Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a way to finish off the term!

**CHOIR PERFORMANCE**

On Tuesday Night, I had the pleasure of accompanying Mrs Osborne and families from our school community into the Sydney Town Hall to watch our Junior Choir perform. And what a magnificent performance it was! The singing was absolutely beautiful, and I left the hall still humming some of the songs. The ride on the bus home was certainly an adventure (we travelled via Edgecliff to get back home) but the students on the bus were excellently behaved and we enjoyed laughing and sharing jokes all the way home! A HUGE thank you once again to Mrs Leo and Mrs Foord for training the choir and organising such a memorable event.

**FOOTY FUN DAY**

Yesterday the school community celebrated with the annual Footy Fun Day. Thanks to the fantastic organisation from Mrs Gavan, Mrs Devine and the Footy Fun Day committee this year’s event was the best yet! The highlights of the day were the Parramatta Eels jumping castle and our special guest visitor – Mario Fenech. After watching the children run through some football tackling bag practice (and providing a couple of demonstrations himself), Mario spoke to the students about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. He also answered a variety of interesting questions and posed for a whole bunch of photos! Mario was so impressed with our great school, he offered to come back again sometime soon! A huge thank you to Mario for being such a great ambassador for the game, and a massive thank you also to the NRL and AFL development officers who ran the students through a variety of activities. What a Great Day!!

**END OF TERM 3 - START OF TERM 4**

What a term this has been! I must say, these holidays seem to be coming at just the right time. I hope that the next two weeks is a restful and relaxing time for EVERYONE in our school community, and an opportunity to spend some quality time with the ones we love – to appreciate the important things in life!

Term four will commence on Monday, 10th October.

Have a great break everyone!!

Mark Greentree
Principal
School Information

Adult English Classes @ MPE

Starting in Week 2 next Term, we will be offering adult English classes for parents in our community. Mrs van der Graaf will be running the classes on Friday mornings in D Block. These lessons will assist parents with basic English skills, enabling them to communicate better at school, within the local community and even when assisting their child/children with school work. If you know anyone who would benefit from these classes, please contact the school.

Dancers Go Pro!

WOW! I am simply blown away by both the talent and support we have here at MPE. Last Thursday the senior and junior dance troupes made their public debut at Bonnnyrigg Plaza, and what a reception we received! Thank you, Thank you. Thank you to all the parents, friends and community members that came to support us on this big day. Both troupes dazzled the audience in their spunky new costumes and amazed us all with their stage presence and attitude. Well done to all dancers - we are very proud of you!

Miss Zinghini

Kindergarten Excursion to the Farm

The Kindergarten students will be visiting Calmsley Hill Farm in Term 4. It is an exciting opportunity to see a real live working farm and it gives the students a chance to be a little independent as they travel outside of school without mums and dads. Parents, please note that we will not be inviting you on this excursion as we are able to cover the student-adult ratio ourselves. If you have any questions or concerns about your child attending the excursion, please see your child’s class teacher. Alternatively, you can also speak to me.

Jodi Devine

Premier’s Spelling Bee 2011

Last Monday at Bonnnyrigg Heights Public School four of our students competed against 18 other schools in the Regional Finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. In the Junior Session we were represented by Matthew Boland-Feist and Aleisha Kamsoo. The Seniors were represented by Geena Nguyen and Helen Nguy. All of our students did very well. The tension was high as words were asked to be repeated and thoughtful pauses caused us to hold our breath. Geena made it to the fifth round in the Seniors and Aleisha kept us on the edge of our seats until she finally defeated the Junior Opposition in Round 7 with only 3 of the 36 contestants left in the competition. Aleisha will go on to represent the South West Sydney Region in the State Final which will be held at the Eugene Goosens Hall at the ABC Centre at Ultimo on Wednesday 16 November. Congratulations to all of our brilliant spellers!

Mrs van der Graaf.

Primary Proms Concert

MPE is so proud of our Junior Choir! The Primary Proms Concert held last Tuesday evening in the Sydney Town Hall was wonderful! Many thanks to the students for singing so well, and to the many parents, friends and staff members who attended the concert to support our MPE students.

Mrs Foord & Mrs Leo

PSSA AWARDS Congratulations

Boys Touch
Brandon P and Matthew B

Girls Softball
Mitra and Aleisha

CONGRATULATIONS
ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Academic Awards

KI – Cody and Loretta
1L – Khalia and Tua’ato
1/2G – Mouna and Ella
2/3H – John and Lucy
3/4P – Mikayla and Ben
3/4M – Angela D, Marwa, Mikaele and Matthew
4/5Z – George S, Brendan, Maysen, Bill and Trang
5I – Brendan and Jesse
6G – Junior and Nicholas

Sport Awards

KI – Sarah S and George
KB - Emiley
1L - Trish and Nikita
1/2G - Isabella, Adam, Fuamaila and Kelvin
3/4P - Arriza
5I - Brandon
6G - William and Tori

We are very proud of you! Congratulations to 1/2G! You did a wonderful job hosting the assembly!

Assembly

Term 4
Week 2 – Hosted by KB
Week 4 – Hosted by KI
Week 6 – Hosted by 1L

Congratulations to our Aussie of the Month!

Steven - KB
Good Job!
What a busy term year six has had. The students have been studying hard and improving in all Key Learning Areas.

Year Six, along with year five students were very excited to attend the overnight excursion to Canberra where they visited many exciting places. The students especially enjoyed furthering their knowledge of democracy at Parliament House and Xiao Long particularly enjoyed being able to express his ideas on how to make Australia a better place to all at Parliament House.

We have been learning all about how weathering and erosion have shaped our land over millions of years in our science topic ‘An Ancient Land’. The students have done an excellent job of researching and presenting information on some significant Australian landforms including Uluru, The Devil’s Marbles, The Great Barrier Reef and my favourite, Wave Rock.

Miss Zinghini has been teaching 4/5Z, 5I and 6G a dance to ‘Party Rock’ during fitness time. The students are enjoying this very much and are working on their own group performances. There are some excellent movers in year six! Stay tuned for the exciting way the three classes will present their performance next term.

We are coming to the last term of year six which promises to be very busy. Students are working hard to be ready for year seven. Next term will see many high schools holding their orientation days. Please look out for information on this.

Preparations are continuing for the year six farewell. Students have been asked to reflect on their memories of primary school as they prepare enter the next stage in their lives. Information about and invitations for the year six farewell will be coming home early next term. Please take the time to read the information and reply to the invitation as early as possible so we can ensure students can have the best farewell that they can possibly have. Students have also been asked to bring a baby / toddler photo of themselves for a special presentation at the farewell. Thank you to those students who have already done this. I have loved seeing our big year six kids as babies!

Enjoy your holidays!

Mrs Eastwood and Mrs Gittany
Kindergarten 2012 Transition Program

We are starting our Kindergarten 2012 Transition Program next term. If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year, please consider putting his/her name down for the Transition Program. You can do this by ringing our office on 96026453. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Jodi Devine

KEEP ON COLLECTING

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM 2011

Collect more vouchers and get more gear. Thank you for all the vouchers collected so far. The box in the office is very full but we still have time to collect even more. Remember to bring the vouchers into the office. The more we collect the more sports equipment we can buy.

We have till the 18th October, 2011.

Join us in 2012

Enrol in Kindergarten

Kindergarten Orientation Day
Wednesday 16th November 2011 - 9:30am - 11:30am
Enrolment Forms available from the School Office

Dedicated Staff - Supportive Community - Excellent Education