

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 1

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## WEEK 1 REMINDERS

- PSSA sport begins this Friday
- Science Challenge entries due Tuesday 7 August
- P&C meeting – this Friday at 9:15am
- NAIDOC Day - next Monday

## Message from the Principal

Welcome back to school for Term 3! I hope all students and their families had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. It is always wonderful to see how excited and happy the students are to return to school at the beginning of each term.

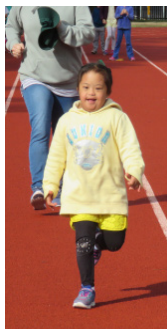
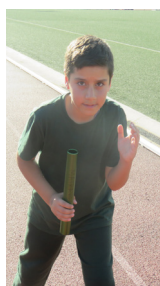
Term 3 promises to be another productive term. The teachers have been busy planning some wonderful learning opportunities for the students to experience over the next ten weeks.

This term we must say goodbye to Mr Will Whittaker, who has worked as our General Assistant for the past 2 1/2 years. We welcome Mr Craig Lavender as our new General Assistant.

We also welcome Mrs Catherine Morrison (Mon-Wed) and Mr Matthew Johnstone (Thur-Fri) who will work in a support role for the remainder of the year.

## NAIDOC Celebrations

Our school will be celebrating NAIDOC week on Monday 30 July 2018. NAIDOC 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. Students will participate in a number of organised activities during the day, and a special assembly will be held in the afternoon. Parents and carers are welcome to attend our NAIDOC assembly on this day which will be held in the school hall and begin at 2:15pm.



## Athletics Carnival

On the last Tuesday of Term 2, the annual MPS Athletics Carnival was held at Hensley Athletics Field. Students competed in a number of events and collected points for their sporting house. It was wonderful to see our students embrace the team spirit and demonstrate the qualities of being a good sport. Congratulations to all students who were successful in progressing to the zone athletics carnival to be held on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 August. A very big thank you to Miss Spencer for organising the 3-6 carnival, Mrs Lew for organising the K-2 carnival, and the House Captains for running the novelty events.



## TERM 3 CALENDAR – 2018

### WEEK 1

Friday 27 July P & C Meeting at 9:15am  
PSSA Round 8

### 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

## Bandfest

Last term, our Senior Band students participated in Bandfest, held at St George Auditorium, Kogarah. The students achieved a Silver Award for their performance.

With the assistance of the Kooloora Centre, we were able to transport the students to and from the venue for no charge. We would like to say a very big thank you to the Kooloora Centre for loaning us their mini bus and supporting our school.

## Live Life Well - \$500 grant

Our Bush Tucker Garden is well under way, with the landscaping of the area of land behind the school office now completed. The next step will be to purchase some plants for planting. Last term, Ms Mackenja applied for a Live Life Well grant and was successful in gaining \$500. This money will be used to purchase plants and other items needed for the establishment of the garden. We are very excited to see the Bush Tucker Garden taking shape! Thank you to Live Life Well for their generous contribution.

## Science Week 2018

The theme of the 2018 National Science Week is **Game Changers and Change Makers**, and will focus on the scientists, engineers, technologists, mathematicians, designers and innovators of the past and present. This celebration aims to raise the profile and increase the public understanding and public appreciation of science, innovation, engineering and technology, and their role in maintaining and improving our society, economy and environment.

National Science Week provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian scientists to the world of knowledge. It also aims to encourage an interest in science pursuits among the general public, and to encourage younger people to become fascinated by the world we live in.

At Matraville Public School, Science Week will be celebrated during Education Week in Term 3, Week 3. Students from K-6 received information about the Science Challenge last term, and many students have been busy working on their projects over the holidays. If you haven't yet started your project, there is still time! Please see Ms Aigner or Ms Mackenja for more information.

## National Consistent Collection of data on Students with Disability

Every year all schools across Australia take part in a census to provide a snap shot of information about all students and the adjustments they are receiving consistent with obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) and Disability Standards for Education 2005. The data assists education authorities and schools to better target programs and make resourcing decisions. If you have any questions about this data collection, please see Ms Davidson or Ms Hoskins for further information.



## Premier's Challenge

The NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge (PSC) began today and will continue throughout the whole of Term 3. It encourages all students in public schools to be more active, more often, by increasing their participation in sport and physical activity. Students will record the physical activity they participate in each week. Congratulations to Raisha, Crystal, Michelle and Raya who have been selected to be Matraville Public School's PSC Leaders.



## ESPSSA Softball

Congratulations to Keilani and Peta who represented the ESPSSA zone in softball last term. The girls were part of a wonderful softball team who came fourth in the SEPSSA Gala Day.

Congratulations Keilani and Peta! Congratulations also to Miss Spencer who coached the zone team.

## P&C – General Meeting

The next P&C General Meeting will be held on Friday 27 July at 9:15am in the Community Room. 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](mailto:matravillepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)). New members are always welcome!

## Congratulations to students who received a merit award last term Week 10:

<b>KSC</b>	Raffi, Lydia, Harrison
<b>K/1L</b>	Camila, Jaedyn, Azal
<b>1R</b>	Rumman, Shreyas, Jude
<b>2L</b>	Jahvis, Vanshika, Waylet
<b>2/3N</b>	Monica, Annabella, Muhammad H
<b>3S</b>	Trinity, Christian, Umaarah
<b>4/5F</b>	Jai, Aaliyan, Taniela
<b>5KM</b>	Abbey, Hanan. Aaron, Samantha
<b>6U</b>	Karthikeya, Krystal, Raya



## KIDS ZONE

Kooloora Community Centre will be starting an exciting new after-school program (Kids Zone) for children aged between 6 and 13 years living in the local community. The program will run on Mondays, starting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, between 3.30pm and 6.30pm at Kooloora Community Centre, 167 Bilga Crescent, Malabar.

Children will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities focussing on physical health and wellbeing. This will include indoor and outdoor games & sports, cooking, and nutrition education. All children will be provided with a meal.

The program will be supported by South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD), Health Promotion Service.

**If you would like further information or would like to register your interest please contact**

Andre (Kooloora Community Centre Coordinator) on (02) 9661 9160 OR  
Kylie Jessop (Health Promotion Officer, SESLHD) on (02) 9540 8263

**\*\* Note: Kids Zone will only run during school term time.**