



# NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 7 of Term 3 everyone and what a busy, productive and happy term it has been so far!

## Athletics Carnival

Our athletics carnival was held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. The weather was absolutely perfect. Thank you to all the parents that assisted on the day. All our staff worked very hard and tried their best to ensure that all events ran smoothly and without problems. Special thanks must go to Mr Nash and Mrs Garay for their organisation of this event. It was great to see the majority of students wearing hats and re-applying sunscreen on the day.

## Book Week

Thank you Mr Butterfield for your outstanding organisation of our Book Week activities which included story time in the hall, a wonderful parade and the Book Fair. This week was a great success and I had many positive comments from parents, students and staff about how enjoyable our events were.

## Our School Website

Our school website has had a renovation. Please take the time to have a look at it. The calendar is being constantly updated. We currently have 9 photo albums on there as well as a lot of valuable information about the curriculum, helping your child to learn, copies of school and department policies and much, much more. All newsletters and notes are on there as well as P&C minutes and information. I strongly encourage all parents and students to regularly access this site.

## Rubbish in the School Playground

Marayong South PS is a beautiful school. We have large, lovely playgrounds. We are currently working to improve the gardens and to beautify our school. One problem that I have noticed when I am in the school playgrounds (which is almost every day) is that large numbers of our students throw their rubbish onto the ground instead of placing it in the bin. This problem is significant. I have personally filled up countless bags with rubbish that has been thrown onto the ground by our students during recess and lunch

times. Mr Sherry (our school cleaner) spends approximately 40 minutes every day picking up rubbish in the school playground. We start every school day with a clean, rubbish-free playground. By the end of recess there is rubbish everywhere and this is worse by the end of lunch time. This is not acceptable. I ask all parents/carers to speak to their children about this issue and ask them to ensure that all rubbish is placed into the bins provided, even it means a short walk to do so. If this problem continues, I will be regularly asking students to give up their play time to pick up their rubbish.

I will continue to reinforce this message to the students and would appreciate your support with this matter.

### **Marayong South PS 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

Our celebrations will include a special performance assembly (14<sup>th</sup> September), a huge school fete (15<sup>th</sup> September), the creation of a beautiful mural, the restoration of our memorial garden and original school bell and much more. We have many staff, parents and students preparing to make this occasion one to remember for all of us.

**BE SAFE**

Everyone is warmly invited to participate in our special events later this term.

**Warm regards,  
Mandy Hollis  
Principal**

### **P&C NEWS**

### **P&C WEBSITE**

The P&C have a new website <http://marayongsouthpandc.wix.com/mainpage#!home/mainPage>

Thanks to some great parents and their hard work, we now have a website especially for the P&C. It has a lot of information about our committee and all the things that we are up to. Please log on, have a browse through and let us know what you think.



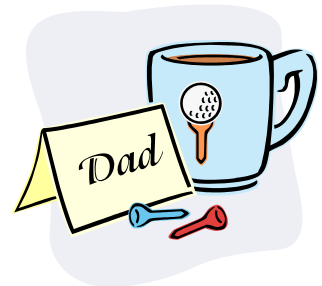
### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

We are desperate for volunteers for the birthday fete on 15<sup>th</sup> September. 1hour on the day would be a great help and much appreciated. We are also looking for some bakers out there to help bake some goodies for our cake stall.

**BE RESPECTFUL**

Please see anyone from the P&C if you are able to assist.

If you could please spare some time to help out – the kids would greatly appreciate it.



### **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

We had a great response from our Fathers Day stall. Thank you to all parents who assisted with wrapping and with the stall on the day. We managed to raise over \$600 for the school. A special thank you to Rebecca Branson and Marielle Coolen for their hard work putting this together.

### **P&C Executive**

### **CANTEEN NEWS**



The canteen will be CLOSED EVERY MONDAY during Term 3.

### **SCHOOL ACTIVITY LEVY**

Any overdue School Activity Levy payments are now payable to the Administration Office as soon as possible.

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

**BE A LEARNER**

## STUDENT LEAVE

Any student leave whether sick or on holiday requires an absence note returned to your child's teacher on the day they return to school. Parents, please make sure you write the date of your child's absence.

### PLEASE NOTE

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### MEDICATION AT SCHOOL:

- All medication, even Panadol, requires a permission & indemnity form completed at the Admin office in person.
- Do not send a note and medication to the Admin office with your child.
- Medication is not allowed to be kept in the child's bag as other children can gain access.

### UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop open 8.50am

Tuesdays & Fridays

## 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.

### **Teddy Bear's Picnic Thursday 20 September**

For those children enrolled for Kinder 2013, Smart Start plus this year's Kindergarten students.

### Orientation Days:

All sessions start at 9.15am and finish by 11am.

Please come to the Connected Conference Room to register for each day.

**Session 1: Monday  
November 5**

**Session 2: Tuesday  
November 13**

**Session 3: Thursday  
November 22**

### **Parent Information Night:**

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

## What's Coming Up...

### August

- Mon 27 Newsletter home Year 5/6 Canberra/Snowy
- Wed 29 Fathers Day Stall
- K-6 Assembly K-2 Assembly at 11.30am, host KL. Years 3-6 Assembly at 12pm, host 4O  
DTHS Transition
- Thurs 30 Smart Start
- Fri 31 PSSA Grand finals

### September

- Mon 3 Zone Athletics
- Tues 4 Year 3/4 Excursion
- Wed 5 K-6 Assembly at 11.30am  
DTHS Transition
- Thurs 6 Choir Practice (alto) Smart Start
- Fri 7 Footy Fever Day 50<sup>th</sup> meeting 9.15am
- Mon 10 full dress rehearsal for school concert
- Tues 11 Choir Practice (Sop)
- Wed 12 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am host KG  
Years 3-6 Assembly at 12pm host 5/6J  
DTHS Transition
- Thurs 13 Smart Start Blacktown Music Festival – rehearsal and evening performance
- **Fri 14 School concert**
- **Sat 15 50<sup>th</sup> Fete**
- Tues 21 Choir Practice (sop)
- Wed 19 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am host 1G  
Years 3-6 Assembly at 12pm host 5/6J  
DTHS Transition
- Thurs 20 Smart Start Teddy Bear's Picnic-Kinder
- Fri 21 last day for Term 3

### October

- Monday 8 Staff and students return to school
- Wed 10 no assemblies
- DTHS Transition Year 5
- Wed 17 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am host 1/2R  
Years 3-6 Assembly at 12pm host 2/3M  
DTHS Transition Year 5
- Mon 22 Newsletter home