

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 4

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WEEK 4 REMINDERS

- **Return Colour Fun Run permission notes by Tuesday**
- **ESPSSA Cross Country - Friday**
- **Book Fair - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**
- **Return Permission to Publish Photo update notes**

Fundraiser & Colour Fun Run

This Wednesday is the annual Matrville PS Fundraiser. Students have been busily collecting sponsors for the event. The students will participate in 'Games From Around the World' as run by the teachers. A BBQ lunch will be held for those students who have ordered their lunch. The day will finish with a Colour Fun Run where the students will get colourful! Please ensure your child wears old clothes and joggers and returns their permission note before the day. Parents and carers are invited to attend to watch their child participate in the activities.

NAPLAN

Well done to all Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy) tests last week. The students in these grades sat tests on Language Conventions & Spelling, Reading, Writing and Maths. The NAPLAN tests have been sent for marking and the school will send home results for these tests when they are received later in the year.

Staffing Changes

We have some staff changes that will occur this week.

Mrs Rebecca Kelly, one of the teachers of 5KM, has begun her maternity leave to prepare for the birth of her baby. We wish Mrs Kelly and her family all the very best at this exciting time. Miss Mason will take over the full time teaching of 5KM for the remainder of the year.

Ms Judi Leonard has been requested to work within the Department of Education's Employee Performance and Conduct Unit for a period of one year. This is a wonderful opportunity for Ms Leonard to develop her skills and make a positive contribution to the department. While she is very sad to be leaving Matrville PS for the next 12

months, Ms Leonard is very excited for the new challenge. Mrs Lew will take over the teaching of 2L and the K-2 Assistant Principal role. We wish Ms Leonard the best of luck in her new role and look forward to seeing her in 2019.

Mrs Claire Ripepi has returned to Matrville PS and will be working in a support role on Mondays and Wednesdays for the remainder of the year.

Ms Mackenja, while seen around the school most days as she works on the gardens, will teach on Tuesdays and Thursdays, also in a support teaching role.

Reconciliation Week Assembly

All parents and carers are invited to attend a whole school assembly on Monday 28 May 2018 in recognition of Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week 2018 runs from 27 May to 3 June. It is an annual celebration and is a time for all Australians to reflect on our shared histories, and on the contributions and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The assembly will run from 12:20 pm – 1:10 pm. The Didgeridoo Group from Chifley Public School and the Aboriginal Dance Group from Matrville Soldiers Settlement Public School will be performing for us on the day. The theme this year is 'Don't Keep History a Mystery'.

TERM 2 CALENDAR – 2018

WEEK 4	
Monday 21 May - 23 May	Book Fair
Wednesday 23 May	MPS Fundraiser
Friday 25 May	ESPSSA Cross Country -no PSSA Sport Chess A @ St Spyridon Chess B @ home
WEEK 5	
Monday 28 May	Reconciliation Week Assembly 12:20pm - All welcome
Tuesday 29 May	ICAS Science Test
Friday 1 June	PSSA Round 2 P&C AGM and meeting 9:15am
WEEK 6	
Friday 8 June	PSSA Round 3
WEEK 7	
Monday 11 June	Queen's Birthday - no school



Coles Sport for Schools

A huge thank you to our wonderful community for collecting Coles Sport for Schools vouchers last term. We received 23,139 vouchers in total which is amazing! We have ordered our sports equipment which is due to arrive in Term 3.

Yarn Up

Last Thursday, Bryce in Year 6 attended the Powerhouse Museum to participate in the 'Yarn Up Public Speaking Program'. This is a program that is offered to Stage 3 Aboriginal students to develop their public speaking skills. Bryce learnt a range of skills that will be put into practice when he presents at NSW Parliament House later in the year.

Paper Newsletters

Many of our families have signed up to receive an emailed copy of the weekly newsletter. Our newsletter is also available on the school website. Currently, all families receive a paper copy of the newsletter that is sent home with the eldest child each Monday.

If you would like to receive an email copy only, please complete the slip below and return to your child's class teacher. Your child will stop receiving paper newsletters once this response has been received.

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

Please only email me a copy of the weekly newsletter. I do not wish to receive a paper copy.

Parent's/Carer's name: _____

Email address: _____

Parent's/Carer's signature: _____

Parents as Partners

Our Parents as Partners sessions provide information to parents and carers on a range of topics. In order to ensure we meet the needs and wants of our community, we are seeking suggestions for our next Parents as Partners topic. Please cut out and return this slip to your child's teacher if you have a suggestion.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Topic Suggestion: _____

Permission to Publish Photographs

In order to update our records, we recently sent home a note to give the school permission to publish photographs of students, e.g. in the school newsletter, on the school website, etc. You would have completed one of these notes when enrolling your child and this is just an update to confirm that you are happy for the school to continue to use photos of your child. Nothing will change about the way your child's photograph is used. Please return all notes to school as soon as possible. Permissions may be changed at any time by notifying the school in writing.

P&C – Annual General Meeting

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 1 June at 9:15am in the Community Room. At this meeting, new executive members for the P&C will be elected. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The AGM will be followed by an ordinary general 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). New members are always welcome!

Book Fair

Our Book Fair selling times will be after 3pm in the library on the following days:

Week 4 - Monday 22 May, Tuesday 23 May, Wednesday 24 May

Week 5 - Monday 28 May, Tuesday 29 May, Wednesday 30 May.

Evacuation Practice

Last Monday, the students and staff at Matraville Public School took part in an evacuation practice. These practices are conducted at least twice per year and are vital to ensuring that if we were ever to find ourselves in an emergency situation we would know exactly what to do to keep ourselves safe. The students and staff did a wonderful job in evacuating to our emergency assembly point located on the field.

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

KSC	Felipe, Georgia, Li'ilani
K/1L	Mikaela, Ofa, Israel
1R	Ghazala, Mohammad, Jude
2L	Claudia, Kashif, Hanice
2/3N	Bernardo, Pelias, Jahvis
3S	Dominik, Mabur, Muhtasim
4/5F	Omar, Dominique, Svatoslav
5KM	Daniel Bl, Masrafi, Marianne
6U	Angela, Liv, Bryce

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