



NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4 everyone. It was lovely to see our students back at school on Monday 8th October after the holidays, in their beautiful school uniforms and keen to make a positive start to the final term of the 2012 school year.

Our Public Speakers

Congratulations to all our wonderful students who participated in our school public speaking competitions. I had the very great pleasure (and most difficult task) of judging these competitions and was absolutely astounded at the very high standard of the students' speeches. Good luck to the students who will be representing our school in the district competitions to be held this term.

Our School's 50th Birthday Celebrations

Our school's 50th birthday celebrations at the end of last term were fantastic. Our Performance Assembly on 14th September was outstanding. Our beautiful mural displayed in the hall, the restoration of our memorial garden and our incredible school fete really made our birthday celebrations very special and memorable for everyone. Thank you to all the students, staff, parents and members of our MSPS community for making these events so successful.

Smart Start

Our beautiful 2013 Kindergarten students started their orientation program last term and this will continue into term 4. This is an excellent program that prepares students and their parents for the journey into 'big school'. If you know of any families in our area who have children who will be starting school in 2013 and have not registered for our Smart Start program, please ask them to call in at the school office asap. It's not too late to be part of this great initiative.

World Teachers Day

Friday 26th October is World Teachers Day. On this day we acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding job our wonderful teachers at MSPS do every day. They are dedicated, hard-working and passionate. They make our students their number one priority at all times and they constantly go over and above to ensure that our students get opportunities to experience and excel in a variety of areas such as choir, dance, public speaking, debating, leadership, sports and creative arts. At Marayong South Public School, I am reminded every single day of how lucky I am to be the Principal of such a great school.

Warm regards
Mrs Mandy Hollis
Principal

Complaints, Concerns and Issues

Occasionally parents or members of our school community may be concerned about an incident or issue or may have a complaint they would like addressed.

A complaint can simply be an expression of dissatisfaction or it can be a problem that you want fixed.

Sometimes things do not go the way you expect. Sometimes the decisions made or the actions taken need to be explained better. At other times, we need to look more closely at what we did or how we are doing our work.

The DET has a policy to assist in the dealing of complaints. The policy aims to:

- encourage the resolution of problems by informal means wherever possible
- ensure that concerns are dealt with quickly, fully and fairly
- maintain good working relationships between all people involved with the school
- provide effective responses and appropriate redress
- be confidential
- be unbiased

How to make a complaint

- Discuss your concerns with a member of our staff or make an appointment to discuss the matter with the Principal
- You may bring a friend or relative to support you.
- If a complaint cannot be resolved in an informal way, you may be asked to put your complaint in writing.
- It is important that your written complaint includes specific details of the situation/issue and an indication of what you would like to happen as a result of your complaint.
- We can assist you to put your complaint in writing, if you require it.

What can you expect?

- Most complaints can be resolved quickly and informally to everybody's satisfaction simply by talking to the person concerned or the Principal.
- Some complaints are covered under another policy or by special legislation e.g. OH&S or anti-discrimination policies. You will be advised if this is the case with your complaint. You will also be told how and by whom your concerns will be addressed.
- Occasionally more serious or complex complaints require investigation. These can take a longer time to resolve. If this happens, you should be informed of the progress and outcome of your complaint by phone or in writing at regular intervals until the matter is resolved.

- If you have not heard from the person handling the complaint within a reasonable time, call to ask them what is happening.

What are the possible outcomes?

1. Your complaint is upheld (in part or in full) and, where appropriate, one or more of the following actions may be offered to you:

- action to remedy or amend the situation
- an apology
- an explanation
- an admission that the situation could have been handled differently or better
- an assurance that the event complained of will not recur
- an explanation of the steps that have been taken to ensure that it will not happen again
- an undertaking to review our policies in light of the complaint.

2. Your complaint is not upheld. The reasons for this should be clearly given.

If you are not happy with the outcome, you may request a review of your complaint.

I encourage all parents or member of our school community who have a concern or an issue to approach a member of staff or myself so that matters can be resolved as quickly and effectively as possible.

Doonside Technology have launched a **new website**. It can be found at www.dths.com.au
Doonside Technology High School is our local high school. We strongly encourage our stage 3 students and their parents to access this website as it contains valuable information about the school.

CANTEEN NEWS



The canteen will be **CLOSED EVERY MONDAY** during Term 4. The new price list for the canteen was issued during Week 1. Copies are available online and at the office.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY LEVY

All School Activity Levies are overdue.

Please forward payment to the Administration Office by Friday 9 November.

As always, if you have difficulty paying the levy, especially large families, please see the office for assistance.

PLEASE NOTE

THE DRIVEWAY IS CLOSED FROM 8AM – 4PM TO TRAFFIC FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN

School Website

DEC school websites are currently experiencing some technical difficulties. It is currently impossible to update them, as a result. The department are working on the problem. We apologise for this and will update our school website as soon as we are able.



GAMES DAY 23 NOV Come join our party!

Year 6 'Games Day' is held at the end of the year to help year 6 fundraise money to purchase a gift for the school. The present is a token of the year sixes appreciation to our wonderful school. In the past, we have been able to contribute to the purchasing of technology equipment (laptop speakers for all teachers), English resources (class novels, atlas's and dictionaries), and wet weather games and outside clocks.

On 'Games Day' we provide a range of activities for all students and welcome members of the school community to enjoy the day with us. Some of the games we provide on the day are sponge throw, biscuit and cupcake decorating, tattoos, face painting and coloured hair spray, colouring-in competition, funny photos, dance challenges and much more.

More information will be sent home during Week 6.

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2013

If you know of any friends or neighbours that have a child turning 5 before the 31 July 2013, please ask at the administration office for an enrolment form. Please return your enrolment applications as we are preparing information for Smart Start.



Kinder 2013 Orientation Days:

Session 1: Monday Nov 5

Session 2: Tuesday Nov 13

Session 3: Thursday Nov 22

Parent Information Night:

Monday 26 Nov 6-8pm in the CCR room.

2013 Kinder commence Monday 4 February 2013.

DISCO

Tuesday 30 October 2012

Kindergarten, Yr 1 & 2

5.00 to 6.15pm

Years 3 to 6

6.30 to 8.00pm



**\$5.00 per child or
\$10.00 family pass (Family tickets are for
students of MSPS only)**

This cost includes one drink and
snack per person.

There will be an opportunity to purchase glow products. Glow products will also be available to buy from \$1.00 each at the door. Tickets will be available to purchase each morning. Tickets will be sold only in the morning and at recess time outside the office from the SRC. Disco ticket will be distributed on Monday 29 October to each child who has purchased one.

ALL STUDENTS must be collected from the hall **promptly** at the end of each disco. Miss Patterson and Miss Nix SRC Comm

Congratulations to the following students who represented MSPS at the Zone Athletics on Wednesday 12 September:

Jessica Hilton, Tayla Atkins, Hannah Duncan, Gemma O'Riley, Haleigh Clarke-Stoddart, Sarah Branson, Riya Manandhar, Madison Walters, Lauren Smith, Fleur Coolen, Ladell Garland, Taryn Smith, Hazal Redjeb, Wura Olayiwola, Abbi McLeish, Andrea Arcilla, Adalyah Swann, Jorgia O'Riley, Thriisha Canaveral, Sarman Johal, Annalise Ahmad, Olivia Jones Christina Tabone, Kaila Anderson, Ariana Arcilla, Amber Grover, Kayleb Begnell, Nicholas Morgan, Hamish Ram, Blake Dwyer-Hall, Aiden Scott, Taylan Redden, Zakari McCarroll, Antoine Tawatao, Cay-C Barlow, Vessal Honarpisheh, Hayden Lucas, Jayden Kemp, Shafin Hussain, Zaim Khan, Kaleb Seckold, Luke Vella, Samuel Salazar-Vasquez, Pranesh Gounder & Connor Tunks.

Congratulations to Hamish Ram who represented the Zone at the Area Athletics on Wednesday 17 October. He has now qualified for the National Athletics to be held on 22 November.

Congratulations to the following students who represented MSPS at the Mt Druitt Public Speaking Comp last Wednesday 17 October 2012: **Taylan Redden, Hannah Duncan, Siddhika Garg and Annalise Ahmad.**

What's Coming Up...

October

- Mon 22 Newsletter home Canteen closed
- Tues 23 CARES for 3M
- Wed 24 CARES for 3/4P K-2 Assembly 11.30am host 2K Years 3-6 Assembly at 12pm host 6G
- Thurs 25 CARES for 4O Smart Start
- Fri 26 Summer PSSA
- Mon 29 Canteen closed
- Tues 30 SRC Disco
- Wed 31 K-6 Assembly at 11.30am. Year 5 HS Transition

November

- Thurs 1 Smart Start K-2 Dog Safety
- Mon 5 Canteen Closed Kinder 2013 Orientation 1
- Wed 7 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am host KN Years 3-6 Assembly at 12pm host 3/4P Year 5 HS Transition
- Thurs 8 Smart Start
- Mon 12 Canteen Closed Kinder interviews day 1
- Tues 13 Kinder 2013 Orientation 2
- Wed 14 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am host KL Years 3-6 Assembly at 12pm host 4O Year 5 HS Transition
- Thurs 15 Smart Start Public Speaking Com

A Parent Guide to the New NSW K-10 Syllabuses is available at the administration office. The syllabuses outlined in the guide are English, Mathematics, Science and History.