

Empowering Local Schools National Partnership

Our school is one of the 229 successful across NSW that are participating in the Empowering Local Schools National Partnership. (ELSNP)

This is a Commonwealth Government initiative to empower participating schools to make decisions at a local level, supporting them to better respond to the needs of students and the school community and provide services designed to assist their students to achieve their best educational outcomes.

The school will receive additional funding of \$45, 674 to assist in this first stage of making decisions that best suit the local needs of the school.

In participating in the initiative there is the opportunity for the school leadership team and other staff members to engage in a range of professional learning that will support them in moving into a different way of planning and reporting outcomes.

In addition, the school will be part of a Learning and Business Management Reform that will improve the delivery of services to schools and the broader community.

Warmest regards
Mandy Hollis
Principal

The Healthy Kids Association

Our school cares about your child's health and nutrition. Did you know that our school is a member of Healthy Kids Association? That's right, we want to provide good food and nutrition education to your children and Healthy Kids provides us with resources for the canteen and teachers. This is just one of the ways that we ensure your children

learn about healthy food and eat well from the canteen.

Healthy Kids Association also provides a free parent e-newsletter with important nutrition information and great recipes that can help you stay on top of what is going on in the world of nutrition. To sign up, simply visit www.healthy-kids.com.au

CAMP NOTES

The following camp permission notes have been given out to Years 3-6 children. If you wish your child to attend please ask for a note at the administration office.



Years 5/6 Snowy / Canberra Excursion over 3 days 27-29 Aug. This camp is full and has a waiting list.

Years 3/4 Mowbray Farm Picton over 2 days 6-7 Aug.
Cost \$110. Places available.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be CLOSED EVERY MONDAY during Term 3.



SCHOOL ACTIVITY LEVY

Term 3 School Activity Levy of \$30 is due by Friday 17 August. Please forward payment 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.

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

VEGIE PATCH UPDATE

There are beans, carrots, Chinese cabbage, broccoli, shallots, spinach, lettuce, mint, rosemary and lavender growing up there at the moment.

6G had a scarecrow making competition. The winning scarecrow had to be made out of recyclable materials. Details were on our class BLOG. The winners have written about their scarecrow, we hope you enjoy their story.

Bucktooth Billy Scarecrow

Once upon a time there lived a scarecrow named Bucktooth Billy. He was searching for the perfect vegie patch to protect.

Bucktooth Billy made the long journey to Brisbane. He searched and searched until finally he came across a pineapple field, but there was nothing for him to do.

So he pulled out his map out of his pocket and decided to



make the long journey to Ballina. Bucktooth Billy found a field of flowers that smelt sweet. The farmer allowed him to stay and scare away the birds, but he was very mean to Bucktooth Billy.

So again Bucktooth Billy pulled out his map and decided to make another long journey. Bucktooth Billy found a lovely vegie patch in Bathurst. He thought, 'This might be the place for me'. Proudly he guarded the vegie patch until one day there was a very loud rumble of cars. The sound and smell gave Bucktooth Billy a headache so he decided it was time to move on.

Bucktooth Billy sadly made his way to the train station. He searched and searched the

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map. Bucktooth Billy had been to Brisbane, Ballina and Bathurst. He started to think the perfect vegie patch didn't exist. Bucktooth Billy decided he would try one last place. He made a long and tiring train journey.

Bucktooth Billy hopped off the train at Blacktown. The sun was shining brightly and the birds were singing. 'I like this place' thought Billy. He decided to keep walking until he found the perfect place to rest. All of a sudden he could hear laughter. Bucktooth Billy followed the sound until finally he found where the sound was coming from. Bucktooth Billy slowly entered the gates of the most beautiful school he had ever seen.

Bucktooth Billy looked around the school. He found 3 young year 6 boys named Liam, Matt and Isaac. They were kind to Bucktooth Billy and listen to his life story.

Once Bucktooth Billy had told them his sad story they said "We know the perfect place for you to live" So they lead Bucktooth Billy to the school vegie patch. Bucktooth Billy loved the vegie patch and the sounds of happy children so he decided this is where he would spend the rest of his days.

Written by Liam B, Isaac P and Matthew W.



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.

What's Coming Up...

July

- Mon 30 Newsletter home Education Week - Westfield Mt Drutt performance
- Tues 31 ICAS English Comp Open Day Meal Day orders due

August

- Wed 1 K-6 Assembly 11.30am
Open classrooms after assembly
Picnic lunch with your child.
- Thurs 2 Smart Start begins
- Fri 3 PSSA
- Mon 6 Year 3&4 two day camp at Picton
- Tues 7 Blacktown Music Festival Bowman Hall Choir rehearsal
- Wed 8 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am, host 1/2C
Years 3-6 Assembly at 12pm, host 2/3M
- Thurs 9 Choir Practice (alto) Smart Start
- Fri 10 PSSA
- Tues 14 ICAS Maths Comp Choir Practice (Sop)
- Wed 15 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am host 2K
Years 3-6 Assembly at 12pm host 6G
- Thurs 16 Smart Start Choir Practice (alto)
- Fri 17 PSSA
Term 3 Levy due today
- Tues 21 Choir Practice (sop)
- Wed 22 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am host KN
Years 3-6 Assembly at 12pm host 3/4P
- Thurs 23 Choir Practice (alto) Smart Start
- Fri 24 PSSA semis
- Mon 27 Newsletter home.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop open 8.50am

Tuesdays & Fridays

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.

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 administrati on office for an enrolment form. Please return your enrolment applications as we are preparing information for Smart Start.



What is Smart Start?

Smart Start aims to develop foundations for school readiness and future learning for a smooth transition to Kindergarten.

Who: Children from 3 and a half years of age

Priority will be given to children commencing school in 2012

Where: Marayong South Public School

When: Thursdays, 9.15am - 10.45am

From 2 August - 29 November, during school term.

PLACES AVAILABLE

Parents are welcome to stay, light morning tea provided.

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