On behalf of the students, staff, parents and community members I would like to pass on our sincere condolences to our Principal Mr Mick Kelly on the passing of his father Mick Kelly Snr. Our thoughts are with him, his mother and brother at this time.

A Cameron
Deputy Principal

**P& C Election day Barbecue**

On 8 September the country will return to the polls to vote. Our school is being used as a voting centre. The P&C are holding a BBQ on the day and need helpers to cook, prepare sandwiches, serve etc. If you are able to spare an hour or two on this date please return the reply slip in this newsletter to the school office.

**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


**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


**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


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**Important Dates**

Dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

- **3rd -4th September 2012** School Photographs
- **8th September 2012** Election Day BBQ- Helpers welcome
- **13th September 2012** Gala Day
- **21st September 2012** Year 2/3 cake & savouries
- **9th October 2012** Stage 1 Enviromatters visit
- **12th October** Summer PSSA restarts
- **16 & 17th October 2012** Stage 2 Camp
- **19th October P&C** After assembly (in staffroom) K-5 Reports Home
- **26th October 2012** Halloween Disco 5.30-7.30pm
- **9th November 2012** Last PSSA day
- **22nd November 2012** Parent Course 1.30-3.00pm
- **30th November 2012** Years 4/5/6 Cake & savouries
- **3-4th December 2012** Santa Photos
- **2nd -6th December 2012** Year 6 Interviews
- **7th December 2012** Carols by Sunlight-2-3pm Year 6 reports home
- **5th December 2012** Preschool Concert
- **10th December 2012** Presentation Assembly
- **12th December 2012** Performance Day
- **17th December 2012** Movie Day Year 6 Farewell

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Assemblies during terms 2 & 3 commence at 2.10pm every Friday
The junior teams this year were outstanding in their efforts and the finals last Friday were no exception. All players gave their best in two terrific games that went down to the wire and we only missed out on the final because we had finished lower in the final tables overall.

In the first game Kimie, Luke and Pat were outstanding with Shiv and Suvadh strong in defence. Mohammed was drafted into goals and made some truly outstanding saves! Kimie got the winner to knock out the favourite team of the competition.

Against Hebersham it was tense and very close, Antik scored a cracking goal but Hebersham equalised with just 3 minutes to spare. The Hebersham coach allowed the game to go to golden goal which was very sporting but there were no more goals and the boys went out. Brilliant effort all round and we are very proud of them!

**Semi Finals MDPS Snrs 0 Rooty Hill Reds Snrs 1**

The senior game also did not disappoint. A great game was watched by many of the mums and dads who have come week in week out to cheer on the boys and girls. It was a tense and close affair with fast, flowing football the order of the day.

Haseeb, Daniel, Jamie, Luke (again) and Adama gave their all with some great moves facilitated by Muharrem and strong tackling from Ailima and Denzil. Chances were few and far between but Jack in goal made one truly incredible save to keep us in the game in the second half.

Again golden goal time was called and sadly just a few minutes in Rooty Hill broke down the right side and the attacker finished across the keeper into the far corner to seal the game.

This year we again have made the semi-finals with our teams and are getting ever closer to the elusive title. Here’s hoping for next year!

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents who have supported us particularly Mrs Uz who washed the kits, and Mrs Thick, Mrs Moreton and Mrs Hall who came week in, week out to bring water, oranges and lots of vocal support! Your support for the students is always valued.

Mr Grady
Football Coach 2012

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At MDPS we strive to be Responsible Respectful Learners. Over the last few weeks a number of students have achieved 3 RRL awards and have received a special wristband. Congratulations to the following students:

**S1 MAC** - Silika Tuivanavou, Gabrielle Salacup, Lina Wahabzadah and Tallara Hicks.
**1W** - Tasha De Mol, Anahera McMahon, Jewel Dimayuga, Paula Gevero, David Miguel, Dannielle Lewis and Victor Taliaoa.
**1/2C** - Taleasha Mendes, Isabella Thakur, Sena Sagin, Keighla Santiago, Hassibullah Aziz, Bilal Salameh and Keisaia Su’a.
**2B** - Tahlia Kennedy and Eman Aboulhosn.
**2J** - Christopher Bishop, Kylie Budgen-Scott, Pricilla Tamale, Daniel Tanielu, Suman Yusuf, Alex Risteski, Devonte Noman and Tyler Stevenson.
and Shaun Gounder.
**5/6W** - Hasib Ghairat, Jaccob Henderson, Telisha Croft, Emily Abi Saab- Roach, Kaila Marks, Jack Hall, Falefa Letoi and Zion Tautalaga.
**S3 MAC** - Monica Dutt, Patrick Morton, Andrew Vu, Jonathan De Los Santos, Daniel Thick, Arko Halder, Carlo Nicolas, Hadrien Quesada, Harleen Kaur, Mystik Oli, Jaidah Hoffman, Shomar Ansell, Lemah Orya, Joyce Alcos and Kimiko Trinidad.

Follow our community’s expectations every week and you could be the next to receive a wristband.

**@ MDPS we are Responsible Respectful Learners**

Positive Behaviour For Learning is a framework for delivering clear expectations for behaviour of all community members at MDPS. If you would like to know more please see [www.pbis.org](http://www.pbis.org).
The PBL committee meets even weeks in the school library, Fridays @ 830am.

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For your convenience when your child is absent from school please complete the note below and return to your child’s teacher.

**ABSENCE EXPLANATION NOTE**

**STUDENT’S NAME** ____________________________ **CLASS** __________

**DATES OF ABSENCE** ____________________________

**REASON** ____________________________________________________________

**PARENT/CAREGIVER’S NAME** ____________________________ Please Print

**SIGNED** ____________________________________________________________ **DATE** __________
P & C Election Day, 8th September 2012 Reply slip (please return to Mrs Cameron in the office)

Parents Name____________________________________________   Contact Telephone ________________

I am available to assist the P&C at their fundraising BBQ (near the stage) on election day from:

〇 7.00-8.00 am setting up  〇 8.00-10.00 am  〇 10.00-12.00 noon

〇 12.00-2.00 pm  〇 2.00-4.00 pm  〇 4.00-6.00 pm

〇 6.00-7.00 pm packing up

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Signed

UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY
Great Western Highway, Werrington North (Building AO)

Family Astronomy Night
Saturday 8 September – 7pm to 9pm
OUR MOON: LOOKING A LITTLE LUNAR

The University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory will be running an Astronomy Night on Saturday, 8 September from 7pm. The evening will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and stargazing through the University's computerised telescopes (weather permitting).

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child, $40 family.
To book: Phone (02)4736 0135 (Mon, Wed or Thurs), or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au.

Homework help newsletter
You can now easily subscribe to updates from the award-winning website for parents, School A to Z. Each term you'll receive newsletters with the latest information to help you manage your child's homework and study, health, development and technology use.
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Go to: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/

Avoiding injuries from school bags and computers
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?

What to expect in high school
The transition from primary to high school often creates in kids a mix of anxiety and excitement. Two videos feature Year 7 students giving great tips about life in high school - making friends, trying out new things, and getting organised and planning assignments and study. Informative and fun
Congratulations to:
Tautala Utaiaana and Fatima Nisar (3T), Dayne Tauranga and Kenshin Ramos (3C),
Gregory Anae (1/2C), Milind Sharma (2B), David Thompson – Otto, Moshtaba Gheyasi
and Nadine Bauty (2H), Mutiahiran Pereen (1S), BJ Piilua, Alex Manarang, Erica Muscat
and Diana Zola (4/5S). You beat Mrs Lowe in the “Kindy to Year 4 Friends of 10
Challenge”.
Ask your child about their “Friends of 10” and maybe they can beat Mrs Lowe too!!