PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Wednesday 21st May 2014

Mimosa Matters
Respect Responsibility Resilience Effort

Term 2 Week 4

Staff News
I would like to officially welcome Mrs Giulia Mamott to the teacher librarian position at Mimosa. Mrs Mamott comes to us with lots of library teaching experience and we are very happy that she has joined our teaching team. We look forward to our library continuing to be an exciting and productive literature rich learning space for all our children.

Welcome also to Mr Craig Mitchell who started with us last week. Mr Mitchell has replaced Mrs Cotis on our PD/H/PE program and will work Mondays and Thursdays (every second week) this term.

Harmony Day Poster Competition Results
Huge congratulations to Jackie Drysdale in Year 2 who was judged a Regional Runner-up in this year’s Harmony Day Poster Competition. Jackie and her family are invited to attend the Prize Giving Presentation at NSW Parliament on Tuesday 17 June where she will be presented with a certificate acknowledging her fantastic achievement. Well done Jackie!

Biggest Morning Tea
Just a final reminder that the Biggest Morning Tea will be held on Thursday this week. Parents are invited to the before school morning activities where they can make a donation to the Cancer Council and enjoy a cup of tea and a yummy home-baked treat. Our students will have the opportunity at recess time to make a gold coin donation and enjoy a baked treat for their morning tea. Many thanks to all the parents who have helped co-ordinate and bake goodies for the event.

Groundhogs Day
The sun was certainly shining on Mimosa last Saturday for the Groundhogs Day working bee! It was so pleasing to see our community working together for such a worthwhile cause. A huge thank you to the hard working parents and children who volunteered their time to making our school look so refreshed! The children are really enjoying the newly refurbished cubby houses, the freshly mulched gardens and the newly laid turf make such a difference. Many thanks also to Cath and Mark Bashford, Rachael and Jason Antcliffe and the Groundhogs team for organising the event, we really appreciate the efforts of everyone!

Kindy 2015
We are now enrolling for Kindergarten 2015. Next Tuesday evening we are holding our Information Evening in KS classroom and on Wednesday we will be conducting our first school tour. If you have a child due to start Kindy next year and haven’t completed an enrolment form, could you please collect one from the office and complete it as soon as possible. If you have friends who are considering sending their children to Mimosa next year, could you also ask them to come to our office and collect the appropriate forms? We will have information packs and forms available next Tuesday evening for those attending the session.

Car and Pedestrian Safety
Please be aware that parents must NOT park in the staff carparks at any time. These carparks are usually fully utilised by school staff and are not safe places for children to be dropped off or picked up from.

The safety of our students is of paramount importance and we don’t want our children believing that the carparks are pedestrian thoroughfares.

We have contacted Warringah Council’s traffic department in order that they can hopefully work with us to find solutions to the traffic issues around our school, particularly at drop-off.
and pick-up times.
We thank you for taking the time to do the right thing and follow the rules to keep all our children safe!

**Dogs in Schools**
We have observed a growing number of people bringing dogs onto the school grounds. Unfortunately this contradicts Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) which states that dogs are not permitted on school grounds whether leashed or not. If there is a request for an animal to be brought to class for a news item or related to a unit of work, then permission must be sought from the Principal. It is inappropriate to have dogs at school before the morning bell or in the afternoon as the children are leaving as the playground is a very busy, noisy and exciting place. Even the most placid dogs can become excited or agitated at this time with so much activity occurring. Thank you for assisting us with this matter.

*Matthew Fuller*
*Principal*

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**Things to look for in this Newsletter**

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

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**Dates to put in your diary**
http://www.mimosa-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

**Office News**

**Lost Property**
Lost property is once again overflowing. Please check the containers outside the canteen if your child/ren has lost something. Please ensure all items of property are named including lunch boxes, drink bottles and other containers.

**School Fees**
Term 2 Fees were sent home last week. An explanation of the charges is also included in this newsletter.
Payment is due by Friday 20th June (week 8). Payment can be made 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.

*Libby Cleary*
*Office Manager*
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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<th>LEARNING AREA</th>
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<td>PDHPE</td>
<td>SPORTS IN SCHOOLS</td>
<td>K $45.00, I $45.00, 2 $45.00, 3 $45.00, 4 $45.00, 5 $45.00, 6 $45.00</td>
<td>TERM 3</td>
<td>Specialist staff lead this program, using appropriate equipment. A discount has been applied to families who have 3 or more children at the school.</td>
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<td>EXCURSION</td>
<td>HYDE PARK, BARRACKS/ART GALLERY</td>
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<td>29th &amp; 30th APRIL</td>
<td>This excursion supplements the work being done in the classroom: In H.S.I.E and Creative Arts units.</td>
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<td>EXCURSION</td>
<td>FIELD OF MARS</td>
<td>K $35.00, I $35.00</td>
<td>13th &amp; 15th MAY</td>
<td>This excursion supplements the work being done in the classroom: In English, Science and H.S.I.E units.</td>
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<td>EXCURSION</td>
<td>C.A.R.E.S</td>
<td>K $10.00, I $10.00</td>
<td>8th MAY &amp; 26th JUNE</td>
<td>C.A.R.E.S stands for Community and Road Education Scheme. This is run by the NSW Police and students are involved in a whole day program on Bike Education and Road Safety.</td>
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<td>EXCURSION</td>
<td>S.O.P.A</td>
<td>K $6.00, I $6.00</td>
<td>12th JUNE</td>
<td>Performing Arts concert by students from Davidson High School</td>
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<td>VISIT</td>
<td>MUSICA VIVA</td>
<td>K $8.00, I $8.00, 2 $8.00, 3 $8.00, 4 $8.00, 5 $8.00, 6 $8.00</td>
<td>23rd JUNE</td>
<td>A comprehensive Music Program with live performances and in class learning programs.</td>
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<td>TECHNOLOGY</td>
<td>ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for schools) COMPUTER SKILLS</td>
<td>K $8.00, I $8.00, 2 $8.00, 3 $8.00, 4 $8.00, 5 $8.00, 6 $8.00</td>
<td>20th MAY</td>
<td>Mimosa PS is expanding the use of technology across the school. In order to have some benchmark data regarding student performance in the technology area, we are requesting that all students from Years 3-6 participate in the Computer Skills Assessment again this year.</td>
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<td>P&amp;C CONTRIBUTION</td>
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<td>This voluntary contribution is made to support the P&amp;C initiatives for our school. The contribution is collected by the school and forwarded to the P&amp;C. For further information please visit the P &amp; C website.</td>
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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 credit to the school’s bank account. Details are as follows:

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

The Staff of Mimosa P.S.
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
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

Ethics

Primary Ethics are looking for a new coordinator for Mimosa Public School. If you are interested contact:
Development Manager, Maria McCarthy
By Email: mmccarthy@primaryethics.com.au
By phone: 9278 1602 (office hours)
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
Do you have extra Lego?

Mimosa will be donating Lego to Oasis this Thursday. We would love for you to bring in any extra Lego to the school office to donate to homeless teenagers.

Speak to Mrs. Crowe to see how it will be used.
Thank you for your support and to the many families who have already purchased an Entertainment Book. If you have last years book please note it will expire on 1 June 2014 which is less than two weeks away so go out for dinner, meet a friend for lunch and use those vouchers while you can.

To Kindy and Year 1 families who received a book to preview please take the time to look through all the additional features this year. However I would be grateful if any books you do not wish to purchase could be returned to the school office by Monday 26 May.

As always, if you have any questions please contact me on 0407 230 833 or if you wish to purchase a book the online link is www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2125b74

Michelle Waldon
On behalf of the P&C