

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 6

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### WEEK 6 REMINDERS

- Tuesday – Showcase Performance Night
- Wednesday – Father's Day Stall
- Thursday – Year 3 Vision Centre Excursion
- Friday – P&C Meeting
- Last day to enter Premier's Reading Challenge books – 30 August

### Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through Term 3. The weeks are going by very quickly. Students in each class have participated in a large range of learning opportunities, and have experienced a number of extra activities throughout the term so far. A number of special events are scheduled for the remainder of the term, including our school concert, for which classes and performance groups are busy rehearsing.

I will be taking leave from next Monday 3 September until the end of term. Ms Urquhart will relieve as Principal during this time, and Ms Aigner will relieve in the role of Assistant Principal 3-6. I wish everyone a positive end to Term 3 and an enjoyable holiday break. I look forward to seeing students and families on my return to school at the beginning of Term 4.

### Father's Day Stall

This Wednesday, the P&C will be holding a Father's Day Stall. Students may choose from a selection of gifts suitable for Dad, Grandad or another special person in their life. Gifts will range from \$2.00 to \$10.00. Please send your child to school on Wednesday 29 August with money to purchase a special gift. Leftover presents will be sold that afternoon and the following morning out the front of the Library.

### Bush Tucker Garden

Our new Bush Tucker Garden, located behind the office block, is beginning to take shape. Many of the classes have been contributing to the establishment of the garden and have assisted to plant plants and spread mulch.

Thank you to Vanessa (Jahvis, 2/3N) from Campos Coffee, who donated coffee sacks to be used for the landscaping.



### ESPSSA Athletics Carnival

A huge congratulations to all of our ESPSSA zone athletes who competed at ES Marks Athletics Field over the two day carnival last week. All students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, determination and effort across the various track and field events.

A special mention to Billy, Jayden and Keilani who will be representing the zone in the regional athletics carnival later in the term. A huge thank you to Wade, Billy's Dad, for all of his support and assistance during both days and in the lead up to the carnival.

Well done! We are all so proud of you!



### Book Character Parade

The Book Character Parade was held last Wednesday for all students from Years K-6. It was wonderful to see so many of the students dressed up as their favourite book character. There were a great range of characters and some very creative and original costumes. Thank you to the parents, carers and family members who assisted by making the costumes, and to those who joined us to share in the fun on the day.

## TERM 3 CALENDAR – 2018

### WEEK 6

Monday 27 August	Showcase Rehearsal 9:15am
Tuesday 28 August	Showcase Performance 6:00pm
Wednesday 29 August	Father's Day stall
Thursday 30 August	Yr 3 UNSW Vision Excursion
Friday 31 August	P&C Meeting at 9:15am PSSA Sport Round 11

### WEEK 7

Wednesday 5 September	MPS Public Speaking Competition
Thursday 6 September	Big Band Bash at Daceyville PS 9:00am-12:45pm
Friday 7 September	PSSA Sport Round 12

### WEEK 8

Monday 10 September	National Maritime Museum excursion Stage 2 - Yrs 3 & 4
Tuesday 11 September	Dancesport Performance 6:00- 9:00pm at Quaycentre

### Showcase at the Juniors

The Junior and Senior Dance Groups attended Souths Juniors today to rehearse for their performance tomorrow night. We wish all of the students who will be performing luck. We know you will be fabulous! All students in the dance groups should be dropped at the Wallace St drop-off point at 6:00pm. Please refer to notes sent home for further information regarding costumes.

### Student Safety

Keeping our students safe is a top priority at Matraville Public School. Each year, every class takes part in lessons regarding how to stay safe in different situations. Students are given regular reminders about staying safe near roads and what to do if they come in contact with a stranger.

We ask all parents to please speak with their children about staying safe when walking to and from school. Some important safety messages you can remind your child about include:

- Look both ways before crossing the road.
- Always use pedestrian crossings or pedestrian crossing lights when available. If unavailable, find a quiet place to cross, away from bends and dips in the road.
- Stay focused at all times and be aware of the traffic environment. You can do this by keeping your head up, and looking at and listening to your surroundings.
- Stay off your mobile phone and don't play with friends when walking near roads.
- Children up to 10 years of age should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- Don't talk to strangers.
- Never get in a car with someone you do not know.
- Use the 'No, Go, Tell' strategy if you feel unsafe or if you are approached by a stranger.

### Premier's Reading Challenge – FINAL DAYS!

The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on 30 August. All students K-2 have completed the challenge and have had their books recorded by their teacher.

Students in Years 3-6 need to enter their own books online and must do so by the final day of the challenge (30 August). 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.

### Website Changes

Our school website has moved to a new platform. It is currently undergoing some maintenance and updates in its new form. The website address has changed to: [matraville-p.schools@det.nsw.gov.au](mailto:matraville-p.schools@det.nsw.gov.au) However, if you visit the old site address you will be redirected to our new page. We thank you for your patience as we update our new site.

### Before and After School Care – NOW OPEN!

Before and After School Care is now at Matraville Public School! A number of families have already registered their child and booked them in to attend. If you plan to use the service, you must register your child before they can attend. Bookings can be made for full time or part-time attendance, and can be either permanent days or on a casual basis. To enrol:

1. Visit the MyGov website and register for the Child Care subsidy - <http://www.mygov.com.au>
2. Visit the TeamKids website to create an account and register your child's details - [www.teamkids.com.au](http://www.teamkids.com.au)

If you require assistance in registering your child, please see Ms Hoskins in the office. Parents and carers are also invited to visit the Community Room to have a look and to speak with Vanessa, the Director of the service. If you are unable to make it in to the service, please call Vanessa on 0487 880 013 if you have any questions.

### Tell Them From Me Surveys

This term, our school will be taking part in the Tell Them From Me student and parent surveys. The surveys will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students and parents think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Students in Years 4-6 will participate in these surveys. These students have received an information and consent form. Please read the information and see your child's class teacher if you have any questions. Consent forms only need to be returned if you do not wish for your child to participate. Surveys will be completed in class in the coming weeks.

Parent surveys can be completed online at <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/matravillepublic>. Results from this survey will assist our school to improve our programs and our engagement with the community.

### P&C – General Meeting

The next P&C General Meeting will be held on Friday 31 August 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 week:

<b>KSC</b>	Hugo, Koby, Li'ilani
<b>K/1L</b>	Israel, Aureen, Tashdid
<b>1R</b>	Shaily, Mahadea, Christian
<b>2L</b>	Justin, Liam, Josephine
<b>2/3N</b>	Casey, Peliasi, Abraham
<b>3S</b>	Muhtasim, Anisha, Taniela
<b>4/5F</b>	Eisho, Nikki, Aseel
<b>5KM</b>	Chelsea, Sione, Lamarr
<b>6U</b>	Gayashan, Liv, Samarah

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