

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9

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WEEK 9 REMINDERS

- Deliver raffle ticket money to office for Easter Raffle
- Return Parent-Teacher Interview preference sheets to class teachers
- Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 29 March – all parents and carers welcome
- Coles vouchers – last day for collection 3 April
- No school on Friday 30 March or Monday 2 April
- Book Club orders due this Wednesday



Harmony Day

Last Wednesday, Matraville Public School celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Harmony Day is a very important celebration for our school. We currently have families from over 35 different cultures and language backgrounds within our school community. On Wednesday, students participated in various Harmony Day activities in their classrooms. Some of the classes produced some wonderful artworks which will be displayed throughout the school. Other students shared their language skills and delivered messages to the school in their native language.

It was wonderful to see and hear students working together and celebrating how everyone belongs within our community. Those who dressed in their traditional dress looked wonderful, as did the rest of the students who dressed in orange.

Thank you to Kylie, Bernadette, Shayne, Renae, Will and Jenny for cooking the BBQ for the students to enjoy.



Hat Parade

Many students and families have been creatively making hats for our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday. Students should bring their hat to school this Thursday morning. The parade will be held under the K-2 COLA from 2:00pm. Parents and carers are invited to attend and sit on the silver seats to watch the parade. The P&C's Easter Raffle will be drawn at the end of the parade. Please make sure you have returned your raffle tickets and money before the day.

TERM 1 CALENDAR – 2018

WEEK 9	
Tuesday 27 March	Parents as Partners 9:00am
Thursday 29 March	Easter Hat Parade 2:00pm
Friday 30 March	Good Friday - No school
WEEK 10	
Monday 2 April	Easter Monday - No school
Tuesday 3 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 4 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 6 April	PSSA Sport Round 6
WEEK 11	
Tuesday 10 April	3-6 Cross Country Carnival
Friday 13 April	PSSA Sport Round 7 Last day of Term 2
TERM 2 - WEEK 1	
Monday 30 April	School Development Day - No school

Gates

It has become necessary for us to lock the large double gate near the office block on Bunnerong Rd. These gates will be locked between 9:10am and 2:45pm each day. During these times, please enter and exit the school via the pedestrian gates on Bunnerong or Beauchamp Roads. Please close all gates when entering or exiting during school hours.

I have also received a number of requests from our community asking that the gates at the back of the field be opened so as to stop the need for students and their families to walk down the footpath between the school and the development next door. After careful consideration, I have decided that it will not be possible to do this. The reasons that the gates cannot be opened include:

- the lack of supervision for the large field area. This will be particularly dangerous for our younger students or if the gates are not able to be opened on a particular day for any reason
- the ability for the general public to access our school without our knowledge
- the potential for the canal to flood if there is rain.

I have recently met with the developers and have spoken of our community's concerns. They are investigating some options that they may be able to put in place to ensure the safety of our students and families. I will keep the community informed of the outcome of these investigations.

Parents as Partners

Our next Parents as Partners session will be held tomorrow morning at 9:00am. In this session, Ms Judi Leonard, K-2 Assistant Principal, will discuss some of the things that students will learn about and do in the first semester of Kindergarten. She will also provide information regarding the Best Start Assessment Feedback sheet that was sent home to Kindergarten parents last week. This session is particularly for our Kindergarten parents and carers, however, all parents are welcome !

Parking

Parents and carers are reminded that the area on Bunnerong Rd outside the school is a No Parking zone. This means that you are not permitted to park and leave your car. You are only permitted to stop for a few minutes, and must wait with your car during this time. Council rangers have been onsite to monitor this and may book people who are parking illegally.

Parents and carers are also asked not to park in front of or pull into driveways of the school or our neighbours on Beauchamp and Bunnerong Roads. This creates a safety concern for our students. The fine for parking across a driveway in a school zone is \$330 and two demerit points.

Sporting Success

A huge congratulations to Keilani for achieving 11th place at the regional swimming carnival in the 11 year girls breaststroke, and to Paula for achieving a place in the Sydney East Rugby League team who will play tomorrow at Cronulla High School. Well done on your huge achievements! We are all so proud of you both!

Scholastic Book Club

Twice a term the students receive Book Club order booklets. Parents are able to purchase any of these books electronically using the LOOP site. The books are then delivered to the school. The instructions on how to use the LOOP site and the due date for orders are on the back of the booklet. The due date to complete the Issue 2 orders is 28th March.

The books are worth considering as they are mainly paperback, generally cheaper than in the shops and aimed at a particular age group and interests. The Book Club also helps the school library. For every book that is purchased, we receive some points and these points go towards purchasing books for the library.

Congratulations to students who received a merit award at assembly in:

WEEK 8

KSC	Jared, Michelle, Zye
K/1L	Noorjahan, Connor, Owais
1R	Andrei, Mohammad, Ashleigh
2L	Noerhann, Kashif, Melelose
2/3N	Cayleb-Jay, Bernardo, Muhamed K
3S	Alysha, Siosaia, Taniela
4/5F	Matuos, Mary, Casious
5KM	Kevin, Leo, Victoria
6U	Brooklyn, Isabel, Tibel



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