

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 5

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WEEK 5 REMINDERS

- **Tuesday – Kindergarten Transition: 3rd session**
- **BBQ Orders for the school disco due by this Wednesday**

Bayside Garden Competition – 1st Place!

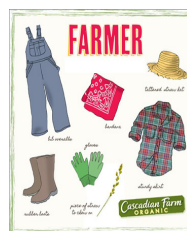
At the recent awards night for the Bayside Council Garden Competition, Matraville Public School was awarded first place in the School Garden category. Congratulations to Ms Mackenja who puts an enormous amount of effort into these gardens at our school. This is the second year in a row that our school has won this competition!



P&C Disco

The P&C will be holding their annual school disco this Friday 16 November. The BBQ will be served from 5:30pm and the disco will be held from 6:00pm until 7:30pm. The theme for the disco is 'PJs.' Students should wear their favourite pyjamas. Entry to the disco will cost \$5 per student or \$10 per family. This disco is for Matraville PS students only.

Don't forget to order your BBQ sausage sizzle by Wednesday 14 November by completing the order form and returning to your child's class teacher. The P&C are also looking for volunteers to help on the night – please see Ms Hoskins or a member of the P&C if you are able to assist.



Dress Like a Farmer Day

Our country is currently experiencing a drought, and many of the farmers are in great need of our help. We will be holding a 'Dress Like a Farmer Day!' on Thursday 22 November to show our support. Students should come to school dressed like a farmer on this day. We ask for all students who dress up to bring a gold coin donation that will be collected and donated to our farmers in need.

Kindergarten Transition

Our final Kindergarten Transition session will be held this Tuesday morning. Our new 2019 Kindergarten students will come to school to participate in some activities in the Kindergarten classroom. This is an important time for these children as they begin to get used to their new school. We look forward to having them with us this week!

TERM 4 CALENDAR – 2018

WEEK 5

Monday 12 November	Selective High School applications due
Tuesday 13 November	Kindergarten Transition 3 - 9:15am MSHS Year 6 Transition
Wednesday 14 November	Disco BBQ orders due
Friday 16 November	PSSA Sport Round 11 Softball vs Botany AFL Bye P&C BBQ - 5:30pm Disco - 6:00-7:30pm

WEEK 6

Tuesday 20 November	MSHS Year 6 Transition
Thursday 22 November	Dress Like A Farmer Day - Gold coin donation
Friday 23 November	PSSA Sport Round 12

WEEK 7

Monday 26 November	Swimming Scheme
Tuesday 27 November	MSHS Yr 6 Transition Swimming Scheme Year 5 Student Leader Speeches
Wednesday 28 November	Swimming Scheme
Thursday 29 November	Swimming Scheme Volunteers' Morning Tea at 11:00am
Friday 30 November	Swimming Scheme P&C Meeting at 9:15am



Gymnastics

This term, our K-2 students have been participating in gymnastics lessons each Friday. Accredited coaches have been visiting our school and providing equipment and training to our students.



Students have been developing their fundamental movement skills, as well as some new skills on the rings, beam, mats and vault. These lessons are funded through Sporting Schools, an Australian Government initiative.

High School Transition

As we welcome our new Kindergarten class for 2019 we also have to begin to prepare for our current Year 6 students to move to Year 7 in 2019. Students who have enrolled to attend Matraville Sports High School next year will attend a number of transition sessions this month. They will begin to familiarise themselves with the high school layout and will learn what to expect when they begin high school next year. We hope they enjoy their sessions and feel excited about this next part of their schooling journey.

EY Care Day

Last Friday a number of employees from Ernst & Young attended the school to take part in 'EY Care Day'. They completed a number of jobs around the school, including cleaning, painting and gardening. EY Care Day occurs each year and is organised by the Australian Business Community Network (ABCN). We are very grateful to the ABCN and Ernst & Young for visiting us and for the work they completed last week.

Communicating with your Child's Teacher

Throughout the year you may wish to discuss your child's progress, or you may have questions about events that occur at school. Your child's class teacher will be the best person to speak to and assist you. We encourage you to make an appointment with the teacher so that they can give you their full attention. If you wish to discuss more serious matters, please speak with one of the assistant principals – Mrs Lew (K-2) or Ms Urquhart (3-6). For whole school or serious matters please see Ms Hoskins.

Mini Fete

With our mini fete approaching at the end of the term, we are busy organising our major raffle for the year. We rely on the community for donations, so if there are any families, community members or local businesses that are able to make a donation to our mini fete raffle, please speak to Miss Spencer over the next couple of weeks.

We would be grateful for any items or vouchers to raise money for our fabulous school!

2019 Planning

We have begun to plan for classes for Years 1-6 in 2019. If you know that your child will not be returning to Matraville PS in 2019, 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 2019, please ask them to contact the school at their earliest convenience.



**MPS Playgroup
every Wednesday
school term
9:30-11:30am
All welcome!**

Congratulations to students who received a merit award last week:

KSC	Harrison, Lavinia, Amaan
K/1L	Farhan, Israel, Elina
1R	Indiana, Mahadea, Andrei
2L	Diana, Ayezha, Hanice
2/3N	Monica, Annabella, John
3S	Christian, Adylaide, Jason
4/5F	Thomas, Mary, Angelee
5KM	Victoria, Lamarr, Lannah
6U	Raya, Mir, Keilani

Team Kids What's Been Happening at Before & After Care!

This week at TeamKids we have had an enjoyable and fun time creating lots of new and exciting memories. We played some awesome outdoor games such as silent ball, basketball, soccer and hop-scotch! The children created some amazing craft pieces such as straw blowing painting, pom pom flowers and marbleized paper, which are currently on display in our TeamKids room! For a quiet activity the children created some artworks with Hama Beads that were then ironed and are now also on display. If you have any questions about our program please come and see one of our friendly staff members. Have a great week!

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Taekwondo Thursdays 4.30pm School Hall



Introducing the School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants)**
There's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary)**
More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary)**
More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1
Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at transport.nsw.info/school-students

Step 2
The school endorses your application.

Step 3
Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

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