

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 2

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WEEK 2 REMINDERS:

- Wednesday-Friday: S3 Camp
- Return Disco BBQ Orders
- Tell Them From Me Parent Survey
<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/cm64n>

This week's expected RESPECTFUL behaviours are:

- Give others privacy
- Listen to others



K-2 Excursion

Last Friday, the K-2 students attended the zoo excursion. The excursion was greatly anticipated after it had to be cancelled due to poor weather in

Term 3. The students (and teachers) left the school with much excitement, and had a wonderful day visiting and learning about the different animals. They returned tired but happy after a great experience.

Year 3-6 School Sport

Students who participate in the Year 3-6 Free Sport program were anticipated to go to Club Hillsdale for Lawn Bowls lessons each Friday. However, there has been a change to the organisation for this sport group in Term 4. Due to unforeseen circumstances, these students will now be staying on school grounds and participating in a school-run sporting program led by Ms Larsen and Ms Farah each Friday.

Stage 3 Camp

This Wednesday morning our Stage 3 campers will leave school bright and early to travel down to Canberra. They have a number of visits planned, including to Parliament House, Questacon, the War Memorial and the Snowy Mountains. We hope they have a great time while they are away! Thank you to Ms Urquhart, Ms Larsen and Mr Smith who will be taking these students on camp for three days.



Botany Bay Public Speaking Finals

Last Wednesday, Matraville Public School hosted the Botany Bay Public Speaking Finals for schools within our local area. Representatives from each school competed against students in the same stage and delivered a prepared and an impromptu speech. Students

demonstrated excellent public speaking skills and presented some very informative and persuasive speeches. Congratulations to Raizel, Shreyas, Sameeha and Angel who represented Matraville Public School. A special congratulations to Shreyas who was selected as the Winner from Stage 1, and Raizel who was awarded Highly Commended for Early Stage 1. Shreyas will compete against other network winners at the Metropolitan South Finals to be held on 13 November.

Thank you to Mrs Kelly who organised the event for the Botany Bay network, and to Miss Davidson and Ms Larsen who assisted her on the day.

TERM 4 CALENDAR – 2019

WEEK 2

Wednesday 23 October	Stage 3 Camp
Thursday 24 October	Stage 3 Camp NSW Vision Clinic - Yr 3
Friday 25 October	Stage 3 Camp PSSA Round 9 - Snr Softball & League Tag - Forfeit due to Camp; Jnr Softball vs Gardeners Rd (Heffron 1 from 10.00am) & League Tag vs Sth Coogee 2 (Field 6 at 10.00am)

WEEK 3

Tuesday 29 October	Kindergarten Orientation 1
Wednesday 30 October	Disco BBQ orders due today
Thursday 31 October	NSW Vision Clinic - Kindergarten Band Expo - Years 2-5
Friday 1 November	PSSA Round 10 "Colourful and Sparkly" P&C Disco: BBQ 5.30pm, Disco 6.00-7.30pm

WEEK 4

Tuesday 5 November	Kindergarten Orientation 2 P&C Meeting 7:00-8:00pm
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Band Staff Changes

Miss Belinda Jones has worked as a woodwind tutor for students in the Matraville PS School Band. She is no longer working with Directions In Music and will therefore no longer be teaching our students. This will conclude 10 years of continuous tuition and support she has rendered to the band program at Matraville Public School. We would like to thank Miss Belinda for her dedication and efforts to the students of Matraville Public School, and wish her well in her future.

Directions In Music do have a replacement tutor organised in readiness and will pass on details to parents soon.

Help With English

Each Wednesday afternoon from 3:00-4:00pm, Mrs Dealy holds conversational English classes. These classes are held in the Library. They provide an opportunity for parents to speak with each other and develop their English language skills. If you are interested in attending, please come to the Library on Wednesday afternoon. You may bring your children with you. TaFE NSW also run similar classes each Tuesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00pm.

No prior learning is needed and there is no cost for either of these classes. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend to improve their English language skills.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation begins next week, on Tuesday 29 November. If you know of any families who have a child who will be starting school at Matraville PS next year, please ask them to collect an enrolment form from the office so that they can be included in the transition program. We look forward to welcoming a number of new families and students.

TTFM Parent/Carer Survey

All parents and carers are encouraged to complete the Tell Them From Me parent/carers survey on school engagement. The parent survey is open now and can be completed until this Friday 25 October. To complete the survey please visit <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/cm64n>

Selective High School Year 7 2021

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021 are now open for families who are interested. Applications must be made online between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019. Late applications will not be accepted. Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2020. Please see Ms Hoskins or Ms Urquhart if you have any questions.

P&C Meeting – NEW TIME

In Term 4 we will be trialling holding our P&C meetings in the evening in the hope that this will allow more parents to attend. Meetings will be held from 7:00pm-8:00pm on Tuesday 5 November and Tuesday 3 December. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other parents, hear about the school and have your say. New members are always welcome!

Happy World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is being celebrated in Australia this Friday 25 October. The day is a great opportunity for everyone to recognise and appreciate teachers and the important role they play in shaping the next generation. This year, the focus on World Teachers' Day is on the #brightfuture of the profession, including beginning teachers starting their career. The role experienced teachers play in both the classroom and supporting beginning teachers on their teaching journey is also being celebrated.

We are very fortunate at Matraville Public School to have a wonderful group of dedicated and compassionate teachers who work tirelessly to provide high quality learning experiences for each of their students. They show care for the children in their classes and always do their very best to make each day at school valuable. Thank you to each and every teacher at Matraville Public School for all that you do for our school.

2020 school travel applications now open



Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply. If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.