



# NEWSLETTER



Established 1962

25 November 2013

## Principal's Message

Welcome to our Term 4 Week 8 Newsletter, this will be the last newsletter for the year. I would like to sincerely thank all members of our school community for your support of our school and our beautiful students. It has been a wonderful year. I look forward to another great year in 2014 and many more after that!

## World Teacher's Day

I would like to give heartfelt thanks to Simone Dring, Michaela Martin, Kel-Lee Christiansen and our P&C for acknowledging the great job our teachers do here at Marayong South for World Teacher's Day, which was 25<sup>th</sup> October. Our staff had a special (and incredible) breakfast, special messages of appreciation left in the staff and on doors throughout the school, gifts, chocolates and banana cake at recess (thank you Mrs McKinder). Many of our teachers also received lovely messages and gifts from their students and parents. We all felt very much appreciated. It was just wonderful.

## The National Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) in collaboration with states and territories has developed agreed Australian curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History. In NSW, the Board of Studies has worked closely with teachers and key education stakeholders to develop syllabuses that include Australian curriculum content. Our teachers have completed all the training for English and we are ready to implement the new English syllabus in all classes from the beginning of next year. The new Mathematics syllabus will be implemented from the beginning of 2015. This will require additional training for staff which will commence at Marayong South next year. Training and implementation of the new History and Science syllabuses will follow shortly after this. If you would like more information about these changes to the curriculum, parents can access information through the following website: <http://syllabuses.bos.nsw.edu.au>

## Kids Matter

Childhood is a crucial time for growing healthy minds, all children need care and support to help them grow and learn. Some children need additional help to reach their potential. Kids Matter is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and has been proven to make a positive difference for children. Marayong South Public School will be using this framework next year. Our staff are currently undertaking the Kids Matter training and we look forward to effectively supporting all of our students with this framework from the beginning of next year. The following website will provide addition information about 'Kids Matter' for parents: <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/>

## School Discos

Thank you to Mrs McWhirter, Mrs Gaynor, our SRC members and all of the teachers who assisted with the organisation and supervision of students during our two school discos on 7<sup>th</sup> November. The students had a great time and their behaviour was outstanding, safe and respectful at all times. It was a pleasure to watch them dance the night away and enjoy themselves so much.

## Student Enrolments 2014

If you know of any students who may be enrolling at our school for 2014, please ask them to come to the school office and notify us as soon as possible. We need to be able to accurately anticipate our enrolments for next year in order to assist with our planning, thank you.

## Mornings and Teacher Supervision

To ensure the safety and proper supervision of all students in our playgrounds, we respectfully ask that all parents take their children directly to the COLA area (near the canteen), where there is teacher supervision, in the mornings before the 9am bell rings. Parents are more than welcome to stay in the COLA/Canteen area with their children until the lining up music plays. As always, the safety, supervision and wellbeing of our beautiful students is our highest priority. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.

*I look forward to seeing lots of parents at our special end of year events during the last few weeks of term.*

*Warm regards*

*Mrs Mandy Hollis*

*Principal*

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

## ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2014

If you know of any friends or neighbours that have a child turning 5 before the 31 July 2014, please ask at the administration office for an enrolment form.

If you have an enrolment please return to the school office asap.



**Important Dates:**  
Kinder Parent Info  
Night  
2/12



**DOONSIDE HIGH SCHOOL  
P&C Meeting on Tuesday  
26 November at 6.30pm. In  
staff common room near  
office.**

**Congratulations to the  
following students who  
represented MSPS at the  
Zone Athletics on 4  
September.**

Ashley Rotgans, Rowen  
McKinder, Meagan Thomas,  
Henry Branson, Ariki  
Clapham, Jeremy Bassine,  
Teagon Garland, Joey  
Saengkaew, Zoe Pedrosa,  
Daan Coolen, Mariah  
Bulivou, Angelina Bassine,  
Antoine Tawatao, Andrea  
Arcilla, Callum Tunks, Kaleb  
Seckold, Sarneet Kalsi,  
Kayleb Begnell, Tayla Atkins,  
Samuel Salazar-Vasquez,  
Jessica Hilton, Hannah  
Branson, Nicholas Morgan,  
Armaan Dosangh, Marvin  
Hutchen, Karnika Singh,  
Cay-C Barlow, Black Dwyer-

Hall, Thrissha Canaveral,  
Christina Tabone, Haleigh  
Clarke-Stoddart, Clarice  
Pulmano, Lisa Siby, Kristian  
Straub, Fleur Coolen, Abby  
Gravina, Talia Stewart,  
Nicolas Perez, Hannah  
Duncan, Gemma O'Riley,  
Abbi McLeish, Wura  
Olayiwola and Jesse Tay.

**Congratulations to the  
following students who  
gained places at the  
Blacktown PSSA Zone  
Athletics:**

Senior Boys Relay:

Third Place

Cay-C Barlow, Blake Dwyer-  
Hall, Nicholas Morgan and  
Armaan Dosangh.

8yr Girls 100m race: Zoe  
Pedrosa

12/13yr Boys discus: Blake  
Dwyer-Hall

**Congratulations to the  
following students who  
represented MSPS at the  
Mt DrUITT / Minchinbury**

## Oracy Competition on 16 October:

Hannah Duncan, Rylea Conlon, Jeremy Bassine and Siddhika Garg.

Award to Rylea Conlon for overall Year 4 Winner.

Awards to Rylea Conlon and Jeremy Bassine for overall Stage 2 winners.

## Congratulations to the following students who represented MSPS at the BLC Oracy Competition on 13 November:

Hannah Duncan, Rylea Conlon, Jeremy Bassine and Siddhika Garg.

## CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be closed for 'end of year cleaning' from Monday 16 December. No lunches will be available on Tuesday 17 Dec and Wednesday 18 Dec. We will open on these days at lunchtime for drinks and ice blocks only.

Thank you to parents and students who helped in the canteen this year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Barbara Dwyer  
Canteen Manager

## What do Parents Think?

Children with social and emotional problems are often the topic of parents' conversations, as well as the media. Help us document how today's parents think about children with these problems, their families, and their treatments. We are looking for parents of 4-10 year old children across Australia to complete an anonymous online survey (15-20 min). Participants will go into the draw to win one of 40

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\$100 gift certificates to Coles/Myer or Woolworths. To participate go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/parentsattitudes>

Or For more information please contact Dr Jeneva Ohan at 08 6488 6928

## Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children's ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of **Kindergarten – Year 6 children** across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 \$50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/childsvg>

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

## GAMES DAY

Year 6 Fundraiser

THURSDAY

28 November 2013

12.30pm to 2.30pm

## MUFTI DAY

**Gold coin donation or 2 tokens -** Students may wear clothes other than school uniform. **No thongs or singlet tops are to be worn. Hats and sunscreen to be worn.**

Sausage sizzle orders have closed.

**All activities will have a token value.** Tokens still on sale 50c or 12 for \$5 **These tokens will be sold before school in front of the hall and at recess up to GAMES DAY.**

BE RESPECTFUL

## What's



## Coming Up...

TERM 4

November

- Wed 27 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am Host 1D Years 3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm Host 5/6G

Kinder 2014 interviews

- Thurs 28 Last Smart Start **GAMES DAY**

December

- Mon 2 Canteen Closed  
Kinder 2014 Parent Info night
  - Tues 3 Parent Helpers morning tea
  - Wed 4 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am Host KC/KL Years 3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm Host 5N
  - Thurs 5 Service Awards  
Principal's Morning Tea K-2
  - Fri 6 Principal Morning Tea 3-6
  - Mon 9 Canteen Closed
  - Tues 10 PBL Rewards Day
  - Wed 11 Presentation Day
  - Thurs 12 Year 6 Farewell
  - Fri 13 reports home
  - Mon 16 Canteen closed all week  
Party Day
  - Tues 17 Canteen closed – drinks/iceblocks at lunch only
  - Wed 18 Canteen closed drinks/iceblocks at lunch only
- LAST DAY FOR 2014**
- **Thurs 19 & Fri 20 Pupil Free - Staff Development Days**

2014

Term 1

Staff return Tues 28 January 2014

Students return Wed 29 January 2014

Kinder start Mon 3 February 2014

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