

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1

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WEEK 1 REMINDERS

- **Winter PSSA Sport money and notes due on Thursday 10 May**
- **Please return updated Permission to Publish Photograph notes**
- **Please return Life Skills PDHPE permission notes this week**

Welcome back to school for Term 2! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday break. The students walked through the gates this morning with big smiles and lots of excited chatter about what they had done over the holidays. They were happy to see their friends and teachers, and have settled back into class well. The teachers have a productive term planned, with lots of opportunities for students to learn and expand their knowledge and skills. I hope everyone has a great Term 2 and look forward to seeing you throughout the term.



New & Used Book Stall

Thanks to all the students and parents who supported our New and Used Book Stall on Monday 9 April. It was a great success and we raised approximately \$190!

This money will be used for books for the school library. Students went home with some terrific books to read in the school holidays.

Thanks also to our wonderful Library Monitors - Raya, Crystal, Alicia, Bryce, Isabel, Raisha, Midori and Michelle, who worked so hard to promote the book stall and sell the books. Happy reading everyone!

ANZAC Service

At the end of last term, we held our annual ANZAC service to commemorate ANZAC Day that occurred in the holidays. Mr Bearman and Mr Coupe from Matraville RSL visited our school to speak to the children about what ANZAC Day means to them, and Mr Christmas, our school's band leader, played

the last post.

One of our school captains, Bailey, attended the dawn service at Matraville RSL on ANZAC Day and laid flowers at the cenotaph. He proudly wore his grandfather's medals and was a wonderful representative for our school.



TERM 2 CALENDAR – 2018

WEEK 1	
Thursday 3 May	Band resumes
WEEK 2	
Wednesday 9 May	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 10 May	Dancesport begins Enviromentors Day 1
Friday 11 May	P&C AGM at 9:15am Enviromentors Day 2
WEEK 3	
Tuesday 15 May - 17 May	NAPLAN
Friday 18 May	PSSA Round 1 begins
WEEK 4	
Monday 21 May - 23 May	Book Fair
Friday 25 May	ESPSSA Cross Country
	No PSSA Sport



Band Breakfast

On Thursday 12 April, the Junior and Senior Bands held their first performance of the year. They hosted a Band Breakfast for their families. Both the Junior and Senior

Band students performed a number of songs they have been learning this year. The groups sounded wonderful and should be commended on the effort that they put in to practising their instruments each week. It was the very first performance for the Junior Band students, and after only beginning music lessons for the first time at the beginning of the year, they show great promise for the future of our school band. Thank you to Mr Christmas and Miss Belinda for their tutelage and guidance.



Fruit & Scoop Day

Thank you to the P&C members who ran the Fruit & Scoop stall on the last Wednesday of Term 1. The students were very excited to line up for their scoop of ice-cream...and some even added some fruit!

Special thanks to Woolworths Matraville, Eastgardens and South Point for providing

donations of items needed for the stall. Fruit items that were left over were donated to Oz Harvest to help less fortunate families.

Cross Country

The Matraville PS Cross Country was held on Tuesday 10 April at Heffron Park. The students participated in their age events, with 8, 9 and 10 year olds running 2km and 11 and 12 year olds running 3km. The house captains then ran some novelty events for all of the students to participate in. A tug-o-war between the students and teachers concluded the day, with the teachers remaining victorious!

Congratulations to all students who completed the course. The top four finishers from each age group will progress to the Eastern Suburbs zone carnival to be held on Friday 25 May. A big thank you must go to Miss Spencer for organising the carnival.

Bangla New Year

In our last assembly of Term 1, our Bangla students performed a short item to commemorate Bangla New Year. The senior students spoke beautifully as they presented information about Bangla New Year to the audience, and our junior students joined in with a song they had been practising. Happy New Year to all of our Bangla families!

Staff Learning – Little Bay Community of Schools

While the students enjoyed an extra day off on Monday, the teachers attended a combined School Development Day with staff from schools within the Little Bay Community of Schools. They heard from a keynote speaker about compliance, programming, and formative assessment, before breaking into groups to attend workshops in the afternoon.

Workshops focused on a range of topics, including teacher accreditation, legal issues, mindfulness, virtual reality and a coastal walk. The teachers enjoyed the opportunity to network with teachers from other local schools and were able to develop their knowledge on different topics relevant to their work.

Before and After School Care

Last year we surveyed our community to determine if there was enough interest in establishing a before and after care service at Matraville Public School. It was determined that we did not have sufficient numbers at the time. However, I am pleased to be able to inform our community that we will be trialling a before and after care service from the beginning of Term 3 this year.

Vacation care will also be offered in the school holidays. More information will be sent out to families soon, but I just couldn't wait to share this exciting news with our community.

P&C – Annual General Meeting

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 11 May 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!

Congratulations to students who received a merit award at assembly in the last week of term:

KSC	Hugo, Lavinia, Tyrese
K/1L	Camila, Farhan, Azal
1R	Zeliha, Christian, Ajwa
2L	Aras, Savio, Ayezha
2/3N	Peliasi, Zachery, Jahvis
3S	Tayfun, Arman, Trinity
4/5F	Eisho, Jade, Destiny
5KM	Marianne, Rafio, Peta
6U	Ali-Jane, Tyson, Bailey

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