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November 2018

Principal's Report

Kindy Kick Start

The new kindergarten students for 2019 have been having so much fun at their Kindy Kick Start sessions. Each week they engage in play based learning activities while developing and strengthening new and existing friendships. They have enjoyed showing Ms Samuel how clever they are at counting, identifying numbers and letters and writing their own name! Each week they have been visiting other classrooms in the school to meet the teachers and their older peers. During these visits, students listen to a story and then work with the older students to complete a craft activity. So far students have made an octopus, a hungry caterpillar, a sheep and a shark! It has been heart-warming to watch the older students interact with our new kindergarten students, showing kindness and compassion towards them. I look forward to our final two Kindy Kick Start sessions and to working with such a great group of students in 2019!

Ms Samuel

Normanhurst Boys High School Circus performance

Wow, what a show! The Normanhurst Boys High School Circus came to town on Thursday 15th November to perform for us. The boys or should I say the clowns, performed hilarious skits and amazed us with their juggling skills. The students had a fabulous time watching the circus perform, they laughed a lot and were disappointed when the show had come to an end! We thoroughly look forward to the boys visiting our school again next year!



After the circus performance, the students in Ms Samuel's and Mrs Tudor's class were privileged to view and listen to picture books being read by students from Normanhurst Boys High School. The boys had written and illustrated the picture books themselves for their English class and were of a very high standard.

Thank you for taking the time to visit our school and bring joy to our students.

Save the Date

On Wednesday evening 19th December the P&C will be hosting a Pizza night at the school. This will be a community event that will consist of pizza, karaoke, jumping castle and other entertainment for the kids. Could you please add this date to your calendars, more information will follow in the coming weeks.

World Teachers Day Luncheon

Thank you to Belinda Robson and Mel Wood for co-coordinating such a beautiful luncheon for the teachers at Mount Kuring-gai Public School on Wednesday 7th November. We were treated to a feast of delicious food as well as special keepsakes with messages from students. Thank you to Lara Ryan who was assisted by Heidi Guthrie for the amazing platters and to Claire Stevens for the exquisite carrot cake. It was a reminder to all of us that we have a great community at MKPS and also a reminder that children are at the heart of everything we do.



MKPS teachers xx

Scholastic Book Fair

Come to our Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair!

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school with a Buy One Get One Free Book Fair! This special event offers a great opportunity for you to add twice as many books to your child's home and classroom libraries. It's also a great opportunity for Christmas shopping!

For every book purchased you receive a second book of equal or lesser value FREE to give as a gift to a friend, family member, teacher, donate back to the library or keep yourself.

We hope to see you there!

Where: Mt Kuring-gai Public School Hall

When: Thursday 22nd November at 3:30pm-4:00pm and
Friday 23rd November at 9:00am-9:30am.



Leadership Speeches

Well done to the Year 5 students who nominated themselves for leadership positions for 2019. On Wednesday 14th November these students delivered some wonderful speeches outlining their vision for our wonderful school. Good luck to all the nominees. The announcement of our 2019 leaders will take place at the Celebration of Learning assembly on Tuesday 11th December.

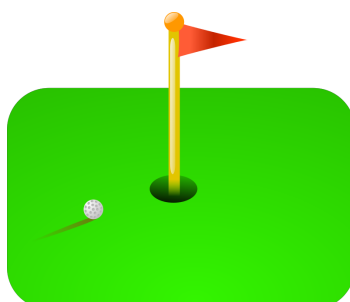
Mr Byrne

Friday Sport in Schools – Golf

During the first five weeks of Term 4, students in years 3-6 who did not take part in the PSSA league tag competition, were given the opportunity to participate in a golf program led by two wonderful golf professionals Rod and Pete. These sessions were able to be provided through Sporting Schools Funding and were held at Mt Kuring-Gai Oval each Friday morning.

It was wonderful to see many of our students have their first experience of golf and to see them develop their skills across the five weeks of tuition. Both Miss Wargren, myself and the instructors were very impressed with some of our student's abilities. At the end of the program students received information regarding junior cadet programs at Asquith Golf Club, as well as some information about school holiday clinics. If any other students are interested in taking part in either of these programs, please come and see me and I would be happy to provide further information.

Mrs Todd



"Star of the Month" assembly

"Star of the Month" assembly will take place Friday 29th November in the school hall at 2:45pm. We look forward to The Dingoes (3/4) running the assembly.

Mariners Primary School Cup

Good luck today to the students who have been selected in the Mt Kuring-gai school football team to participate in the first ever Mariners Primary School Cup. The team will be playing in a gala day at the Central Coast Mariners Centre of Excellence, Tuggerah. Enjoy the experience.

2019 Classes

Whilst very much focused on the academic work and a range of co-curricular programs that are set down for the remainder of 2018, our staff are also planning carefully for the 2019 school year. One of the key areas that we begin to consider at this time of year are the class structures and combinations of students to facilitate learning.

Due to our current numbers we anticipate that we will be moving to 8 classes next year and expect to have a demountable classroom placed in the school in the coming weeks. Due to the increase in numbers we will have some different class structures in 2019 that will include some cross stage classes. As the learning need of students in all classes are varied all of our wonderful staff are very experienced in catering their teaching to suit the needs of all students within their classes, as will be the case with the cross stage classes. One of the wonderful things I have noticed about MKPS is the high quality of staff that all bring a range of strengths to their roles. Across the years, each teacher will continue to add to the learning experience of your child.

Activity in the school over the weekend

Over the weekend it appears our school was used for a unauthorised party, resulting in broken bottles left on the school grounds. Thankfully there was no property damage. If you see or hear anything happening around the school after school hours that looks suspicious, please don't hesitate to call the police. The close-knit Mt Kuring-gai community would really appreciate any help to stop this unruly behavior.

Playground equipment in the afternoon

Due to the increase of after school injuries on the play equipment, **the play equipment is not to be used in the afternoon by students who are not at OOSH.** Once the bell has gone in the afternoon, parents need to collect their children. Children should not be on the play equipment in the afternoon. We are trying to resolve this problem so everyone can enjoy the school grounds in the afternoon. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Natalie MacDonald
Principal

Introducing Mrs MacDonald

To all of the wonderful Mount Kuring-gai Public School parents and families I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself officially. I had the privilege of relieving for Mr Pinchbeck for the first 3 weeks of term whilst he was on leave and am very grateful for the opportunity to come back as acting Principal for the remainder of 2018

I have taught at Wadalba Community School for the past 16 years a K-12 school of 1600 students on the Central Coast. I stepped out of my comfort zone at Wadalba in Term 2 this year to take on the Relieving Principal position at Jilliby Public School. This position finished at the end of Term 3 and I was lucky to be successful in applying for the Relieving position at MKPS. I live in Jilliby and have spent most of my life growing up in Jilliby, first with my mum, dad and sister and for the past 10 years with my husband Troy and my two beautiful children Isabella and Lachlan.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know some of the students and parents here at MKPS and look forward to meeting more of you throughout the term. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to work in a school with such a dedicated team of staff, wonderful students and a great parent community who are actively involved in the learning journey of their children. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you over the next 5 weeks.

If you see me in the playground or around the school, please come and introduce yourself, or if there is anything you would like to discuss please feel free to phone the school or arrange a time to meet.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful end to the school term at MKPS.

Mrs Natalie MacDonald



Farewell Mr Pinchbeck

Last Friday we said goodbye to our wonderful principal, Mr Pinchbeck. Mr Pinchbeck had been part of our school community for the last 2 years and his contribution to this school has been invaluable. He will be missed by all, especially the children. It was a great celebration. We wish him the best of luck in his new role and his new school is very fortunate to have him.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

Wednesday 28th November

Combined Scripture Assembly

Parent / Helper Morning Tea

Thursday 29th November

Kindy Kick Start Session 6

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.

Please return token money to office ASAP



I ♥ Book Club

Last Book Club for 2019 closes on 30 November, Please submit your orders by this date to ensure delivery before the end of term.

Don't forget this Book Club is a great way to order stocking fillers and presents for other children.

If you are purchasing as a gift please click the button to say it is a gift and your order will be redirected to the office for collection.

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



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



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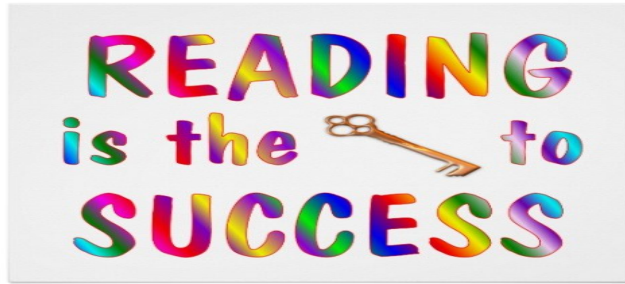
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K-2 HOME READING TIPS



- 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. Go back and read again.	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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Monday 9:30am & 7:00pm

Wednesday 9:30am & 7:00pm

Friday 9:30am

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Our hosts and camera crew would love to visit you – and find out exactly how well behaved (or not!) your pet is! So, don't delay – get in touch!

DATES: The first 3 weeks of the summer school holidays - 7th – 25th January 2019.

LOCATIONS: Your animals' natural habitat – in your backyard, home or property!

NOTES: We're looking for a wide variety of animals – No pet is too great or too small!

HOW TO APPLY:

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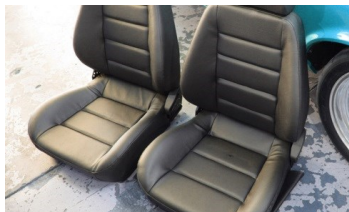
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HORNSBY SUPPORT GROUP - EVENING

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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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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Live Music



 **Warrina Street Oval, Berowra** Pre-Show: 5.30pm
Thursday 20th December Carols: 7.30pm

All Welcome



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

SANTA CLAUS SUPERSTAR CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

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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

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