



NEWSLETTER



Established 1962

2 September 2013

Principal's Message

Thank you to all our wonderful parents and carers who joined us for Education Week, Book Week, our Literacy Walkathon and our Athletics Carnival this term. We appreciate your support. This term has been very busy, happy, enjoyable and productive and with only a few weeks left until the school holidays, we are still keeping busy (as always) with our learning and lots of other activities.

Education Week

Our Education Week celebration Day was Wednesday 31st July. We had a special assembly, picnic lunch and open classrooms. This event was attended by record numbers of parents and family members which was great to see. Our assembly was a wonderful showcase of the talents of our students and staff. Our open classrooms were filled with parents and family members. Our wonderful P&C and canteen ladies were kept extremely busy with a cake stall and meal deal. Thank you everyone for making our celebration of Education Week so special. There are photographs on the school website for all to enjoy. Please have a look.

Book Week

Thanks must go to Mrs Colusso for organising a fantastic Book Week complete with a book fair, parade and storytellers. Again, this day saw record numbers of parents and family members participating which was great to see. Thank you to all our parents, staff and students for helping to make this week so enjoyable and special for our students.

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival eventually took place on Wednesday 14th August after we had to call off our carnival on 8th August due to bad weather. Teachers worked very hard to organise a highly successful event and are to be commended for doing a great job. Our students had a wonderful day. Thanks must go to the organising committee and the senior students from Doonside Technology High School for their assistance on the day.

Literacy Walkathon

Thank you Ms Levis and our Literacy committee for all your hard work organising our walkathon. All money raised will be used to purchase Literacy resources for our students. This event was an outstanding success.

School Surveys

An effective school is one that is constantly striving to enhance its educational provision through a process of self-evaluation, reporting and development within the resources available to it. This year we are conducting surveys on Literacy and School Management. Stage 2 & 3 students, staff and parents will be surveyed. The results of these surveys will guide future planning and directions taken at Marayong South Public School in these important areas. Surveys will be sent home on Monday 26th August. We would appreciate all parents completing these surveys and returning them to the school office no later than Friday 13th September 2013.

Spare Uniforms

Occasionally children have accidents at school and need clean, dry clothes to change into. Unfortunately, we had a good supply in the office but these clothes are rarely returned after they are used and now we have nothing left. If you have clothes at home that were provided for your child at school, we would be very grateful if these could be washed and returned to the office as soon as possible. If you have old school clothes (particularly in smaller sizes) that you no longer want, please donate these to the office so that they can be used in the event of inevitable 'little accidents'. Your assistance with this matter would be very greatly appreciated.

Parent Contact Details

Occasionally we need to ring parents because children need to go home. Unfortunately there are many times when the contact numbers we have been given are incorrect or are not answered when we call. It is very important that all parents and carers are contactable by phone during school hours. In the event of an emergency or when a child is ill, we must be able to contact parents and carers. I ask that everyone ensure that we have the correct contact numbers and that you are contactable throughout the school day. This also applies to your emergency contacts.

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/say-no-to-cyberbullying>

When lunch comes home ... again

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain>

Eight ways to build your child's writing skills

Here are a few practical tips to help your child to work out the best way to express themselves through their writing.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/eight-ways-to-support-your-childs-writing-skills>

Warmest 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:

Teddy Bears Picnic Thurs 19/9
Kinder Orientation no 1 28/10
Kinder Orientation no 2 5/11
Kinder Orientation no 3 14/11
Kinder Parent Info Night 2/12

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Congratulations to the following students who represented MSPS in Winter PSSA Netball Semi-finals last Friday, 23 August:

Seniors

Sarman Johal
Rhea Prasad
Hannah Duncan
Talia Stewart
Abbi McLeish
Jessica Tabone
Taisha Taukamo
Vanshna Singh
Lilla SaLe



Juniors

Dani Duffy
Angelina Bassine
Adalyah Swann
Maddison Heggen
Annalise Ahmad
Taylor Piliae
Lilly Pasnin
Kiranjot Kaur

Unfortunately, both teams missed out on going to the Grand Finals. A special thank you to Mariah Bulivou who attended as a reserve on the day for the Junior Team, but was not required to play. Her outstanding support and commitment at such a short notice was very much appreciated.

Miss Nix
Coach

PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME FOR YEARS 2-6 STUDENTS

Instruction will take place at Emerton Leisure Centre, Poppondetta Road Emerton. This year the



Swimming Scheme is being conducted during Term 4. It runs for 10 days from **Monday 4 November to Friday 15 November 2013 (Weeks 5&6)**. This program is offered to students **who are non-swimmers or weak swimmers**.

Students will leave by bus at 12.15pm and return by 2.30pm each day. **The total cost for the 10 day scheme is \$79.00, which includes transport by bus and pool entry.**

Students will be assessed during the School Swimming Scheme for all water safety skills. **We ask that a deposit of**

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\$10.00 is paid with the permission note. If your child is eligible for the scheme, please complete and sign the form available at the office together with a **\$10 deposit**. Parents may pay the balance in instalments at any time prior to the commencement date using the payment card given when a deposit is paid.

What's Coming Up...



September

- Mon 2 Newsletter
Canteen closed
 - Wed 4 Zone Athletics Carnival
K-2 Assembly at 11.30am Host 2K
Years 3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm Host 3/4N
BMF Choir Cluster
 - Thurs 5 K-2 Gymnastics
Footy Fever fundraiser
 - Mon 9 Canteen Closed
 - Wed 11 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am
Host 1M Years 3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm Host 6P
Regional Athletics Carnival
Blacktown Music Festival
Rehearsal Day & Evening performance
 - Thurs 12 Smart Start
 - Fri 13 What's On home Week 10 / Week 1 Term 4
 - Mon 16 Canteen Closed
 - Wed 18 K-2 Oracy Comp 10am
K-6 Assembly at 11.30am
 - Thurs 19 Gym Years K-2
Smart Start
PBL Extra Play
Oracy Comp 3-6 11.30am
 - Fri 20 Last day for Term 3.
Canteen Closed
- TERM 4
October**
- Mon 7 Public Holiday
 - Tues 8 Staff & Students return today
 - Wed 9 K-2 Assembly at 11.30am
Host KL Years 3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm Host 5N
 - Thurs 10 Smart Start
Fri 11 What's On home Weeks 2/3
 - Mon 14 Canteen Closed
 - Wed 16 K-6 Assembly at 11.30am
 - Thurs 17 Smart Start
 - Mon 21 Canteen Closed
Newsletter home
Grandparents Day

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PBL NEWS

Welcome to the monthly PBL news feed where we will be sharing data, events and reminders with our school community.

- Extra Play will be taking place in week 10 for all students who have not received a white or green slip in the playground for the second half of the term. This will be held on Thursday 19th September straight after lunch.
- A big thankyou to all of our parent helpers assisting in the classrooms-the staff and students appreciate your time and commitment. A reminder to make sure you sign on at the office in the parent helper's book and wear a parent helper badge. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.
- During our assembly times on Monday mornings and Wednesdays, we ask that all members of our community who are in attendance adhere to our school rule 'Be Respectful' by switching off mobile phones, keeping noise to a minimum and ensuring any small toddlers remain seated during this time. Thank you for your support and understanding.

PBL Team

CANTEEN NEWS

Fuel your Adventure & Win Campaign

This campaign runs from Monday 29 July to Friday 20 September. When you buy any fruit or vegetable from the canteen you will receive a sticker. When you collect 4 stickers you are able to collect a minor prize from the canteen and your entry goes into the major prize draw. You may enter as many times as you want.

Barbara Dwyer – Manager



LIMITED CAMP PLACES AVAILABLE



There are vacancies for the Years 5-6 Camp. If you wish your child to attend please ask at the administration office for a note:

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

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