



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Naplan Results

NAPLAN results have gone home for parents and students. Please remember that this is not a comprehensive test. Other factors can influence a child's performance such as anxiety, how much sleep they have had or whether or not they have had breakfast. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's results then please call the school and ask for an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

Breakfast Club

Research indicates that children are more able to learn and concentrate when they have had breakfast. For this reason the school has breakfast club. There are many reasons why children come to school without breakfast. Sometimes they are in a rush and forget. Sometimes they don't feel hungry until they get to school and in other circumstances families can run out of food and money for the week and need a helping hand. So whatever the reason, we encourage children to grab breakfast from the hub in the morning.

Anyone wishing to make donations of cereal, milk, spoons, plastic cups and bread can bring them to the office or the hub in the morning. All donations are greatly appreciated. We currently fund the program through school resources and donations.

Social Media

Children under the age of 13 should not have access to social networking sites such as Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram. The school has experienced a number of issues recently and we would

Dianne Uthmeyer

Deputy Principal

Term 3 Week 8 2019

MDPS ART COMPETITION

THEME: My culture

DUE: Friday 20/9/19

The winning artworks will be displayed in the staffroom and front foyer. A winner from Kindy, stage 1, stage 2 and stage 3 will be announced at assembly and their artworks on display in the school newsletter.



CALENDAR DATES

WHAT'S ON

Please note: event dates may change

SEPTEMBER Week 9	
Monday 16	•
Tuesday 17	• Stage 1 ACT for Kids • ICAS English
Wednesday 18	• Stage 3 AFL
Thursday 19	• Early Stage 1 AFL • AFL training • ICAS mathematics • Scripture • Halinda Leadership Program • Learning Centre
Friday 20	• Assembly Item 3/4H
SEPTEMBER Week 10	
Monday 23	•
Tuesday 24	• Stage 1 ACT for Kids
Wednesday 25	•
Thursday 26	• AFL training • Halinda Leadership Program • Learning Centre
Friday 27	• International Day • Last Day of Term

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Medication

Please be advised if you require office staff to give your child prescribed medication for a short term period we will need the following:

- ✓ A signed and written letter from the parent.
- ✓ The letter must clearly state the amount of medication eg: 5 ml of liquid or 1 tablet.
- ✓ The letter must also state the required time the child is to take the medication.

If your child needs on going medication then we will need a healthcare plan from your GP. Please see office staff if you require more information.



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WHATS HAPPENING IN CLASS 1/2S

Yummy Fractions! - 1/2S using real life examples to learn fractions.



Amazing facts about twelve!

It can be arranged as:

1 row of 12

2 rows of 6

3 rows of 4

4 rows of 3

WHATS HAPPENING IN CLASS 1/2R



Moon Art!

This term in science students explored information about Earth and Space. We learnt about the changes in the sky and on land. 1/2R studied the phases of the moon and created textured artworks using different techniques!

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Students in 1/2R designed and created different mazes and obstacle courses for our class robot 'Ollie' to complete. In groups they were able to move the robot through the obstacle courses!



ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Monday 2nd September, we had over 40 students attend the Mount Druitt Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Sports Park. Students competed in track events including 800m, 200m and 100m and field events; high jump, long jump and shot put. All students gave their best efforts and displayed outstanding behaviour during the whole day event. Well done on making it through to represent our school at the zone carnival.

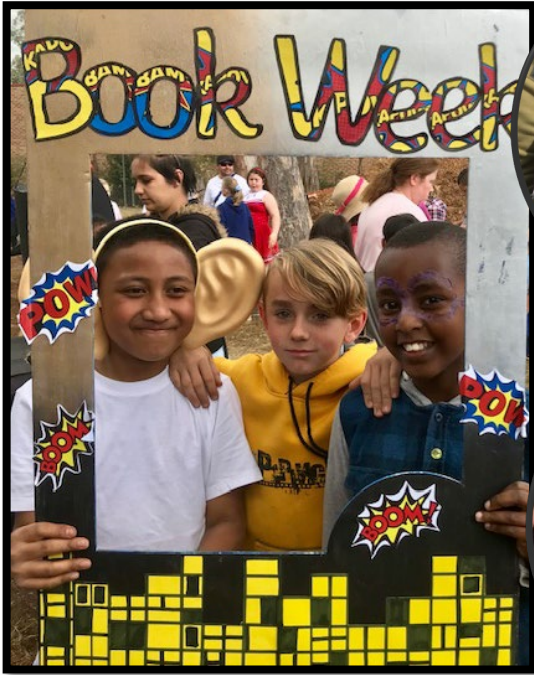
A quote from Miss Fenech on the day - *"What an amazing effort by all our students at Zone today! They should all be extremely proud of themselves today. They all pushed their bodies to the limit to achieve the best results! Well done everyone!!"*



Three Stage 3 students; Sione F, Shay B and Filipo S have been successful in making the next level of competition, they will be representing Mt Druitt District at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival on the 17th October. On behalf of all at MDPS, we wish those students the best of luck.

BOOK WEEK

Every year during August, we celebrate 'Book Week'. This year the theme was 'Reading is My Secret Power'. It was great to see so many students and teachers dress up for the 'Book Picnic'. The senior students were wonderful with our Kindy kids and showed patience and kindness as they read to them outside under the trees. It was also fantastic to see lots of parents come along this year and join us.



We also had the 'Scholastic Book Fair' in the Library. Thank you to all the students and teachers who purchased a book and contributed to our school Library with new books. The 'Very Cranky Bear' also came to visit! It was lots of fun and he got lots of hugs... so maybe he's not so cranky anymore!

Mrs Cooper

Teacher Librarian



STAGE 2 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

On Wednesday 4th September, Stage 2 travelled to the Blue Mountains and explored the unique environment at Scenic World. Stage 2 are learning about the natural environment, sustainability and Dreamtime stories for Geography in Term 3. While at the excursion they learnt about sustainability and how different people, groups and communities sustain and protect their environment.



Students had an exciting time while participating in rides including the steepest railway in the world, scenic cableway and glass floor skyway. Stage 2 displayed excellent behavior and were engaged during the rainforest walk asking questions to tour guides. Well done Stage 2- fantastic day for all!



MATHS COMMITTEE

Currently MDPS is trialling an exciting new Maths website called Mangahigh. It has been created by the creators of the Candy Crush app which means that students can learn while having fun. The quiz activities and the games are all curriculum based and adapt to students learning and learning gaps.

By now all students have been given login details and can access the website via <http://www.mangahigh.com>. Students are encouraged to login and complete the assigned activities their teachers have set.



Well done to this week's Top 10 students:

1 ST	Alamdar M – 5/6 D	6 th	Yusria S – 3/4 F
2 nd	Awais M – 5/6 F	7 th	Muhammad B – 5/6 G
3 rd	Sam Z – 3/4 J	8 th	Sneha C – K B
4 th	Manav M – 5/6 F	9 th	Munassah A – 5/6 D
5 th	Yalina S – 1/2 H	10 th	Natasha A – 3/4 O

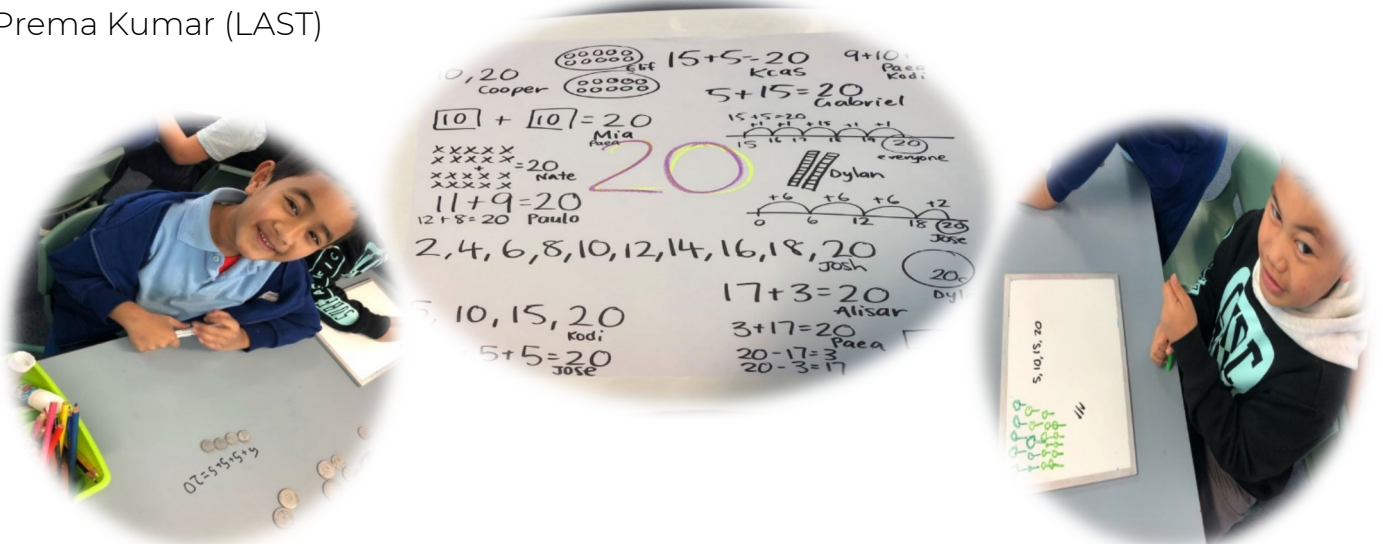
NUMBER TALK

Number Talk is an important strategy in Mathematics which allows students to make up or show numbers in different ways. This strategy encourages students to use their skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to make up numbers.

Students can work individually or in groups and share their findings with the rest of the class. They benefit a lot when this activity is taken frequently as it enhances their perception of various numbers, allowing them to visualize the value of a particular number.

Last week during Number Talk activity students in 1/2B were looking at different ways to make up the number 20. They used various resources in the classroom and shared with the whole class, recording the strategies on a poster. All students participated well throughout and showed confidence in sharing their findings.

Prema Kumar (LAST)



SASS APPRECIATION WEEK

School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week is a time to acknowledge and thank the often unsung heroes in our school. Our SASS staff play an important role in the school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community.

SAS staff work in school offices, in classrooms and libraries and maintaining and caring for school grounds and buildings. They are often the ones to tend to students when they unwell and they ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions. This week, Mount Druitt Public School is delighted to recognise all the efforts of our SAS staff by repaying them with a small gift.

From all the staff and community here at Mount Druitt Public School, we would like to acknowledge and thank you for the valuable work you do and for all your contributions in supporting great teaching and learning outcomes in our school. A special mention must go to the teachers who took the time to put these small gifts together and to the SRC students who distributed them.



12S thanking Ms Goddard and Ms Beth for their hard work and dedication in empowering the students through the art of teaching





RECYCLING

This term the children have been keen to learn about where our rubbish goes after we throw it into the bin. We researched information from the local council, books and the internet, and identified the different types of bins to use when clearing waste - Blue for cardboard/paper, Yellow for recycling, Green for compost and Red for general waste. The preschool have displayed the different coloured bins to help the children sort their rubbish. Red and green buckets have also been implemented during meal times for children to sort their general waste and compost scraps to throw into our compost bins.

Educators took the children to see the large recycling bins located at the front of the school. Once our paper and cardboard bins are full we walk down as a class to empty the bins.

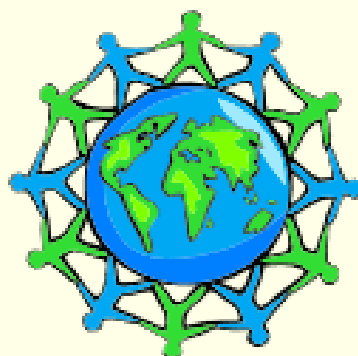


BEING SUSTAINABLE

In our Preschool we are enforcing sustainability awareness and practices in order to make the children environmentally aware of their surroundings and for the future of the environment. Each day we enforce to the children how important the environment is and what we can do on our part to promote a clean and safe environment. Some of the sustainable practices that we currently implement within our Preschool include:

- Using composting bins.
- Re use recycle materials in art and craft projects.
- Have water saving discussions with children (turning off/on the tap).
- Set up a scrap paper bin for children to use for drawing.
- Include recycling system - coloured bins to sort rubbish.
- Added sustainability books onto the book shelf for children.

Sustainability education, enables educators and children to promote a sense of responsibility, show respect for the natural environment, be active participants and bring about inquiry and social change.



RECYCLING



Emptying our Blue Bins

COMPOST



Sorting our rubbish
during meal times

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE FORTNIGHT

Every fortnight, there will be a maths problem for the students to solve. There is a box in the front office for students to submit their responses. Encouragement awards will be handed out to two students from each stage during the school assembly.



Kindergarten (Early Stage 1):

Show halves of various objects.

Year 1 and 2 (Stage 1):

Design a healthy canteen menu. Use that information to create and solve some word problems.

Year 3 and 4 (Stage 2):

Draw different rectangles that have an area of 24 cm^2 .

Year 5 and 6 (Stage 3):

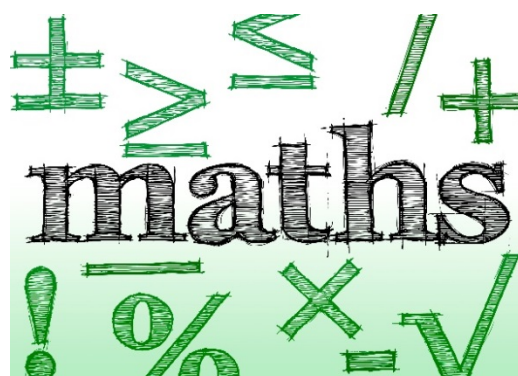
Draw a rectangle that has 10 or more triangles using just 3 straight lines inside the rectangle. How many triangles can you get? List them.

NOTE: Please remember to write your name and class on your work. The entries should be in the office by Wednesday Week 9 (18th September)

Maninder Kaur

Instructional Leader

(On behalf of the Maths Committee)



KM STUDENT & TEACHER SHOUT OUT



- What is your name?
Khadija E
- What is your ethnicity? (country your family is from)
Afghanistan
- What is your favourite subject at school?
Reading
- What was your favourite memory at school?
Doing cutting and crafts
- What is your favourite sport?
Gymnastics
- What is your favourite food?
Fruit Salad
- What are your hobbies?
Playing and catching the sun

- What is your full name?
Sue Mcerlane
- What do you like about M.D.P.S?
The students and families
- What is your favourite year/grade to teach?
Kindergarten
- How long have you been teaching for?
28 years
- What do you like about teaching?
Connecting with the students
- What career were you thinking of having when you were a kid?
Police Officer
- What is your favourite food?
Pasta
- What is your favourite animal?
Turtle
- What is your hobby?
Knitting



5/6 F STUDENT & STUDENT TEACHER SHOUT OUT



- What is your name?
David K
- What is your ethnicity? (country your family is from)
African
- What is your favourite subject at school?
Science
- What was your favourite memory at school?
Making it into Soccer for PSSA
- What is your favourite sport?
Soccer
- What is your favourite food?
Almost everything
- What are your hobbies?
Playing video games

- What is your full name?
Samantha Nicol
- What do you like about M.D.P.S?
How social and welcoming everyone is
- What is your favourite year/grade to teach?
Year 3
- How long have you been teaching for?
4th year of studying teaching, currently on prac
- What do you like about teaching?
Seeing students grow
- What career were you thinking of having when you were a kid?
Midwife
- What is your favourite food?
Ice cream
- What is your favourite animal?
Rabbits
- What is your hobby?
Making cakes



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Rooty Hill RSL Youth Swimming Club

A Division Of The Rooty Hill RSL Youth Club INC

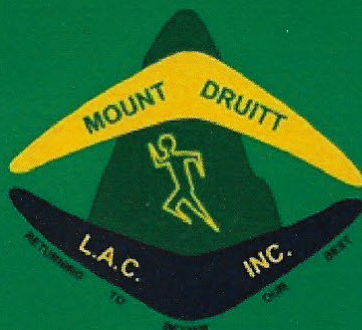
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- On Tuesday 1st October 2019 from 4.00 pm, Rooty Hill RSL Youth Swimming Club is inviting parents to register their children for the 2019/2020 season at Mt Druitt Swimming Centre. Our first day of training will also commence on this day at 4.30pm.
- Training sessions are held this season at the Mt Druitts 50 metre outdoor heated pool every Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.
- Time trials to qualify for our club championships are held every Sunday from 9am to 10.00am. Club championships are in February and March.
- Swimmers are able to compete in Zone 4 races, (held on 4 consecutive Saturday nights) to have the opportunity to qualify for RSL State Championships.
- Squad swimming and training is supervised by our qualified coaches.
- **Please apply for you Active Kids Voucher from Service NSW.**
- Registration fees: 1st child \$120.00, 2nd sibling \$85.00 & any other siblings @ 80.00 for the summer season.
- For new and existing members one Parent/Guardian must be a financial member of the Rooty Hill RSL Club. Swimmers will also need to be junior members of the club.
- New members require birth certificates for age verification.
- The club is open to swimmers 8 –18 years of age.
* Swimmer must be able to swim continuously for 50 meters.
Younger swimmers may be accepted at the coaches' discretion.
- **To keep fit for your winter sport, to keep fit during summer or getting ready for school swimming carnivals and events, come and join our family friendly youth swimming club.**
- If you have any questions, or wish to receive more information, contact
President: Tony Portelli – 0419 247619
Secretary: Heather Broomham – 0425 210 285



FITNESS-FUN-FAMILY-FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY NIGHTS UNDER LIGHTS @HANNA RESERVE



**Mount Druitt
Little Athletics Centre**

**Hanna Reserve
Hyatts Rd Oakhurst**

LITTLE ATHLETICS IS A NON-CONTACT SPORT.

Children aged 3 to 17 compete in athletics-based events against children of their own age and gender using equipment suited to their age.

Friday Evenings 5:30pm to 9 pm, September to March

Free two-week trials for new athletes (conditions apply)

\$85 per child: Tiny Tots (Under 4's & 5's) (Supervised Play Training)

\$100 per Child: Under 6's-Under 17's (Family Discounts available)

Uniforms \$70 (Compulsory)

No weekly fees or levy

NSW Government Active Kids vouchers accepted

Register Online: <http://www.mountdruittlac.com.au/registrations.html>

Then come to one of our Registration Days to finalise your registration, purchase uniforms (eftpos available) and collect your members pack or for assistance with online registrations.

Visit our WEB or Facebook pages for registration day information and dates

Web: www.mountdruittlac.com.au

Facebook: [Mount Druitt Little Athletics](#)

Proof of age documentation (e.g. birth certificate, passport etc.) is required.

Registration and Introduction to Athletics Night @ Hanna Reserve: Friday 6th September from 5:30PM

First Competition Night: Friday 13th September from 5:30PM



THE RHYTHM VILLAGE

PRESENTS

School Holiday Music Workshops for children with special needs and their siblings

Join us for a 1-hr interactive music workshop (10-11am) or stay on for our percussion making workshop (11:15am-12pm). Bring siblings along for a fun and exciting opportunity for bonding with one another through music and rhythm.



At Sydney Olympic Park

Tues 1st Oct - 10am - primary school aged children

Tues 8th Oct - 10am - secondary school aged children



Tickets are limited, so secure yours early:

1st Oct: <http://eventbrite.com.au/e/70868961973>

8th Oct: <http://eventbrite.com.au/e/72210548695>

experience

Kids school
holidays @ Saints



KIDS BINGO

ALL TICKETS \$9
DOORS OPEN 1.30PM
FOR 2PM START

INCLUDES CHIPS, LOLLIES & DRINK,
BINGO TEXTA & BINGO BOOK

**MONDAY
30TH SEPTEMBER**

PRIZES FOR THE BRIGHTEST OUTFIT



**CIRCUS
SHOW
& WORKSHOP**

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

DOORS 10.30AM | STARTS 11.00AM

\$14 PER CHILD | \$2 PER ADULT

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HUMOUR AND THE ARTS!

ALL TICKETS \$11

DOORS OPEN 10.30AM FOR AN 11AM START

TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER



**Kids
PIZZA MAKING**

Thursday 10th October

IT'S JAM-PACKED FUN
AND IT'S JUST \$14

Pizza Making Sessions*
11am | 11.45am | 12.30pm | 1.15pm

Dessert Pizza
Making Sessions*
2pm | 2.45pm

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TO AVOID
MISSING
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1st October 2019 - 10am to 2pm

**Come along during the school holidays and
ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.**



- Bring your own bike and helmet, a picnic (sausage sizzle and drinks)
- Kids activities on the day with information and displays by community organisations
- FREE Parking is on site

Adult Supervision required



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Spring 2019 School Holiday Program

the Y | Eastern Creek OSHC

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Spring 2019 School Holiday Program



**Fees listed below are quoted BEFORE childcare subsidy.
For your fee reduction, check your childcare subsidy eligibility.**

Simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

Week 1

MON 30 SEP	DAY CAMP Animal Hats Choose your favourite animal and create an amazing stuffed hat to show off to your family and friends.	\$66
TUE 1 OCT	DAY CAMP Masterchef Calling all aspiring cooks. Red team against blue team following recipes and most excitingly taste testing!	\$54
WED 2 OCT	DAY CAMP Clay Modelling Ever thought of making your own jewellery? Perhaps you've wanted to create your own figurine or create your very own pinch pot.	\$54
THU 3 OCT	EXCURSION Lights, Camera, Action Hop on the Y bus put your feet up and enjoy some popcorn whilst watching the latest movie out.	\$85
FRI 4 OCT	WORKSHOP YMCA Mini Olympics Set your team, create your flags and compete in mini Olympics to determine a reigning champion.	\$74

Week 2

MON 7 OCT	PUBLIC HOLIDAY No Vacation Care	
TUE 8 OCT	DAY CAMP Plaster Fun Day Make and set your own plaster molds and paint until your hearts content. Paint, glitter or even decoupage.	\$54
WED 9 OCT	EXCURSION Ninja 101 Come and test your strength, agility and fitness within 28 ninja obstacles.	\$88
THU 10 OCT	WORKSHOP Underwater World The Aquarium is coming to us with some magical underwater sea creatures. We will learn lots about our fishy friends.	\$78
FRI 11 OCT	DAY CAMP Reduce, Reuse, Recycle We'll be upcycling everyday items and materials today to make a variety of creations and items you won't want to throw away.	\$54

*Activities and prices are subject to change. Visit us online for most up-to-date information including times, dates, descriptions, terms and conditions.

BOOK ONLINE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!

FAMILY FUN DAY

at the
NSW Parliament
October School
Holidays!

**FRIDAY
11 OCTOBER
10 am to 3 pm**

**MEMBER
FOR A DAY**

Member for a Day: What would you say?

Free fun educational activities at
Australia's oldest Parliament for
children from 4 to 12 years.

Follow the children's trail; enter the
guessing competition, participate in the
arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative
chambers and places rarely open to the
public; give your first speech as a
Member of Parliament in the chambers;
be entertained by roving musicians.

FREE ENTRY

Activities

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location

6 Macquarie Street –
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**The public café
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Sausage
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6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

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School Holiday Activities



Free activities for primary school students at The Reserve Bank Museum

Students will receive an interactive presentation on banknote security features and get a sneak peek at the new uncirculated \$20 banknote. They will also be taken on a guided journey through the Museum and learn about the history of Australia.

Cost:

Free (Registration essential)

Booking Information:

- Expressions of interest are now open for the Spring school holiday period.
- For further information, session times, and to register your child please visit the Museum website.
- Registrations will close on 20th September at 5.00 pm.



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- Tutors complete an online course at their own pace and receive on-going support once they start tutoring.
- Tutoring is conducted at a mutually convenient location such as a library

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