PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

It has been another big week at Mimosa and it doesn't look like slowing down! Firstly, a big thanks to all the parents who helped organise and run the Mothers’ Day Breakfast and Gift Stall. We all really appreciate the time and effort that went in to organising the events; they were very special for both mums and kids alike.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing has been progressing well this week with students in Years 3 and 5 completing assessments in Language Conventions, Reading and Writing with Numeracy to be completed tomorrow. Results of these assessments are due in mid-September and individual student reports will be sent home. The results of the tests will provide the school with valuable data about what each student can do and will be used to inform teaching and learning programs.

Band News
Last week our bands performed at the annual NSSWE Autumn concerts at The Forest High School. The students performed beautifully and really showcased their musicianship on the big stage. We had lots of positive comments about the students' playing and their wonderful behaviour during the concerts. Well done to Lanneke and the bands for all the hard work they put in to preparing for the concerts and a massive thanks to the parents who helped supervise our students at the events.

Cybersafety
More and more these days we are hearing about issues around cybersafety and keeping kids safe while online. Parents are often asking questions and trying to find answers to the best ways to help keep our children safe and secure in the digital world. To help parents, we have organised a Cybersafety workshop for parents with Cybersafety advocate, Leonie Smith (The Cybersafety Lady - http://thecybersafetylady.com.au/).

Leonie is well known on the northern beaches for providing dynamic, up to date and vital information for parents about the latest apps and platforms, safe search settings, dangerous apps and blogging, cyberbullying, common traps for young people and setting computers and mobile devices for safe online use.

The presentation will be held in the evening on Tuesday 24 June in our school hall. The event is free to all parents and we will send more information soon with start time and RSVP details.

Grandparents’ Day
We would like to invite all our Grandparents and Grandfriends to a special morning tea on Tuesday 10 June. Classes will perform some special items and morning tea will be available for all our guests. Visitors will also be entertained by our bands during the morning tea. As we are undergoing some changes in the library at the moment and our new librarian, Mrs Mamott is keen to do a stocktake of our current resources; we are not having books for sale at this year’s Grandparents' Day. We are hoping to host a book fair later in the year which will give families an opportunity to donate resources to our library.

Please see the attached information with this week’s newsletter for start times and session details.

Maebashi Seshonen Cultural Visit
Once again this year, Davidson High School is hosting a visit from 40 Japanese students in mid-August. The students will also visit Mimosa PS for a day so that our students can also take part in this very worthwhile and educational cultural experience. Davidson HS are
seeking assistance from local families who would like to host one or two of the Japanese students (who are aged 13-14 years) in their home from 11 August – 21 August. Families will receive $250 per student to help cover expenses. If you would like more information or would like to express your interest in hosting students, please collect an information form from the Mimosa school office or contact the Davidson HS office on 9451 0022.

**Groundhogs Day**
A reminder that Groundhogs Day, our annual Working Bee, is being held on this Saturday, 17 May 1.00-4.00pm. We hope to see as many families as possible come along and support our school, helping to make it an even better environment for our students to learn and thrive in. For more information or to RSVP, please see the information attached.

**Biggest Morning Tea**
This year's Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser will be held on Thursday 22 May. At 8:45, parents and carers can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some home-made treats. At school recess time, students will be able to donate a gold coin and have a morning tea treat. If you can help with the event or would like to know more, please see the information attached.

Matthew Fuller
PRINCIPAL

**Things to look for in this Newsletter**

- Link to School Calendar
- Clean up Mimosa Day
- Groundhogs
- Australians’ Biggest Morning Tea Information
- Walk to school day
- Grandparent’s day
- Term 2 Fees explanation sheet

**Dates to put in your diary**


**Office News**
With the latest Book Club order we received a book that had no name attached to the order. If you ordered a book titled “Eye Boggler” then it is waiting in the office for your collection.

**Stewart House Donations**
Stewart House Donation Envelopes went home last week. Please fill in the details on the back and include a $2 coin, seal and return to the office by Friday 16th May. There are more envelopes available in the office. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

**School Fees**
Term 2 Fees are being sent home this week. An explanation of the charges is included in this newsletter. If you still have fees outstanding from Term 1 these will also appear on the statement. If you have made a payment in the last few days please deduct this from the amount you are paying.

Payment is due by Friday 20th June (week 8). As usual you can make payment by cash, cheque, credit card or direct credit to the School’s bank account, the details of which are on the attachment. Payments should be placed in the blue box in the office marked “school fees”.

If you have not yet paid your term one fees or you are unable to pay the account in full by the due date or have any query regarding your account would you please contact the office or Mr Fuller confidentially to discuss the matter. Partial payments are most welcome.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

During the year at Mimosa Public School, families are provided with a list of expenses for learning resources for their children while they are at school. Below is a chart outlining for you the Term 2 expenses for your child(ren), grade by grade and a brief description of the item. We hope that is informative. A separate invoice for each family has been generated by the office for your convenience.

**PLEASE PLACE ALL PAYMENTS IN THE BOX IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE MARKED SCHOOL FEES. PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY 20TH JUNE (WEEK 8)**

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We are looking forward to continuing another term of quality learning at Mimosa P.S.

For your convenience payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or by direct deposit to the school's bank account. Details are as follows:

**BSB 032-001 ACCOUNT NO 148935 PLEASE QUOTE YOUR SURNAME AS REFERENCE.**

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Mimosa Public School is concerned about the safety and well-being of all our students. Many of you will know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction. Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented lots of strategies to help keep students at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can. We now have 12 students who live with the risk of anaphylaxis to foods, the environment and insect stings. Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child on the importance of not sharing food with others, washing hands after eating and calling out to an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick. With increased awareness and understanding of anaphylaxis, you will be able to help protect those around you.

A food allergy is an immune system response to a normally harmless food protein that the body believes is harmful. When the individual eats food containing that protein, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering symptoms that can affect a person’s breathing, gastrointestinal tract, skin, and/or heart.

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. It is estimated that up to 400,000 (2%) Australians, including 1 in 20 children suffer from food allergies and some of them will experience a life-threatening (anaphylactic) reaction.

**Symptoms of food allergy can include:**

**Mild to moderate allergic reaction**
- Tingling of the mouth
- Hives, welts or body redness
- Swelling of the face, lips, eyes
- Vomiting, abdominal pain (note these are signs of a severe allergic reaction if the person has insect allergy)

**Severe allergic reaction- ANAPHYLAXIS**
- Difficult/noisy breathing
- Swelling of the tongue
- Swelling or tightness in the throat
- Difficulty talking or hoarse voice
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Pale and floppy (young children)

**9 foods cause 90% of food allergies. These foods are:**
- Egg
- Sesame
- Milk
- Soy
- Peanut
- Fish
- Tree nuts (cashew, almond, pistachio etc.)
- Crustacea (prawns, lobster, crabs etc.)
- Wheat

Peanuts are the leading cause of severe allergic reactions, followed by tree nuts, shellfish, fish and milk.

Adrenaline is the first line treatment for severe allergic reactions and can be administered via auto-injector, called the EpiPen®/Anapen®.

To learn more about anaphylaxis and food allergies, go to [www.allergyfacts.org.au](http://www.allergyfacts.org.au) and [www.allergy.org.au](http://www.allergy.org.au)

As the only way to manage a food allergy is avoidance, the school has implemented several strategies to help prevent a severe allergic reaction. We can never totally eliminate the risk of an anaphylaxis but we can all do things that will help lessen the risk. Please consider the child with food allergy when packing your child’s lunch or when sending in food for any occasion, including school excursions. Students will be learning about allergies, including severe food and insect sting allergies during their PDHPE classes.
Clean Up Mimosa Day – Friday 16th May

It's on again! Our annual day of maintaining Mimosa's beautiful grounds, to help support the Clean Up Australia Day campaign. This will take place on Friday 16th May, after recess, so that it does not affect PSSA and school sport.

Children in K-2 are welcome to wear sports uniform (although it is not compulsory) and we encourage you to send your child with a bucket and gardening (or latex) gloves.

WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au
Track your walks to and from school with the Walk Safely to School Day app

Always hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road if you are under 10 years old

There are 6 Easy Steps to Get Walking with the Walk Safely to School Day App:

Step 1  Get the OK - Check with your parents or carer that you are allowed to download the App.

Step 2  Download - To download the App go to the itunes App store (for iPhones) or the Google Play store (for Androids) and search for WSTSD or Walk Safely to School Day.

Step 3  Register - to start, tap the Login button in the top right corner of the screen.
- Tap the Login button, then the Register button & complete your details.
- If you’ve already registered, enter your Username & Password and tap Login.
- After you have registered, please select your school. Start by typing in your suburb, then select the suburb for your school from the list provided, then select your school and tap submit.

Step 4  Track your Walks - To get started, tap the New Walk button at the bottom of the screen.
- Tap the large Start button (green arrow) when you begin walking.
- The App will record the duration of your walk, distance and speed in kilometres per hour.
- If you wish to pause your walk (for instance if you are waiting at traffic lights), tap the Pause button. Then tap the Start button again to continue your walk.
- When you finish your walk, tap the Stop button. Provided the walk wasn’t too short, your walk will be recorded on your phone.

Step 5  History – Tap the history button at the bottom of the screen to view a list of your walks.
- Tap on any row to see details of past walks.
- To expand the map to full screen tap the map, to close it, press the close button.

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Positive Partnerships supports your school community:

Recent studies show that around 1 in 100 Australians are living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Given this increasing incidence, it is highly likely that several students within your school community meet the criteria for a diagnosis of an ASD. Schools face significant challenges in their attempts to effectively support these students. Building the internal capacity of the school staff, parents and community is a priority for school leaders. Collaborative, positive and productive partnerships between home and school lead to the best possible learning outcomes for all students. Positive Partnerships Parent Carer Workshops are free two-day workshops for parents and carers of school-age children on the Autism Spectrum, running near your school. Funded by the Australian Government and consistent with the Disability Standards for Education, the workshops foster the establishment of essential relationships between school staff, families, carers and the wider community. Participants are introduced to educational initiatives that lead to improved learning outcomes for children with an ASD.

By encouraging parents of students with an ASD in your school community to attend the free workshops, both your teaching staff and the parents will gain a range of benefits to practically support the student/s.

Parent/carer attendees will receive:

- Tools to develop constructive and mutually beneficial relationships with teaching staff and schools to support the students’ ongoing learning needs
- The most up-to-date, evidence-based information about ASDs and effective strategies for use in both the home and school environment
- Free online support which can be accessed by both teaching staff and parent/carers
- Tools to develop better relationships with children with an ASD to increase participation at home and school
- Strategies to deliver the best outcomes for children with autism by developing an understanding of their individual needs

“The workshop was brilliant. It has given me a renewed sense of hope and confidence that has been a little lost over the last couple of years, particularly given my son’s move into high school. I feel ready to work better with his school.” Participant, PC workshop, Dandenong VIC.

www.positivepartnerships.com.au

A word from Positive Partnerships Participants:

*Parent*
Secondary School
Since attending the Positive Partnerships workshop I am much more confident in advocating positively for my child and now understand the importance of working with his school. I know how to get my message across using the workshop tools and have built a relationship with my son’s year co-ordinator. I feel we are working together because we have these useful tools to keep us focused.

*Principal*
Primary School
The Positive Partnerships model is extremely effective for bringing schools and families together. It is great that we can refer parents /carers to a service that will make them feel less alone, as well as provide an opportunity to learn from each other’s experiences. A new parent support group was established at the school as a result of a Positive Partnerships workshop, and our teachers work closely with families.

*Assistant Principal of an Autism Unit*
Positive Partnerships’ tools allow staff and parents to work more closely together. The Planning Matrix allows us to gather relevant information about each child; learner profiles are completed together; and I also include speech therapists, occupational therapists and other relevant service providers. We have parents lead events at the school about ASD to increase awareness – they wouldn’t have had the confidence or skill to do this before attending the workshop.

*Teacher*
K-12 College
Since attending the Positive Partnerships workshop I am more focused on each student as an individual. The matrix has allowed us to develop strong effective relationships with our school’s families. Our approach to behaviour management is more positive and this is starting to flow across the school and into the home environment.

www.positivepartnerships.com.au
Canteen News

In accordance with the NSW Fresh Tastes @ School Canteen Strategy we are no longer able to sell yoghurt or lolly frogs. They fall into the 'Red' category which means they are only to be sold twice a term. Alternatively we have breadsticks for 10c and are we are sourcing other low cost items that meet the criteria. Thank you for your understanding.

Michelle Sirkedjian
Canteen Manager
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Thursday 22 May

Mimosa will once again be hosting Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea to raise much needed funds in the fight against cancer. Last year, our school donated a very generous $1.064.30 to Cancer Council NSW to provide research, prevention and support services to those affected by cancer – an amazing effort Mimosa!

This year we have decided to split this event into 2 timeslots – one for the grown-ups during drop off time and one for the kids during Recess.

**8.45am to 9.45am**

Parents and carers please join us outside the new hall for a cup of tea/coffee & some homemade treats. A gold coin or other donation will be happily accepted - receipts will be available for tax purposes.

**During Recess for Students**

For the cost of a gold coin students are invited to purchase a yummy homemade cupcake to enjoy for their morning tea. A selection of gluten free treats will also be available.

As always we’d love your help with the preparations for this event! If you can help in any way please complete the slip below and return it to the box in the office by **Monday 19 May**.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the morning tea - thank you!

Kind regards,

Helene Van De Merwe 0421 890 255 timandhelenehore@bigpond.com
Jenine Lax 0404 840 968 jeninelax@hotmail.com

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**Return to the school office by Monday 19 May – please tick preference – thank you**

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PS: Any leftover cupcakes will be available for sale after school – all proceeds to Cancer Council NSW.
JOIN THE GROUND-HOGS CREW FOR A MIMOSA WORKING BEE ON SATURDAY 17TH MAY FROM 1-4PM (SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 3.30PM)

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO TO HELP CLEAN-UP OUR SCHOOL GROUND?


ALL THAT’S NEEDED IS YOUR TIME AND MUSCLES, AND ANY GARDENING EQUIPMENT THAT YOU CAN BRING ALONG!
(SHOVEL, RAKE, GLOVES, WHIPPER SNIPPER, BLOWER, WHEEL BARROW ETC)
LET THE KIDS LEND A HAND, OR JUST BRING THEIR BIKES AND SCOOTERS!

IF GARDENING ISN’T YOUR THING, WE ALWAYS COULD USE A HAND WITH BBQ DUTY OR TO KEEP THE SOFT DRINKS COLD.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL, PLEASE EMAIL CATH BASHFORD: catherineb@finishemgroup.com.au or RACHAEL ANTCLiffe: rachael@mwps.com.au

TO ALLOW FOR CATERING AND TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE FOR OUR CLEANUP, COULD YOU PLEASE TEAR OFF THE SLIP BELOW AND HAND IT BACK TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 9TH MAY

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MIMOSA GROUNDS WORKING BEE

NAME ________________________
NUMBER OF ADULTS ____________  NUMBER OF CHILDREN ____________
Have you heard of Code Club World?

“The mission of CodeClubWorld.org is to give every child in the world the chance to learn to code by providing project materials and a volunteering framework that supports the running of after-school coding clubs.”

(https://codeclubworld.org)

Hey kids,

We are looking for people who are interested in learning more about computers. We will meet once per week before school in the tech space.

Check out this YouTube clip to learn more... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFtxo0HSi9A

Hey parents,

Do you work in IT or are wanting to learn more about coding? We are looking for parents who would be interested in volunteering to support this before school program.

Check out this YouTube clip to learn more... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACYsz7sZvH8

If you are interested in volunteering and would like to know more, you can email our parent organiser, Peter Whitfield at peter.whitfield@viz.com.au

The Mimosa Code Club World will meet Wednesday mornings 8:00am-9:00am starting from Week 4.

Please return your completed 'Expression of Interest' form to the office by Tuesday 13th May

Expression of Interest

My child/ren is/are interested in joining the Mimosa Code Club World.

Student______________________________ Class ________
Student______________________________ Class ________
Student______________________________ Class ________

I understand that this is a before school program and that students are expected to attend unless they are unwell or due to other school commitments.

Signature________________________________________ Date ______________________

Email address________________________________________

(Should your child be selected, a parent email address is required to set up an account for them).

Parent Volunteer

I, _________________________________, am interested in volunteering for the Mimosa Code Club World.

Currently, I can commit to volunteering for ________________ mornings per term.
Grandparents’ & Special Friends’ Day

Tuesday 10th June

Come along and see the talented students at Mimosa perform. You will also have time to visit classrooms and share morning tea with the children.

9.45am - 10.45am
K-2 Assembly/ open classrooms

10.45am - 11.15am
Morning Tea and Band performance

11.30am - 12.30pm
3-6 Assembly/ open classrooms

The canteen will be open during recess selling
😊 Tea and Coffee
😊 Morning Tea
Entertainment Books

Mimosa P&C is again offering family and friends the opportunity to purchase the new edition of the Entertainment Book. This year the Sydney and Sydney North books are combined to give you one fantastic book with many more inclusions all over Sydney.

Did you purchase an Entertainment Book last year? Did you use it much? Did you go out and forget to bring the vouchers with you? Are you looking for something more convenient?

This year the Entertainment Book is also being offered as a Digital Membership. The brand new Entertainment™ Digital Membership puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your Apple or Android device, and allows you to:
* Show and save using your Apple or Android device, with no Card or Voucher to present
* Search for nearby businesses in the Entertainment™ program
* Search for specific businesses by name, location or dining category
* Share your Membership with your immediate family on up to 4 devices

No need for heavy books or to carry vouchers around, simply show your smartphone or tablet when requesting your bill to redeem the offer.

Both Memberships contain thousands of up to 50% off and 2-or-1 offers, and both sell for the same price of $70 with 20% of this passed on to our schools P&C fundraising.

Please note: Entertainment™ Digital Memberships are compatible with iPhone 4s and above, and most Android 4.1.2 (Jelly Bean) and above.

Find out how to buy a book or digital Membership via the following link.

If you have any questions please contact me on 0407 230833.

Entertainment ‘Preview books’ for Kindy and Year 1 families

This week a “preview book” will come home to the families of Kindergarten and Year 1 children. Please feel free to take the time to look through this year’s book, there are many restaurants and cafes which offer 2 for 1 dining as well as attractions such as Luna Park, Taronga Zoo and so many more which most of us frequent. If you would like to purchase the book all you need to do is return the slip with your payment details, otherwise please send the book in its envelope with your child's name on it back to school to hand into the office. If you receive a book but would prefer the digital edition please use the online payment link www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2125b74 and choose digital edition then return your unused book to the office. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me on 0407 230833 or via my email in the school directory.

Michelle Waldon
Co-ordinator on behalf on the P & C