**Choir**

International Mothers Language Day last Thursday was celebrated at Eastlakes shopping centre. We received the following words from one of the organisers.

"Veni, Vidi, Vici"!!! What a great performance of your children! It was overwhelming! Everybody loved it. We cordially thank you & your team for all the effort to make an amazing performance.

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**1/2C – School Rules**

1/2C have been revising the school rules. In order to be safe and responsible we decided that we need to keep our hands and feet to ourselves. It was this rule that inspired our hands and feet art. An example by Lynette Morgan above top right corner.

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**Parent Teacher Meeting**

5.15 pm – 5.55 pm: Parents of K-2 are invited to the Kindergarten rooms to meet your child’s teacher and hear about some of the routines in the school.

6.00 pm – 6.40 pm: Parents of students in Years 3-6 will meet in Mr Ansell’s room to meet your child’s teacher and learn the routines of the classroom.

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**Kindergarten Best Start**

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is designed to identify each student’s literacy and numeracy skills and understanding at the beginning of Kindergarten. The assessment for your child was carried out two days before your child started school. We understand that there are some limitations to a start this way. However, any further information your child demonstrates in the Aspects of Literacy and Numeracy during the first month is added to the report and adjusted in your child’s learning plan. The following website provides access to a range of resources for parents and children.


Kindergarten Best Start Reports will be given out at the parent meeting next Tuesday 6 March.

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**Working Bee**

Thank you to those who offered to come to last Saturday’s Working Bee. It was unfortunate the heavy rain cancelled this event. In trying to SMS parents of the cancellation the system did not work and I hope that parents understand this glitch. However, the rain was so heavy everyone realised there was a cancellation.

The working bee will be held this Saturday 2nd March 9 am to 1 pm.
A Reminder - Medical

Our school currently has a student who is receiving medical treatment for cancer. She is recovering from treatments and their side effects. As this student has a compromised immune system (which makes her more vulnerable to disease), it is important that you do not send your child to school if they are unwell. For example, if your child has an infectious disease (such as the measles, chickenpox or flu), they should stay at home until no longer contagious. We would also appreciate it if you would notify the school immediately if your child has an infectious disease, this will allow us to notify the sick student's parents, if necessary. We appreciate your cooperation.

Reports & Interviews

The Department of Education and Communities policy states that there should be two reports and one interview. Traditionally the school has held its interviews at the end of term 2 when the semester reports are sent home.

However, with the personalised learning plans and individual education plans for students it is timely to change the timing of the interviews. Instead of using the interviews to report upon student achievement, we are changing our focus to use the interviews in collaborating with parents to better inform your child’s teaching by having parents share information at a Term 1 parent/teacher session.

Interviews will be held the last week of Term 1 on Mon 8 – Wednesday 10 April.

Schoolkids Bonus

Lighten the load


If school expenses are weighing you down, the Schoolkids Bonus can help lighten the load. It replaces the old Education Tax Refund and it is simple: there’s no need to collect receipts or claim it through your tax.

Eligible students will receive:
• $410 for each primary student ($205 paid in January and $205 paid in July)
• $820 for each secondary student ($410 paid in January and $410 paid in July).

Assembly

Mitre 10

Mitre 10 will be delivering a present to each K-3 student on Friday at 2.15. It is nice of them to do this.

Breaking News: Leianne Yr 6 & Sophie (Yr 6 2012) made the Randwick U12’s netball squad.
Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

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Uniform Shop

Will be open this week on: 
Wednesday & Friday 9.00 – 9.30am
Fully stocked for all your uniform needs!

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.

Clean up Australia

This event will be held at school on Monday 4th March. Students will help pick up any rubbish at school.

Swim Team

Good luck to the following students for their efforts at the District Swimming carnival today, Tuesday 26 February.

A special thanks to all the parents for volunteering to transport the students.


Matraville Sports High

On Thursday students and staff form MSHS will be speaking to Year 6 students about the various academic programs Matraville Sports High School.

Safety on Wheels

For information on how to keep children safe when riding bikes, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades please go to the following website: Transport for NSW: www.rms.nsw.gov.au

By law all riders on bicycles must wear an Australian & New Zealand Standards approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened on the rider’s head. Make sure the helmet fits correctly and check it regularly for damage. Replace the helmet if it has been dropped on a hard surface or involved in a crash, if the foam is cracked or the straps look frayed or worn.
Staff

Miss Hume, Miss Jackson and Miss Russell will be attending a training day in teaching Measurement on Wednesday 27 February. This aspect of mathematics has been an area we have looked at over the past year as we continue to improve our programs.

Mrs Flynn will be attending a two day training course in the teaching of Phonics and Phonemic Awareness. Mrs Flynn is one of our specialist reading teachers.

Thank you

A very special thanks to our community for taking our uniform so seriously, even wearing the correct shoes each Monday to Thursday. This would be the best year ever. We appreciate that the daily organisation to make sure your child has the correct uniform. The look of the school has improved with students showing such pride in the way they dress.

We appreciate the parents also taking this small but important stand in presenting our school in the best possible way to the wider community.

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.