Thank You to our Wonderful Reading Helpers

Last term we began a program in the school library to assist children with their reading skills. Initially six children were selected to participate and they have enjoyed their special one on one time with the reading volunteers.

I would love to expand the programme this term so that even more children can benefit from having their own special tutor with whom to read. If there are any parents, grandparents, neighbours or community members who could spare 30 minutes on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 9-9.30 (or a combination of days) please call the school and leave your name and phone number at the office and I will call you back to discuss the programme and address any questions you may have about the programme. All training is supplied as well as ongoing support as you work with the child. Both tutors and children have enjoyed their times together last term and all children have improved in their reading levels.

Please consider volunteering your time it will benefit your own children as well as you learn different ways to help them at home.

Mrs Vicki Jones and Mrs Vandenberg

Mothers’ Day Stall

The P & C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall on Friday 10th May from 9.00am so that students can purchase gifts.

There are plenty of gifts to suit all budgets from as little as $1 to $10.

Members of the P&C will be in the school hall preparing the gifts wrapping the hundreds of items from 7pm to 9pm on Thursday evening. The more volunteers they get to assist the less time they need on Thursday evening. Any volunteers who can assist are more than welcome.

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 13th May at 7.15pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome. Included in the Principal’s report will be details about the National Partnership grant the school has recently received.
**KH Talking & Listening**

KH’s Talking and Listening lesson this week focused on correct word order and asking questions. The students worked as a group to create a pig mask, asking for each piece of equipment one step at a time.

### Books in Homes

This year our whole school from Pre-school to Year 6 has the opportunity to receive books thanks to Books in Homes. Order forms were sent out last week, and need to be returned this Friday 10 May, 2013. The earlier we return the forms, the more likely the students are to receive their first three preferences. We are very lucky to be able to receive these books thanks to Mainfreight for sponsoring our school, so there is no cost for us. Free books! It is important that you number the books from 1-4 in order of preference, and your child will receive 3 of these titles at assembly in week 7. Also there is a competition with great prizes up for grabs for those who are interested. Congratulations to Sophia Lu from Year 1 who received a prize pack for her entry last term. Further details are in your catalogues. Thanks, Miss Westcott.

### 100% Attendance

What a huge effort for these students. Each and every day they turned up at school. Congratulations!

- Paris Isaac 1-2C
- Phoenix Hamana-Moke 1M
- James Petrikis 1M
- Adam Walaszczyk 1M
- Maya Bell 3R
- Taylor Harris 3R
- Andrea Bautista 4J
- Georgie Easton 4J
- Jordan Glacken 4J
- Michael Valenta 5-6M
- Naomi Sigaruarua 5-6M
- Lailah Prince 5A
- Jack Wilson 5A
- Alice Carter KH
- Isaac Kirovsky KH
- Rielan Mueller KH
- Tyneisha Mueller KH
- Amelie Corrie KJ
- Jocelyn Lam KJ

80 students are meeting the 96% target at attendance school.

Unfortunately, 94 of our students are not meeting the target which is of concern when we have had such a positive result in previous years.

### Library Help Requested

There are many new books in the library to be taped and stamped. Are there any parents able to take a bundle home so I can get them into the classrooms as soon as possible? Mrs Jones Teacher Librarian
Positive Behaviours for Learning Certificates

Responsibility:
5/6M: Tyreece Lyons, Samantha Wilson, Leianne Tufuga, Sammy-Lee Cessario, Dylan Welch-Madgwick, Faith Butler, Naomi Sigaruarua, Tenaya Simms, Tahlia Skordas, Michael Valenta, Jada Morris, Lizzie Haines, Brandon Houghton, Cleo Sissian-Turnbull, Josh Uy, Benjamin Leuzzi, Braydon Pilbeam, Torrens Bell
5A: Molly Becerra, Ruby Valenta, Jasmine Moses, Ben Royston, Jack Wilson, Chylli Tetava, Libby Nabilla, Bebeloa Brennan
4J: Dane Lester, Flynn Basalo, Chelsea Sissian-Turnbull, Georgie Easton, Jazmyn Birtles, Domenic Hofstee, Andrea Bautista, Tayt Lambley, Rohan Paris
3R: Noa Penitani, Shanelle Lyons, Daniella Khamis, Taylor Harris, Maya Bell, Ebony Cessario, Aimee Glacken, Nora Salih

Learning:
5/6M: Jada Morris, Leianne Tufuga, Kiarna Turaga-Phillips, Tyreece Lyons, Torrens Bell, Samantha Wilson, Braydon Pilbeam, Michael Valenta, Faith Butler, Dylan Welch Madgwick, Lizzie Haines, Tenaya Simms
4J: Courtney Porter, Kyle Andrews, Thomas Elliott, Jordan Glacken, Alifarrell Jusuf, Baidon Trindall
3R: Auren Podvorec, Tyrone Irons, Emily Chung Kai To, McKeily Pyne, Nora Salih, Andrea Virag, Lani Webster, Alex Whitaker, Alaster Yong, Alex Whitaker, McKeily Pyne, Noa Penitani, Summer Page, Aimee Glacken, Ebony Cessario, Dante Campbell, Maya Bell

Respect:
5/6M: Tahlia Skordas, Michael Valenta, Marina Suprihono Putri, Brandon Houghton, Torrens Bell, Braydon Pilbeam, Jada Morris, Nikita Cristia, Cleo Sissian-Turnbull, Samantha Wilson
5A: Bebeloa Brennan, Jasmine Moses, Chylli Tetava, Jack Wilson, Daejon Hamana-Moke, Kelsey Taylor, Jamal Mayfield, Maddy Garlick, Trea Amiet, Ruby Valenta
4J: Rohan Paris, Andrea Bautista, Chelsea Sissian-Turnbull, Flynn Basalo, Nathan Nah, Courtney Porter, Dane Lester
3R: McKeily Pyne, Ebony Cessario, Dante Campbell, Daigreco, Alex Whitaker, Tyrone Irons, Alaster Yong, Nora Salih, Noa Penitani, Summer Page, Shanelle Lyons, Alice Le Guillou, Daniella Khamis, Aimee Glacken, Emily Chung Kai To, Ebony Cessarios, Dante Campbell

Medical Treatment
Our school currently has a student who is receiving medical treatment for cancer. She is actively involved in the school community and 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. For more information about how long an illness is contagious, contact your GP or visit the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au).

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.

Parent Meeting
On Friday 17 May at 9.00am we are holding a focus group for parents to gather information 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.

Ros Bastian, Sydney Region, Promotions Officer will conduct a focus groups for parents. 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.

Morning Tea will be provided in the staff room for the parents who have said they would take part.

Should there be any other interested parent or carer who wishes to be involved please contact the office and leave your name.

This is yet another strategy in how local schools are trying to identify future directions, particularly as Local Schools and Local Decisions, a government policy, begins to make an impact in the education system.

Sport
Round 1 Friday 17th May
Preschool Newsletter

Have a look at the excellent newsletter the preschool has assembled for Term 2. Go to our website at www.matravilss-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/preschool/latest-preschool-news

Uniform Shop

Will be open this week on:
Tues, Thurs & Fri 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

For the Calendar

10 May: Zone Cross Country
13 May: Year 5 students to participate in a leadership conference- very limited places (to be advised)
13 May: 7.15 P&C Meeting
21 May: Maxine McKew Visit
31 May: Indigenous Veterans Day Hyde Park
14 June: Regional Cross Country Miranda
19 June: Qantas Spark Reading starts

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.