

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 10

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WEEK 10 REMINDERS

- Monday - Bandfest
- Tuesday - Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday - Stage 3 Excursion to Opera House
- Friday - last day of Term 2
- **Students return Tuesday 23 July**

This week's expected ACTIVE LEARNER behaviours are:

- Work towards your learning goals
- Encourage others when playing

Happy Holidays

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through 2019. Each term seems to go by more quickly than the last, and Term 2 was no exception. We have had a large range of opportunities for our students to experience over the past ten weeks, with many more planned for Term 3.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support of our school. I hope all families have a safe and relaxing holiday. Students return to school on Tuesday 23 July.

Farewell Mr Ninyo

At the end of this week we will say farewell to Mr Ninyo, who has secured a permanent teaching position at Mascot Public School. Mr Ninyo has been a dedicated member of our teaching staff for the past 18 months. He is a passionate educator and has been involved in many different programs and activities at Matrville Public School. Mr Ninyo has been a wonderful teacher to 2/3N this year and will be missed by the students. We wish him all the very best in his new role.

Miss Laura Gould will take on the role of classroom teacher for 2/3N for Semester 2. We look forward to having her join our team next term.

YMCA NSW

Are you looking for something for your children to do these holidays? Enrolments for Vacation Care are now open! YMCA NSW have a number of exciting activities planned for the holidays. Online enrolments can now be made to secure your child's place in the program: ymcansw.org.au/matrville

SPARK Closing Ceremony



Over the past several weeks, staff from the law firm Allen & Overy have attended Matrville Public School to work with students in

our school. Selected students participated in the SPARK program, which is aimed at developing reading and comprehension skills. The program was a great success, with students and mentors enjoying the time they spent together and developing positive relationships. The program was finalised with a closing ceremony last week,

where students received a certificate and book to celebrate. We would like to thank the mentors from Allen & Overy and the Australian Business Community Network for partnering with us in this program.

TERM 2 CALENDAR – 2019

WEEK 10

Monday 1 July	Bandfest
Tuesday 2 July	K-6 Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 3 July	Stage 3 Excursion - Sydney Opera House
Friday 5 July	PSSA Round 7: Netball v Soldiers' Settlement at Heffron at 1:00pm; Soccer Div B v Gardeners Rd Blue at Heffron 5 at 1:00pm Last day of Term 2

TERM 3 WEEK 1

Monday 22 July	School Development Day - no students
Tuesday 23 July	Students return
Friday 26 July	PSSA Round 8

WEEK 2

Friday 2 August	Deadly Kids Awards PSSA Round 9
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NAIDOC Week Celebration



Last Monday, a number of local Elders attended the school to have morning tea with some of the students and staff. Matraville Public School also celebrated NAIDOC Week with a special assembly. The school choir performed a number of songs. Kindergarten, 2/3N and 3/4S joined together to play and sing Tabana Naba, and 4F shared some of their artworks.

Genevieve Campbell, an ex-MPS student and a musician who has been working in the Tiwi Islands, was our special guest and taught the school some songs in language. The assembly was a wonderful celebration and acknowledgement of the traditional owners of our land. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended to share in this special event.



Athletics Carnival

Our school athletics carnival will be held tomorrow, 2 July. All students in K-6 will attend Hensley Athletics Field to participate in a number of track, field and novelty events. Students should wear their house colours, joggers and a hat. They should bring a water bottle, healthy lunch, warm clothes and wet weather gear as the carnival will go ahead in light rain. Parents and carers are invited to attend the carnival to watch their child participate in their events.

Reports

Students will receive their half-yearly report this week. This report contains information about your child's learning and progress throughout the first half of the year. This information is based on ongoing formal and informal assessments made by your child's teacher.

The first page of your child's report contains information about the structure and grading scale, and should be read so as to understand the report. You are encouraged to share your child's report with him/her and discuss the areas of achievement and his/her goals for improvement. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

ESPSSA Website

The ESPSSA has recently changed their website address to a new domain. The site contains information about upcoming ESPSSA events, such as the Zone Athletics Carnival. To access the new website, please use the following URL: <https://www.easternsuburbsspssanew.edu.au/>

**Playgroup at
Matraville PS
every Wednesday
9.30-11.30am
(school term)
All welcome!**

GET DESIGNING THESE HOLIDAYS FOR Matraville PS's Design Competition

It is time we update our existing school murals, so we are asking all students to take part in a design competition which will see the winning entries painted as a mural on a wall in our school. All entries will be displayed in the hall during Education Week (Term 3, week 3) and the winning entries from K-2 and 3-6 will be announced at the Education Day Assembly on Thursday 8 August.

The designs:

1. Must be completed on A4 paper.
2. Must be the students own work and not copied from any other source.
3. Must depict pictures/symbols related to YOUR culture or the Aboriginal culture.
4. Must have the students name and class written on the FRONT of the page.
5. Must be handed in to their classroom teacher by Wednesday 31 July 2019. (No late entries will be accepted).

Students received an entry form at school last week – more copies are available from the office if you require one.