachers Day

Last Friday was World Teachers Day. This day celebrates the wonderful work that all teachers do every day for our children. Yesterday our wonderful P&C supplied the staff with a beautiful lunch. Many parents and children in the community took the time to say 'Thank you!' and it is always well received by the teachers. Thank you to everyone it was very much appreciated. A special mention to the ladies that prepared such a lovely lunch for the staff. It was delicious!

### Remembrance Day assembly

This Sunday is Remembrance Day. This day is a very special day in the Australian calendar each year as we take time to remember those men and women who have lost their lives defending our country and way of life in many conflicts across the world over the years. We will be holding a special assembly this Friday 9 November at 12:20pm near the flag. Everyone is welcome to attend at this time to pay our respects.



### Staffing update

It is with regret that I have to inform you that I will be finishing at Mount Kuring-gai Public School as principal on Friday 16 November. This morning I was notified of my promotion to a larger school closer to home. Mrs Natalie MacDonald who relieved as principal whilst I was on Leave will continue to relieve in the interim. Mrs Ros McCallan-Jamieson – Director of Educational Leadership Mooney Mooney will soon begin the process to find a new substantive principal. She will inform the community throughout this process.



I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Mount Kuring-gai PS and have loved every minute of it. I have relished the opportunity to work with the fabulous teachers, dedicated parents and carers, and the amazing students. My decision to look for somewhere else was simply down to trying to spend more time with my young children. I hope to catch up with everyone next week before I leave to say "thank you". From the minute I arrived over two years ago I have been welcomed in to your community and for that I am very grateful. You have a very special school and community and I am a very lucky person to have had the opportunity to be your principal. Thank you and I wish everyone the very best of luck in the future.

### Play Equipment

Over the last couple of weeks there have been several injuries to students playing on the equipment after school. During the day the students are supervised and play on the equipment appropriate for their grade. After school has been a difficult time to supervise and implement the same guidelines as to which equipment the students can play on. I had been advocating for parents to be their supervising their children at the equipment as once the students are collected in the afternoon by their parents they are under their care. Unfortunately until further notice the equipment is not to be used in the afternoon by students who are not at OOSH. Another reason is some people have been playing on the equipment for a long time after the bell and this has restricted OOSH coming out and using the equipment. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



### **For parents or carers of children in ethics classes**

Primary Ethics is the organisation that runs ethics classes at our school. Their latest newsletter covers some of the topics students are currently discussing in ethics classes. You can read about it here: <https://mailchi.mp/primaryethicshome-october2018>. The Primary Ethics approach encourages children to be curious and make their own discoveries so asking your child a question like 'what did they teach you in ethics class today' might draw a blank! Here are a few other questions to help continue the discussion at home:

- Did you hear anything that surprised you in ethics class today?
- What stories did you hear?
- Did you change your mind about anything?
- Did you disagree with anything that anyone said? Why?
- What was the strongest argument you heard?



### **School Leaders Parliament Tour**

At the end of last term the school leaders, their parents and I were invited to Parliament House NSW by our local member Mr Matt Keen. Mr Keen invites the leaders in to Parliament House to talk to them about leadership and how they can assist our society as they grow. He also invites several sports stars to deliver a message of persistence and hard work pays off and that if you have a goal to work towards achieving that goal. This year we had Paige from the Sydney Swifts and Australian Diamonds, Emily from the Matildas and Api from the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles talk about their journeys to get to where they are now. Each had a different story to tell. We were also lucky to have our Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, address the leaders. Everyone had a fantastic day. Thank you to Mr Keen and his office for the opportunity.



### **Street Library**

Mount Kuring-Gai has been lucky enough to be chosen for a street library donation from Hornsby Shire Council. It has been named the Mount K Kookaburra Bookburra Street Library. Our street library is an initiative to encourage the local community to foster, encourage and grow the love of reading. I thank the local community in advance for being the custodians of our Bookaburra Street Library. Feel free to borrow or donate a book. Enjoy!



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## P&C News

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The P&C had the pleasure to host a belated Teachers Appreciation Day lunch today to recognise and thank the wonderful teaching staff at MKPS.

We would like to take the time to thank the following people who donated their time to making this lunch special for our teachers, Belinda Robson, Lara Ryan, Heidi Guthrie, Claire Stephens (My Petite Bakery), Pete Robson (Red Rabbit Creative) and Melissa Wood.

Thank you to all the kids for the lovely pages they submitted for the teacher's gift books. The teachers were delighted by the kind and thoughtful words.

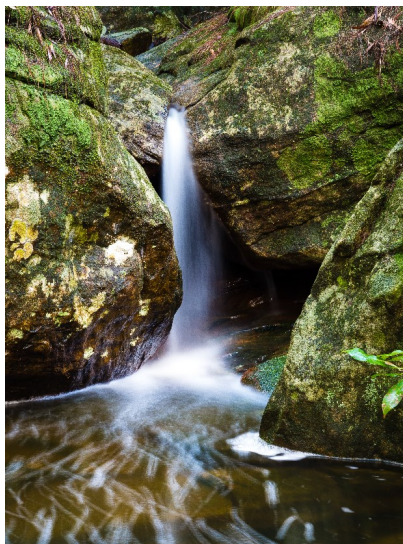
Mango Madness will be upon us in early December. Thank you to Heidi Guthrie, Lara Ryan and Alison Jurotte for organising the Mango Fundraiser. They have successfully raised \$725.00 for the MKPS P&C. Thank you for organising and thank you to the school community for supporting the fundraiser.



## **Berowra Photo Competition**

Congratulations to Joel T 4/5 Black Cockatoos who is a finalist in the 2018 Beautiful Berowra Photo competition. His picture of a small waterfall (seen below) is on display at Berowra Village. People can vote for Joel's picture by heading to the iPad kiosk inside the shopping centre. Joel is one of our senior students who was involved in our Canon Photography unit in Term 3. Good luck Joel.

Mr Byrne



## **Parents & Citizens - Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st November at 7.00pm in the school library.

We will be voting on the following positions:

President

Vice President x 2

Secretary

Treasurer

Canteen sub committee

Band sub committee

OOSH sub committee

Everybody is welcome to come along. The P&C meetings are the third Wednesday of each month.

If you have any questions about any of the positions you can contact the current executive at [mkps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:mkps.pandc@gmail.com).

Mt Kuring-gai P&C Exec

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** 2018

### **Friday 9th November**

Remembrance Day assembly

### **Monday 12th November**

Moving Bodies - Dance continues

### **Tuesday 13th November**

Kindy Kickstart Session 4

### **Wednesday 14th November**

Leadership Speeches 12:20

### **Thursday 15th November**

Normanhurst Boys Circus Performance

### **Wednesday 21st November**

Kindy Kickstart Session 5

### **Friday 30th November**

Star of the Month assembly

### **Tuesday 11th December**

Celebration of Learning



### **Year 6 Mini Fete News**

Year 6 Mini fete will be held on Thursday 10th December.

Stay tuned information coming home soon.





## PARLIAMENT VISIT FOR OUR 2018 SCHOOL LEADERS



# Outdoor Learning

Kindergarten Sugar Gliders explored numbers outdoors using hopscotch, sticks, stones and gumnuts.



Year 1 Wallabies took Maths and Literacy outside. They worked in pairs to make words using magnetic letters and scrabble tiles. Year One had fun collecting items from the playground and then classifying them into groups on a table. To clarify their understanding of time, they made an outdoor clock using numbers, a stick and some ribbon. Year One love being outdoors!



1/2 Emus read a chapter of the book *Fantastic Mr Fox* outside and mapped out the world as they visualise it using mostly natural elements.





**2/3 Wombats enjoyed the sunshine (and the shade) to do DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) and as part of their Geography unit, students made journey sticks to recount their journey around the school grounds. Aboriginal people in Australia used journey sticks to more easily recount their journeys to other people upon their return. They found a large walking stick, collected materials found along the way, and tied them to the stick in chronological order.**



**3/4 Dingoes took their Maths learning outside, collecting items for a data lesson and having way too much on a Maths scavenger hunt.**



**4/5 Black Cockatoos took their Maths lesson outside where the children did a series of physical activities and then timed how long it took to complete. Students then took the fastest and slowest times and worked out the time elapsed between the two times.**



**5/6 Powerful Owls took their Music lesson outdoors where they created "Soundscapes" using nature. They wrote their own musical notation and used instruments from the environment to create their piece of music.**



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART—JUMP OFF DAY

Last Tuesday we had our Jump off day to celebrate the completion of our Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser. Students participated in a skipping circuit where they showed off some fabulous skipping skills. Congratulations to Zali and Jamison who won the Jnr and Snr skip off finals to take out the title of the MKPS Skipping Champions for 2018. Well done also to the year 6 students who defeated the teachers in a highly contested skipping relay. (We shall be training next time so look out!) Thank you to those students who raised much needed funds for The Heart Foundation. In total Mt Kuring-gai Public raised \$1304. Finally I would like to say a very big thank you to the parents and year 6 students that assisted in running the activities on the day.





On **Tuesday 13th November** at lunchtime  
the canteen will be selling delicious and healthy fruit treats!

**Banana Smoothie \$3.00**

**Strawberry Smoothie \$3.00**

**Fruit Salad \$2.00**

**Slinky apples (green or red) \$0.50**



All funds raised will support the canteen.



## MOUNT KURING-GAI PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND

### TRY AN INSTRUMENT SESSION

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Training Band is currently looking for new members for next year.

On **Thursday 22 November at 9:30am**, there will be a 'try an instrument' session in the hall for all Year 2 students. Students in Years 3 to 5 will also have the opportunity to attend if they are interested.

They will have the opportunity to try a range of instruments, under the supervision of professional musicians. Information will be available on where to hire or buy instruments and the contact details for music tutors.

#### **Why play a musical instrument?**

Music affects the brain in many positive ways. It makes you smarter, happier and more productive. Listening is good, playing is even better.

Playing music in a band not only encourages teamwork, but is scientifically proven to help brain function. Children with musical training are shown to do better in subjects like language, reading and maths. They also have better fine motor skills than their non-musical classmates. In addition to all these benefits, playing in a band is great fun!

#### **The Band Program at Mount Kuring-gai**

- Our **Training Band** rehearses on a Thursday morning from 8.25am until 9.05am. Each student is required to hire or buy their own instrument.
- Band fees are \$100 per term. In addition to band rehearsals, students are required to have an instrumental lesson each week. Private lessons typically cost \$30 - \$35.
- Training band members progress to our **Performance Band** as their skills develop.
- All band members are given opportunities to perform throughout the year. Events include the Berowra Music Festival, Celebration of Learning, Kindy Kickstart presentation, as well as various school assemblies.





## **Uniform Shop Volunteers Needed**

To allow the school uniform shop to continue running effectively, the shop requires volunteers. As some of the people currently looking after the shop are standing down, the shop needs more volunteers for next year. If you can spare some time on Wednesday mornings before the bell, no experience necessary, please contact Cathy Beckett at [mkpsclothing@hotmail.com](mailto:mkpsclothing@hotmail.com)

### **Ethic Lessons**

Help is required next year for assistance with ethics lessons for students. There is currently a waiting list for students and we need volunteers and a coordinator to help it go ahead in 2019. Please see Fiona Lisle or contact Maria McCarthy at [maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au)



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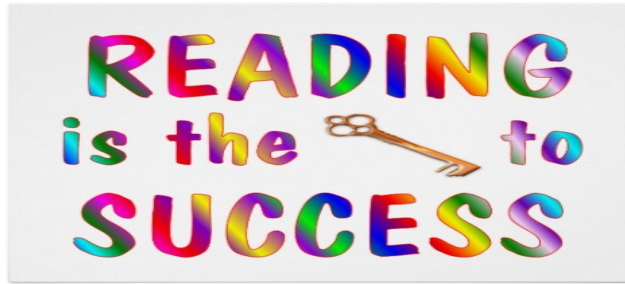
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# K-2 HOME READING TIPS



- Home reading should be a positive experience for both parent and child. The book they take home will be a familiar book and it is okay (in fact it is beneficial) for the book to be read more than once or twice.
- Make it part of your routine and find the right time for you and your child to enjoy this special time together (mornings may work better than evenings in some cases).
- Let the reader hold the book and turn the pages.

### Before reading:

Ask some questions about the book : What do you think the books is about? Why?

What do you notice about the picture on the front? Or if they have read it before : Do you remember what happened in the story? What do you like about the book? Is it a story or a fact book?

### During reading:

- Listen to your child read the story.
- Let him/her hold the book and turn the pages.

If they read correctly, praise them as they turn each page. Try and be specific with your praise.

E.g. *Great job! You corrected that all by yourself. Good job! That didn't make sense and you corrected it.*

*You are trying to re-read the sentence. Terrific! Your reading sounds just like talking. Fantastic!*

*Well done! You are reading with expression for the talking parts.*

If your child makes an error or stops at a word give him/her 5 seconds to self-correct. If they don't self-correct, give them 5 seconds to have a go before telling them the word.

### After reading:

Praise, Praise, Praise! The aim is for students to view themselves as successful readers.

Ask questions: What was your favorite part? What was the problem in the story? Which character did you like the best?

***Important Note: Students who are reading beyond Level 17/18 are encouraged to read familiar books from school and also books from the school/local /home library, choosing books that they enjoy and are interested in.***

***If your child is becoming frustrated during the Home Reading process, please see your child's classroom teacher.***

## Helpful prompts

When the reading doesn't make sense...	When the reading doesn't sound right...	Sounding out errors...
Look at the picture. Does that make sense? Read on and come back. Think about what you've read.	Does it sound right? Should you say it like that?	Does it look right? Look at the first sound. Say the sounds in order. Look for any parts of the word you know.
Now have a guess.	Now have a guess.	Now have a guess.

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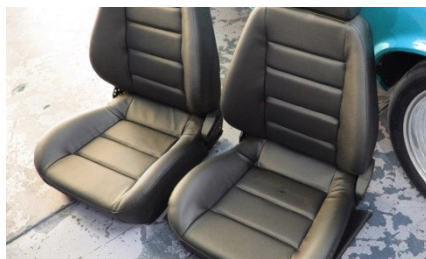
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### HORNSBY SUPPORT GROUP - EVENING

**When:** First Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30 pm  
**Venue:** Hornsby RSL Club— in the Sports Lounge

### HORNSBY SUPPORT GROUP - DAY

**When:** Fourth Thursday 10 am to noon  
**Venue:** Hornsby RSL Club— in the Sports Lounge

For more information :

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## **Did you know .....**

When your child misses just . . .	that equals . . .	which is . . .	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is . . .
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year (nearly a term)	Over 2 ½ years of school





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# San Carols

**SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2018**

## FRONT LAWN

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## FROM 4PM

Kids & Family Activities  
+ Food Fair + Santa Photos

## 7PM

Kids Concert  
DreamWorks Trolls Show

## 7.30PM

Main Carols Program  
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- Dave Martin and the Carols Band



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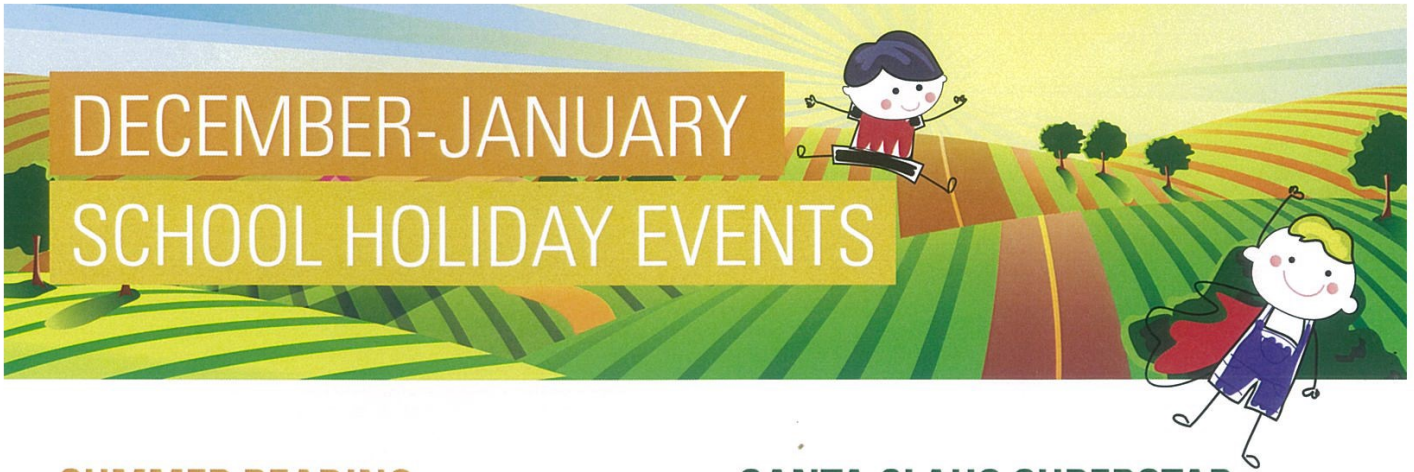
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## SUMMER READING CLUB LAUNCH

Followed by *The Gigalees* and their Crazy Comedy Show!

Give your children incentive to read over the holidays and the opportunity to win great prizes by signing them up for the Summer Reading Club. A child's library card is essential to join the Club and attend the show.

Club Registration with child's library card will open from 4:30pm.

Come early so you don't miss our great show.

**Hornsby Library**

**Thursday 6 December,**

Ages: 0-14 year olds

Registration: 4.30pm

Show: 5.30pm

Cost: Free for all Summer Reading Club members.

No bookings required.

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING WORKSHOP

Bring the whole family and be guided in making a wonderful Gingerbread House for the Christmas table. The cost includes all the materials needed such as house, icing, lollies, silver foil, board and cellophane for wrapping. Great Christmas fun for the whole family.

**Hornsby Library**

**Wednesday 5 December, 6.30pm-8pm**

**Pennant Hills Community Centre**

**Saturday 8 December, 2.30pm-4pm**

Cost: \$35.00 per family.

Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings essential. Book online at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library)

## SANTA CLAUS SUPERSTAR CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

Santa Claus Superstar is a delightful comedy which will thrill its young audiences.

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**Hornsby Library**

**Tuesday 18 December, 11.30am**

**Berowra**

**Community Centre**

**Friday 21 December, 10.30am**

**Pennant Hills**

**Community Centre**

**Thursday 20 December, 10.30am**

Ages: 2-7 year olds. Parents and children under 2 years accompanying a paying sibling do not require payment. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$8.00 per child

## FEATURE CREATURES - REPTILE SHOWS

Be fascinated by this interactive and educational wildlife event where you will be able to get close to frogs, snakes and crocodiles.

**Hornsby Library**

**Tuesday 15 January, 10.30am-11.30am**

**Pennant Hills**

**Learning & Leisure Centre**

**Wednesday 16 January, 10.30am-11.30am**

**Berowra**

**Community Centre**

**Thursday 17 January, 10.30am-11.30am**

Ages: 5-12 year olds

Cost: \$10.00 per child

