



NEWSLETTER



Established 1962

4th May 2015

Principal's Message

Welcome back to term 2, it is hard to believe it is week 3 already! This term has been very busy so far with lots of fantastic things happening around the school including the ANZAC day ceremony , cross country, sausage sizzle and the mother's day stall to name a few. The students have been very busy in the classrooms learning lots of new and exciting concepts. The quality of the students work is impressive.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

It was a great honour and privilege to have members of the Blacktown Returned Services League as guests at our ANZAC Day ceremony. We were lucky enough to meet a Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Chief Benjamin, John O'Brien, David Payten and as a very special treat for one of our students Nellie-Ann Reid whose father Michael Reid officiated at our service.

I would like to thank the Blacktown RSL for coming to Marayong South Public School and to Mrs Savage for organising the day. It was absolutely wonderful to see our students being so respectful and reflecting on such an important occasion.



Cross Country

The school cross country will go ahead this Friday after it was postponed due to last week's wild weather causing our grounds to be way too slippery for the students to run safely. It is planned that the cross country will take place this week on Friday 8th May. Hopefully the rain will clear and the grounds will be dry enough for the students to participate safely.

Mothers Day Stall

The mother's day stall will be held on Tuesday 5th May. Gifts will range from .50c through to \$9.50. The P&C have done a fantastic job wrapping and organising all the gifts.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) will be held in week four this term. Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the NAPLAN each year and it is viewed by all in education as a serious series of tests. The results are used to measure many things but perhaps the most important thing is student growth. It is important to ensure your child arrives at school on time on NAPLAN days as there are very strict rules and guidelines for students who are participating in the NAPLAN.

The schedule for the tests is:

Tuesday 12th May: Language conventions Test

Wednesday 13th May: Reading Test

Thursday 14th May: Numeracy Test

In order to ensure your child is ready for the exam please ensure a good night's sleep the night before and a good breakfast on the morning of the exams. Most of all it is important not to stress over the exams as they are only a small portion of the students education.

Thank You

On a personal note I would like to say thank you all of the students, staff and community for making me feel so welcome whilst I am filling in for Mrs Hollis. It has been absolutely lovely to come to work every day knowing that I am working with such dedicated teachers and executive staff, students who are thirsty for knowledge and a community that is so involved and so respectful of the schools position within the community. Mrs Hollis told me that I would absolutely love it here and she was right, so thanks again for making me feel so welcome.

Warmest regards

Mrs Renee Culgan

Relieving Principal

4th March 2015

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016

If you know of any friends or neighbours that have a child turning 5 before the 31 July 2016 please ask at the administration office for an enrolment form.



Important information:

- **Smart Start:** This program aims to help your child become familiar with the school environment and routines, and to develop their pre-skills in literacy and numeracy. Smart Start will run each Thursday from **9.15am to 10.45am**, commencing in Term 3 - dates to be advised. The program will run for a total of 12 weeks and finish late in Term 4. There is a limited waiting list of 25-30 children. Applications will be offered to all enrolled students for 2016 and will be sent by mail during early Term 3.

- **Teddy Bear's Picnic:**
In September dates to be advised.
- **Kindergarten Interviews** will be conducted during October in Term 4, dates to be advised. Special appointments will be made for those parents who cannot attend at the appointed time. Letters will be sent late in Term 3. Interviews are very informal and a great opportunity for us to meet both the parent and child.
- **Kindergarten Orientation:**
During November dates to be advised.
- **Parent Information Night:**
Date to be advised



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

School Photo day



will be held in Week 5 on Thursday 21st May 2015.

Please find below the procedure for school photos. Each child received an **individual photo envelope last week**. Please take care not to misplace your child's bar-coded envelope. Envelopes may be returned to the admin office with the **CORRECT** money anytime before photo day. Online ordering is available, please see order form for details. All students will have a photo taken on the day.

Family photo envelopes are available at the administration office and must be requested. There are three packs available for purchase at \$20, \$25 & \$30 each plus a gift pack for \$15. Siblings will be called for family photos after class photos. **Special photos** such as School Captains, House captains, SRC and Library Monitors will also be taken on the day.

Students please remember to wear your badges. Order forms will be available for purchase at a later date and will be able to be viewed in the admin foyer. Photos commence at 9am. Students must be in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. Students must be at school before roll call.

Please note that no change will be available from the administration office.

IMPORTANTplease note that our delivery may be delayed towards the end of term or early term three due to MSP Photography experiencing storm damage on Saturday, 23rd April.

**RESCHEDULED CROSS
COUNTRY
FRIDAY 8TH MAY
FROM 11AM AT SCHOOL**

There will be a Canteen Meal Deal for purchase. No other lunches served on this day. Order forms were sent home last Friday. Please return forms by Thursday 7th May to the canteen.



Meal Deal 1 "Running Legs"
6 Chicken Fingers and a Popper
\$4
Meal Deal 2 "Cheesy Running
Grass"
Macaroni & Cheese and a lipstick
\$4

Equipment Reminder:
It is important that students bring the right equipment to school every day to ensure they are maximising their learning in the classroom.

Stage 3 needs to bring the following- blue pen, red pen, ruler, eraser, pencil case,

lead pencils, highlighters, glue stick, scissors.

Stage 2 need to bring the following- pencil case, lead pencils, coloured pencils, glue stick, ruler, scissors.

*Monique Levis
Assistant Principal and
Learning and Support
Teacher*

**STUDENT RECOGNITION:
Congratulations to the
following students who have
been elected to service on
the Student Representative
Council (SRC):**

Owen Manwaring
Felicity Piliae
Angus McKinder
Lilly Baird
Breanah Piliae
Stephanie Ishac
Lily Whitelaw
Ramzy Alame
Chantel McPherson
Chloe Prothero
Angelina Bassine
Teagon Garland
Daan Coolen
Harsha Varma
Luke Clifton
Shoshana Galbraith
Our new class, 4/5J, have elected Wasim Rahman and Kelly Javier, who are yet to be inducted.

Plus the leadership team:
Anav Prasad, Annalise
Ahmad, Taylor Piliae, Rylea
Conlon, Mariah Camilleri &
Samuel Salazar-Vasquez

**CANTEEN
CLOSED ON
MONDAYS**



**IMPORTANT
DATES**

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Friday, 8th May at 11am
**NAPLAN TESTING FOR
YEARS 3&5**
Tuesday, 12th May
Wednesday, 13th May
Thursday, 14th May
WINTER PSSA COMMENCES
Friday 15th May
ZONE CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, 19th May
SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thursday 21st May
**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**
Monday, 8th June
ICAS Spelling Test
Tuesday, 16th June
REPORTS HOME
Wednesday, 24th June
END OF TERM 2
Friday, 26th June
STUDENTS RETURN
Tuesday, 14th July

PRODUCTIVE PARENTS
Productive Parents will



continue this term on Mondays from 9-11am in the CCR room (next door to Mr Sharp's room).