

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 7

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WEEK 7 REMINDERS:

- Swim Scheme begins on Monday
- Thursday – Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea
- Friday – last PSSA for 2019

This week's expected ACTIVE LEARNER behaviours are:

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself on the playground
- Walk in the office area



Student Leadership Team 2020

Congratulations to the following students who have nominated and been selected as our 2020 Student Leadership Team

– Omar, Markus, Eisho, Fatin and Destiny. These students presented their leadership speech to students in Years 2-6 and voting for the positions of school captains, vice presidents and prefect were held last week. Leadership positions will be announced at the Annual Presentation Assembly in Week 9. Congratulations to each of these students.



Farewell Mrs Ella

Many of our families and students will have met and spoken with Mrs Kerrie Ella, who works in the Library each Tuesday and the front office each Friday. Mrs Ella assists families and visitors to the front office with any queries they have, and also looks after the students if they are hurt or sick. She works with Mrs O'Sullivan to

keep the Library organised and functioning, and is a wonderful support to all teachers and staff at Matraville Public School.

Mrs Ella has worked at Matraville Public School for the past 13 years. She celebrated 20 years of employment with the Department of Education earlier this year, many of these years having been spent at local schools. This Tuesday will be Mrs Ella's final day at Matraville Public School as she will be retiring and making a seachange with her family.

We thank Mrs Ella for the care she has taken of our students, the assistance she has provided to our families and the support she has shown to our staff over the years. She is a calm and supportive member of our school team and we will miss her very much. We wish Mrs Ella all the very best for her future and hope her retirement is filled with relaxing and enjoyable times!

TERM 4 CALENDAR – 2019

WEEK 7

Monday - Friday	Swim Scheme begins
Thursday 28 November	Y6 MSHS Transition Program Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea 11:00am in Staff Room
Friday 29 November	PSSA Round 14 Softball vs Mar. Bay at Heffron League Tag at Heffron Juniors 10:00am Seniors 10:40am

WEEK 8

Monday - Friday	Swim Scheme continues
Tuesday 3 December	P&C Meeting 7:00-8:00pm

WEEK 9

Monday 9 December	Year 6 Mini Fete "Arcade Games"
Tuesday 10 December	Bangla Presentation Day 2:00pm
Wednesday 11 December	Presentation Day 9:30am
Thursday 12 December	Year 2-6 Extra Curricular Assembly P&C Food Day - Paddle Pops Last Band lesson for 2019
Friday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell lunch

WEEK 10

Monday 16 December	K-2 Picnic
Tuesday 17 December	3-6 Picnic
Wednesday 18 December	Talent Quest Last day for students



Field Of Mars Excursion

On Tuesday 19 November, 4F, 3/4S and 3N travelled by bus for 40-45 mins until we reached an Educational Environmental at Lane Cove National Park called "Field Of Mars". The traditional owners of the land were Wallamattagal People, also known as the 'Snapper People'.



My class 4F were guided by a tour guide named Phil and the other classes were guided by Pat. We started walking down the uneven sandstone path and we reached a swamp area filled with many mangroves trees. The mud was very muddy and we saw tiny mud crabs walking around the mud flats.



Phil, the guide, took us on a bushy pathway until we reached a large eucalyptus forest. He talked about how koalas ate from those trees and then... we listened to and heard birds chirping. One was a kookaburra which was brown and white, and we saw a crimson rosella which was red and blue in colour. We then started to walk down the sandstone pathway.

Phil told us to get out our note pad and he told us to sketch a leaf from the ground. Then we coloured them in with water colour pencils and they looked fabulous.

We continued to walk and we came upon a water hole with little tadpoles in sight. We each sat on gigantic sandstone rocks and then we started to eat our recess until we saw a Bush Turkey. It came to one of my friend's lunch boxes and started to peck on it. We laughed out loud. Then Phil took us to an area to see things with a field telescope and then we saw gems!

Last we walked back up to the bus, ate our lunch and we were off!

By Tahmid Rahman – 4F

Annual Presentation Day and Extra Curricular Assembly - Save the Date

There are a number of end of year events that will be held in the coming weeks. Please include these dates in your diary so that you don't miss any of them.

- **Annual Presentation Day – Wednesday 11 December, 9:30am.** At this special assembly, we will recognise the achievements of many of the students within our school. All parents and carers are invited to attend.
- **Extra Curricular Assembly – Thursday 12 December, 9:30am.** At this assembly, a range of certificates for extra-curricular programs will be handed out. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea

This Thursday morning the staff at Matraville Public School will be hosting a morning tea for all of our parents, carers and community members who have volunteered throughout the year. This morning tea is an opportunity for us to say thank you to our community for their support. If you have volunteered in any capacity at school this year, please join us at 11:00am in the Staff Room.

Smoothie Day

Thank you to the P&C who held a Smoothie Day last Thursday. Students were able to purchase a banana or a strawberry smoothie to enjoy at recess time. They were a tasty and cold treat on a hot day!

P&C – NEW MEETING TIME

The next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday 3 December, at the new time of 7:00pm, in the Community Room. All parents and carers are invited 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. New members are always welcome!

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be emailed a copy of the minutes after each meeting, please email the P&C at pandcmatraville@gmail.com

2020 Planning

We have begun to plan for classes for Years 1-6 in 2020. If you know that your child will not be returning to Matraville PS in 2020, please notify the school in writing so that we are aware of this when considering class numbers for next year. Alternatively, if you know of any families who may be considering enrolling their child at Matraville PS in 2020, please ask them to contact the school at their earliest convenience.

Attendance

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

Student attendance is monitored regularly at Matraville Public School. Students who have a high number of absences from school, several unjustified absences, or specific patterns of absence (e.g. regular Mondays or Fridays of non-attendance) will be identified. Parents/carers of these students will be contacted and a meeting arranged to discuss the matter.

Congratulations to students who received a merit award in Assembly last week:

KM	Madeline, Ayana, Ethan
KL	Samar, Aiden, Spencer
1L	Erfan, RaeRae, Amaan
1/2D	Zye, Mikaela, Lavinia
2/3N	Maryam, Savio
3/4S	Aryan, Zarzee, Loki
4F	Abraham, Taniela, Kenje
5/6L	Chelsea W, Taniela, Thomas
6U	Dominique M, Angel, Matti

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