

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 3

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WEEK 3 REMINDERS

- **K-2 excursion notes and money due**
- **PSSA sport money due**
- **Friday – ESPSSA Cross Country Carnival**
- **Friday – Online applications for OC Yr 5 2020 close**

This week's expected safe behaviours are:

- Use all equipment correctly
- Stay in bounds

Souths Cares



A huge thank you to Souths Cares who presented such informative, interesting and fun presentations on 'Oral Health' to our K-2 students, and 'Lets Get Moving' to our 3-6 students. We are so lucky to be able to collaborate with such an amazing team of people, plus every student received a free South Sydney Rabbitohs gift!

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to the P&C for holding the Mother's Day Stall last Thursday. The students enjoyed choosing the perfect gift for their mum or grandma from a wide selection of items. We hope all of our mums, grandmas, aunts and carers had a wonderful and relaxing day, and that your children spoiled you on Sunday! Thank you for all of the love, care and support you give to our students each day.

ESPSSA Cross Country

The ESPSSA Cross Country Carnival is being held this Friday 17 May at Heffron Park. Students who were successful at the recent school carnival will compete against students from other local schools within the Eastern Suburbs zone. Please wear correct school uniform, comfortable running shoes and warm clothes, and bring a healthy lunch and a water bottle. Good luck to all students who will be participating on the day!

Before and After Care

YMCA NSW begin offering Before & After Care at Matraville Public School today! The Before & After Care room remains the same, as do most of the drop off and pick up procedures. Please feel free to visit the service one morning or afternoon if you are interested in having a look at what YMCA NSW can offer, or if you are thinking about enrolling your child.

We would like to thank TeamKids for their support and assistance in establishing a Before & After Care service at Matraville Public School in 2018/19. Without their collaboration we would not have been able to offer this service to our community. Thank you to Tim, Emily and the team!

Debating Workshop

Last Friday, a number of students in Years 5 & 6 from some of our local schools visited Matraville PS to participate in a debating workshop. The students learned about the skills needed to participate in a successful debate. Students in the Matraville PS Stage 3 Debating Teams will put the skills they learned into practice when they participate in scheduled debates against other schools later in the term. Thank you to Mrs Kelly for organising the day.

TERM 2 CALENDAR – 2019

WEEK 3

Tuesday 14 May	NAPLAN
Wednesday 15 May	NAPLAN
Thursday 16 May	NAPLAN
Friday 17 May	ESPSSA Cross Country - No PSSA Sport

WEEK 4

Monday 20 May	K-2 Excursion "There's a Sea in my Bedroom" at The Opera House Book Fair commences
Tuesday 21 May	Book Fair
Wednesday 22 May	Book Fair
Friday 24 May	PSSA Round 1- Netball v Maroubra Jnct from 1:00pm: Soccer v La Perouse at Coral Sea Park 2

WEEK 5

Friday 31 May	P&C Meeting 9:15am PSSA Round 2
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NAPLAN

This week, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. The students in these grades will sit tests in the areas of Language Conventions, Reading, Writing and Maths. NAPLAN is spread across three days:

- Tuesday: Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday: Reading
- Thursday: Numeracy

2019 will be the last year that NAPLAN is completed using pencil and paper. Our school will transition to NAPLAN Online in 2020. We wish all students luck in these tests and remind them to try their best at all times.

Opportunity Classes

Parents and carers who wish for their child to be considered for enrolment in an Opportunity Class (OC) in Year 5 in 2020 must apply online before Friday 17 May <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. Please be aware that no late applications will be accepted. If you require further information please see Ms Urquhart.

Walk Safely to School Day



Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way. Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 17 May 2019! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2019 is well under way.

Students from Years 3 to 6 must read 20 books by 30 August to complete the challenge. Many students are enjoying reading some quality literature from the PRC booklists as well as their own choice books. All online entries must be completed by 30 August to complete the challenge and receive a certificate. This will be done by the Librarian for Kindergarten to Year 2.

Students in Years 3-6 will need to complete their entries at home. Parents, please encourage your child to complete theirs. So far, 34 students in Years 3-6 have completed their PRC! Well done to those readers.

Happy reading everyone!

Book Fair

We are hosting a Book Fair commencing on Monday 20 May 2019.

Each class will be invited to preview the books during their library session. They may purchase books during this time or after school. The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books. When you or your child buys a book, our school benefits by receiving a commission that can be used to improve our resources.

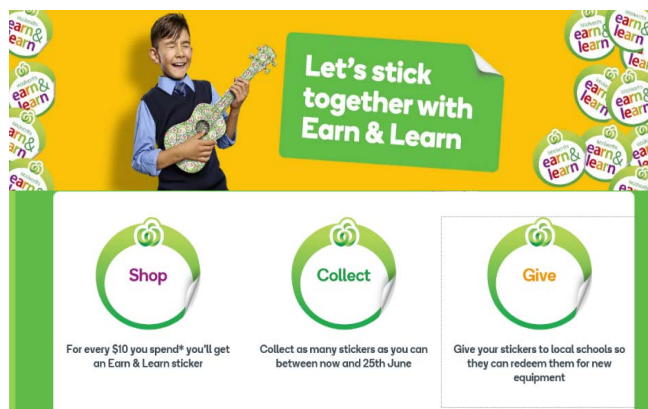
Our Book Fair selling times will be after 3pm in the library on the following days:

Monday 20, Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 May

Monday 27, Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29 May

Family and friends are most welcome to share in the magic of matching children and books.

Remember: 'Readers are Achievers'



Congratulations to students who received a merit award last week:

KM	Isa, Marielle, Madeline
KL	Luna, Samar, Rayeed
1L	Kenzo, Elina, Brayden
1/2D	Emilia, Li'ilani, Koby
2/3N	Connor, Ayezha, Jayden
3/4S	Awsif, Trinity, Aryan
4F	Tayfun, Ansh, Sebastian
5/6L	Eire, Thomas, Tristan
6U	Lamarr, Daniel By, Sione
Bangla	Arman, Mabur, Masturat, Fawaz

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