



NEWSLETTER



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24th August 2015

Principal's Message

Thank you for welcoming me back to Marayong South so warmly. I have really appreciated everyone's lovely comments. It's wonderful to be back.

Book Week Celebrations

Our students enjoyed a great Book Week performance last week. This week our Book Fair is open and we are looking forward to a fantastic parade on Thursday. Many thanks to our wonderful librarian, Mrs Whitford, for her organisation of our Book Week activities. It's always a memorable time of the year for us all.

Student Behaviour

I ask all parents to speak with their children about the importance of safe, kind, caring and respectful behaviour towards others.

I am very proud to say that the most of our students are beautifully behaved, very respectful and very caring members of our school community. I have noticed however, that some students use very inappropriate and offensive language at times in our playground and show very disrespectful and unkind behaviour towards others. ***This is absolutely not acceptable and will not be tolerated.*** Unfortunately the behaviour of some students reflects very badly on us all. I ask that students and parents report any disrespectful or inappropriate behaviour to a member of staff immediately so that these incidents can be dealt with effectively and in a timely manner. Your support is very greatly appreciated.

Road Safety

A number of our students ride bikes or scooters to and from school. It is very important that children understand and abide by the road rules when riding on the road and ride in a safe manner at all times. If your child rides a bike or scooter to and from school, please discuss safety rules with them, thank you.

Disappointment

Disappointment happens to us all at various times in life, so how do we help our children cope with disappointment when it occurs?

- **Help your children identify the emotions** they feel and express them in an acceptable way. Keep a clear head yourself. Sometimes you can get emotional too and logic goes out the window. The simple act of remaining calm will defuse some of your child's negative feelings.
- **Give them an opportunity to talk** about why they think things didn't go the way they expected them to go. This way they can get it out of their system especially if you just quietly listen without criticising or jumping in with solutions. Venting to a trusted adult can be a helpful release.
- **Celebrate *having a go*** as if it were a win. Give as much praise for having a go as you would do for winning. Reinforce the message that winning isn't always the most important thing – what's important is the effort you put in, your positive attitude, and the fact that you can learn from everything and should keep on trying are equally important life lessons.
- **Hugs and words of encouragement** can ease the pain of disappointment.
- **When people are gushing about one child's achievement, siblings may feel sorry for themselves.** Raise your children to congratulate each other. Being able to put your own disappointment aside to be generous to others is a sign of maturity.
- **Medals or certificates can cause upset when a child misses out**, especially for younger children. Sometimes they just want to have something to show for all the hard work and effort they've put in. That's when parents can find a special treat to show they recognise the child's good work.
- **Children watch how you respond** to failures in your own life. It's helpful sometimes to share your disappointment and show them how you learn from the experience.

- **Learning to lose at something with grace** will eventually help your child develop into a more resilient person in life. Congratulate them on handling a setback so well.
- **Teach self-calming skills.** This may be going outside to kick a ball, listening to upbeat music, taking a deep breath, having a chat, using positive self-talk, reading a book, getting a hug, watching a funny movie, going for a walk. Give suggestions if your child is little or provide a diversion but by the time they are 7 or 8, they should be able to figure out for themselves what helps them calm down.

Warmest regards
Mrs Mandy Hollis
Principal

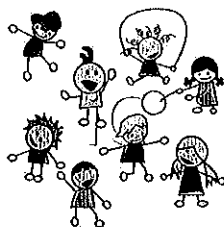
24th August 2015



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

KIDSMATTER

The KidsMatter team would like to introduce the new information pamphlet stand located in the office foyer. The pamphlet stand contains various fact sheets and information regarding different local support services. Parents and carers are welcomed to view and take pamphlets at any time.



Sarah Jennings
Kidsmatter Team

CANTEEN CLOSED ON MONDAYS



Library
Term 3

Book Fair

Book Fair will begin on **Monday 24th August and finish on Wednesday 2nd of September.** Book Fair is a fundraising activity for the Library. Students and parents can come to



the library which will transform into a Scholastic Book Shop where they can buy books, novelties and posters. The books are of high quality and interest to the students. All purchases help to raise money for more books to be purchased for the Library. Donations of books to the library are also welcomed. The library will be open on the above dates from 8:30 - 9am, at lunchtime and from 3-3:30pm. Students can also make purchases in their class library lessons. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details.



Book Parade

The book parade will occur on **Thursday 27th August at 2pm.** Students will need to dress up as their favourite book character or as something that shines a light (a torch, a candle, the sun ...etc) as the theme for Book Week this year is 'Light up your world with books.' Parents/guardians, grandparents

and any other family members or friends are welcome to attend the parade and to bring their camera. It is quite a fun event as we all dance around and parade in our costumes - including the teachers!

Mrs Whitford, Mrs Jacobs and Ms Gaynor

Book Week Meal Deal



Our canteen will be having a Book Week Meal Deal on Thursday 27 August 2015. No other lunches will be available on this day.

Parents can order lunch as well, just use the bottom part of the order form. Please have your Meal Deal order forms handed into the canteen by tomorrow, Tuesday 25 August 2015, 9am.

Meal Deal 1 Book Worm Roll
Sausage Roll + Lipstick \$3

Meal Deal 2 Crunchy Book Worms
6 Chicken Fingers + Cup Juicy \$4

Meal Deal 3 Cheesy Book Worms
Macaroni & Cheese + Blue Moosie \$5

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:** has commenced for all children enrolled for Kinder 2016.
- **Teddy Bear's Picnic:** Thursday, 17th September
- **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:** Wednesday, 28th October
- **Parent Information Night:** Monday, 2nd November

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION / LEVY - any payments to the school office as soon as possible.

Woolworths

Earn & Learn 2015



From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school.

Thanks!!!
Mrs Savage

BE SAFE

2016 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1

Years 1-6

Thursday, 28th

January

Kindergarten commence

Monday, 1st February

End of term Friday, 8th April

Term 2

Students return

Wednesday, 27th April

End of term

Friday, 1st July

Term 3

Students return

Tuesday, 19th July

End of term

Friday, 23rd September

Term 4

Students return

Monday, 10th October

End of term

Friday, 17th December

From

MRS MITCHELL'S DESK

REMINDER

SPORT IN

SCHOOL

PROGRAM



This is being offered as an extra-curricular program and is a 30 minute 8 week program at a cost of \$24.00 per student. Payment is required no later than Friday 11th September (Week 9 this term). Please ask at the office for a note or check out the school's website.

Please bring in notes for

- Zone Athletics Carnival Wednesday 2nd Sept
- CARES for Stage 2 classes 3/4C
- (1st Sept) & 3/4M (26th Aug)
- Stage 2 Excursion first week Term 4 Thursday 8th October

Thank you
Mrs Mitchell

BE RESPECTFUL

CAMP UPDATE

5/6 Camp balance due

Friday 28th August

3/4 Camp balance due

Friday 9th October

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Due to a lot of excursion and School in Sport notes requiring payment, the office is asking that Parents and carers bring the correct money with the note when paying at the office.

Thanking you for your support.

Mrs Bedot

IMPORTANT DATES

From Friday 21st August

Book Fair commences

Monday 24th August

All classes Wish List

Tuesday 25th August

BMF performance at 7pm

Wednesday 26th August

Stage 1 Excursion

CARES 3/4M

Thursday 27th August

Book Fair Parade at 2pm

Monday 31st August

3-6 Public Speaking Semis

Stage 2 9-10am

Stage 3 10-11am

Tuesday 1st September

CARES 3/4C

Wednesday 2nd September

K-2 Speaking semis

Zone Athletics

Monday 7th September

Stage 3 Camp for 3 days

Friday 11th September

3-6 Public Speaking Finals

Stage 2 9-10am

Stage 3 10-11am

Thursday 17th September

Teddy Bear's Picnic for Smart Start

Children and Kinder classes

Annual Walkathon

Friday, 18th September

FOOTY FEVER DAY see back page.

END OF TERM 3

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STUDENTS RETURN IN TERM 4

Tuesday 6th October

Thursday 8th October

Stage 2 Excursion

Wednesday, 21st October

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Monday 9th November

Stage 2 Camp for 2 days

Thursday 26th November

Games Day

Friday 4th December

Community Carnival

Wednesday 9th December

Presentation Day

Thursday 10th December

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 16th December

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS FOR 2015



SMART START Parent Morning Tea



Dear Parents,

You are very warmly invited to a lovely morning tea next Thursday 27th August (and every Thursday until 19th November) during our Kindergarten 2016 Smart Start Program.

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and something delicious from 9am in the school hall. It's a great opportunity to meet our new, and not so new, parents.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Warmest regards,

Mandy Hollis, Principal



Footy Fever

Mufti Day

Friday, 18th September

To help raise money for the Year 6 Farewell there will be a mufti day on Friday, 18th September.

Children are encouraged to wear the colours of their favourite football team (NRL, AFL, Rugby Union and /or Soccer). However, no singlets or thongs are to be worn.



Students are asked to donate either a gold coin or a can of soft drink to wear mufti on the day. All students wearing mufti will be entered into a raffle to win a football.

At 8.30 am there will be face painting in football colours for \$1 and at recess there will be cupcakes in footy colours for sale for 50c and \$1.



We are looking forward to a great day of colour and footy.

Miss Patterson, Miss Hemphill and Mr Nash

NEW
OPEN
BULK BILLING



DAVIS ROAD

MEDICAL CENTRE

Dr Sam Hok
MD, FRACGP, DCH

Dr Carrie Nwet Win
MBBS, FRACGP, MPH, DCH

PATHOLOGY ONSITE

OPENING HOURS:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8.00 TO 5.30 PM

SATURDAY

9.00 TO 1.00 PM

EXTENDING HOURS TO BE ADVISED



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