

C O M M U N I T Y N E W S L E T T E R

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Term 4 Week 9

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WEEK 9 REMINDERS

- * Please return permission note and money for end of year picnic days
- * Thursday - Annual Presentation Day at 1:00pm
- * Friday - Extra Curricular Assembly at 9:30am

Farewell to staff

It is with much sadness that I need to let our community know that three of our staff members will not be returning to Matrville PS next year. Each of these staff members will be greatly missed by our community. We wish them all the very best for their future.

Mrs Kallie Smith, teacher of Year 2/3 Red this year, will be moving house with her family and will be unable to continue teaching here due to the distance from her home. Mrs Smith has been teaching at Matrville PS since 2011 and has been a great asset to the school. She is an exemplary teacher and has educated many students over the past seven years. Mrs Smith has also been the school choir teacher and in charge of the SRC, and has contributed to many other important events during her time here.

Ms Renate Dunham has worked in our office in 2017. She has been a positive and smiling face to greet our families and students each day. Ms Dunham looks after many of the children when they are sick or injured, and shows great care and kindness to our community. We 'borrowed' Ms Dunham from Daceyville Public School and it is now time for her to return there.

Mrs Justine Myers, teacher of Kindergarten Blue this year, will be taking leave for 2018 to spend time with her family and her children. She is a valuable member of the staff at Matrville PS, educating our youngest students and guiding our senior students in dance. We hope she has an enjoyable year off and look forward to Mrs Myers returning to Matrville PS in 2019.

Year 6 Legendary Fete

Last Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 students put on the annual mini fete. The fete certainly lived up to its name – it was most definitely 'Legendary'. The Stage 3 students had lots of fun organising and running their stalls, and the K-6 students enjoyed the day. There was a great range of activities for all students to participate in. A big thank you must go to Mrs Lew and Ms Urquhart for managing the event. Thank you also to Ms Spencer who has secured many donations and organised the raffle - please see the back of the newsletter for a list of businesses that donated to our school. The raffle will be drawn at our Presentation Day Assembly on Thursday.



TERM 4 CALENDAR – 2017

WEEK 9

Wednesday 6 December	Bangla Presentation Assembly 2:00pm
Thursday 7 December	Presentation Assembly 1:00pm
Friday 8 December	Extra Curricular Assembly 9:30am Choir performance Southpoint Shopping Centre 2:30pm
Saturday 9 December	Choir Performance - Christmas Carols Barwon Park 6pm

WEEK 10

Tuesday 12 December	Year 6 Farewell Lunch 11:45am Juniors at the Junction
Wednesday 13 December	K-2 End of Year Picnic - Sydney Park, Alexandria
Thursday 14 December	3-6 End of Year Picnic - Blaxland Riverside Park
Friday 15 December	Talent Quest Last day of Term 4



Helpers' Morning Tea

Last Thursday morning, our annual Helpers' Morning Tea was held. It was wonderful to have so many of the parents and community members who have helped us throughout 2017 join us to let us show our appreciation for their support. We value the time and support they give us throughout the year. Thank you to the staff for catering the event.

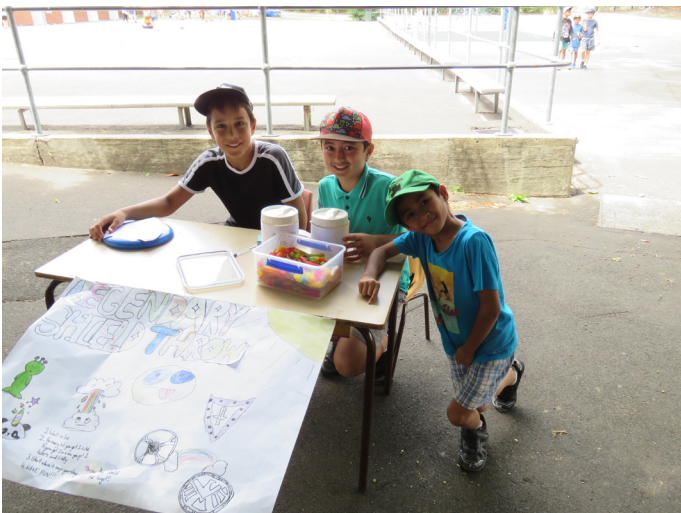
Annual Presentation Day & Extra Curricular Assembly

Our Annual Presentation Day will be held on Thursday 7 December from 1:00-3:00pm. At this special assembly, we will recognise the achievements of many of the students within our school. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

The Extra Curricular Assembly, where a range of certificates for extra curricular programs will be handed out, will be held on Friday 8 December at 9:30am. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Help Needed

A huge thank you to Mr Delaney and Mr Coleman for helping to mulch our gardens last week. We still have mulch to move! If you have any spare time throughout the week, including before or after school, and would be able to move a few wheelbarrows of mulch to the different gardens around the school, please see Ms Hoskins. There may also be some weeding to be done if you prefer that as a job. Any help is greatly appreciated.



P&C – Special Meeting

The P&C will be holding a special meeting this Wednesday 6 December at 9:15am in the Community Room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss: Treasurer's report and bank statements, 2018 budget and auditor selection for 2018. No other items will be discussed at this meeting.

All parents and carers are encouraged to attend the P&C meetings held each month. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other parents, hear about the school and have your say. If you have any questions please contact the P&C executive (email: matravillepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au).

The position of Treasurer has now been made vacant. If you are interested in taking on this position, please contact the P&C via email, see Ms Hoskins or attend the next P&C meeting.



Woolworths' 24 Good Acts

This year, Woolworths at Matraville will be participating in '24 Good Acts' where they complete kind acts for the community. They would like to complete one of these acts for the students at Matraville PS. On Thursday 7 December at recess time, staff members from Woolworths will be bringing fruit and bottled water to the school. Each of the students will receive a bottle of water and a piece of fruit for free. We would like to thank Woolworths at Southpoint for their kind donation. If you do not want your child receiving fruit or water, please notify their class teacher prior to the day.

2018 Classes

We are currently planning our school organisation for 2018. If your child will not be returning to Matraville Public School next year for any reason, please notify the school office as soon as possible. If you know of anyone who may be moving into the area and will be enrolling at Matraville PS, please ask them to contact the school office.

Notes and Payments

Thank you to all families who are up to date with their payments for school and end of year events. As we come to the end of the year, we ask that all payment plans are finalised and any outstanding amounts are paid as soon as possible. Please return all money in a sealed envelope, with your child's name, class and what the money is for written on the front. This will assist the office in processing payments. In order to reduce the impact on the environment, it is a good idea to recycle envelopes that you may have received in the post.

Vacation Care

If you require an application form for the YMCA Vacation Care program, please see the school office.

2018 Budgeting

The beginning of the school year can be an expensive time for families. To assist with budgeting, please see approximate costs below for payments that will be requested at the beginning of the school year. Please note these are approximate costs only - notes with information regarding confirmed amounts will be sent home at the beginning of 2018. Amounts due will include:

- * Voluntary School Contribution - \$40 per student or \$70 per family
- * Course Fees & Textbooks – K-2: \$30; 3-6 \$40
- * PSSA Sport - \$30 per term

- * ICAS Tests – individual test prices range from \$9-\$12 each
- * Swimming Carnival - \$12
- * School Uniform items – please purchase from Wiley's Uniforms
- * Excursion - \$25-\$30 approx.
- * Stationery costs
- * School Photos

Band News - Summer Soiree

2017 has been a very successful year for the band program. We are currently on track to deliver our final performance for the year at the Extra Curricular Assembly on Friday 8 December at 9:30am. We would love to see you there in support.

We rely on the participation of all band members for a successful performance and in their full school uniform. Please let me know if your child is unable to attend. Kevin Christmas - Band Co-ordinator

Congratulations to students who received a merit award at assembly last week:

K Blue	Mia, Arshiya, Shreyas
K/1R	Diana, Isabelle, Ghazala
1 Blue	Simon, Mahreen, Noerhann
2 Blue	Jack, Aleyna, Karel
2/3 Red	Mabrur, Peliasi, Ruben
3/4 Red	Victoria, Taffeef, Svatoslav
4/5 Red	Isabel, Mary, Cyrus
5 Blue	Rukiyah, Gayashan, Mir
6 Blue	Benjamin, Joanna, Katreena

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2017 Legendary Fete Raffle Prizes

Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5 - Drawn on Thursday 7th December at Presentation Day

1. **Taronga Zoo**- 4 adult passes
2. **Christmas for the Kids**- Monkey Mania family pass, science kit, electric dragster kit, twin racing car set, Looney Tunes limited edition toy, bracelet making kit, football and lots more
3. **Gym, Swim and Sky Zone Experience 1**- 2x Bunnerong Gymnastics passes, Des Renford child pass for 20 visits, Sky Zone 2 for 1 pass and Sky Climb free pass
4. **Gym, Swim and Sky Zone Experience 2**- 2x Bunnerong Gymnastics passes, Des Renford child pass for 20 visits, Sky Zone 2 for 1 pass and Sky Climb free pass
5. **Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club Hamper**
6. **South Sydney Rabbitohs Pack and Game Day Experience**- Reserve seating at a home game, postgame experience in the sheds to meet the players and Souths merchandise pack
7. **Active Family Pack**- Bunnerong Gymnastics pass, Ice Zoo family pass, Monkey Mania family pass, Sky Zone 2 for 1 pass and Sky Climb Free pass
8. **Dad's Pack**- Golf Club donated by Bob Howison, \$20 Kmart Voucher, \$50 Bunnings Voucher and retro radio
9. **Pamper Pack**- \$75 Pulse Hair voucher, \$50 Peter's Pharmacy Matraville voucher, Stars Nail and Beauty manicure, Kim's Art and Framing Gallery mirror and \$22 Baywash Dry Cleaning and Laundry Service voucher
10. **Night Out at the Juniors 1**- \$100 voucher
11. **Night Out at the Juniors 2**- \$100 voucher
12. **Dinner and Bowling 1**- Manhattan Superbowl family pass and \$38 Istanville Turkish Pide and Kebabs Meal Deal voucher
13. **Dinner and Bowling 2**- Manhattan Superbowl family pass and \$35 Red Jade Restaurant voucher
14. **Site Pizza Voucher**- \$75
15. **The Bay Hotel and Diner Voucher**- \$70
16. **Cooking and Kitchen Pack**- \$50 Black Fish Seafood voucher and a variety of kitchenware
17. **Mum's Pack**- \$50 Phoenix Hair Design voucher, Stars Nail and Beauty manicure, DKNY perfume, Steven Spirou Optometrist sunglasses, handbag and \$22 Baywash Dry Cleaning and Laundry Service voucher
18. **Fruit and Vegetable Box**- donated by Farmer John's Fruit Market and Deli
19. **Hardware Pack**- various tools donated by Mitre 10 and \$22 Baywash Dry Cleaning and Laundry Service voucher
20. **Noel D'Souza Gift Basket**- donated by Noel D'Souza's at Matraville Soul Pattison Chemist

Thank you so much to all the businesses, community members and families who have made this raffle possible through their generous donations!