Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**OPERA HOUSE PERFORMANCE**
On Tuesday night I had the pleasure and privilege of escorting a number of families to watch their children perform at the Sydney Opera House as part of The Festival of Choral Music. What a performance!! Not only was the performance a wonderful showcase of our students’ singing talents, it is was also a wonderful opportunity for our students to do something that not everyone gets to do – sing on the stage of the Opera House!! As a member of the audience I was impressed, as a Principal I was proud and as an educator I was humbled by the occasion. Congratulations to all the students who trained so hard as a part of the choir, and congratulations to both Mrs Leo and Mrs Foord who have worked so hard to prepare the choir for this special occasion. Job well done!!

A MASSIVE THANK YOU also needs to be extended to Ashcroft High School, who so generously loaned us their BIGGER school bus to transport students and parents to and from the Opera House. It’s great to know that our local High School is always willing to support our students and their families! THANK YOU!

**SPECIAL REMINDER - STUDENT ENROLMENTS FOR 2012**
A yellow coloured note was sent home to families two weeks ago, to assist us with enrolment planning for next year. A huge thank you to the families that have completed and returned the note thus far. There is still a large number of notes yet to be returned. It only takes a minute to complete it, and this information will enable us to plan effectively for next year, in regards to class sizes and classroom organization etc. If you have not yet returned the note, please do so as soon as possible. Furthermore, if you know of any families that are new to the area or have children that are due to start school next year, please let us know so that we can contact them and commence the enrolment process.

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Principal

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**2011 DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **26/8/2011** Fathers’ Day Stall
- **30/8/2011** School Council Meeting
- **31/8/2011** P&C Meeting 2pm
- **5/9/2011** Healthy Harold comes to MPE
- **8/9/2011** Canberra Excursion / Camp
- **22/9/2011** Footy Fun Day

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**PSSA Highlights**

Results for Round 9
PSSA was cancelled due to wet weather

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**This Week – Round 10**

**Boys Soccer**
MPE vs Busby West PS @ Joe Broad Oval

**Girls Oztag**
MPE vs Austral PS @ Whitlam Oval

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A picture says a thousand words......

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Opera House Concert**

Last Tuesday evening students from MPE participated in an **AMAZING CONCERT** in the Sydney Opera House! It was a night that they will never forget!

Many thanks to the students for their singing, and to the parents and members of staff who supported our MPE students by attending the concert.

Mrs Foord & Mrs Leo

**Rehearsals for Primary Proms**

Next Tuesday 30th August, 2011 members of the Primary Proms Choir need to be at school at **7.30am** (yes, this is **7.30 in the morning**) in order to travel to Sydney for their Preliminary Rehearsal. Students need to wear full school uniform, and to take with them their yellow Choir books, a pencil, recess and lunch as well as plenty of drink. **Please be on time.**

We will not be able to wait for children who run late.

Mrs Foord & Mrs Leo

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**Public Speaking @ MPE!**

This term, MPE are competing in the Liverpool District Public Speaking competition. We have all been hard at work writing speeches and practicing our impromptu talking and presentation skills. What a tough decision we have had to make!

The teachers have now selected a few students to represent their class at the MPE GRADE challenge to be held **next week**.

There will be 2 winners from each grade who will go on to the MPE School Public Speaking Competition to be held in Week 9. We would LOVE for parents to support us in this endeavour. The times for the grade competitions are as follows;

- **Year 1** – Wednesday 2pm in the Community Hall
- **Year 2** - Wednesday 2pm in the Community Hall
- **Year 3** - Monday 12:15 in the Hall
- **Year 4** - Monday 12:15 in the Hall
- **Year 5** - Wednesday 2pm in the Hall
- **Year 6** - Year 6 - Wednesday 10:30 WEEK 8 in the Hall

Miss Zinghini

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**Assembly**

**Term 3**

**Week 8** – Hosted by MPE Prefects

**Week 10** – Hosted by 1/2G

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**Congratulations Assembly Award Winners**

**Academic Awards**

- KI – Tiara and Henry
- KB – Jana and Jonathan
- 1L – Rayan and Arshiya
- 1/2G – Simeon and Youssef
- 2/3H – Anna and Darren
- 3/4P – Hayley and Tracey
- 3/4M – Dylan, Landon, Jimmy and Sumayyah
- 4/5Z – Brendan, Timothy and Anna
- 5I – Brendan and Georgia
- 6G – Junior and Ahmed

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**Sport Awards**

- KI – Jayden and Lisa
- KB – Eric and Ava
- 1L – Emma and Lili-Kay
- 1/2G – Demren and Evelyn
- 2/3H – Dimitar and Khaled

We are very proud of you!

Congratulations to 2/3H! You did a wonderful job hosting the assembly!
This term has been a busy one and 5I has been working hard. The class has had the pleasure of Mrs McPhail, who has come in to show us some great mathematical activities with Chance. Making predictions about whose name will be drawn out of the bag and using the right language to explain the answers. 5I have been enjoying lots of hands on maths with measuring their arms and legs, graphing their heights, creating a one metre square out of newspaper and drawing different shapes with the same area.

The class is studying An Ancient Land in Science and have been busy painting-

- Aboriginal style pictures as part of the history of Australia and to acknowledge their habitation for over 60 000 years.
- The unique landforms found across Australia that represent how the land has changed and evolved over thousands of years.
- Dinosaurs that represent an even earlier time of many millions of years ago and hold a lot of fascination with everyone.

In addition to painting we also have been learning about how the continents were once connected and the location of the many fossils which have helped form a story of what the world was like so long ago.

We are also studying Australian Democracy in HSIE and have been learning about what democracy is and how it has developed in this country. The class has had some interesting discussion about The White Australian Policy and Immigration. History is a hard concept to grasp but they love to hear about what the laws were like once for children and the racial opinions of the past. As part of this unit Year 5 and 6 are going on an overnight excursion to Canberra to learn more about Democracy, we will be visiting-

- Parliament House
- Australian War Memorial
- Museum of Australian Democracy
- Dinosaur Museum

National Archives of Australia
Questacon
Government House
National Capital Exhibition

I would like to thank the students, (and parents who support and encourage their children), who continue to make an effort to complete their Homework each week. It is very important that students read each night even if it is for 10 minutes to start with and then build up to a longer time over a few weeks. Both reading and learning the times tables are a basic skill that all children need to move forward and improve.

Thank you to the parents who have sent in hand soap and tissues. These are invaluable and always welcome.

Ms I’Anson

Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion

Students from MPE will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focussed on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate(PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.
On Sunday 4 September, the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs will send long-standing skipper Andrew Ryan out with a bang when he plays his final home game for the club against the Canberra Raiders at ANZ Stadium.

Ryan, who announced his retirement from Rugby League on August 1, will lead the side out for the final time at home in front of what is hoped will be a bumper crowd in the Round 26 fixture.

Thanks to the Department of Education and Communities, along with the NRL, Bulldogs and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to receive four free tickets to see the Bulldogs farewell the great ‘Bobcat’.

A special offer is available for students and families thanks to the Rugby Leagues One Community and the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. Free tickets are available to see the Bulldogs play the Raiders at ANZ stadium. (Father’s Day Gift perhaps????)


Click on the link Premier's Sporting Challenge Ticket Giveaway, register your details, print off the tickets and take them to the game. 

Doggies!!!

**P&C FATHERS’ DAY STALL**

The P&C will be holding a Fathers Day stall on August 26. Below are some products that children can purchase ranging from $5 to $10. Donations will also be greatly appreciated, as all money raised will help the P&C purchase items for the school.