



Term 1 Important Dates

- 20 Feb: Meet the Teacher
- 21 Feb: P&C Executive Nominations due
- 28 Feb: P&C AGM
- 6 Mar: Leadership Day
- 19 Mar: School Photo Day
- 21 Mar: Harmony Day
- 21 Mar: P&C Meeting
- 29 Mar: Bilby Hunt
- 30 Mar: Good Friday (public holiday)
- 1 Apr: Daylight Saving Ends
- 2 Apr: Easter Monday (public holiday)
- 13 Apr: Last day of Term 1
- 25 Apr: ANZAC Day
- 30 Apr: First Day of Term 2

Welcome to the 2nd Issue of the P&C Newsletter for 2018. It is Week 3 and we already have a busy term ahead of us.

It was great to see so many parents at the Swimming Carnival supporting our children's efforts, especially the dads!

This term we will be electing a new P&C Executive team, and we are always happy to welcome some new faces. We also see the departure of 2 of our founding P&C Executive members, Alicia and our Treasurer, Benjamin. Both have worked tirelessly for the last 4 years making the P&C what it is today and ensuring we are in such a strong financial position. Alicia has also decided to take a break from the responsibilities of Uniform Shop Manager.

▪ **Uniform Shop**

We have had an extremely busy start to the year and thank the school community for your ongoing support. Your patience is always appreciated during our busy times. Our dedicated **volunteers** have been working very hard to keep up with the back to school rush! A **BIG THANKS** to the parents who gave up the last day of the school holidays to open the Uniform Shop to ensure all of our returning and new families could purchase their uniforms.

For any kindergarten families who are waiting for items from orientation, please come and see us as new stock has recently arrived.

Uniform shop is open 9am to 10am every Wednesday during term. A reminder that our online

shop is always open ready to take orders: mbpsandc.org.au/uniform-shop/

Our Uniform Shop welcomes new volunteers. It is a great opportunity to meet other families and make a few new friends. Come down to the Uniform Shop for an hour after drop-off and help out.

Uniform Shop Manager

After 3 years of excellent service the amazing Alicia is taking a break from the Uniform Shop. We are inviting parents and caregivers to volunteer as Uniform Shop Manager. This is a vital role for our school as the Uniform Shop is the sole supplier of our high-quality uniforms.

Our current Uniform Shop Manager Alicia will be available to train the new manager(s) and the P&C Executive will be available to support. The role can be shared between multiple people. You will have the opportunity to obtain invaluable experience in all aspects of retail, including ordering, supply and service. It will require approximately 6-8 hours of your time per week, with only 2-3 of these hours at school.

The Uniform Shop Manager is an important fundraising role and directly impacts the resources the P&C are able to provide for all of the students and staff at our school. The Uniform Shop Manager position would be a great role to share and we encourage anyone who would like more information to email us pcmbps@gmail.com.



▪ **Hindi Classes 2018**

Hindi classes are running again this term on a Wednesday afternoon 3:45pm to 4:45pm. New students are very welcome to join. We have a wonderful teacher who caters for all levels.

Please get in touch with Alicia (mehtaalicia@gmail.com) if you would like your child to attend.

▪ **School Banking**
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Welcome back school bankers. School banking is on every Thursday, so don't forget your money and your deposit book. If you haven't set up your account yet, send us an email, pcmbps@gmail.com, and we can help you.

We have introduced a redemption week once a term to order prizes for our regular bankers! Those who make 10 deposits before 29th March will redeem their first prize of the year. You can choose between Twister Power Handball



or Secret Scratch Notepad



If you don't collect enough tokens in term 1. You can redeem your tokens in term 2 for more great prizes, so start saving!

CBA have introduced a new contributions scheme for School Banking. Each year CBA will make a contribution based upon the number of students who made at least 1 deposit in the previous year. That is, 1-100 students will earn us \$100, 101-200 students will earn us \$200, up to 501+ students making a deposit will earn us \$600 per year. On top of this for every 10 School Banking Deposits processed per student we will earn \$5. So, if a student is a regular saver, they can earn for our school \$20 each year. We have just under 400 students, so that could be almost \$8,000 for our school for just making a weekly deposit into school banking, learning the value of saving, and earning great prizes! Parents and carers are more than welcome to come along and help out over a cup of coffee and a friendly chat.

▪ **P&C AGM**

One of our most important events each year is our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is where you get to choose who will lead your P&C for 2018. Everyone is welcome to attend, members are entitled to nominate for Executive positions and vote. Nomination forms can be found at: <http://mbpsandc.org.au/abotutus/>

To become a member, you will need to complete a membership form and pay \$1 annual fee before the AGM (but

not on the day of the AGM). The form can be found at <http://mbpsandc.org.au/abotutus/>

▪ **Art Grant**

Great news! The P&C has secured another year of the Art Grant. We now have funding to continue the program until the end of 2019. For those families new to the school this grant funds the Art Teacher for 3 days per week and the art supplies for our students. We would like to thank the Crown Foundation and the Packer Family Foundation for funding this fantastic program since 2015.

▪ **Grant Writing**

A number of parents have volunteered to search for and writing grants for additional funding for our school and students. We would like to thank Yen, Anna and Cinda for volunteering. If anyone is interested in joining this group, whether you are experienced or not, please contact us at pcmbps@gmail.com

Without a successful grant writing team, we would not have the Art Grant!

▪ **Coles**
Sports for Schools

We are participating in the Coles Sports for School promotion. If you shop at Coles supermarkets (closest are at Rhodes and Burwood), don't forget to collect your vouchers and drop them off in the yellow P&C box in the school foyer.

This year Coles offers some great rewards including sporting equipment and kits



that support the main curriculum, plus a load of fun extras.

▪ **End of Year Event**

This is a call out for parents and carers who are interested in organising an end of year event. In the past we have had a fete, movie night, art show, there really is no limit. Bring your great ideas, contacts, skills, sense of fun and we can have a fabulous end of year event. Let us know via email at pcmbps@gmail.com

▪ **Volunteers**

If you have any spare time, special skills, magical super powers, or just a mere mortal like the rest us, get involved in our school and be a part of a great team making Marie Bashir Public School second to none. Your children will love to see you helping out at school in any way. Whether it is helping at the Uniform Shop, School Banking, writing grants, organising an event, working on a BBQ, baking cakes, writing a newsletter, or working on the P&C Executive. Every little bit helps, and is greatly appreciated by the teachers and, especially, your **children!**

▪ **Next P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday **28th** February 2018 at **6:00pm** in the school library. This will be followed by a General Meeting.

▪ **Vale – Sir Nicholas Shehadie**

The P&C would like to express our deepest condolences to Dame Marie Bashir and the

Shehadie family on the passing of Sir Nicholas Shehadie (Dame Marie Bashir's husband). He will forever be remembered as a great leader of Sydney, and an even greater sportsman. Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

▪ **P&C Updates**

Are you receiving the P&C email updates? Please email us at: pcmbps@gmail.com to receive the latest news from your P&C.

Otherwise, checkout our website,

mbpsandc.org.au/news/,
or our Facebook page,
<https://www.facebook.com/mbps.pnc/>.

Thank you

P&C Executive Committee

Alicia, An, Anne, Benjamin,
Chrystal, Donia, John, Kelly