Dear Parents and Carers,

Professiona Learning
The school is committed to providing the best education for our students and as such we are continually up skilling our staff to best meet the needs of students. Recently some of the professional learning the staff has undertaken or will undertake in the near future includes;

- **Teachers – Special Education Conference**
  Was attended by Jennifer and 2 Infants teachers Freda and Bianca, 2 Primary teachers Alana and Emma and 2 High School teachers Holly and Roger. Some areas of interest were the Teacher Accreditation Process, Beginning Teacher workshops and the Assistant Principal Induction Course.

- **SLSO’s Training**
  Senior First Aid, Health Care Certification and Recertification, Conflict Resolution

- **Office Staff Training**
  SAM and SAO Conferences, Senior First Aid

- **General Assistant**
  Mandatory DEC training, including Child Protection, Work Health and Safety Induction and Code of Conduct and turf maintenance.

**Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS)**
Many of our students were involved in this program last year and we will start again in Term 3, with Myriam implementing it across the school for 3 days each week. This is a more intensive implementation than previously and will benefit students greatly. Myriam has visited Chalmers Road School in Strathfield to meet with the staff who have implemented the program there. They have been doing it successfully for a while and it will be good for us to get some ideas from them as to how we can make it more successful at MBS.

**Schools Spectacular**
Some of our students were successful with their audition to gain a place in the ensemble for students with a disability at the Schools Spectacular. The students will practice as a group in Term 4 and perform Thursday 27\textsuperscript{th}, Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} and Saturday 29\textsuperscript{th} November at Homebush. Thanks to Alana for her work in putting together our audition tape, teaching the students the routine and having it accepted. Alan and Dot (SLSO) will accompany the students when they are required to practice away from school and to the performances. This will be a great way for our students who have a talent in this area to be recognised in a public forum.
Sunsmart School and Policy

Our school has again been recognised by the Cancer Council as being ‘Sunsmart’. For submitting our policy online to their website and completing a school self-evaluation survey, we received a quantity of sunscreen. The survey identified that we needed to make an improvement in the area of “Informing the School Community”. As a result, all teachers were provided with links to relevant resources that would support them in teaching this information to their students. This policy was used by Holly to apply for a grant from the Cancer Council for a sunshade over the basketball court. We will know the results of this application by 18th August.

Society 389 Fundraiser

This was held in May at the Menangle Paceway and the proceeds of this night will go towards building a new respite house in the Macarthur area in conjunction with one of the district’s service providers. Historically, this organisation has supported individual students or families. However, by concentrating their efforts on a respite service, many students in the Macarthur / Campbelltown district will benefit, including many from our school. 12 staff attended this night.

Court Tavern Wine Appreciation Night Fundraiser

Thanks go to the Bruce family, especially Des (Liam’s grandfather) who organised this night for the 3rd year running. Raffle prizes and an auction raised $7,800 for the school, with the painting done by Bilby class students being sold for $950.00. Naomi won a raffle prize which she donated back to the school for the P&C to use to raise more money. It is hoped that we can get greater school community involvement next year and I urge you all to make an effort to attend.

Big Fat Smile and Working Party to China

Big Fat Smile (BFS) is a not for profit organisation based in Wollongong that provides pre-school, long day care, vacation care and after school care programs. Recently the Chief Executive Officer from BFS along with 3 other staff members visited our school to see for themselves how an exemplary model of teaching students with special needs works. They will be using this information and the knowledge gained from this visit to support the establishment of schools for students with a disability in China. As a result of the visit to MBS and the amazing work done by our staff, BFS have donated a trampoline to the school which will go into the High School playground.

New Staff Member

During this term we were able to fill one of our teacher vacancies with a permanent teacher and Mandy Hyeronimus, the recipient of a DEC scholarship, was given this position. Mandy has recently completed a double degree with a Bachelor of Special/Bachelor of Disability Studies. She is currently teaching the Wombat class and will remain with them this year. We are extremely lucky to have Mandy appointed to MBS and know that her recent completion of this degree allows her to share with staff a wealth of information about current education practices and theories that will enhance the education for all our students.

Companion Card

We had a great response with 34 families taking the option to have a Companion Card for their child. The team from Companion Card visited the school on Monday 23rd June 2014 to process the applications. The cards should be issued over the coming school holidays.
Enable NSW - Continence Assistance

Enable NSW provides assistance for consumers requiring aids for continence problems. The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing also provides assistance for people requiring aids for continence problems through the Continence Aids Payment Scheme (CAPS).

The CAPS is a Scheme that provides a payment to assist eligible people who have permanent and severe incontinence to meet some of the costs of their continence products. The CAPS will provide greater choice and flexibility for clients to allow them to purchase the most appropriate continence products from the supplier of their choice. The CAPS scheme was implemented on the 1st July 2010.

If you have any questions about the CAPS Scheme, please contact Medicare Australia on 132 011 and select option 1 or visit the CAPS website. EnableNSW policy requires eligible consumers to use CAPS assistance each year before accessing assistance through EnableNSW. Contact EnableNSW for more information about continence assistance.

Multicultural Day

Multicultural Day will take place on Tuesday the 29th July 2014. It’s a fantastic day and all of our classrooms will look amazing. Classes have been busy preparing for the day. More information will be sent home to parents and carers early next term outlining the days festivities so don’t forget to place this into your calendar.

After a short but very busy term, the staff and students have earned this upcoming holiday break. Enjoy the rest with your families, stay safe and we will see all students return on Tuesday 15th July 2014.

Regards
Jennifer Neradovsky
Principal (Acting)

Dates for your Diary

27.6.14  Last Day of Term 2 - Mufti-day for all students
14.7.14  Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS ON THIS DAY
15.7.14  Students return today – start of Term 3
22.7.14  Bingo Meeting at 9.30am in Library
23.7.14  Student Dental checkup
29.7.14  Multicultural Day
05.8.14  P&C Meeting 9.30am
13.8.14  McDonalds Charity Night
22.8.14  Daffodil Day
27.8.14  Gary Walden Fundraiser Night
05.9.14  Footy Colours Day
          P&C Bingo Night
19.9.14  Last day of Term 3
**Save the Date: BINGO NIGHT**
Preparations are well under way for our annual BINGO night which is booked for Friday 5th September 2014 at Campbelltown Catholic Club.

If any parent or carer knows of any business that would be able to donate prizes please let the school know so the P&C can contact them direct. Any assistance that can be given for this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

Letters will be sent home shortly outlining details for purchasing of tickets which have to be pre-purchased this year at $20.00 per seat (10 to a table).

This fundraiser event is a wonderful evening that is always very popular. Why not get your family and friends on board now so you won't miss out and don't forget to place the date in your diaries.

All funds rasied will be given to the school for the senior playground.

**Cadbury Chocolates**
Thank you to all parents, carers and staff members that have supported our Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser. Its not too late to grab another box as we have approx 30 boxes left to sell. If you would like another box please let either Mel or Kylie know or write down in your childs communication book and we will send them home for you. Please return any outstanding money by the end of term.

**Second Hand Uniforms**
We are in desperate need of second hand clothing for our second hand clothing pool which can be resold or offered to families that may require financial assistance. We are after school shirts, jumpers, shorts and tracksuit pants. Please be aware that we can only accept GOOD QUALITY second hand uniforms and can not accept items that are damaged.

**Uniform Shop Opening Times**
The P&C are at school on each alternate fortnight between 9am to 10am if any parent/carer requires uniforms. Alternatively if you are unable to get in please let either Mel or Kylie know on 4628-4555 and they can arrange for a uniform order sheet to be sent home.

We still offer a 6 week layby on all uniform purchases.

The uniform shop will be open in Term 3 on the following Mondays

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We wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday break.

Warm regards

P& C Committee