



Mortlake Public School

Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

| TERM 3 | |
|---------------------|---|
| 27.08.12 - 07.09.12 | Swimming Scheme |
| 05.09.12 | Regional Athletics Carnival |
| 06.09.12 | Debate at Mortlake |
| 07.09.12 | Summer PSSA Round 6 125th Anniversary Dinner |
| 10.09.12 | Kindy excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm EnviroMentors visit for Stage 3 |
| 11.09.12 | EnviroMentors visit for Stage 2 |
| 14.09.12 | Summer PSSA Round 7 |
| 17.09.12 – 20.09.12 | Life Education lessons |
| 20.09.12 | Stage 1 excursion to PowerHouse Museum |
| 21.09.12 | Summer PSSA Round 8 Last day of Term 3 |
| TERM 4 | |
| 08.10.12 | Students return for the start of Term 4 |

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal's Message

It has been an extremely busy term with a lot to celebrate.

Firstly, I would like to inform parents that Mrs Karikios and her husband are expecting their first child in January 2013. On behalf of the school community we would like to congratulate them as they embark on their exciting journey to parenthood.

A special thank you is extended to Mr Watson for his wonderful organisation of the 55 student team from our school who participated at the Zone Carnival on 23 August. (More details to follow).

Congratulations to Mrs Emmans and her fantastic team of debaters who have continued their undefeated status in our region. I would also like to acknowledge all the proud parents who support their children at each debate.

Once again, we thank parents for donating gifts for Father's Day Raffle. We also thank members of the P & C for organising the Father's Day Stall. The gifts are always fantastic! I am sure there will be many happy fathers. Happy Father's Day!

Mimosa Concert, Festival of Instrumental Music 2012

Congratulations to Mrs Knight and our wonderful recorder group who performed at the Opera House last night. As expected the students were spectacular.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Aussie Of The Month

As part of the school's student welfare program, each month at a special assembly a student is named *Aussie of The Month* and presented with a certificate and a badge. Our Aussie of the Month for July is Liam M from 5/6B.

Congratulations **Liam**!

Student Representative Council

Our SRC raised \$98.25 for KIDS with CANCER FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA charity. We thank the students of Mortlake Public School for supporting their community. Thank you also to Mrs Di Donato and Mrs Emmans for their consistency and guidance over the SRC leaders.

New Mortlake Public School Application

Our school is currently creating a Smart Phone Application. This application will be available at the iTunes store for free.

The application will link parents and community members to a calendar containing school events which can be filtered by category, such term, type of event and the year group. There will also be notifications which will enable the school to push notices or urgent messages to the community. For example, when the "Sports Carnival is cancelled".

We will inform the community on the launch date and further details as they arrive.

Book Covering

A huge thank you is extended to all the parents and grandparents for their tremendous efforts in covering hundred of new readers for stage 3. A special thank you is extended to Milka Grochulski for co coordinating this effort.

2012 Premiers Reading Challenge

Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Each year, the Challenge runs from 1 February to 1 September. All reading logs are now due. The following students have had their reading records validated:

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| K | Jack D, Ted N & Luca Z |
| 1 | Giuliana M, Matthew M, Alice M, Deena N, Daniel R & Isabella S |
| 2 | Ela H, Thomas S, Lara S & Alessia Z |
| 3 | Benjamin M, Molly N & Emma N |
| 4 | Jack B, Mia B, Charlotte C, Sophie M, Katherine.A & Sabrina R |
| 5 | Jordan M |
| 6 | Emily B & Joshua.A |

Please hand in your completed reading log to Mrs Young via the office or your class teacher. **If you feel your name should be on the above list, please see Mrs Young immediately.**

Kindergarten Enrolments

Parents of students beginning Kindergarten in 2013 are reminded to enrol their child. We are preparing the 'post out' packages for children who will be starting at Mortlake next year. If you have a child who is eligible to start Kindergarten next year, you will need to submit an enrolment form as soon as possible. To be eligible to start school, children must turn 5 on or before 31 July, 2013. If you would like an enrolment form they are available from the school office.

Please note that when the form is submitted it must be accompanied by documentary evidence of birth date. (e.g. Birth Certificate, Passport.)

School Supervision

Please remember that supervision commences at school at 8.55am and ceases at 3.25pm. It is extremely unwise to leave your child unsupervised in the playground outside these hours.

You are also reminded that children are not to climb trees on the school premises. If you allow your child to use the play equipment after school, please ensure that you are at the play equipment to supervise.

Catherine Young

2012 PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

Mortlake Public School has registered for the 2012 Premier's Spelling Bee. This program is an initiative of the Premier and encourages young children to engage in spelling in a fun and educational way.

The students from our school who made it to the finals are as follows:

Junior Division – Emma N and James A

Senior Division – William H and Elizabeth H

Congratulations to Luca T who also made it to the final but is unable to attend.

Thank you to all those children who tried out for a position. Their efforts were outstanding.



ONLINE LEARNING

Fun with friends and family

Want to encourage your child to try something new outside of school? Try the range of options provided by NSW Sport and Recreation – from camps and sailing to a variety of disability sport activities. Go to: What's on around NSW – Sport and recreation

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp>

Spelling it out at home

The School A to Z website's popular mobile Spelling Bee game can now be played on your home computer. The game is designed for both junior and senior primary school students, and features words from the Macquarie Dictionary. Parents might be tempted to test their skill on the harder levels.

Go to: Spelling Bee

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/spelling-bee>

Coming to grips with measurement

It may come as no surprise to learn that a child's early awareness of mass and volume is often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. Find out what you can do at home to help your child measure mass and volume.

Go to: Helping your child measure mass and volume

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

Our school website

While you are online, please take a moment to have a look at our updated website: www.mortlake-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

SPORT RESULTS

PSSA WINTER SPORT SEMI-FINALS – TERM 3 WEEK 7

| Sport | Against | Result |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Junior Boys Soccer | Summer Hill | Lost 0-1 |
| Senior Boys Soccer | Enfield | Won 4-0 |
| Junior Girls Soccer A | Strathfield North | Lost 0-1 |
| Junior Girls Soccer B | Friendly – Haberfield | Won 2-0 |
| Senior Girls Soccer | Strathfield North | Lost 0-2 |
| Junior Netball A | Friendly – Burwood | Won 6-4 |
| Junior Netball B | Friendly – Burwood | Won 7-3 |
| Senior Netball A | Friendly – Burwood | Lost 6-9 |
| Senior Netball B | Summer Hill | Lost 4-18 |

PSSA WINTER SPORT FINALS – TERM 3 WEEK 6

| Sport | Against | Result |
|--------------------|------------|----------|
| Senior Boys Soccer | Abbotsford | Lost 0-1 |

TERM 3 WEEK 7 – ALLOCATED FOR TRAINING

PSSA SUMMER SPORT ROUND 6 – TERM 3 WEEK 8

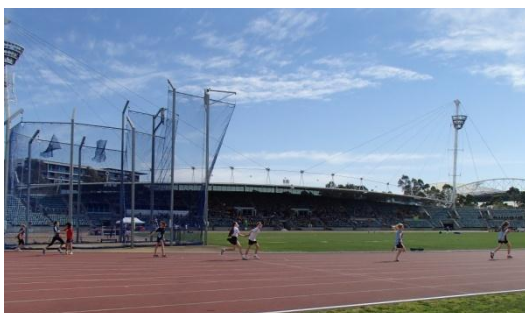
| Sport | Against | Venue |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Senior Girls Softball | Strathfield North | Henley Park, Enfield |
| Junior Girls T-Ball | Strathfield North | Henley Park, Enfield |
| Senior Boys Cricket | Strathfield North | Henley Park, Enfield |
| Junior Boys Cricket | Strathfield North | Henley Park, Enfield |

PSSA SUMMER SPORT ROUND 7 – TERM 3 WEEK 9

| Sport | Against | Venue |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Senior Girls Softball | Strathfield South | Henley Park, Enfield |
| Junior Girls T-Ball | Strathfield South | Henley Park, Enfield |
| Senior Boys Cricket | Strathfield South | Henley Park, Enfield |
| Junior Boys Cricket | Strathfield South | Henley Park, Enfield |

PSSA SUMMER SPORT ROUND 8 – TERM 3 WEEK 10

| Sport | Against | Venue |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Senior Girls Softball | Summer Hill | Henley Park, Enfield |
| Junior Girls T-Ball | Summer Hill | Henley Park, Enfield |
| Senior Boys Cricket | Summer Hill | Henley Park, Enfield |
| Junior Boys Cricket | Summer Hill | Henley Park, Enfield |



Zone Athletics Carnival

On the 23 of August 2012, the Zone Athletics Squad got ready to leave school at 7:30am. We were all heading to Sydney Olympic Park for the Zone Athletics Carnival. It was a great day for running and Mortlake was pumped and ready!

Some people were in a couple of events but Jarrod, Ebony, Sara and Matthew had a busy day since they were in lots of events. Besides the usual athletics events, we also had captain ball and tunnel ball teams. The tunnel ball team unfortunately didn't get a place in the top 3, but the captain ball team came 2nd!

A lot of students made it to the finals of their events and we saw lots of Mortlake students in the top 3 overall for many events. We had a few people who qualified for the regional carnival. Congratulations to the senior girls relay team (Holly, Ebony, Sara & Katherine), Ebony (for quite a few events), Jarrod (for all field events), Mitchell (for discus) and William H (for long jump).

Everyone was well behaved and had a great day. Thank you to Mr Watson for organising Mortlake and all the teachers that helped out.

Sara & Natalie
Members of our 2012 athletics squad





Thank you to everyone who has been part of these two promotions over the last few months.

We have had a fantastic response from the community and are looking forward to choosing some great resources for our school.



RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

As part of our revamp of our school newsletter, we would like to forgo sending out printed copies in favour of sending newsletters to our school community via email. Electronic distribution is a much better method of communication with families as it allows the school community to enjoy a coloured and more extensive newsletter without the environmental impact of substantial paper usage.

We would appreciate it if you could take a minute of two and fill out the slip below so we can add you to our school newsletter email list. The school will only use this email list to send out school newsletters and your email address will not be displayed.

Only one slip needs to be completed per family. If more than one family member would like the newsletter emailed, please write in the second email address on the slip below.

We will send out a printed copy of the next newsletter to families that have not completed the slip below, but would like to transition away from doing so.

If you do not receive the next newsletter via email and have handed in the slip below, please first check your junk mail. If it hasn't come through, please let the school know so we can update our email list.

As always, our school newsletter is accessible on our school website, which can be found at: www.mortlake-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Mr Bruscino

I would like to have the newsletter emailed to me

Name of child: _____

Class: _____

Name and class of sibling(s): _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Email address: _____

Please return to your child's teacher ASAP

NAME OUR NEWSLETTER

Finally, along with a visual update to our school newsletter, we would like to give our newsletter a more interesting name than just *Newsletter*. We would love this new name to come from a student, so will be running a newsletter naming competition. We will be accepting nominations for the name of our new school newsletter until the end of Term 3. The winner will have their name published in the next, newly titled, newsletter.

Name our newsletter competition

Name of newsletter: _____

Your name: _____ Class: _____

Please return to your class teacher or to Mr Bruscino