Navy Band

All parents are invited to attend a concert from 11.30 - 12.15 where a class of students will be performing ‘Pride of the Fleet’ with the full navy band. The band will be at school on Tuesday 26 March.

We have in the past performed with the Navy Band of which some of these performances are on our YouTube channel. Our Waltzing Matilda Navy Band performance has 18 670 hits on YouTube.

Koori Parent Meeting

From 6.45 pm – 7.45 pm on Wednesday 20th parents and carers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are invited to the staffroom to discuss programs and issues affecting Aboriginal students at Soldiers’ Settlement.

Thank you for Listening

Thank you to parents, carers and drivers around Soldiers’ Settlement Public School. A huge improvement in student safety was evident. There were four 3 point turns which blocked traffic last week of which three of these were P plate drivers.

Just a reminder that the Kiss and Drop zone outside the school can incur fines of up to $353, by illegally stopping in bus zones and near pedestrian crossings.

Working Bee

Thank you to the small but hard working families who assisted at the working bee. Whilst there were lots of jobs across the school, we concentrated on preparing a new bed for the vegetable garden. Darren Whittaker (P&C President) as well as Benjamin and Alexander. Jill Dwyer and Georgie as well as Robyn Howe with Lachlan and Max (visiting from another school). We sell our produce when available Friday afternoons.

Preschool Meet and Greet

A sausage sizzle will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 20th March from 5.30 - 6.30 at the preschool for all parents and carers to meet each other. This is a social gathering and informal meet and greet session.
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| Tues 19th March | Happy Birthday Sean Holten | SE Football Trials | SE Girls Basketball | AFL Regional Trials | 3-4pm Homework Club |
| Wed 20th March | SE Boys Basketball Trials | 5.30-6.30pm Preschool Meet & Greet | 6.45-7.45pm | Koori Parent Meeting |
| Thur 21st March | Happy Birthday Jack Podvorec | Ricky Mino | Nathan Glasby |
| Fri 22nd March | Happy Birthday Madison Thomas | Stewart House Clothing Bags Due | 9.30-11.30 PSSA Summer Sport | 10-12 Playgroup | 2.10pm Assembly |

| Fri 22nd March | Happy Birthday April Allende |
| Fri 29th March | Happy Birthday |
| 30th/31st March | Happy Birthday |

**Sport**

- Cricket Vs Rainbow Street at Heffron Park (Poolside)
- Softball Vs Rainbow Street at Heffron Park (Poolside)
- AFL Vs Banksmeadow at Heffron Park

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Married rugby League Trials Under 11 and Opens 12/13 years to play Sydney Coastal on March 28. Michael Valenta, Braydon Pilbeam, Joel Tutt, Archie Donnelly.

**School Cross Country**

The School Cross Country for students in Years 3 – 6 and those Year 2 students who turn 8 this year will be held on **Wednesday 27th March at Pioneer Park**.

Children will come to school at normal time and will leave at 11:30am to walk to Pioneer Park. They will return to school at approximately 3pm.

Sports Uniform is to be worn. Please ensure you child has sport shoes, sunscreen, school hat and a water bottle.

Students with Asthma should carry medication with them as required.

Permission notes were sent home today with the Settler.

**Stewart House**

The Clothing Bags and/or Donation Drive Envelopes provided last week can be accepted until this **Friday 22nd March, 2013**. (we are unable to accept bags after this date). Thank you for your generosity with donations for Stewart House.

**Easter Egg Donations**

Raffle Tickets were sent home today from the P&C for the Easter raffle. We are asking for donations of unopened and in date Easter items to go towards prizes for the raffle. These donations can be sent in anytime from now. Thank you for your support towards this fundraising event. **Drawn 26 March.**

**Easter Break**

School will be closed on Good Friday 29th March and Easter Monday 1st April for Easter Public Holidays. We wish all families a safe and enjoyable break.

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**School Disco**

Thursday 4 April in the school hall between 5 pm and 6.30 pm. Easter Theme. This disco is for students of our school only.

Congratulations to Leianne Tufuga for winning a scholarship to the Australian Performing Arts Grammar School for 2014.

**P & C Get Together**

The P & C are holding an evening for all parents at the Rex Hotel in Pagewood on Saturday 23rd March from 6.30pm.

A family get together has also been organised at Cromwell Park on Sunday 24th March from 3pm. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children. Please bring your own picnic.

The latest P&C minutes have been uploaded to the school’s website. [www.matravilss-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/your-p-c/minutes-of-meetings](http://www.matravilss-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/your-p-c/minutes-of-meetings)
Positive Behaviours for Learning Certificates

Responsibility:
1/2C: Paris Isaac, Jenna Ritchie
KH: Mia Stafford, Tyneisha Mueller
KJ: Kai Todd

Learning:
5/6M: Cleo Sissian-Turnbull, Sammy-Lee Cessario, Edward Zhang
5/A: Jasmine Moses, Ihi Jamieson, Maddy Garlick
KH: Theodore Cheng, Amy Pribadi, Rielan Mueller, Mia Stafford
KJ: Amelie Corrie

Respect:
5/6M: Sisifa Fakatava, Edward Zhang, Kiarna Turaga-Phillips, Dylan Welch-Madgwick, Tenaya Simms
5A: Chylli Tetava
4J: Liam Thornton
1/2C: Neylan Akirahaydar, Riley Becerra, Jade Brennan, Celine Chia, Declan Easton, Paris Isaac, Lachlan Jones, Amahni Kaivelata, Nate Lawson, Jamie Leuzzi, Julia Mendoza, Christopher Mylonas, Adea Rexhepi, Jenna Ritchie, Kyle Wickett, Lachlan Zampa-Howe, Keenan Pilbeam, Toban Pilbeam
KH: Mia Stafford, Rielan Mueller, Tyneisha Mueller, Ethan Jusuf
KJ: Kai Todd, Amelie Corrie, Baya Lowe

Uniform Shop
Will be open this week on:
Tuesday & Friday 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.

Computer Upgrade
The school’s computer network will be overhauled from this Wednesday to Friday. During this time we will have periods of no service to the information and processes we follow. Please be patient with us should your enquiry be affected as we improve the computer services at the school.

Kindergarten 2014
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2014. If any students have siblings who will be starting next year or know of anyone who would like to become part of our school community please pick up an enrolment form from the office or download one from our website www.matravilss-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.
Please do not hesitate to contact the office on 9311 1175 if you have any questions regarding enrolments.

Driver Safety Tips
For drivers using a ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area
• Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area, following the school’s procedures.
• Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area.
• Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
• Never double park.
• Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

Safety tips for students
• Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area.
• Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, eg on the floor.
• Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.
• Always get in and out of the backseat of the vehicle through the safety door – the rear footpath-side door.
As one of two schools in Sydney that Mainfreight is sponsoring, every student from our Friday playgroup, the 40 pre-schoolers and 200 K-6 students each received three books of their choice at the assembly. With two more assemblies to look forward to by the end of the year each child would have received 9 books. Illustrator Cheryl Orsini spoke about the process of illustrating books which was very informative.

School Sponsorship

The school has been very fortunate to receive so much attention from Australian Businesses.

In addition to Books in Homes and Mainfreight the following businesses will also sponsor MSSPS

- Australian Business Network for Year 4 Darling Harbour Theatre and drama workshops;
- Mitre 10 (P-3 Jackets);
- McAfee Antivirus Cyber Safety Program
- Qantas (Reading mentors in June);
- Souths Cares (Yrs 5/6 Life Education);
- Navy Band;
- Police Band; and

of course, the most amazing commitment I have seen to a school the Australian Children’s Music Foundation (ACMF) and Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO) music programs.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Each class produced art work that described what Harmony day means to them.

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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