

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9

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WEEK 9 REMINDERS

- **Tuesday – Last day to return Stewart House Bags**
- **Easter Raffle donations to the office**
- **Return Parent-Teacher Interview preferences**

This week's expected respectful behaviours are:

- Tell the truth
- Be fair to others



Milkshake Day

Last Wednesday the P&C held a Milkshake Day. Students were able to choose between chocolate, vanilla or strawberry flavoured shakes. The

food day was a huge success with many of our students enjoying a milkshake at recess! Thank you to the parents who volunteered and made the day such a success.



Harmony Day

Last week Matraville Public School celebrated Harmony Week by participating in various activities to recognise the many different cultures represented at our school.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, and is based around the theme of "Everyone belongs". These values are ones that are demonstrated within our Matraville Public School community each day.

It was lovely to have many parents join us for a special community lunch. Thank you to the families who brought foods traditional to their culture to share with the group. There were lots of new and delicious foods to try!

The lunch was followed by a special assembly where we watched performances by the school choir, 4F, Stage 3, Bangla students and some of our New Zealand students. It was wonderful to have these students share their culture with the school.

Election BBQ

Thank you to the P&C and other parents who assisted at the BBQ held on the day of the State Election last Saturday. This was a fantastic fundraiser for the P&C and was a lovely day to share with our community.

TERM 1 CALENDAR – 2019

WEEK 9

Monday 25 March	School Photo Day
Tuesday 26 March	Stewart House bag collection day
Friday 29 March	PSSA - Round 6 - Softball v Maroubra Jnct at Heffron Park 1; League Tag at Heffron 10:00am Jnr 10:40am Snr Snr MPS 1 v Gardeners Rd 3 Snr MPS 2 v Maroubra Jnct 1 Jnr MPS 2 v Mar. Jnct. Jnr MPS 1 v Malabar 3

WEEK 10

Monday 1 April	P&C Food Day Nachos order due
Tuesday 2 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 3 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 4 April	P&C Food Day - Nachos
Friday 5 April	PSSA Round 7

WEEK 11

Wednesday 10 April	3-6 Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 11 April	ANZAC Assembly
Friday 12 April	Easter Hat Parade and Raffle PSSA Round 8 Last day of term

TERM 2 - WEEK 1

Monday 29 April	Staff Development Day - no school
Tuesday 20 April	Students return for Term 2

School Photos

School photos were taken today. All students were included in their class photo and also had an individual photograph taken. If you did not return photo money prior to the day, your child will have received a note explaining that you are still able to purchase photos. If you require any further information or assistance please see the school office.

Photos usually take a few weeks to be printed and returned to school. They will be sent home with students as soon as they arrive.

If you would like to purchase any of the special group photos that were taken on the day, including student leaders, band or Bangla, please visit the school office.

P&C

Last Friday the P&C held their Annual General Meeting. During this meeting, 2019 executive members were elected. Congratulations to the following parents who were elected as: President – Shayne; Vice Presidents – Bernadette/Fatema; Treasurer – Renee ; Secretary – Susan.

The P&C meets one Friday morning each month. These meetings are a great opportunity for you to meet other parents, hear about the school and have your say. New members are always welcome! To contact the P&C executive, please email pandcmatraville@gmail.com

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews are held at the end of Term 1 each year. These interviews are an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher to discuss their child's learning and progress. They are an important link between home and school, and all parents are encouraged to attend. Last week your child received a note with information regarding dates and times for these interviews. Please complete your preference sheet and return to school as soon as possible. Interviews will be allocated on a 'first in, first served' basis. A note confirming the time of your interview will be sent home at the end of the week.

Vacation Care Enrolments Now Open!

Enrolments for Vacation Care at Matraville Public School are now open! Please see the attached flyer for details of the activities that have been planned for the upcoming holidays.

To enrol your child in Vacation Care over the April school holidays, please follow these two easy steps:

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 - <https://teamkids.com.au/venues/matraville-public-school-oshc/>

If you require assistance or have any questions, please call the TeamKids hotline on 1300 035 000, or visit Emily in the Community Room during Before or After School Care.

ANZAC Care Packages

As ANZAC Day fast approaches, now is a time for all Australians to support our current deployed personnel. By donating non-perishable food and personal hygiene items, we are able to create and send 'Care Packages' to our serving troops.

Matraville Public School will be collecting non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items to go towards our 'Care Packages' which will support our men and women who are serving overseas in the Australian Defence Force. If you are able to assist by sending items to contribute to a Care Package, please send to school by Monday 8 April 2019.

Easter Donations

On Friday 12 April, the P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle at the conclusion of the Annual Hat Parade. The P&C are asking for donations of eggs, toys, books, etc to make up hampers to use as prizes. If you are able to assist, please drop your donation into the bucket in the office.

Your child will have received a raffle ticket booklet that they can sell to family or friends. Raffle ticket prices are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please return money and raffle ticket stubs to your class teacher.

Attendance

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

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school, you must ensure that within 7 days you provide the school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, we may contact you.

The school regularly monitors student attendance and will follow up with families if we have concerns about the number of absences your child has.

Congratulations to students who received a merit award in Week 8:

KM	Rasmiya, Leslie, Alhanouf
KL	Samar, Spencer, Muhibb
1L	Omar, Casey, Hugo
1/2D	Mikaela, Michelle, Owais
2/3N	Simon, Rayan, Nathan
3/4S	Corey, Cayleb-Jay, Monica
4F	Malik, Aleya, Adylaide
5/6L	Owen, Destiny, Casious
6U	Paula, Mary, Linda