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FROM THE PRINCIPALS

2018 is now off to a flying start with all of our students settled in well and fully engaged in their lessons. We have already been extremely busy with year six leadership elections last week, swimming trials yesterday, and our first assembly for the year tomorrow.

The Deaf School have 19 students enrolled so far this year and there are a few others making enquiries, so this number could grow shortly. We are now back to operating three classrooms which is very exciting and once again we have big plans for our students.

We will continue to run our specialist HASS and science programs this year, which are tailored for the specific learning styles of our deaf children. Our science teacher, Linda Townend has been up skilling herself over the summer in all things technological and she will be incorporating more ICT into her already engaging lessons. We have just purchased two 3D printers, so we look forward to seeing what our students can design and create with those!



We are always promoting our school values with our Super Values team and when our students reach their target this time, we will be heading to AQWA for a very special sleep under the sea night. Our students are very excited about this (as are the staff!!) and hoping to reach their goal before the end of term one.

It is so wonderful how so many of the students across both schools embrace Auslan into their daily lives. Our Auslan lessons for 2018 have resumed and all of our students are making great progress. To give an added incentive to learning and understanding Auslan, we are starting a friendly competition. Each time the deaf school produce the newsletter, we will include some photos of some of our students signing. If you understand what is being signed, you can fill in the entry form and bring it into the Deaf School office. One lucky student will have their entry pulled out by Mrs Therese Robertson at each assembly and win one of our Auslan Star prizes. Good luck!

Monique Smith and Alison Robb, **PRINCIPALS**

DEAF SCHOOL SCIENCE UPDATE

Students in years 2-3 began exploring the properties of materials all around them this term. They identified the materials of everyday objects around the school and created structures from everyday wooden items such as pegs and popsticks.

They will continue the term as young chemists exploring how different materials can be combined, including by mixing, for a particular purpose.

Observations will include the changes that occur in their mixtures of slime, bouncy dough, and oil and water observations.

The knowledge and skills they gain through their investigations will prepare for further application in technology engineering and mathematics design projects.



Years 4-6 students have been investigating solids liquids and gases. They have been developing their criteria as to what determines the state of materials and carried out investigations as to how the state of materials can be changed. Students explored how shaking can change the state of cream into butter, they captured the gas in soda into a balloon and noted the effect temperature of material can change a liquid into solid in icy poles. Students will use their new understandings and skills to create an enterprising challenge incorporating technology engineering and mathematics.



NAPLAN ONLINE FOR YEAR 3s & 5s IN 2018

Students in Years 3 and 5 at Mosman Park Primary will take their NAPLAN tests online this year, with the exception for Year 3 Writing which will still be taken on paper. If your child should be exempt from this testing due to disability or you wish to withdraw your child from the testing, please see the front office for the appropriate paper work. Adjustments for disability are also available should your child have a disability which requires this – again, please see the front office or discuss this with your child’s teacher. You can preview the type of testing your child will undergo by going to www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site. Further information will be sent out as it becomes available.

ICAS TESTING

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) design and deliver the assessments and is an arm of the University of New South Wales. Please be aware that these assessments are competitively based and may be conducted before school. Some are conducted in May and others in August.

As entries are administered through the school, you can apply through the school by filling out and returning with payment the form held at the front office. Please return the form and moneys to the School Administration before 20 March, 2018 – Late entries will incur extra costs. We can only run a test if we have at least 3 students sitting the test in that subject area. Students will need to be at the school library to start the test at 8.30am.

CAT or AMC MATHS TESTING FOR YEARS 5/6

Registration for all Australian Mathematics Trust competitions has now opened! Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) is first up, scheduled for 27 March.

Students have an hour to complete the paper, which contains 9 problems that require logical and algorithmic thinking. This includes six multiple-choice questions that are relatively easy to solve, followed by three more challenging questions.

In 2018, the AMT is offering a package of the CAT and the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) for the discounted price of **\$10 per student**. You can also ensure that your students are prepared and ready to go by adding the training programs GetSet CAT or GetSet AMC to any order for \$2 per student. Please fill in the same form as the ICAS testing and return to the office by 2 March along with the payment. Students will need to be at the school library to start the test at 8.30am.

SUN SAFETY - HATS

Our school has a “No Hat, No Play” Policy in place from September 1st through to May 31st. A hat is to be worn during sport, physical education, recess, lunch times and on excursions.



ANZAC Day Service

This year’s ANZAC Day service will be held on the last Friday of Term 1 (13 April) at 9am. All are welcome. Once again, we would like to know of any family links to fallen soldiers so that our students can place a poppy by the name of the soldier. Please let the front office know of your family and the name of the soldier you wish to have remembered (a form is available) if you are new to the school and have not already registered in previous years, or if you are unsure whether you are registered. Forms must be received by 26th March if they are to be included.

Pamela Chatfield
Associate Principal MPPS

PERTH JAPAN FESTIVAL 2018

On Saturday, March 10, from 11am-6pm, Forrest Place will again come alive with the sights and smells of Japan! That’s right, it’s the annual Perth Japan Festival! Events include demonstrations of *Kendo*, *Karate* and *Soran* dancing; stalls selling Japanese delicacies such as *ramen*, *okonomiyaki* and *yakitori*; and booths with *anime*, *kimono* and Japanese souvenirs. For more information, visit <https://www.perthjapanfestival.com/>

STUDENT ARRIVAL TIME

A number of students are arriving very early to school – well before staff. Classrooms generally open at 8.30am. Families who are unable to care for their children before school starts can book into the YMCA Outside School Hours Care which operates from the school library starting at 7am. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

MOSMAN PARK - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

YMCA Outside School Hours Care operates at Mosman Park Primary School.

Before School Care operates from the library from 7.00am.

After School Care operates from Alf Adams Pavilion on the oval next to the school on Solomon Street from the end of school till 6pm.

SWIMMING CARNIVALS and TRAINING DATES

The Mosman Park Schools Swimming Carnival will be held at Claremont Pool Monday morning on 12 March.

Before school swimming training starts the following Wednesday 14 March at St Hilda’s pool.

These sessions will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7.45am-8.15am.

The last session will be held on Monday 26 March.

The Inter-School swimming Carnival will be held at HBF Stadium on Thursday morning 29 March.



SWIMMING TIME TRIALS

It was great to see so many happy faces participating in the swimming time trials at St Hilda's pool yesterday. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped.



SWIMMING TIME TRIALS continued



P&C NEWS

Thank you to all who came along to our AGM and 1st Meeting for 2018.

Our elected P&C Executive are as follows:

President	Hannah Adams
Vice President	Michele Scott
Secretary	Kate Pickard
Treasurer	Sarah Webster
Exec Committee	Anne Fairbanks
Exec Committee	Lara Davis
Exec Committee	Marion Johnston

Acoustic Panels have been installed in the Kindergarten as well as one Pre-Primary and Year 1 classroom. This was a major initiative of the P&C in 2017 and we would value feedback from teachers, students and parents as to the difference it has made. Email mppsresident@gmail.com

P&C Voluntary Contribution of \$60 per family goes directly to your children's class rooms. At our last meeting those present voted on the allocation of funds from the P&C to help resource each of our 16 classrooms. In addition, funds were allocated to Music, Sport and Art. We have continued to support our students with Mathletics. Our Voluntary Contribution is considerably lower than other local schools and the amounts we have allocated to classrooms has remained the same over many years.

BIG IDEAS were voted on to give the P&C a focus this year.

#1 priority is Education in the Outdoors

This includes the Natureplay Area, Kitchen Garden and Road Safety

#2 priority is Art Around the School

Working on creating an awesome Art Room and community art projects around the school.

#3 priority is Library Learning Hub

Library makeover

Already we have parents who have come forward with their ideas and enthusiasm and are willing to share their time, talents and expertise! Please call me if you have any questions on how you can assist.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 13 March 6pm, Library Free Cyber Safety Talk by Paul Litherland from SurfOnlineSafe. Presentation for parents on Cyber Bullying, Digital Citizenship, Online Footprint, Social Networking, Online Gaming. Followed by....

Tuesday 13 March 7pm, Library P&C Meeting

Sunday 25 March 12-5pm Mann Oval – Town of Mosman Park Community Fair. The P&C is running a Cake Stall out of Alf Adams Pavilion. 35m Radical Run Inflatable Obstacle Course and 'Pimped out Pushies' Bike Decorating Competition sound like highlights!

Thursday 29 March 2.45pm EASTER RAFFLE draw. Eggciting!

Thanks & best regards,

Hannah Adams

Mosman Park Schools P&C President

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COMMUNITY NEWS



SEE WHAT YOU THINK
and see how you feel

OPEN DAY 2018
Saturday 10 March
9am–12pm

GREAT MINDS
good hearts

Discover the whole-person approach of WA's leading coeducational Catholic college, where academic excellence goes hand in hand with humanity. Get all the facts about our extraordinary facilities, programs and opportunities, and, just as importantly, get a sense of a welcoming community that truly lives its values. → Tours every half hour → Principal's address 9:30am → Final tour 11:00am

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Your child will enjoy a diverse range of educational play activities in our large air-conditioned indoor and secure outdoor environment.

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