



# NEWSLETTER



13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## Principal's Message

What a whirlwind of a term we have had! Many thanks to our lovely students for their positive behaviour choices, application to learning, behaviour during assemblies and lovely manners. Special thanks to the parents who have made a valued contribution to our school by volunteering in classrooms, during whole school events and/or in our school canteen. Thanks also to the many students and parents who supported our Book Fair. Ms Colusso did an outstanding job organising and running the Book Fair. We sold over \$5000 worth of books and other items which was wonderful. We now have \$1500 to spend on technology resources for the library!

## School Uniform

I have noticed increasing numbers of students out of school uniform. Our school uniform is very important. Students who wear our school uniform show pride in our school and themselves as well as adherence to school rules and expectations. Please ensure that your child wears their full school uniform to school every day and is a proud member of our school community. Please also ensure that jackets and hats are blue to match our uniform rather than multi-coloured. It is preferable for shoes to be black (black joggers or running shoes are fine) with white socks.

## Toys at School

If children want to bring a valued and treasured toy or keepsake to school, there is always a chance that it may be lost, damaged or stolen. In the event of something like this happening to a treasured toy/item, we take no responsibility and will not waste valuable learning time investigating or dealing with such incidents. This includes fidget toys. These toys have been causing some issues recently at school. We strongly suggest that such items remain at home, where they are safe and sound.

Please note also that, as with any toy, particularly one with small detachable parts, children should not place these toys anywhere near their mouth or face. To do so, presents a risk. Please reinforce this at home with your children, thank you.

## PSSA Behaviour Expectations

We have expectations of parent behaviour as outlined in the PSSA Parent Code of Conduct, listed below:

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sport.
2. Remember that your children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment and fulfilment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to play by the rules.
4. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as winning.
5. Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule a child for making a mistake or losing the game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play no matter what team.
7. Do not publicly question the officials' judgement and never their honesty.
8. Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teacher-coaches. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child.
9. Have realistic expectations for your child and/or his/her team. Do not expect more than they can give.

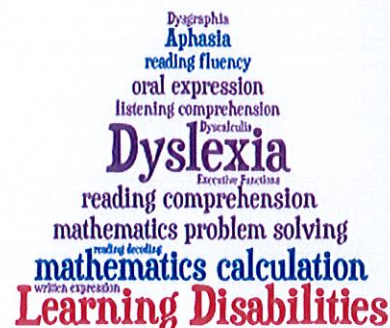


10. Encourage your child to accept that even the best player will have to take a turn on the bench from time to time.

We expect all parents and visitors to set an excellent example for their child and other children by showing respectful and appropriate behaviour and language. The referees at PSSA games give up their time voluntarily, often at very short notice with minimal training. They are doing their very best under, often, difficult circumstances. The priority and focus for every student in every team is skill development and learning good sportsmanship on the playing field.

## HOW CAN YOU KNOW A CHILD HAS A LEARNING DISABILITY?

Parents and educators become frustrated when a seemingly capable child underperforms academically. How do you determine if a child is simply not working hard enough or has a diagnosable learning disability?



### SIGNS THAT A CHILD MAY HAVE A LEARNING DISABILITY

Children with learning disabilities can be of average or above-average intelligence as measured by a cognitive test. They can also be very creative and possess unique talents. Of course not all children with a learning disability are bright, talented or creative.

Unfortunately, many children with learning disabilities are labelled as lazy and they may avoid or refuse to do schoolwork.

The human brain processes information in different ways and at different speeds. Individuals with learning disabilities process information differently from others. For instance, children with poor visual processing may appear reluctant to read or complete paperwork. Those who find processing auditory information difficult may have trouble learning to speak or understand spoken language and struggle following directions or recalling information.

### EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF A LEARNING DISABILITY

Tell-tale signs in the early identification of a learning disability.

- Consistent struggles in their academic performance from grade-to-grade, as compared to their classmates.
- A family history of learning disabilities or speech and language impairment.
- Frustration, avoidance, or any other behavioural reaction specific to academic situations.
- Difficulty with speech and language skills. Late talking may be a warning sign of a learning disability. A child with a language impairment is at risk for slower acquisition of both reading skills and a wide range of other language-related skills as they enter adolescence.
- Difficulty remembering details from a story read to them.
- Difficulty communicating ideas verbally and/or on paper.
- Mixing up the order of letters or words when writing or speaking.
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### DIAGNOSING LEARNING DISABILITIES

If you suspect that your child has a learning disability, take action right away. Consult with your child's teacher. Diagnosing children with a learning disability requires an in-depth formal evaluation process. Reach out to other parents or support groups who are dealing with similar challenges as they can be excellent resources of information and support.

Acknowledgement: Dr Douglas Haddad

*Warm regards,  
Mandy Hollis, Principal*



## Chess Tournament



Chess Tournament on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June - Our chess students will be participating in our regional Chess Tournament which we are hosting in the school hall. Quakers Hills East, Rouse Hill Public School and St John Vianney's Public School will all be attending. Our students will be playing for the division trophies. Good Luck!! If you require any further information, please contact Mrs Colusso, chess coordinator.

Mrs Colusso

## CAN YOUR CHILD SWIM?

## URGENT

### Swim school needs numbers

Earlier this year we gave out an "Expression of Interest" for the Swim School program, which is offered to students in Years 2-6 who are non-swimmers or weak swimmers. We received enough EOIs so we could book our school, but numbers are

BE SAFE

down that we may have to cancel our booking.

Please take advantage of this great introduction to learning the basics of swimming at a great price, private lessons are about \$16 per session. Instruction will take place at Emerton Leisure Centre.

The total cost for the nine (9) day scheme is **\$80.00**, which includes transport by bus and pool entry.

Please note: Due to Book Week activities the program will run for 9 days from **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> August to Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (Weeks 5&6 Term 3).** Students will leave by bus at 1.10pm and return by 3.20pm each day. There will be no Swim Lesson on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

We ask that a non-refundable deposit of \$10.00 is paid with the permission note.

Please ask the office for note or download the note on the Skoolbag app.

### *Marayong South Public School Weekly Breakfast Club*

*To help promote healthy eating, Marayong South will be hosting a weekly breakfast club on  
**Thursday & Friday mornings at 8.30am - 8.50am**  
The weekly breakfast club will be held outside of the School Library and will be offering toast and fruit.*

BE RESPECTFUL



*50 cent donations are welcome but not mandatory.*

*Breakfast Club are looking for volunteers to help on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.15am. If you are available, please see Mrs Cooper.*

## ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2018

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



turning 5 before the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 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, Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The program will run for a total of 11 weeks and finish on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>

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November 2017. See over page for an outline of the program.

- **Teddy Bears Picnic**  
Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017.
- **Parent Information Night:**  
Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

## CANTEEN CLOSED ON MONDAYS



## Save the Date!

### SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Blacktown International  
Sportspark, Eastern Road,  
Rooty Hill.



## Assembly Roster

**Weeks 9 & 10 T2**

**Weeks 1-10 T3**

**Wednesdays at 2pm**

*Week 9 4S*

*Week 10 KG*

*Week 1 No  
assembly*

*Week 2 3P*

*Week 3 Whole School*

*Week 4 2D*

*Week 5 5N*

*Week 6 2J*

*Week 7 Whole School*

*Week 8 5/6R*

*Week 9 1/2S*

*Week 10 5/6M*



Parents please update your information if you have changed your address, phone numbers or emergency contacts.



Parent may, use any of the following: call in, phone, use the Skoolbag app or email the school with their updates.

[Marayongs-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Marayongs-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



- **Last School Voluntary Levy Contribution for Term 2 \$30 due Week 6 26<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Stage 2 Camp**  
Full payment due by Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

- **Stage 3 Camp**  
Full payment due by Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

- **Stage 3 Camp Medical form due Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.** Forms must be returned in order for your child to attend camp.



### PLEASE NOTE

**THE DRIVEWAY IS  
CLOSED FROM 8AM –  
4PM TO TRAFFIC  
FOR THE SAFETY  
OF YOUR CHILDREN  
STAFF & DELIVERIES  
ONLY  
PARKING IN THE  
SCHOOL GROUNDS IS  
PROHIBITED**

MARAYONG SOUTH WANDERERS

COBBITTY VILLAGE MARKETS



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

Come along and join us in a trip to Cobbity Village Markets clothes, hats, shoes, Bric-A- Brac and art & crafts and lots more you just never know what you will find. Also a visit to Cobbitty Winery.

Coach leaves 7.30am.

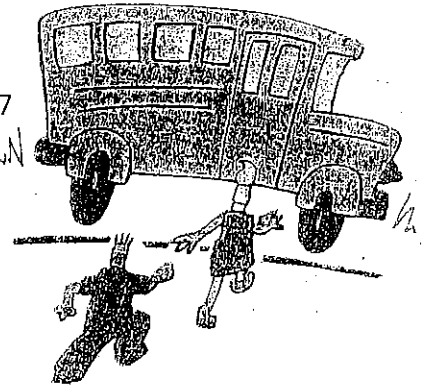
Cost: \$40.00 Names with a deposit \$20 Please, and balance by 10/8/2017

Pick up: Lyton street cnr Arthur Avenue, Blacktown

Blacktown Railway Station North side (near lift)

For any further enquiries please contact Melva 9621 5507.

Friends and neighbours most welcome.



MARAYONG SOUTH WANDERERS

PLANT LOVER FAIR

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2017

Plant Lovers Fair is on at Kariong the exhibitors have been especially chosen to offer something different – rare, unusual and collectable plants not commonly available in Garden Centres. This does not make these plants difficult to grow! Herbs, Fruit, Vegetables, Herbaceous plants, Bulbs, Ferns, Bonsai, Cacti and Succulents. Free talks lots of Food Stalls and lots more

Coach leaves 7.30am

COST \$62.00 Names with Deposits \$20, Balance by 1-9-2017

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Blacktown Railway Station North Side near lift ( Bus Interchange Stands )

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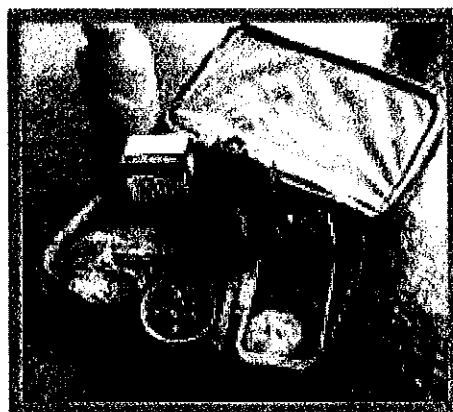
# The simplest way

...to stock up on lunch box staples.

Stock up on these pantry and freezer lunch box staples to save time and money on daily packing.

## Pantry:

- \* Long-life, reduced-fat milk poppers.
- \* Long-life custard tubs.
- \* Fruit (in natural juice) tubs.
- \* Baked beans (small, easy open cans).
- \* Wholegrain crackers, crispbread or Corn Thins.
- \* Tinned tuna or salmon.
- \* Dried fruit.



## Freezer:

Make healthy muffins, fruit scones, fruit pikelets, frittatas or mini quiches. Wrap individual portions in plastic, or place in an airtight container, and freeze, ready to go straight in the lunch box. Other freezable foods include cooked meats, baked beans and sandwich breads.

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

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