

# Mount Kuring-gai Public School News

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TERM FOUR - WEEK 5

NOVEMBER 2019

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Time is flying by so quickly. It's hard to believe we only have 5 weeks left of the year. Teachers are busying finalising assessments and putting together end-of-year reports and I thank them for the effort they put into this process and for the time they sacrifice from their personal lives. The reports won't go home until the end of the year, but it takes some time to get through the process.

## Remembrance Day

Monday the 11th saw our school's commemoration of Remembrance Day and we were so lucky to have had two special guests attend our assembly. Mr Greg Rogers, the uncle of one of our students, and Mr Sandy MacGregor, the grandfather of another student, joined us and we were so touched by the emotional presentation from Mr Rogers. I especially thank them for choosing to be with us, when this day must hold such significance to them both.

## Student Leaders' Forum

I was also lucky to accompany our school leaders to visit the Sydney Parliament House for a Student Leaders' Day as guests of Matt Kean, MP. Many other students from schools in Mr Kean's area were present and got to witness a session addressing the use of single-use plastics. We also heard from Gladys Berejiklian, NSW Premier, and a number of sporting stars, all speaking about what they attributed as the key to success. The common thread in all messages was resilience, taking on feedback to make progress and having the support of family. I was proud of the excellent behaviour displayed by our students and enjoyed sharing this day with them.



## World Teachers' Day Awards

Someone else I was able to share something special with recently was Mrs Nicole Tudor, who I had nominated for a World Teachers' Day award within our greater region. Last month, Mrs Tudor and I attended the award ceremony and I very proudly listened to her present a candid speech on the highs and lows of the teaching profession to the crowded room. Mrs Tudor was the only one asked to present and she represented her colleagues admirably. She received many words of thanks from them afterwards. Mrs Tudor is such an asset to MKPS, I don't think she realises how important she is to us all and the contributions she makes which will have a life-long impact to the lives of so many. Thank you, Mrs Tudor!



# MKPS Weekly Calendar

## WEEK 6

- Nov 18** Art Club with Mrs Slade
- Nov 19** Junior Choir with Ms Samuel/Mrs Tudor  
Senior Choir with Mrs Slade
- Nov 20** **P&C AGM - 7pm in the School Hall**  
AUSLAN group with interested Year 5 and 6  
Junior Dance Group with Mrs Connolly
- Nov 21** Debating at Afternoon Tea
- Nov 22** Senior Dance Group with Miss Brown 9am  
Garden Club with Miss Hindmarsh

## WEEK 7

- Nov 25** Art Club with Mrs Slade
- Nov 26** Junior Choir with Ms Samuel/Mrs Tudor  
Senior Choir with Mrs Slade
- Nov 27** AUSLAN group with interested Year 5 and 6  
Junior Dance Group with Mrs Connolly
- Nov 28** **Ice Cream & Frozen Popper Day**  
**Kindy Kickstart Presentation Assembly**  
Debating at Afternoon Tea
- Nov 29** **Star of the Month Assembly - 2.45pm**  
Senior Dance Group with Miss Brown 9am  
Garden Club with Miss Hindmarsh

## WEEK 8

- Dec 2** Art Club with Mrs Slade
- Dec 3** Junior Choir with Ms Samuel/Mrs Tudor  
Senior Choir with Mrs Slade
- Dec 4** **Parent Helper Morning Tea**  
AUSLAN group with interested Year 5 and 6  
Junior Dance Group with Mrs Connolly
- Dec 5** Debating at Afternoon Tea
- Dec 6** Senior Dance Group with Miss Brown 9am  
Garden Club with Miss Hindmarsh

## WEEK 9

- Dec 9** Art Club with Mrs Slade
- Dec 10** **Celebration of Learning**  
**K-2 9:30am and 3-6 10:30am**  
Junior Choir with Ms Samuel/Mrs Tudor  
Senior Choir with Mrs Slade
- Dec 11** AUSLAN group with interested Year 5 and 6  
Junior Dance Group with Mrs Connolly
- Dec 12** Debating at Afternoon Tea
- Dec 13** Senior Dance Group with Miss Brown 9am  
Garden Club with Miss Hindmarsh

## World Teachers' Day Luncheon

The teachers were delighted to enjoy a luncheon provided by our wonderful P&C during World Teachers' Week. We were very spoilt with a delicious spread of sweet and savory treats and even got our own cupcake with an edible name star! It gives us a real boost to be recognised in this way, so thank you to the P&C and especially to Mel, Belinda, Pete, Kara, Claire, Lara and Heidi for preparing and serving us! And a huge thank you to all the wonderful kids that made the video for us!



## Grandparents' Day

What a beautiful day we had for Grandparents' Day this year. We had such a great turn out and were touched to see such warmth in the interactions between Grandparents and their grandchildren. We started with a short assembly showcasing our talents through slideshow and live performances– thank you Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Combined Bands! Thanks also to the canteen who did an amazing job in supplying a delicious morning tea and to the teachers who organised a number of great activities, including Marbles, Bingo, Skittles, Hoopla, Putt Putt, Flower arranging, Craft, Mural, Reading corner, STEM activities, Giant Chess and more. These are the days that help build our community spirit and we thank all the special people who joined us on the day!



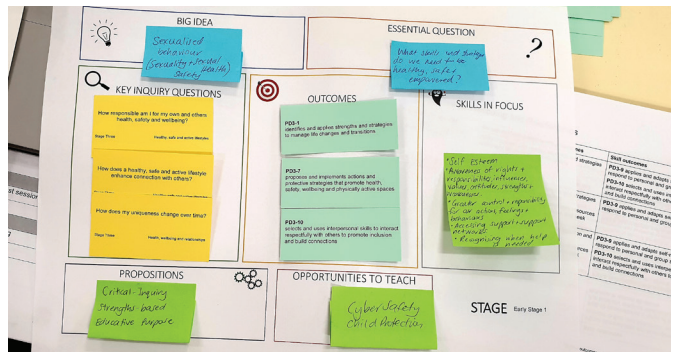
## Stage 3 Camp

I'm sure you have seen many posts already on our Stage 3 camp via FaceBook and SeeSaw, but I wanted to share my pleasure in sharing some of this time with the Stage 3 students and teachers. I was sick for some of it so we were lucky that Miss Brown could step in as the Primary AP in my place – thank you, Miss Brown! Again, I was impressed with the behaviour shown from our students throughout the camp and felt my chest puff up when the camp leaders reported to me that our school was one of the best behaved groups they'd had all year, which was especially impressive at this time of the year. Thank you, students! And thank you to Miss Hindmarsh and Mrs Slade for giving up your personal time to be on duty 24 hours a day for 3 days to allow the opportunity for our students to attend such a memorable event.



## Teacher Training

Teachers are also learners and this term our school hosted two extended training sessions in our hall, looking at the new PDHPE syllabus, which will come into effect next year. I'd like to thank Mrs Todd for leading not only our school, but initiating this training for a number of schools in our area! We had around 50 teachers complete 6 hours of training, showing a commitment to the education of our public education students and in collaborating with their colleagues. Thanks also to Tamara and Belinda in the canteen who put on some wonderful catering for this training event!



## 2020

It is that time of year when we start to put things into place for next year. It's really important that we get the most accurate information we can get to minimise changes and make the smoothest transition into a new year of learning.

We will be sending home notes this week requesting you update any information on contact details, emergency contacts, permissions etc. and to gather information on who will be returning to MKPS. It is important to let us know in writing if you will be moving on and not returning to our school, but if you know you will be returning but will be on extended holidays at the beginning of the year, it is particularly important that we have this in writing otherwise we will be unable to count you in our enrolment numbers until you are present at school in the 2020 year. This could affect our class structures and staffing entitlements.

Please also check your details regarding your training and work details. This information remains confidential, but we need them to be accurate as this is one of the biggest factors that affects our funding. If you are not working or not working in your trained field, it is important to report this so that we can access the most appropriate funding for our students. Please contact me if you would like further explanation of this.

I have used a picture of me with the large jar of jellybeans I won in the guessing competition during the Year 6 Mini Fete – lucky me! But I might need a few helpers to empty the jar... Maybe on party day, since jellybeans are a 'sometimes' food! Perhaps it is a good time then to remind everyone of the importance of giving your child the best chance at learning when they arrive to school. Good sleep, healthy diets, drinking lots water and reducing screen time in favour of fresh air and physical activities all help set up your child for success. I have provided a few links to support you in finding some healthy options for school lunch boxes. Also having a chat with your child each day and guiding them to see the positives around them and to have a resilient approach to life will benefit them for many years to come. Most of the time, most of us are on the right track, which is obvious at MKPS as our kids are so amazing and make our school such a great place to be. So give yourselves a pat on the back! But also remember that parenting can be tough and everyone can get overwhelmed sometimes. It's important to reach out and ask for help in these times, and remember that as a community, we all need to support each other in this important job!

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*All the best,*

*Mrs Greta Hughes*

## ETHICS classes

As many of you know, Fiona Lisle has been volunteering as our Ethics teacher at MKPS. As her son moves into high school, she has decided to finish teaching Ethics with us. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to our school in this role and wish her and the Lisle family all the best. This means we are looking for new volunteers willing to run Ethics classes from Kindergarten through to Year 6. Our Scripture and Ethics classes will run on Wednesdays from 12:45-1:15 next year. We currently have one volunteer so far who will run Stage 2 Ethics (Years 3&4) – thank you, Sharon Addison – so we are now looking for someone to teach K-2 and Stage 3 (Years 5&6).

Volunteers who are willing to commit to teaching Ethics every Wednesday 12:45-1:15pm each week will need to undertake the training, which we can set you up with. There's plenty of information on the Primary Ethics website - <https://primaryethics.com.au/> and the steps to becoming an Ethics teacher are here <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>. There is a 2 day training program, and all materials to teach are provided online.

If you are interested in being an Ethics teacher, please contact Nicole Tudor ([nicole.m.tudor@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nicole.m.tudor@det.nsw.edu.au)) or Fiona Lisle.

## Celebration of Learning

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our Celebration of Learning on Tuesday 10th December. It will be a celebration of all student achievements and each child will receive a certificate highlighting their success in 2019. Our K-2 Celebration of Learning will run from 9:30-10:30 with 3-6 from 10:30-11:30. We hope you can join us.

## Presentation Evening

Our presentation evening will be held on Tuesday 17th December from 6pm-7:30pm. If your child is receiving one of our major awards on the night, you will receive an invitation within a few weeks' time.

## Area Athletics

Congratulations to Cooper Jurotte who competed in the Jnr Boys 200m at Area Athletics earlier in the month. Cooper put in a great performance in the heats to qualify for the final. Cooper had been doing some training in preparation for the carnival and it's wonderful to see his commitment and dedication pay off with a result to be proud of. Well done, Cooper!



## Zone of Origin

During Week 1 of this term, four of our students in Stage 3 were given the opportunity to participate in the Zone of Origin. The Zone of Origin is a sports gala day where five zones from the Central Coast and Sydney come together and compete in soccer and touch football matches in a safe and friendly environment. The day is designed to be fun and provides students with an opportunity to meet and interact with people from other zones. Congratulations to Cooper D., Kevin L., Maisie W. and Pippa O. who represented the Hornsby Zone with enthusiasm, determination and most importantly wonderful sportsmanship.



# Chess Tournament

On Monday 4th November, ten students from our school represented MKPS at a One-Day Chess Teams Tournament run by the NSW Junior Chess League at Wahroonga Public School. Our keen chess players who attended were Dulcie T, Florence T, Michael P, Rishi C, James V-L, Luke V-L, Michael G, Anthony D, Ethan Y and Sam M. All students had a great day and played a total of seven rounds of Chess. All of our students won at least one or more rounds. A very big thank you to our wonderful parents who provided transport and helped supervise on the day : Natalie Gallagher, Carolyn Casali, Letitia Watson-Ley and Kishore Chintoju.



## Rewards Day Fun!

On Wednesday, we celebrated the fantastic behaviour of our students at Mount Kuring-gai Public School by having **an hour of fun!** It is wonderful to be part of a school community who values respect, responsibility, resilience and personal best. Our activities included:

- Disco in the hall with 'DJ Nichols' and 'Breakdancer Brown'
- Art in 2E with 'Etching Els'
- Popcorn stand with 'Vendor Wargren'

- Cooking in OOSH with 'Masterchef McCloghry'
- Games outside with 'Healthy Hindmarsh'
- Sensory room in 5/6S with 'Sensory Slade'
- Digital Technologies in the library with 'Clever King'

Thank you to Miss Nichols and **EVENT Cinemas Hornsby** for donating the popcorn!



# MKPS Band News

On Wednesday 6th November, our Performance Band performed at the Berowra Music Festival which was held at Hornsby RSL. The band sounded amazing, playing "Tomorrow" and "Invaders".

They also joined in with over 200 students from 7 schools to play several combined pieces. It was a fantastic experience for them.

Special congratulations to Lexi Kettle who performed a flawless solo on her clarinet.



## Try An Instrument Day

We were thrilled to see over 30 students take the opportunity try out some band instruments and ask our current band members questions about being in band.

We are currently recruiting for our 2020 Training Band! We are looking for students in year 3 in 2020 and older. Notes were handed out on the day containing information regarding band, and also Expression of Interest forms. If you missed out, there are spares in the office.

We would love to get a big crop of musicians in to join the fun. If you have any questions, please have a chat to our Band Committee members - Letitia, Emma, Lisa and Belinda.



# Kindy Kick Start

Our Kindy Kick Start sessions are well under way with 31 excited preschoolers attending each week. We have met lots of the teachers around the school as they have been coming to help us with different craft activities. It has been lots of fun meeting our buddies in Years 4 & 5, who are very good at taking care of us and making sure we can find our way around the school. Last week, we visited Mrs Williams in the canteen to buy an ice-block. We all had fabulous manners and were very excited to eat our treat. This week, OOSH hosted us and we played lots of fun games together. It has been so wonderful to see the happy faces of our Kindergarten 2020 cohort each week. They are very much looking forward to beginning 'Big School'.

**Amelia Wargren**  
Kindy Kick Start Coordinator



## Stage Three News

Stage Three have been busy in their final term on 2019, with camps, fundraisers and transition days. We hope you enjoyed seeing our camp posts on the school's Facebook page – we thoroughly enjoyed our time at Point Wolstoncroft. Students (and teachers!) engaged in many activities including Rock Climbing, Orienteering, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Kayaking, High Ropes and making their way through a "Wombat Hole". They also enjoyed a "County Fair" and Disco with the other schools who were there also. A fun time had by all, including the teachers!

### High Ropes by Analise H. 5/6HM

#### First Steps To Glory:

*The click of the connectors rings in my ears as I take the first step to glory. Sweat drips down my forehead as my foot touches the wire below. The wire is wobbling and my feet are becoming unsteady but the cheer of my friends help me regain my balance.*

*I move onto the next obstacle it's not as hard, as long or as frightening. Then my hand touches the thick long rope that is connected to the wire above. I've finally reached the third platform but the ladder is next. My feet become unsteady yet again but the wind pushes me up. There's a line... an extremely long line, a line to the next obstacle "Ugh," I think to myself.*

*When I reach the obstacle I complete it in an instant but little did I know that the next one was going to be a horror. The swinging from the obstacle made me dizzy but I was determined to complete it.*

*Next were the wires but this time with a twist, there was a wobbly log connected to it, fortunately I made it.*

*Finally I was on the final obstacle, well it was probably the easiest one now I was sweating like I just came out of a desert. The first steps were daunting I didn't know if it was hard or easy but I made it across the first 3 logs then were the tires. When I was on the tires they deflated but when I got off they were back to normal, now all that's left is the last log. I took my final step onto the last log. "FINALLY!" I screamed in my head I'd completed my first steps to **glory**.*





# 5/6S News

5/6S have been learning about "Harsh Environments" and here are some examples of their Antarctica Models and Bushfire Safety Plans.



**Year 6** would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support of our fundraisers which will go towards our gift to the school. Please remember our current fundraiser for Candles – such a great Christmas gift!

**Primary Students** in 3-6 have also had fun with some AFL sessions this term for those who stay back for school sport.



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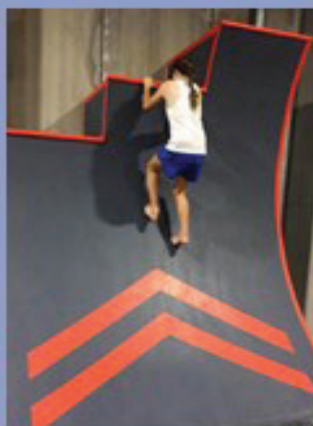
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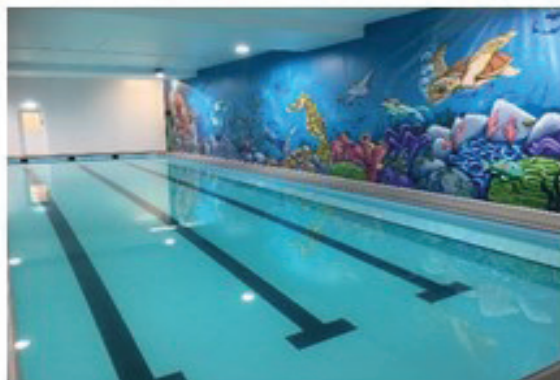
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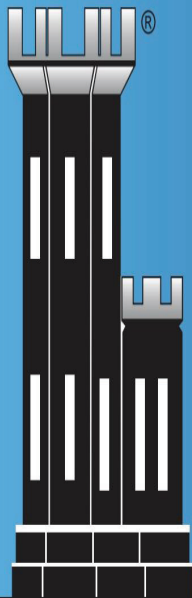
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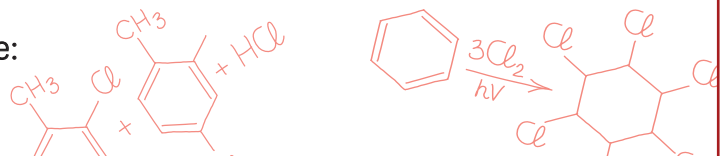
- Class topics include robotics, learning about dinosaurs, flight, astronomy, volcanic eruptions, DNA, maths, how to analyse blood for diseases & why animal poop is so fascinating! And many, many more.
- Our classes are designed to teach concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft & other hands-on activities.
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Drop off	8.30am - 9.30am
Activities	9.30am - 4.30pm
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