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C O M U N I T Y N E W S L E T T E R 30 July 2018 Term 3 Week 2

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WEEK 2 REMINDERS

- NAIDOC Day Monday
- ICAS English Test Tuesday
- Hot Chocolate Day Friday \$2 & \$2.50 each
- Science Challenge entries due Tuesday 7 August

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NED Incursion On Tuesday morning, from 9:15-10:00am in the school hall, all students will participate in a free incursion. Using storytelling, music, interactive videos, magical illusions and audience participation, Matraville Public School students will go on a journey to Africa

with the NED's Kindness Adventure incursion. NED encourages a positive and caring school environment and explores the satisfaction that takes place when a child chooses to show kindness, respect and acceptance.

Hot Chocolate Day

This Friday, the P&C will be holding a Hot Chocolate Day. Students may purchase a cup of hot chocolate at recess for \$2, or \$2.50 with a marshmallow. The hot chocolate will be made from full cream milk, water, Cadbury Drinking Chocolate and Pascall marshmallows.

Farewell Aunty Maxine

In 2017 and 2018, Matraville Public School paired with UNSW to participate in the Culture, Community, Curriculum Project. The aim of the project was to create relationships with local Aboriginal community members, and to work with these community members to develop knowledge & understanding and embed Aboriginal perspectives across the curriculum. We were fortunate to have Aunty Maxine working with us on this project. Aunty Maxine worked in many of the classrooms and shared her knowledge with teachers and students across the school. She is a passionate educator and has been extremely committed to Matraville PS during her time here. We were hoping to have Aunty Maxine continue to work with us even though the CCC project has finished. However, she has been successful in gaining a full-time position at another workplace.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Aunty Maxine for all of the hard work, dedication and care she has shown our staff and students over the past two years. Congratulations and good luck in your new job, Aunty Maxine!

Book Week

Book Week will be held from 18 to 24 August (Term 3 Week 5). The theme for Book Week 2018 is 'Find Your Treasure'.

In Library lessons this term, students will be reading the Children's Book Council shortlisted books and discussing what books they treasure.

On Wednesday 22 August, we will be celebrating Book Week by having a Book Character Parade. Children are asked to come to school dressed up as a character from a book that they have enjoyed, e.g. Cinderella, a pirate, Snow White, a robot, a witch, The Cat in the Hat, Harry Potter or another character they would like to be. Students will parade their costumes during the whole school Book Character Parade. Parents, family and friends are invited to join us and share in the fun.

What: Book Character Parade

When: Wednesday 22 August 2018

Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Where: Infants Playground under the COLA

TERM 3 CALENDAR - 2018

WEEK 2	
Monday 30 July	NAIDOC Day at MPS
Tuesday 31 July	NEDS's Kindness Adventure Incursion K-6 ICAS English Test
Wednesday 1 August	OC Test
Thursday 2 August	Yarn Up Showcase
Friday 3 August	Hot Chocolate Day PSSA Round 9 - Rugby Jnr Bye, Snr v Maroubra, Netball TBA, Chess A v St Therese at home
WEEK 3 - EDUCATION WEEK	
Wednesday 8 August	P&C Food Day - chicken wings
Thursday 9 August	Education Week Assembly, Open Classrooms, Morning Tea at 9am
Friday 10 August	School Tour at 9:30am PSSA Round 8

Premier's Reading Challenge

Matraville PS students are participating in the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge. Students have been challenged to read a range of books from the PRC list and several of their own choice books. This is a great opportunity for students to engage in reading quality books.

Years K-2 have to read 30 books from the PRC list. These books have been read to K-2 students during their library time and by their class teachers. Years 3 - 6 have to read 20 books (15 from the PRC list and 5 of their own choice) and should do this as part of their personal reading.

So far, all K-2 students and many 3-6 students have completed the challenge.

Years 3-6 need to enter their own books online and must do so by 30 August when the challenge finishes. Students can do this at home or at school, by logging on to their DoE student portal using their user name and password. Please encourage your child to check their online challenge and ensure that they have entered all of their books.

All students who complete the PRC will receive a certificate at the end of this year.

Parent Helpers Needed

Books purchased for the library, classrooms and home reading are covered with contact to protect them and to help them remain in good condition for longer. We have a number of books that have been purchased recently that need to be covered. Mrs O'Sullivan, our Teacher-Librarian, is looking for parents who are able to cover these books with contact. If you are able to give up an hour or two of your time to come in to school to help cover books, please see Mrs O'Sullivan. All supplies and instructions will be provided.

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 Tour

A number of school tours have been planned this year for parents and carers who are thinking of enrolling their child in Matraville Public School for 2019. If you know of any families who may be interested in coming for a tour, please ask them to ring the school office to RSVP. The next tour will be held on Friday 10 August at 9:30am. Please note that these tours are for families who do not yet attend and would like to know more about our school.

Money Collection

There have been a number of excursion notes that have been sent home recently. We try our best to limit the amount of money being asked for and aim to give as much notice as possible to assist families in budgeting for these costs. If you require assistance to make fee payments, please see the school office to arrange a payment plan. These requests will be kept confidential.

