



NEWSLETTER



Established 1962

24 November 2014

Principal's Message

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 2015 and many more after that!

World Teacher's Day

I would like to give heartfelt thanks to Simone Dring, Michaela Martin, Heba Bassine and our P&C for acknowledging the great job our teachers do here at Marayong South for World Teacher's Day, which was officially 31st October but celebrated here at MSPS week 3 of this term. Our staff had a special (and incredible) lunch, special messages of appreciation (and other goodies) left in the staff and on doors throughout the school, a special award and a lovely gift. We all felt very much appreciated. It was just wonderful.

Three Year School Plan – 2015-2017

All parents were given the opportunity to have their say through a school survey. We have lots of data and feedback from students, staff and parents that will assist us in formulating a plan which meets the needs of our students and whole school community. The plan will have a vision statement, school context and an outline of the planning processes that have taken place this year. It will have 3 strategic directions. Each strategic direction will have the following aligned to it – purpose, people, processes, product and practices. Each strategic direction will be translated into actions, programs or initiatives that are data driven. Targets will be set for each of these. Targets will be monitored every 5 weeks to 10 weeks.

School Security at Night

We have had a number of break ins at the school recently. Other schools in the area have also had problems. I am working closely with School Security and Blacktown Police to stop these crimes from occurring again. I am also working closely with the DEC to have the CCR room repaired and damaged equipment and resources replaced. The damage done was extensive and it will be extremely costly to repair and replace what has been damaged. Unfortunately, this means that we won't be able to use the CCR room until well into next year which has impacted every child as this room and the resources in it were used for lessons K-6 every day. This room was also used by Productive Parents, P&C parents and staff. Please report any suspicious behaviour in

the school grounds on weekends or week nights to Blacktown Police (96719199) and School Security (1300 880 021). Please contact the police if you have any information that will help them. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Public Speakers

Congratulations to all our public speakers who competed in the Blacktown and Mt Druitt Public Speaking Competitions this term. We are proud of your efforts and achievements. You all represented our school beautifully, thank you.

Chickenpox

We have had a few cases of Chicken Pox at Marayong South Public School. This is a viral illness that usually causes a relatively mild illness in children and is very common.

Please go to the link below to access lots of very valuable information on childhood illnesses:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/infectdiseases/index.php>

This information has also been posted on the official school Facebook page.

Fact sheets are available to download and print through this link. We are happy to print this information to parents on request.

Please see the Principal if you have any concerns or questions.

End of Year Events

We are really looking forward to all of the special end-of-year events that are coming up. I am referring to our PBL Reward Day, our Endeavours Morning Tea, the Principal's Morning Tea, our special Presentation Days, Party Days, Parent Helpers Morning Tea and our Year 6 Farewell, just to name a few. It is a very busy time of year with many events to organise and run, however it is also a very rewarding time when we acknowledge and celebrate another wonderful, productive and happy year for our beautiful students, families and staff here at Marayong South Public school – the best school in Blacktown and beyond!

Warmest regards

Mrs Mandy Hollis

Principal

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015

If you know of
any friends or
neighbours
that have a
child turning 5



before the 31 July 2015 please
ask at the administration office
for an enrolment form.

Important information:

Last SmartStart

Thursday 27th November

First Day of school - Monday,
2nd February 2015

What's Coming Up...

November

- Mon 24 Canteen closed Mondays
- Wed 26 K-6 Whole School Assembly 11.30am
- Thurs 27 Last Smart Start Day
- Fri 28 An 'End of Year Activities' information for parents

December

- Mon 1 Canteen closed Mondays
- Wed 3 No Assemblies
- Thurs 4 Principal's Morning Tea with K-2 students
- Fri 5 Principal's Morning Tea with Years 3-6 students
- Mon 8 Canteen closed Mondays
PBL Rewards Day
- Tues 9 Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Service Assembly
- Wed 10 Presentation Day
K-2 9.15am 3-6 11.30am
Reports Home
- Thurs 11 Year 6 Farewell
- Fri 12 Party Day
- Mon 15 Canteen closed all week
- Tues 16 Moving day
- Wed 17 Last day for 2014
Talent Quest
No Assemblies

2015 TERM DATES

Staff Development day
Tuesday, 27th January

Students in Years 1-6
return Wednesday, 28th
January 2015

Students in Kinder 2015 start
Monday, 2nd February 2015.

Term 1 ends Thursday, 2nd
April

Term 2

Staff Development day

Monday, 20th April

All Students return from
vacation Tuesday, 21st April
Term ends Friday, 26th June

Term 3

Staff Development day
Monday, 13th July

All Students return from
vacation Tuesday, 14th July
Term ends Friday, 18th
September

Term 4

All Staff and Students return
from vacation Tuesday, 6th
October

Term ends Wednesday, 16th
December.



P&C Christmas Raffle

The P&C Committee will be
holding their annual
Christmas raffle again this
year.

We are looking for donations
for our Christmas hampers.

If you have any non
perishable food, or anything
appropriate for our Christmas
Hampers you would like to

donate, all donations will be
gratefully accepted. A basket
has been placed in every
classroom and every child
who donates will receive a
ticket in the annual Christmas
Raffle.

Many thanks in your
continued support for our
school.

P & C Committee



What K-2 students will need for 2015

Paint shirt

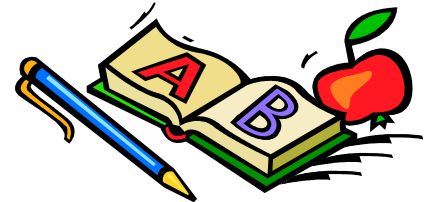
Library bag

Hat

1 box of tissues

1 Hand sanitizer

1 Paper towel roll



What Years 3-6 students will need for 2015

Lead pencils (3&4)

Blue, red & black pens (5&6)

Years 3-6

Wooden ruler only

Eraser

Textas

Coloured pencils

Glue stick

Scissors

Paint shirt

Library bag

Hat

1 box of tissues