Food Allergies

We have children at our school who have severe allergic reactions to peanuts. These anaphylactic allergic reactions are potentially fatal.

We are asking all parents’ co-operation in making school as safe as possible for all students. Please do not send peanut products to school with your children. This includes peanut butter Snickers bars, and peanut spread such as Nutella. The danger of all these items is that they could also be eaten or shared with children with a peanut allergy. In some cases, contact with skin is enough for a serious reaction.

Anzac Day

The school will commemorate this special event on Thursday 11th April.

Firstly, the school choir will walk to Matraville RSL Cenotaph to perform Advance Australia Fair and the first performance of ‘Heroes’, a song specifically written for Anzac Day by Don Spencer. The ceremony will commence at 12 noon should you wish to attend.

Secondly, whilst the choir is at the cenotaph an assembly will be held in the school hall at 12.30pm for K-2 students and those remaining in years 3-6.

School Calendar

The school closes for the autumn vacation this Friday 12th April.

Term 2 starts for students Wednesday 1 May

Staff will be undertaking professional learning on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April.

School Disco

Thank you to all parents and students who attended last Thursday’s Disco. Special thanks to the parents who organised and sold the food. Thank you to the Jusuf family who donated the sausages. Thank you staff for attending this event.
School Development Days

With the introduction of four new syllabus documents, Science, History, English, and Mathematics, staff in government schools across NSW, have been allocated 2 days to begin to understand the implications of implementing these documents from 2014.

On Monday 29 April the staff will be looking at our teaching practices in writing as it applies to the English syllabus.

On Tuesday 30 April the first half of the day we will continue to look at Aboriginal Education before we continue to unpack the writing part of the new English syllabus.

The preschool staff during these two days will continue to prepare for the accreditation process as they:
1. Evaluate last year’s Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)
2. Formulate this year’s Preschool QIP
3. Arrivals and Departures Policies and Procedures
4. Water Play Safety Policy
5. Update SunSafe Policy to fit in with ‘full-day’ routines
6. Supervision Policy
7. Healthy Eating Policy
8. Cleaning schedule
9. Documentation Policy
10. Behaviour Guidance Policy
11. Preschool Routines

Uniform Shop

Will be open this week on:
Wednesday & Thursday 9.00 – 9.30am
Please note that there are no eftpos facilities at our school if parents could please assist the uniform shop and office by paying by cash or cheque

Congratulations to Leianne Tufuga who has been selected in the ESPSSA Zone Netball Team

5/6M Tessellations

5/6M has been creating several tessellations. Our photo shows an interesting tessellation we pieced together.

Materials: three pieces of coloured paper 1 dark (not black), 1 light, 1 medium, black piece of paper, a glue stick, scissors

Firstly, we picked three colours, one light, one medium and one dark.
Secondly, we drew five diamonds on the light piece of paper and drew six diamonds on the other two and then cut them out.
We placed them on a piece of black paper with the light colour on top and medium on the right dark on the remaining side.
Then when we thought it looked right, we glued the pieces onto the black piece of paper. Edward & Lachlan

Sport

PSSA Round 7 Fri 12th April
Cricket Vs Maroubra Junction at Heffron Park (Poolside)
Softball Vs Maroubra Junction at Heffron Park (Poolside)
AFL Vs Maroubra Junction at Heffron Park
Please send a $1 Coin with your child each Friday
Dear Parents

We need your help please about how to ensure Matraville Sports High School is on your list of possible schools to consider when making the choice about high school placement for your child.

Further to my discussions last year at each of your P&C meetings and as the School Education Director working closely with all of the schools in the Little Bay Community of Schools (LBCoS) I assure you that we are keen to collect your advice and suggestions. We want Matraville Sports High School to be the high school of choice in the local area.

To help us gather information the LBCoS sub-committee has organised for Ros Bastian, Sydney Region, Promotions Officer to conduct a series of focus groups for parents in each LBCoS. Ros has about 6 questions that will form the basis of the discussion with the group. There will be about 10 parents in each group. The discussion will take about 1½ hours. Your Principal will organise the most appropriate time and place for the group depending on who volunteers to be involved.

Please note that only your Principal will know the names of all the volunteers in the group. Ros will know first names only and no individual will be named in the final report to the sub-committee.

If you have ideas to share or comments to make and would like to be part of the focus group for your school please complete the sign-off slip below and return it to the front office. Your Principal will then be in touch about the organisation.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. We are all keen to make a positive difference for Matraville Sports High School – please help us.

Please don’t hesitate to contact your Principal or me at Bondi Office on telephone 9298 6900 if you have any queries.

Thank you,  
(Dr) Sylvia Corish  
School Education Director, Botany Bay Network

LBCoS Initiative – Matraville Sports High School – Embracing the Future

I would like to be involved in the LBCoS focus group for my school.

Name: ..................................Contact number: .................................

Eldest Child: ...................................... Class:
It has been an exciting first term for staff and students at Matraville SHS.

Our HSC Construction students have begun the restoration of structures at Bare Island in conjunction with National Parks and Wildlife and Sydney Business Education Partnerships; we have already started our “Aspire” connections with UNSW whose students are providing Maths and Science assistance in classes; and were recently announced as contestants in this year’s Archibull Prize competition. The Archibull Prize for us will be a joint teaching and learning effort with Chifley Primary School, with students from both schools working together to research sustainable farming in Australia. It will also involve decorating the 2 life – size bulls that were delivered last week!

In order to build on our successes, we would like your opinion of the school, and to share your thoughts on how we can provide the best education for your children in the future.

If you are interested, please complete the slip attached to the LBCoS article in this newsletter, and return to your primary school Principal. I look forward to your input.

Nerida Walker, R/Principal
Matraville Sports High School

Community News

Disclaimer: Matraville Soldiers’ Settlement Public School as a service to parents will advertise community events, which may be of interest. MSSPS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organisation of these events.

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405 Gardeners Road, Rosebery
(Stocking Bakels, Satin Ice, Wilton, Fat Dadios and much more)
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Children’s Cupcake Decorating Classes
(starting Apr 13)
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In-Store kids play area
5% discount for all parents
excluding Bakels 7kg RTR and classes
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Love Art? Want more of it? Join Art classes with Rose at Maroubra Bar Public School, Duncan Street. Classes run on the school term and are limited. See the web site for photos and further details.
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SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

April School Holiday Camps at Moore Park and Matraville
Our Sports Fun Holiday Camps are for children aged 3–8 years old. The Camps are multi-sport camps, with between 3 and 5 sports taught each day. The Camps run at the following times:
8:00–3.00pm (full day) - $60.00 per child per day – 10% discount for 3 or more days, groups of 5 or more & siblings.
9.00–1.00pm (half day) - $50.00 per child per day – 10% discount for 3 or more days, groups of 5 or more & siblings.

Moore Park Tennis Centre: 
Moore Park Sports Centre:
Mon 15th, Wed 17th & Fri 19th April
Mon 22nd, Wed 24th & Fri 26th April
Tues 16th, Thurs 18th & Fri 19th April
Tues 23rd & Fri 26th April

To book please contact Dan on 0422 318 324 or email ein@sportholiday.com.au for more details.

Also weekly sports classes for 2.5 to 7 year olds run at both venues, including Saturday mornings at Matraville, and we will also run classes at Alexandria on Thursday mornings.

www.sportsfun.com.au