## Term 1 2015

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**Please note the coming events at MPS**

- The School Cross Country
- Grandparents Day
- Easter Hat Parade and Raffle
- Whole school ANZAC Day march
- Kindy Club for 2016 prospective Kinders

*See information about these events throughout this Newsletter.*

### EASTER HAT PARADE & THE FAMOUS MPS EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter Hat parade is for all children in all classes and will be held in the last week of term on Thursday 2nd April at 1.30pm in the hall. Parents and children make their Easter hat at home and the children wear it in the parade. Children can bring the hat or bonnet to school in the morning but some have mum or dad deliver it to school just before the parade.

Everyone looks forward to Merewether Public’s Easter Egg Raffle. Families are asked to bring in chocolate eggs to our school office. They are collected and stored and then organised into loads of wonderful basket hampers full of chocolate eggs.

Every year, we have between 30 and 40 beautifully packaged hampers to give out as prizes. Parents and children are asked to please bring the EGGS to the office from today. Large cane baskets are also gladly accepted.

**Here’s how it works**

Books of raffle tickets are distributed to children. Children sell tickets and bring ticket stubs and money back to the office. Raffle books are monitored / checked against each child’s name. More tickets are sold by the P & C at the Easter Hat parade.

The draw for the Easter Egg Hampers is made in the school hall after the parade. One large hamper is always donated to Ronald McDonald House.
A request for Anzac Day craft
Each child is asked to bring in a wire coat hanger to their class teacher (NOT THE OFFICE) as part of an ANZAC craft activity. The coat hanger will hold an artificial flower, made by the children, and be placed in the ground to simulate the poppy fields of Europe.

P & C NEWS
Next meeting: Monday 9th March

Library
We have a number of new Geronimo Stilton books in the library this week. This series has been very popular with our Year 2/3 boys. Some new senior fiction includes ‘The Volume of possible Endings’ by Barbara Else (she wrote ‘The Travelling Restaurant’) and ‘12 Finally’ by Wendy Mass. It is great to see so many children borrowing at the start of the year.

Linda Gesling Teacher Librarian

Indoor Sport—starts this Friday
The dates are Friday 27th February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March. 12.00 pm til 1.00pm. The cost for this 5 week program is $55. Those children that choose not to participate will have sport at the same time back at school.

GRANDPARENTS DAY—Friday 13th March
The school will host Grandparents Day on Friday 13th March. Grandparents of our students are invited to come to the school, watch an assembly, hear the choir sing, visit the classrooms and enjoy a Devonshire morning tea. If a student does not have a grandparent available on the day, a senior neighbour, a senior family friend or grand uncle or auntie may attend instead. Parents should not attend on this day as it is a Special Day as part of Seniors Week. If a child does not have any visitor available on the day, a volunteer “senior” will be kindly substituted. The assembly will start at 9.30am. Access and parking may be a problem. Perhaps parents can arrange to drop off and pick up grandparents. The event should conclude approximately 11.00am.

Kindy Club
For prospective 2016 kinder children starts March 19. More details in next week’s newsletter. Ring the school to register your interest. 49631318

School Cross Country
The school’s Cross Country event will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at Darling St Oval. An information and permission note will be sent home closer to the event. It is expected that all children K—6 will participate. The children will walk to and from Darling St Oval under teacher supervision. All the children leave the school at 9.15am and the events will start soon after 9.30am.

Order of events
Kindergarten Boys and Girls
Year 1 Boys and Girls
Year 2 7 years Boys and Girls
8,9, yrs Boys and Girls
10 yrs Boys and Girls
11yrs Boys and Girls
12yrs Boys and Girls

Darling St Oval provides more shade and is a cost free venue.

We have students who are at risk of ANAPHYLAXIS (severe allergic reaction). This condition is potentially life threatening. Please do not send nut based products to school with your child for lunch or recess. Products which should not come to school include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, tahini spread, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars.

EARLY NOTICE
This year is the 100th anniversary of the ANZACs at Gallipoli. The school will commemorate this very special Australian celebration with two events
1. An Anzac Remembrance ceremony held at school on Friday 24th April.
2. All MPS students to participate in the Adamstown RSL sub branch official march from Adamstown Post Office to the War Memorial on Saturday April 25 at 8.30am.