### Principal's Update – 23 February 2024

### Dear all

Well excited Year 7 and 8 students and participants from other years have headed off to Drummoyne Pool for hopefully a fabulous day of swimming. There is plenty of shelter there to get out of the sun but I am sure there will be lots of competitors diving into that crystal clear blue water on such a gorgeous day.

This week has been another busy week with Years 7 and 9 experiencing the Elevate study skills program and then of course Paul Dillon who presented to Years 10, 11 and 12. Our students value his presentations and his humour but also take on board the messages he provides. Paul in turn loves coming to our school and he told me that this is his tenth year.

Thank you to all the Year 7 and 8 parents who came to our Parent Forum on Monday evening. It was lovely to see you and the Stage 4 wellbeing team did a great job in highlighting how your students should prepare for assessments as well as the upcoming camps and extra-curricular opportunities. The only Parent Forum remaining is for Years 9 and 10 and that will be held on Monday 4 March.

On Wednesday night the P&C Art committee in partnership with the school, hosted the launch of the Mosman Art Walk. The evening was a great success with almost 100 guests including retailers who are showcasing art works, artists, parents, art staff and community members. It was a celebration of community. The art walk will take place for the next two weeks and is definitely worth a look. Here is the link for further information.

As you know at our school we have many parent committees that have a particular focus. Over the past two weeks, parents have met either at school or via Zoom in the areas of sport, music, wellbeing and art as well as the P&C meeting held last night. I am proud of the increasing parent involvement we have at Mosman.

The main event next week is Open Night. This will be our first Open Night for more than five years. From 5pm the school will be open to visitors who can see displays on the ground floors of D and E block, stroll through the wonderful heritage listed art block and see displays on every level of the new building (G Block). There will also be the opportunity to walk through the wonderful landscaping. There will be discussions in the school hall about Special Programs commencing from 6.15pm and then the night will finish with a short concert commencing at 7.00pm.

The purpose is obviously to showcase our beautiful school to students and families interested in joining us.

The Mosman Youth Literature awards are coming up and I have attached a Flyer so that our fabulous writers can take part and possibly win a prize.

Finally just a reminder that photos for all years are on this coming Monday with catch up if your child is sick on Wednesday 28 February.

Best wishes

Susan

# Youth awards inliterature 2024

a competition in prose and poetry for young writers

Cash prizes totalling more than \$2000 to be won!

# **Entries Open!**

Entries are now open for the 2024 Mosman Youth Awards in Literature. This annual prose and poetry competition recognises primary and secondary school students.

To submit your entry online visit mosman.nsw.gov.au/youthawards

Students are invited to submit a piece of prose and/or poetry from the categories below:

Prose		Poetry	
Senior - Years	10,11,12	Senior - Years	10,11,12
1st Prize	— \$350	1st Prize	
2nd Prize	— \$150	2nd Prize	— \$150
Junior - Years 1st Prize 2nd Prize	— \$200	Junior - Years 1st Prize 2nd Prize	— \$150
Primary - Years K–6 1st Prize — \$100			

### Entries close 31 May 2024

2nd Prize

— \$75

Winners will be announced at a Presentation Function on Wednesday 28 August, 6.30pm at Barry O'Keefe Library, 605 Military Rd, Mosman.

These awards have been made possible through sponsorship and support from Lions Club of Mosman, Rotary Club of Mosman, Northern Beaches & Mosman College, BorrowBox and Constant Reader Bookshop.



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