



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 2

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WEEK 2 REMINDERS

- Kindergarten finish from 2:30pm this week
- Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival money due by 13 February
- Years 3-6 Sport money due by 19 February
- Text book fees now due

Students were placed into their anticipated 2019 classes last week. They have begun to settle in with their new teacher and are excited to begin their learning for the year. Our annual Meet the Teacher afternoon will be held on Wednesday 13 February. The afternoon will commence in the hall at 2:00pm with a school information session. Parents and carers will then move to classrooms at 2:30pm to hear from the class teacher.

We encourage all parents and carers to attend to learn important information about the routines and expectations for your child's class.

Baker's Delight February Offer

Baker's Delight at Eastgardens have kindly offered for our school to be a part of their VIP Card Program for the month of February. For the next month, Matraville PS families will be able to use their VIP card to receive 2 FREE Block Loaves each week. Just take your card to the Baker's Delight at Eastgardens to redeem your free loaves.

We would like to thank Baker's Delight Eastgardens for their very generous offer.

Notes & Money

When making payments, please place notes and money into a paper envelope that is clearly labelled with your child's name, class and what the money is for. Multiple payments for the same student may be included in the same envelope.

Thank you to all families who have begun to return notes and money for this school year. We appreciate your prompt payment. If you require a payment plan, please see the school office.

Working With Children Declaration for Volunteers

We highly value the parents and relatives who volunteer at Matraville Public School. In order to ensure we follow all correct Department of Education procedures, we are required to ask all volunteers to complete a Working with Children Declaration and show 100 points of identification to the school office. If you volunteer at the school, or if you would like to in the future, please visit the school office with your 100 points of identification and complete the necessary form. Declarations only need to be completed once during your child's schooling at Matraville Public School.

Bunnings BBQ

The first event that will be hosted by the P&C in 2019 will be a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 16 February 2019. A note was sent home last week requesting volunteers to assist on the day. Please complete the form and return to school if you are able to spare an hour or two to assist on the day.

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be held on Friday 15 February 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. New members are always welcome!

TERM 1 CALENDAR – 2019

WEEK 3

Wednesday 13 February	Meet the Teacher
Thursday 14 February	Band starts 8:00am
Friday 15 February	P&C Meeting at 9:15am
Saturday 16 February	Bunnings BBQ

WEEK 4

Monday 18 February	3-6 Swimming Carnival at Botany Pool
Thursday 21 February	P&C Food Day - Fruit & Scoop
Friday 22 February	PSSA - Round 1

WEEK 5

Tuesday 26 February	ESPSSA Swimming Carnival
Friday 1 March	PSSA - Round 2

Creative Kids

The NSW Government has just launched the Creative Kids program. It gives one \$100 voucher each year to all school-aged children to help with the cost of creative classes and activities.

Vouchers can be used for music, dance and drama lessons, language classes or visual arts, coding and design.

Creative Kids is one of more than 40 rebates and savings available to help ease the cost of living pressure on households. For further information visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/creative-kids>

The Active Kids program is also still running. For further information about a \$100 voucher to help with the cost of active and sporting lessons/groups, please visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

School Community Charter

The Department of Education has developed a School Community Charter. The charter formalises our partnerships with parents and focuses on the positive interactions between school staff and families. It also reminds parents and carers that schools will take steps to address unacceptable behaviour to ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the school community.

It has been developed in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders and outlines the important role parents and carers play in our school communities.

The charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are:

- collaborative
- supportive, and
- cohesive.

For further information or to view the charter, please visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/school-community-charter>

TeamKids Before and After School Care Enrolment – NOW OPEN!

Before and After School Care will be available through TeamKids at Matraville Public School this term. Registrations are now open and can be made for regular or casual days. Please follow the steps below 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 for your child and to book them in - www.teamkids.com.au

If you require assistance in registering your child, please visit the Community Room to speak with Emily, the Director of the service. If you are unable to make it in to the service, please call Emily on 0487 880 013 if you have any questions.

Paper Newsletters

Many of our families have signed up to receive an emailed copy of the weekly newsletter. Our newsletter is also available on the school website. Currently, all families also receive a paper copy of the newsletter that is sent home with the eldest child each Monday.

If you would like to receive an email copy only, please complete the slip below and return to your child's class teacher. Your child will stop receiving paper newsletters once this response has been received.

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

Please only email me a copy of the weekly newsletter. I do not wish to receive a paper copy.

Parent's/Carer's name: _____

Preferred email address: _____

Parent's/Carer's signature: _____



Keeping Kids In Mind

A course for parents experiencing conflict after separation

Free course in Maroubra

ABOUT THE COURSE

Parents love their children and want the best for them. However, after separation, parenting often gets much tougher.

Keeping Kids in Mind is a 5-week course for separated parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict. The course is designed to:

- assist parents to see through their children's eyes the experience of parental separation.
- develop greater understanding about how to support children following family separation

The course covers the following topics:

- Grief and Loss after Separation
- The Hidden World of Children
- Rebuilding Resilience
- Bridging the Gap
- Looking Back and Moving Forward

COURSE DATES

Wednesday 13, 20, 27 February 2019
& Wednesday 6 & 13 March 2019

VENUE

Lionel Bowen Library, Level Three
669-673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra

TIME: 10am – 12pm

COST: Free

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Childcare available, but limited

All participants must register their interest in attending the course and participate in a pre-group interview prior to the course.

Keeping Kids in Mind is facilitated by qualified and experienced parent educators and counsellors.

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For bookings and queries:
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