



NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

Welcome to week 7 of term 2. This term is flying by at a tremendous speed!

Sydney West Dance Festival

Congratulations to Miss Nix and our fabulous dance group for their sensational performance at the Sydney West Dance Festival last week. I had the very great pleasure of sitting in the audience last Wednesday evening and I felt so proud of all our dance students & Miss Nix. Well done, everyone and special, heartfelt thanks must go to Mrs Garland for making the fantastic costumes.

Mrs Putica

Mrs Putica will be taking leave from 13th June to 26th July. Miss Susan Walker will be replacing Mrs Putica during this time. We welcome Miss Walker to the role of ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher and look forward to working closely with her. Mrs Putica will return on 30th July, Tuesday week three next term.

Emergency Drills

As part of our 'Workplace Health and Safety' management here at Marayong South PS we are required to conduct evacuation and lock-down drills regularly throughout the year. We do speak with the children about this. We also will be playing the siren sounds prior to the drills being conducted so that children are not frightened by the noises and are aware of what is happening and why. Some students can become stressed and anxious during these times, which is understandable. It is an essential process which will prepare us in the very unlikely event of an emergency. This will happen 4 times a year.

Student Behaviour in the Playground

I would like to commend students for their respectful and safe behaviour in our playgrounds this term, particularly on the grassed area at lunch times. The number and severity of behaviour referrals has reduced significantly this term. It is wonderful to see such kind, caring and considerate behaviour from our students towards staff and each other. In addition to this, the amount of rubbish being thrown onto the grounds of our school has significantly reduced. Our playground is now much cleaner, so thank you to all our wonderful students who have helped to keep our school beautiful, respectful and safe.

Student Reports

Teachers have been busy writing student reports this term. These reports will be sent home on 26th June. We had our teacher/parent interviews at the end of last term on 3rd April so there will not be any scheduled interviews this term. I would like to remind all parents that teacher/parent interviews can be organised at any time throughout the school year should you be concerned about the education or welfare of your child. We strongly encourage communication with parents

at all times so please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's teacher if necessary.

The following information and links may be useful for parents:

Cyberbullying – what the experts say

While research into cyberbullying is still in its infancy, the one thing we do know is the online environment is really just a new setting for age-old issues. Cyberbullying is an extension of face-to-face bullying. It's all about relationships.

Find out more: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/what-the-experts-say>

Making music together

Music education produces many benefits, including strengthening children's' abilities in reading, maths, and verbal intelligence. New research suggests it may also teach something less tangible, but arguably just as important - the ability to empathise.

Find out more: <http://www.psmag.com/culture/making-music-together-increases-kids-empathy-41627/#.T5j1f7R1SQM.facebook>

Helping your child with homework

Video: **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

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. Please return your enrolment applications, if not already, as we are now preparing



BE SAFE

for Smart Start, which commences on Thursday 15 August.

P&C NEWS

Our next meeting will held this Wednesday, 12 June, at 6pm.

Congratulations to the following students who represented Marayong South PS at the Zone Cross Country on Wednesday 22 May:

Kayleb Beggell	Henry Branson
Jeremy Bassine	Daan Coolen
Teagon Garland	Jorja Pasnin
Angelina Bassine	Mariah Camilleri
Kaleb Seckold	Flynn McKinder
Kyran Gerrard	Tayla Atkins

Lilly Pasnin	Tegan McErlane
Nicholas Morgan	Zach Hornby
Aidan Humphrey	Armaan Doranjh
Jessica Hilton	Hannah Branson
Kaila Anderson	Hushiti Raikar
Cay-C Barlow	Blake Dwyer-Hall
Jesse Tay	Kajun Seckold
Gemma O'Riley	Skye Huxley
Abbi McLeish	Natalie Jones
Samuel Salazer-Vasquez	

Congratulations to the following students who will represent Blacktown Zone at the Sydney West Region Cross Country this Friday 14 June:

Gemma O'Riley	Hannah Duncan
Blake Dwyer-Hall	Tayla Atkins
Kayleb Beggell	Cay C Barlow
Skye Huxley	

BE RESPECTFUL

BE A LEARNER

Congratulations to the following students who represented Marayong South PS at the Sydney West Dance Festival at the Evans Theatre last Wednesday, 5 June 2013.

Annalise Ahmad	Tayla Atkins
Angelina Bassine	Mia Brewer
Mariah Bulivou	Rylea Conlon
Mariah Camilleri	Fleur Coolen
Hannah Duncan	Fiona Jose
Ladell Garland	Aliyah Martin
Teagon Garland	Zoe Pedrosa
Kaylem Martin	Abbi McLeish
Gemma O'Riley	Taylor Piliae
Talia Stewart	Hushiti Raikar
Christina Tabone	Jessica Tabone
Meagan Thomas	

DEBATING UPDATE:

On Thursday 23 May, some of our enthusiastic debating team participated in a tough debate against Crawford Public School. Well done to Christina Tabone, Jessica Tabone, Hannah Duncan and Gemma O'Riley and the rest of the team who assisted in the preparation for this debate. These girls did an exceptional job putting forward their case disagreeing that 'Books are out dated'. The Marayong South debating team is made up of 12 students in years 5 and 6. This team demonstrates outstanding team work and always represents our school with pride. They are very talented and have won 3 out of 3 debates so far in this competition. A big well done to everyone involved.

Kristen Patterson
Coordinator

SCHOOL ACTIVITY LEVY

Term 2 School Activity Levy of \$30 is overdue. 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.

What's Coming Up...

June

- Mon 10 Queen's Public Holiday
- Tues 11 Newsletter home
- Wed 12 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am, host KC. Years 3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm, host 4B
- Thurs 13 Gym Years 3-6
- Fri 14 PSSA
- Mon 17 Canteen Closed
- Tues 18 ICAS Spelling School Photos
- Wed 19 22 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am Host 2K Years 3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm Host 3/4N
- Thurs 20 Gym Years 3-6 BMF Choir cluster rehearsal
- Fri 21 PSSA
- What's On home Weeks 9/Week 1 Term 3
- Mon 24 Canteen Closed
- Wed 26 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am Host 1/2C Years 3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm Host 3P Reports home
- Thurs 27 Gym Years 3-6
- Fri 28 Canteen closed No PSSA

Last day for Term 2

TERM 3

July

- Mon 15 No School – Staff Development Day
- **Tues 16 Students return today**
- Wed 17 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am Host TBA Years 3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm Host TBA
- Thurs 18 Debate Gymnastics for K-2
- Fri 19 Winter PSSA recommences
- What's On Weeks 2/3
- Mon 22 Canteen closed
- Wed 24 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am Host TBA Years 3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm Host TBA .
- Thurs 25 Gym Years 3-6
- Fri 26 PSSA
- Mon 29 **EDUCATION WEEK** Canteen Closed Newsletter home

CAMP PLACES AVAILABLE



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

Years 3/4 Wedderburn Camp over 2 days 5-6 Aug. Cost \$105 with a deposit of \$25. Limited places available.

Years 5/6 Yarramundi Camp over 3 days 29-31 October. Cost \$230.00 with a deposit of \$30. Places available.

Snail Trail – Year 6 fundraiser

Year 6 students and teachers would like to thank the Marayong South community for helping make this year's snail trail the most successful snail trail to date. We raised \$1002.05. This money will help in the end of year celebrations for Year 6 and their parting gift for MSPS.

Thank you for all your donations.



Congratulations 1M and 6P for having this year's longest snail trails.

M. Parsons
Assistant Principal