Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Day of school for 2015 is 16th December, students will be dismissed at 3:00pm.

End of Year Reports
All students have been given their end of year school report. I ask that you read these reports with your child and discuss what it means. Remember to celebrate all the hard work and progress your child has made this year. Celebrate if their effort and their behaviour have improved or is excellent. Celebrate their academic progress. Celebrate if they have attended every day possible.

Celebrate Learning!

Classes 2015
The principal and staff make decisions about the number and structures of classes for the forthcoming year. All classes are made up of students of mixed learning abilities. Staff prepare draft class lists taking into consideration the following factors when placing students: friendship groups, social and physical maturity, gender balance, behaviour issues, special abilities and needs as well as information supplied by parents or relevant support personnel.

Decisions are made with a view to establishing balanced and equitable class groups that will work well together. All classes years 3 - 6 are composite grades. We have endeavoured to place children with at least one friend. In Term 4 parents were invited, via the newsletter, to come and see me if they felt that we needed to be given any specific information about their child that could be considered when formalising 2016 classes. This information was considered when looking at draft lists.

Requests for particular teachers by parents or students are not usually considered as part of our process. In consultation with staff, final lists are established and teachers allocated to classes. The ultimate decision rests with the principal. Parents and students will be informed of their teacher at the start of 2016. Limited changes may be expected to occur.

I wish all MBPS families Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday!!!!!!

Mrs V. Jovanovska

Dates for Your Diary

11th December 2015
Morning Tea for Parent Helpers

Wednesday 16th December
End of Year Celebration
Ritz Cinema, Randwick

Wednesday 16th December
Last Day for Students

Students return for 2016
Thursday 28th January

Wishing All Students and Families Happy Holidays!!!!!
**A message from Mr McGuinness**

It has come to that time of the year when we are all ready to put our feet up and enjoy the joy of spending time with our family and friends. 'Family' is a single word, with many different meanings. People have many ways of defining a family and what being a part of a family means to them. Families differ in terms of economic, cultural, social, and many other facets, but what every family has in common is that the people who call it a family are making clear that those people are important in some way to the person calling them family.

The Maroubra Bay Public School (MBPS) family is a large one. It brings together parents and carers, community, school staff and most importantly students. The members of this family all have one thing in common and that is we are all working together towards the one goal. That goal is the successful future of our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families a safe and happy Christmas and Holiday. In addition, I would like to thank all the members of this family for their support and assistance over the past year in working towards the success of the MBPS students.

I have enjoyed seeing the continued partnership with the parents of the school and thank the P & C Association for their valuable feedback and participation in the future directions for the school. The Maroubra Bay Public School family are very supportive and to that I thank all the members for the many hours they spent organising, participating in and supporting fundraising events.

I would also like to thank all the staff for their hard work in establishing an authentic school culture that reflects high expectations for all stakeholders and promoted positive relationships amongst our diverse community. This has resulted in students, teachers and parents/carers engaging in an inclusive approach to learning.

MBPS is very proud of its students and their achievements in 2015. Our school exists proudly for its community and celebrates its diversity. As a family we really do aim to develop the academic, social physical and cultural potential of each student.

Thank you Maroubra Bay Public School for this great opportunity to work with such a unique and supportive cohort of individuals. I look forward to working with you all again in 2016 and once more wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Brad McGuinness.

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**A message from Mrs McCormack**

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank the parents who have helped out with home reading in the classrooms. As a teacher, it is a wonderful thing to see happening and is proof of the strong partnership we have here with our parent community. To all of the staff in the school (and in particular the amazing Kindergarten team) thank you for such a productive year! So many things have been accomplished this year. We should not forget the tremendous amount of learning which has taken place during the year. Fun day, Open Day, Grandparents Day, excursions, incursions, science workshops, are just a few of the exciting things that have occurred throughout the year. During all of these activities our students have demonstrated great character! I am lucky enough to be taking some Long Service Leave in the final week of the year and wish all the students and teachers a speedy final week of the year. I am saddened to be missing out on the final week of festivities, including saying goodbye to our amazing Year 6 students.

We have a truly amazing school. Maroubra Bay is a wonderful place to work and I very much look forward to an exciting 2016! Bring it on!

Have a safe and happy summer.

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I sincerely thank you all for your hard work during the year. All staff have worked consistently to ensure students at Maroubra Bay receive quality education, guidance, attention and care to the highest standards. I take this opportunity to thank in particular Ms Geraghty, Miss Allan and Ms Mahony who have been teaching at Maroubra Bay PS in various capacities over the year.

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**My Wonderful Year in 3-4 W**

**Things I have improved on this year:**
1. My concentration levels in class
2. Handwriting skills
3. I have enjoyed going to Maths groups and improving my skills in multiplication and division.
4. My running has become much better because of my PSSA effort and participating in the cross country carnival.

**Things I have enjoyed this year:**
1. Our Bikewise excursion because I learnt ABC check on a bike (Air, Brake, Chain)
2. The Koomurri excursion was wonderful because we learnt how to throw a Boomerang and learning the different voices of animals in the Didgeridoo
3. We enjoyed holding the baby duck from the school garden and Mrs Wojcinski got pooped on – it was very funny.
4. Our annual Funday was awesome – my favourite activity was the bean bag tossing competition because we got to win some marbles. But the best part of 2015 was being taught by Mrs Wojcinski!

By Liam Smith

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**My highlights of 2015 have been:**

I have been involved in:
- Athletics carnival
- Cross country
- Zone Athletics
- PSSA
- Cross country zone
- Our wonderful end of year concert

My favourite subject in class has been Science because it will help me in the future and it is really interesting. I have enjoyed all the sports activities such as cross country, athletics carnival and PSSA.

By Layan 3-4J

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By Fran 3-4W

**A message from Mrs Wojcinski**

2015 – What can I say…

Mr Crowther’s class and my class have had the privilege of working with Jo, Sandra and Joni in the garden weekly, ladies we can not thank you enough for giving up your time and helping us learn about worms and sustainability. Stage 3 students we had an amazing time at camp earlier this year with Mc Mac, Ms Spicer and Mr Gigli #bestcampever.

We have been lucky enough to go out on many excursions to Sydney Observatory, Australian Science Museum and Bikewise, and we celebrated NAIDOC week at the State Library.

We celebrated many events wonderful events at school: Open Day, Athletics Carnival and the annual Mr Crowther lap of honour, our amazing annual Funday, our special Grandparents day was a huge success, KOOMURRI incursion and Mr Gigli’s favourite event the Premiers Spelling Bee. We were lucky enough to send Natasha, Matis and Lily to the SSHS enrichment program this term.

Let’s not forget our weekly PSSA adventures, a huge thank you to Mr Gigli for all his hard work behind the scene. To the Soccer, AFL & Netball teams I know you have done Mr Crowther, Mr Gigli and Mr Hearty proud. My Softball/T-ball girls you have been an absolute privilege to take to sport every week. A shout out to our amazing athletes in the room, Malikye who represented MBPS in Athletics and Marley and Natasha who represented our school in cross country at the Sydney Eastern Region carnival.

Good luck to each of you and everyone of you. I look forward to hearing about your successes in the months and years to come. Thank you for being a part of our community. You have all made MBPS a better place.
Summer Camp: December: 16th - 18th 2015
January: 4th - 22nd 2016

Age
Children between 5-12 years will be divided into age appropriate groups.
5 - 7 years
8 - 10 years
11 - 12 years

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