



Hello and welcome to our MOPS community... Whether you are near or far, if you are reading this, we would like you to feel part of our community - either physically or virtually. Here are some stories about what we've been up to, what we're currently creating or what we're dreaming up for our future...

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STORIES FROM MOPS

We have launched into the first few weeks of the year in an intentional and positive way! This year, every class begins their class time with an activity that focuses on team-building, connecting and communicating. This ensures that every child starts their day feeling known, valued and cared for. Please come and chat if you would like more information about *Positive Primers* and the *Berry Street Education Model* of trauma-informed practice.

BEST START

Our Kindergarten Best Start Assessments have been completed, and our teachers have already started using the data to help design learning that is just right for each Kindergarten learner.

STUDENT LEADERS

What a super job our student leaders did of planning and leading our first assembly for the year! At MOPS, we believe in empowering all of our students to be able to express their voices, have control over their own learning and exercise choice in how things work at MOPS, and this is a perfect example. The student leaders meet with me prior to an assembly, where they design the elements of how it will run, decide on what needs to be announced, create the Keynote presentation that plays on the screen and write the script. All of this work culminates in authentically student-led assemblies.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS

Week 3 saw parents and families coming 'back to school' to find out just how learning happens at MOPS. It was so lovely to see you all, and to sit in on some of the information sessions. I am proud of how teachers have planned so thoroughly and thoughtfully for each and every child's learning.

SWIMMING CARNIVALS

In Week 2, our early Swimming Carnival was an impressive day of talent, courage and encouragement. Then some of our amazing swimmers competed and shone at the District Swimming Carnival last week. We even have a few students going on to the next level - Congratulations to Ruby P, Jed P, Max S and Alexander S!

MARCH

Mon 2	Assembly
Tue 3	Keira HS Student Leadership Assembly
Tue 10	P&C AGM
Mon 16	Assembly
Tue 17	Harmony Circle
Fri 20	National Day of Action Against Bullying
Sat 21	Harmony Day (date tba)
Thu 26	School Photos
Mar 23 - Apr 3	Parent Teacher Conferences

APRIL

Thu 9	Easter hat Parade
Thu 9	Last day of Term 1
Mon 27	Staff only day
Tue 28	First day of Term 2
Wed 29	ANZAC Day Assembly

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) where executive positions will be voted upon and other important matters will be decided. Come along and let your voice be heard. Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 7pm in the Library.

HARMONY CIRCLE

Our first Harmony Circle for 2020 happened last Tuesday. It is always a great opportunity for a casual, social meeting with a focus on making sure everyone feels they have a voice and a place in our school. If you are interested in joining us next time, please meet in the Outdoor Learning Area after the morning assembly and bring a coffee. Our Harmony Circle meets will be advertised on Skoolbag, at morning assemblies and in newsletters.

Don't forget our Harmony Circle team is currently working on a community cookbook. Please get in touch with me or leave a message at the school office if you are keen to help out on this or anything else. Thank you!

SCHOOL TIMES

Our school day at MOPS runs from 8:55am until 3:00pm. Students may arrive at school from 8:30am. Just a reminder that there are no staff members on duty before 8:30am, so please ensure your child arrives no earlier than this for their own wellbeing and safety.

There is no play allowed on any playgrounds without teacher supervision in the mornings (unless your child is enrolled in Before School Care that morning and is being supervised by the Camp Australia staff).

School finishes at 3pm. Parents and carers are asked to organise pick up of their children no later than 3pm. The only exceptions to this are:-

1. If your child goes to After School Care (Kindergarten children will be picked up by Camp Australia staff at the balcony - all other students must make their way to the hall);
2. Your child walks or rides home with your permission.

Kindergarten: Please note that Kindergarten children are not dismissed unless a parent or carer arrives to collect them from the Kindergarten balcony.

Year 1 and above: It is suggested that you pick up other child/ren from the flagpole area / Welcome Garden as this area is in view of the school office, and stranded children can be attended to by staff. Please be advised that if your child has not been picked up shortly after 3pm, they will be instructed to head to the school office where they can wait safely while a parent / carer is contacted. Of course, if there are unforeseen circumstances and you are running late, just give us a call in the office and we will get your child/ren to wait with us until you arrive.

COMMUNICATION

If you need to communicate with me or make an appointment with your child's teacher, please send an email to the school and it will be forwarded to the right place. Our school email address is:- mtousley-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

As you are all aware, we proudly engage in learning within a 1:1 Apple Device environment. This means that at times during the day, we empower learning, creativity, communication and collaboration through the use of digital technology, iPads and MacBooks. You will no doubt have seen our new MOPS Technology Use Agreement that came home with your child two weeks ago to be signed by both you and your child. This has been in an effort to enhance the understanding of why, when and how our devices (BYOD and school-owned) are most appropriately used at school, and also to make clear the responsibilities of the student, the school and the parent. Thank you for participating in this important partnership.

REFLECTIONS

Last week I attended an exciting Principals' Induction Course in Sydney alongside other newly appointed and long standing relieving principals. It was all extremely informative and interesting, but I was especially inspired by these words from the Director of the School Leadership Institute...

'I am passionate about public education and the role that a dynamic, innovative, future-focused education system can play in the lives of all young people. It is predicted that the number of students in NSW public schools will grow to one million over the next 15 years. They deserve strong, effective and inspiring principals, leading with deep moral purpose, to influence and impact positively on the learning of teachers and students in our public school communities. They need leaders who instil hope, to enable young people to see the world as full of possibilities, empowered to determine their own futures.'

Joanne Jarvis

Director, School Leadership Institute

***As always, I look forward to building on our relationships,
and continuing to grow our dynamic school.***

*Tiffany Sinton
Relieving Principal*



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARDS

Term 1 Week 4

K-1 Harmony: Charlotte C, Pedro S, Oliver M, Fwangmun D

K-1 Kind: Zen S, Imogen E, Shafiyya A, Madoc J

1/2 Curious: Imogen H, Ayrton Z, Kathy Y, Isaac W

1/2 Wonder: Lucas G, Tilly W, Ella W, Ben M

3/4 Unique: Oliver G, Isla S, Luke B, Dema A

3/4 Unite: Hussein A, Amber H, Amy A, Luke V

5/6 Courage: Zali W, Hamish P, Eijah Z, David Y

5/6 Create: Jamilah K, Decoda R, Coco T, Jed P

5/6 Inspire: Prince P, Jack A, Onaya E, Nicholas H

Library

Suleiman A and Daisy K.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Zoe H for kindness to others.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Onaya E. Congratulations!



Tue	3	Simon G, Kath G
Wed	4	Amanda L
Thurs	5	Jenny V
Fri	6	Anthea G

Tue	10	Simon G, Kath G
Wed	11	Kate H
Thurs	12	Tareyn V
Fri	13	Katherine D, Ummey H

Tue	17	Simon G, Kath G
Wed	18	Sarah B
Thurs	19	Amanda P
Fri	20	Andy L, Greg F

Tue	24	Simon G, Kath G
Wed	25	Amy W
Thurs	26	Leanne N
Fri	27	Sarah S, Holly S

CANTEEN CAMEOS

Extra helpers required on the following March dates:-

4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th

If you are able to help on one of these days please email Amanda at amandalawler77@gmail.com

No experience, no worries!

All you need to do is shadow our regular and help out serving.

#mopssquad



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Please join in this year's Great Illawarra Walk on Saturday 7th March. All funds raised will accelerate the stem cell research project for Chloe, Holly from Mollymook and other children around the world in the hope of a potential treatment for Vanishing White Matter disease.

This is Australia's only Vanishing White Matter Disease project that is underway at IHMRI (Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute), based at Wollongong University, with their first major breakthrough happening recently.

Join in the walk as an individual or team. Joining as a team would be a fantastic team building activity greatillawarrawalk.com/register/individual. Once you have registered as an individual, you can join or create a team, it's quick and easy!

Any support you can give is greatly appreciated.