

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 8

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## WEEK 8 REMINDERS

- Refugee Week Mufti Day – wear red on Monday
- Wednesday – P&C Hamburger Day
- Thursday – Parents as Partners at 2:15pm – TeamKids
- Friday – P&C Meeting in the Community Room at 9:15am
- Stage 2 & Stage 3 Excursion money now due
- Athletics Carnival money now due

## New School Counsellor

The wellbeing of all of our students is our number one priority. At Matraville Public School we teach a number of wellbeing programs within the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus. These programs target a number of areas, including developing relationships, building resilience and developing strategies to manage difficult situations.

The school also has a school counsellor who works at the school each Tuesday. Ms Julia Krattli has been the school counsellor at Matraville Public School for the past several years. She has recently taken leave to welcome the birth of her first child. Ms Valerie Shine will work as the new school counsellor for the remainder of the year. Congratulations to Ms Krattli on the birth of her daughter, and welcome Ms Shine to the team at Matraville Public School.

Counselling support is available to all students, at the request of their parents. If you would like your child to access counselling support, please see your child's class teacher or Ms Hoskins for more information.

## Bush Tucker Garden

Ms Mackenja, with the assistance of Mr Coleman, has been working hard over the past several weeks to prepare the grassed area at the back of the school office so that it is ready for the planting of our new Bush Tucker Garden. Over the long weekend, Ms Mackenja, Miss Davidson, Ms Hoskins and Mr Farah came in to continue working on the area. At the moment the area resembles a large dirt patch, but there are great plans to develop it over the coming weeks. If you would like to know more about this area, or if you are able to assist in any way, please see Ms Mackenja or Ms Hoskins.



## Chocolate Crackle Day

Last Wednesday, Ms Mackenja and some of the parents held a Chocolate Crackle Day to raise money for the maintenance of the school gardens. Approximately 570 chocolate crackles were made....and almost all of them were sold by the end of the day! The students (and teachers) certainly enjoyed them! Money raised will be used to purchase new plants and materials for use in the gardens. Thank you to all of the students who bought a chocolate crackle, and to the parents and Ms Mackenja for making them.

## P&C Appliances

In 2017, the P&C received a grant to be used to upgrade appliances in the school canteen. These items have arrived just in time for this week's Food Day! Thanks to the P&C for their contribution to the school.

## TERM 2 CALENDAR – 2018

WEEK 8	
Monday 18 June	Mufti Day for Refugee Week
Wednesday 20 June	P&C Hamburger Day at lunch
Thursday 21 June	Parents as Partners 2:15pm
Friday 22 June	Chess A v Bye @ MPS Chess B v St Therese D @ Away PSSA Rnd 5 - Netball vs Daceville, League Snr vs MSSPS, Jnr vs Malabar PS at Heffron P&C meeting 9:15am
WEEK 9	
Tuesday 26 June	Parents as Partners at 9:15am
Wednesday 27 June	Excursions - Stage 2 to Blue Mountains, Stage 3 to China Town
Thursday 28 June	Bandfest at St George Bank Auditorium
Friday 29 June	PSSA Rnd 6
WEEK 10	
Tuesday 3 July	K-6 Athletics Carnival at Hensley Athletics Field
Friday 6 July	PSSA Rnd 7 Last day of Term 2

## Parents as Partners

We have two upcoming Parents as Partners sessions.

- Thursday 21 June at 2:15pm – Tim from TeamKids, our new Out of School Hours Care provider, will come to the school to speak with parents about the service, including how to enrol, fees, rebates and how they will look after your child. This is an important session for families who are interested in using the service in Term 3. Please note this is the same session as was presented a couple of weeks ago.
- Tuesday 26 June at 9:15am – Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop - come and learn about healthy eating.

## Eid Mubarak

Over the past month, some of our families have been participating in Ramadan. Last weekend marked the end of this holiday. Eid Mubarak to these families!

## 2019 Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten students in 2019. If you have a child who will be starting school at Matraville PS next year, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it at your earliest convenience.

If you know someone from the community who is considering sending their child to our school, please encourage them to contact the school for an enrolment form. School tours will be held for parents considering enrolling their child at Matraville Public School on the following dates: Wednesday 4 July at 9:30am; Friday 3 August at 9:30am; Thursday 13 September at 2:00pm. Please call the school office to RSVP for one of these dates.

## Attendance

The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age regularly attend school.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school, you must ensure that within 7 days you provide the school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, we may contact you.

The school regularly monitors student attendance and will follow up with families if we have concerns about the number of absences of your child.

## P&C – General Meeting

The next P&C General Meeting will be held on Friday 22 June at 9:15am in the Community Room.



**Centrelink Information Session**

**Eastlakes Public School**  
Florence Avenue  
(Enter via the school front gate)  
**Thursday 21 June**  
9.30 - 11.30am

**02 8338 8506**  
South Eastern Community Connect  
secc@secc.sydney

## Child Care Subsidy Information Session For Families

Presented by a Multicultural Service Officer from Department of Human Services Centrelink

Come along to an information session about Child Care Subsidy and the changes that are effective from 2 July 2018. Child Care Subsidy replaces the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate with a single means-tested subsidy.

You will learn about Child Care Subsidy transition and how to update your details via MyGov. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

For more information and to register contact Mila: 8338 8506




**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**Tennis, soccer, crafts & activities for kids aged 5-14**

**\$65 per day**  
9am - 3pm

Places are limited... Enrol online today!

- crafts - keyrings, snow globes, gliders, ceramic painting
- activities - ping pong, obstacle course, frisbee
- clubhouse for wet weather

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TENNIS CLUB KINGSFORD

## Camp kids split into four activity groups (friends/siblings can stay together)

9:00-9:15am: introduction from coaches, warm-up games

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
9:15-10:15am	Tennis	Craft	Activities	Soccer
10:15-10:50am	Morning recess			
10:50-11:50am	Soccer	Tennis	Craft	Activities
11:50am-12:25pm	Lunch			
12:25-1:25pm	Activities	Soccer	Tennis	Craft
1:25-2:00pm	Afternoon recess			
2:00-3:00pm	Craft	Activities	Soccer	Tennis
3:00-3:15pm	Pick-up			

**Crafts:** Keyrings | Gliders | Snow Globes | Ceramic Painting

**Activities:** Ping Pong | Obstacle Course | Frisbee/target games

\*child-minding available outside camp hours - only by prior arrangement. \$15 per hour.

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