

Marrickville West Primary School

newsletter



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

TERM 4 . WEEK 3 2017



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We acknowledge the original owners of this land, the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation and their elders past and present.





From the Principals' desk...

Our school recently completed the **External Validation** process. This process of school evaluation and accreditation will occur every five years. It is designed to enable schools to look closely at their achievements and progress in relation to their School Plan, State Targets and the **School Excellence Framework**.

Prior to the **External Validation Panel Visit**, schools are required to complete a detailed self-assessment, collecting and evaluating evidence of performance across all Domains and Elements in the **School Excellence Framework**. The evidence is rated against each of the 14 Elements according to a 4 point scale ('Working towards Delivering'; 'Delivering'; 'Sustaining & Growing'; 'Excelling').

The Panel agreed our school is 'Excelling' in six of the 14 Elements described in the

Framework and 'Sustaining and Growing' (the second highest rating) in all the rest. The Panel suggested that based on the strength of evidence provided, our self-assessment should be adjusted up to a higher rating in two areas.

This is a very fine result and one that should make our entire community proud. Only by authentic partnerships, high levels of professional practice, effective teamwork and sustained effort are such results possible.

Thank you to our entire teaching, administration and community centre staff for your ongoing commitment to working hard every day, for our students and their families. Thank you to the MWPS parents and our extended community who work so enthusiastically and in partnership with staff to ensure Marrickville West remains "the best"!

We are coming to the end of the 2015-2017 School Plan. We will soon be inviting all members of our school community to contribute to the final evaluation of that plan and to the goals that will guide our priorities, programs and progress over the three years from 2018 to 2020. Be sure to have your say. Together, we can only get better.

The full Evidence Sets collected during the Validation process were shared at the recent P&C Meeting and can be accessed through the office by request. A synopsis of the Assessment, Executive Summary and Panel Report will be published in the 2017 Annual School Report.

Ruth Bradfield-Ling
Principal



Term 3 : School Performances



Farewell Jasmine!



We wish Jasmine and her family all the best for their move to Wollongong.

Welcome back Ms Angela & Ms Ekta!

We are happy to welcome Ms Angela and Ms Ekta back to school. These girls are helping out with some creative rubbish collection techniques.



MARRICKVILLE WEST SECONDHAND WONDERLAND

Garage Sale
Trail
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MUSIC *update*

“Open” Band Rehearsals

Last Thursday saw both the Training Band and the Senior Band conduct “Open” rehearsals. All students from years 2,3,4 & 5 were invited to watch a rehearsal led by one of our Band Conductors, Kyle and Cathy.

Students were able to see how rehearsals are run and the different instruments that make up both bands. The different sounds and playing techniques required for the different instruments, were ably demonstrated by our band members. We even all got to hear the loudest sound the band could make!

If your child is interested in joining the school Band Program for next year, please contact the Band Committee Organisers Thomasin Litchfield (Thomasin.litchfield@gmail.com) or Stephanie Wilson (Stephanie.wilson@sydney.edu.au)



Marrickville Festival & the Inner West Council

Our school Hip Hop group and members of the Senior Band proudly represented our school

and performed at the Marrickville Festival. The Senior Band, led by Cathy Chan, performed a bracket on the International Stage on Marrickville Rd.



The Marrickville West Hip Hoppers braved the afternoon rain and performed at the Kid's Play Park, near Calvert street. A few days later they were doing it again at the “Halloween” Disco. Break a leg ...!

Dulwich Hill High School Visit for Yr5

All of the Year 5 students went to visit Dulwich Hill High School and had the opportunity to see what classes would be like in high school.

Some Year 6 students that will be going to Dulwich Hill next year also had the chance to join the Year 5 students. They had an awesome time participating in Science, History, Visual Arts and Design and Technology classes.



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This term Kindergarten has been keeping fit and healthy by participating in the Intensive Swimming program, as well as Sport.



In sport all of the children across the three classes have been put into mixed groups and are developing their skills in Rugby, Cricket and Basketball. They have enjoyed working together and expanding their friendship circles.



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1A : Picasso portraits



1B: watercolour painting



Need more newsletter?

Current & past issues of the
newsletter are found at:

www.tinyurl.com/MWPSnews



CommonwealthBank

School banking is
Wednesday 9-9.20am
in the LIBRARY

1C Spooky Cats:
Watercolour Art

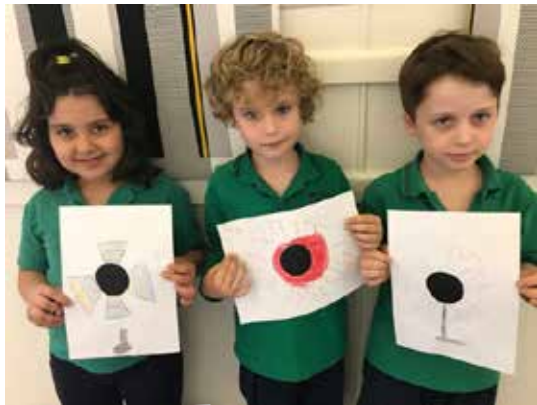
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Year 2: Art



What can you
create with
just a dot?



Kitten Therapy!



On day one of term four, 3/4K welcomed five new students to their class. They turned out to be five teachers' aides who taught the class many valuable lessons along the way.



It's a long story, so let's go back to the beginning. Mr Kelly's mother was out walking their dog Simba on the windy and blustery last Friday evening of the holidays. She was walking through a tiny park when she noticed five kittens all huddled up together and crying.

In about five minutes Mr Kelly arrived at the park, scooped the beautiful creatures up in his basket and headed home. He checked with Vet GOOGLE on how to look after them. Google suggested he needed to get goats milk for the treasures and so he raced to Woolworths (minutes before closing time) and arrived home with feeding bottles and milk. Unfortunately, the three brothers and two sisters were not happy with the milk. At any rate they were so exhausted that they fell asleep in his wardrobe. The next day he took them to Callum, the veterinary surgeon.

Callum, the vet gave Mr Kelly some kitten formula milk and tiny kitten bottles and teats to hand feed the little darlings.

You guessed it! The kittens loved their new milk. At the end of the holidays Mr Kelly said to himself, "I'll have to take them to school", and so he did and that's how 3/4 K ended up with five new additions.

The whole class fell in love with the kittens even staying back after school to help with the feeding. They lifted the spirits



of the class and 3/4 K became happier just having them around.

Mr Kelly said, "No one can look at the kittens and not end up with a big smiling face". After school was kitten therapy where a lot of the students and staff of the entire school stayed back to feed them, clean them and cuddle the abandoned kittens. The kittens have indeed taught the school community lessons of care, consideration and love.

So thank you Ms Ling for allowing us to learn from such gorgeous creatures, also to Ms Cleary, the Johnson family, Mr Evan and sincere thanks to the Bird family for being a forever home to one of the kittens. Thank you to all the staff who have taken them on every weekend. So take a big bow Marrickville West Primary School for a tremendous act of human kindness.

PS. Almost all of the kittens have now found homes, Marrickville West will be very sad to see them go but happy in the knowledge that they are all going to great homes.

2017 TERM 4 WK3: MWPS CALE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Week 55	6	7 Kindy 2018 Transition	Intensive sw
Week 612	13 ←-----	14 Kindy 2018 Transition	Assembly 2 hosted by Intensive sw -Week of D
Week 719 LazyBones afternoon get-together	20 Yr5 Prefect speeches	21 Kindy 2018 Transition	Intensive sw
Week 826	27	28 Kindy 2018 Transition	Assembly 2 hosted b Intensive sw
Week 93	4 School Picnic	5 Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea Yr6 High School Orientation Day	
Week 1010	11	12 Yr 5&6 Dinner	

CALENDAR

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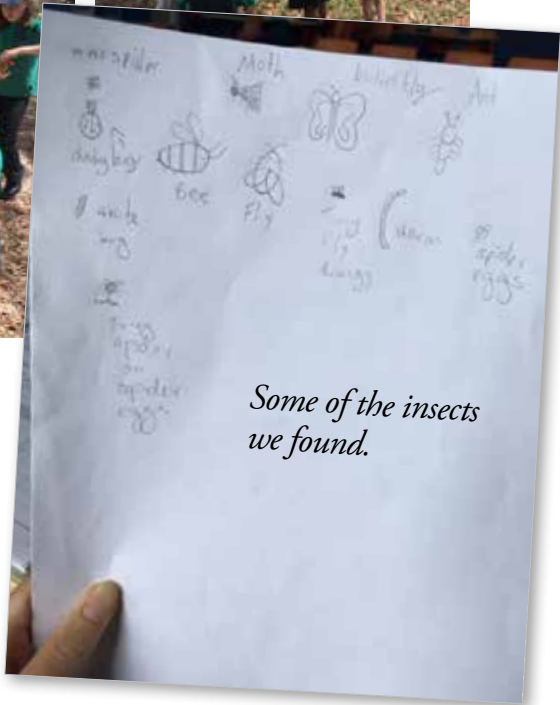
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8 e swimming	9 P&C Morning Tea 9:30am	10	11
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22 e swimming	23 White Ribbon Day Yr3 Opera House excursion	24 Game Night	25
29 ly 2:45pm d by KS e swimming	30 P&C Annual General Meeting 7pm	1 Dec	2
6	7 Presentation Day	8	9
13	14 Talent Quest	15 Farewell Assembly End of School BBQ Last day of school	16

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Stage 2 has been learning about the importance of biodiversity. Last week, students conducted a biodiversity audit of our school to see how many different types of insects they could find in the playground.



The variety was amazing. By looking like scientists, students spotted many species they had never seen before.



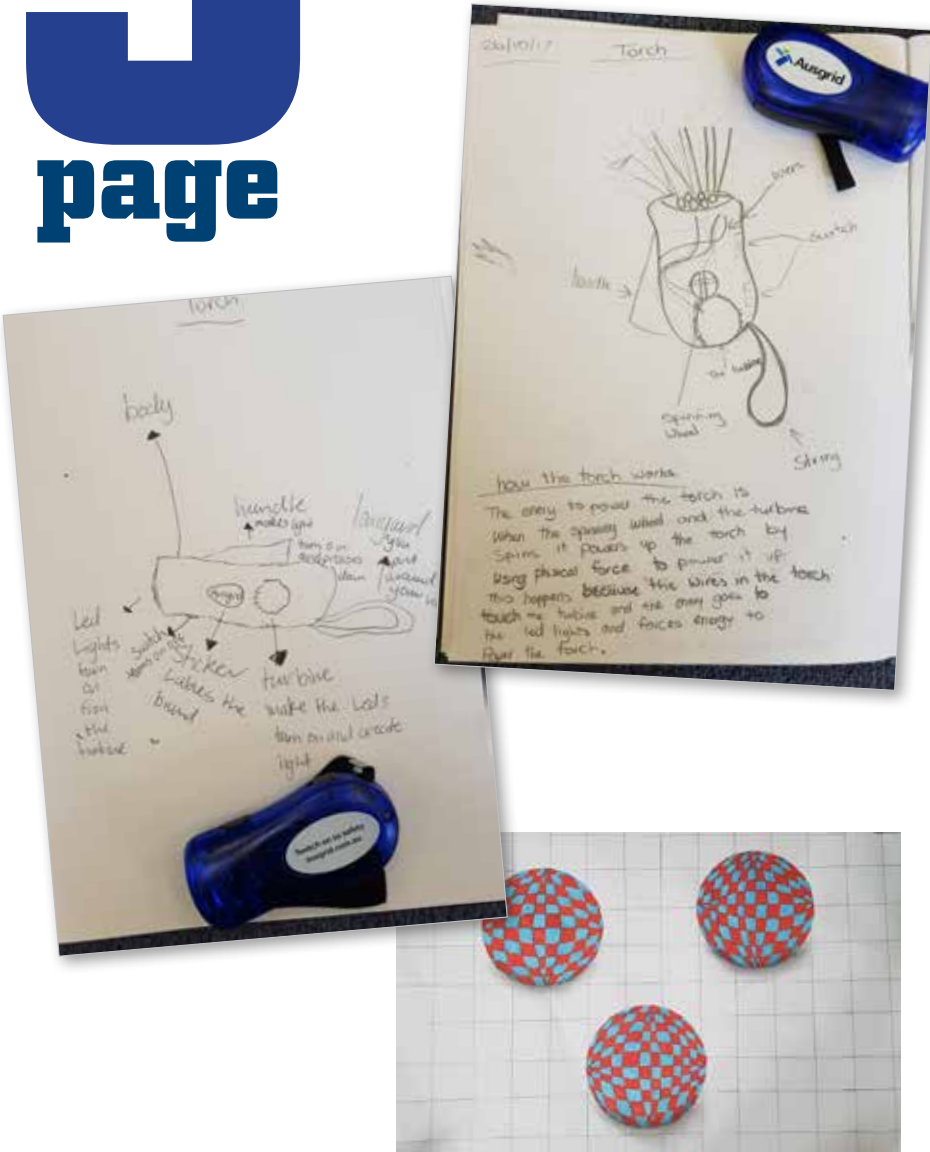
Some of the insects we found.

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Stage 3 has been learning about electricity in science this term. 4/5E made predictions on how torches switch on and off. They looked at some torches that had a transparent cover and made some predictions and created some sketches.



The Giant Wave

Earth....
It was a sunny day, a great day to go out. Going to the seawall was not a bad choice! People were standing, looking out to the beach. The beach was calm and the scene was peaceful....

Mars.....
The first Prehistoric Giraffedird was ready to have a fantastic adventure on the pretty planet called Earth! He would represent his family and more than 100 other prehistoric Giraffedird. How wonderful was that! His wings were shaking, but he started to think about RASBERRIES – his favourite food. There were a lots of RASBERRIES on Earth! This was the main reason that he wanted to go to Earth, not Jupiter. He really wanted to bring back LOTS of RASBERRIES to eat for the rest of his life instead of eating rocks and mud.

After saying goodbye to his family and friends, he flew away proudly.

Earth....
*“Look! It’s a dinosaur!” – a boy pointed to the weird animal that was flying in the sky.
“No! It’s a giraffe!” – his sister shouted out loudly – “A flying giraffe!”
“Calm down kids! It’s a bird! A giant bird! How can a giraffe fly?” – their dad laughed.
“I think it’s the dog!” – Another man said.
“It’s a giraffe with a dog’s head, bird’s wings, dinosaur’s feet! What kind of animal is that?” – the old woman who was eating an ice cream said.*

Everyone was looking at the Prehistoric Giraffedird, which was getting closer to the sea. The water was cold, so he couldn’t stop sneezing, and every time he sneezed the waves got bigger. The waves grew bigger and bigger. Children were crying, some people were running, everyone scared.

“Help me! Help!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!” – people screamed.

Can you finish my story?

By Sally 5/6C





The Wave

It was a warm, sunny day at the sea wall. The beach was deserted but the sea wall had about 30,000 people on it. Most of these people were tourists who had come for the holidays to see the massive waves that crashed against the great wall.

There were about 5000 V.I.P's, some of them famous pop stars and there were a couple of presidents. But back to the topic, Today (as I already mentioned) the sea wall was very crowded and the waves were higher than ever, some people thought that the huge waves were caused by Global warming, but most of them thought that they were there because of the wind. The wind was, indeed quite strong and the people felt the spray of the sea from so high up that they were flabbergasted.

Suddenly the sun went behind the clouds and the sky became very dark, almost as dark as night. While everyone was looking at the sky no one noticed the humongous wave that had gathered on the horizon, until it was too late.

There was a scream and suddenly they saw it. The huge wave that was 50 kilometres tall and 80 kilometres wide, compared to the 20 and 100 kilometre diameter of the sea wall, it was MASSIVE.

All the people started running for their lives before they remembered that the nearest exit was 10 kilometres away. One person saw a strange looking object in the middle of the Wave; it looked like 5 rows of sharp teeth covered in blood...

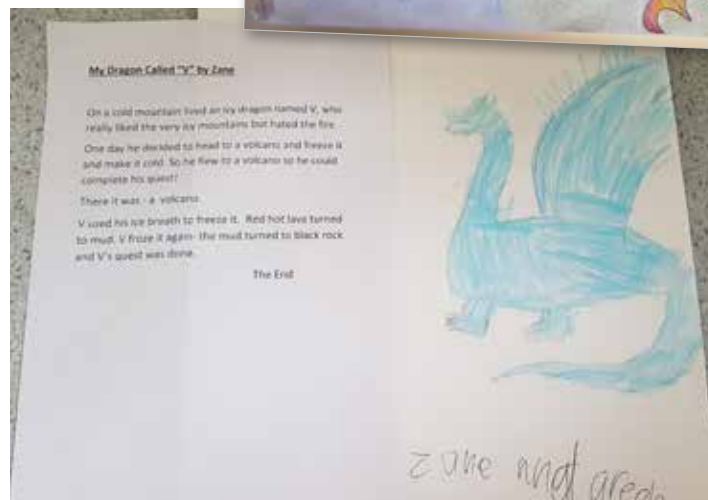
Can you finish my story?

By Zach M 5/6C

STAGE 3 page

In 5/6C we've been doing a series of fun writing activities where we draw a picture to accompany a short story we write from a stimulus. This week's topic was Dragon Paradise. Here are some fabulous examples of our drawings!

Wavey and Billie 5/6C





News from The Community Centre

Welcome new families to the school! Do you know that Connect Marrickville is a Schools as Community Centre on-site at Marrickville West?

Yes, we are painting Marrickville REaD!

Garranga Bumarri likes nothing more than a good story, song or conversation, just as he did when he was an egg. Lately he's made visits to the Japanese Mothers Group to hear songs in Japanese, the Vietnamese Mothers Group to hear stories in Vietnamese, to Plumtree Preschool to hear a wonderful story about friendship and inclusion, and to Marrickville Festival, where Lindy read Garranga Bumarri and the children some most interesting stories.



Anyone interested in finding out more or being involved in Paint Marrickville REaD, check out our Facebook Page.

Aboriginal Art and Outreach

On Tuesday 24th and 31st October, Wirradjeri Artist, Graham Toomey invited us to learn about the symbols in Aboriginal Art, as a way of connecting to the land and telling stories. We then painted our own stories. Some of the paintings will go into an Exhibition at Stirrup Gallery at Addison Road in December. Thank you Lizze Cruze from Marrickville Youth Resource Centre for organising this project.



Do you know anyone who would benefit from Connect?

Sometimes there are families with young children who are not connected in with their community. If you know anyone in this situation let them know about Connect Marrickville. All our programs are free. We are a relaxed, friendly and safe place – 'a home away from home' for many. Whether it's the Baby Playgroup, Friday Playgroup, the English Class with crèche, Seeds to Read, or the Japanese, Vietnamese, or Brazilian Playgroups, or a link to a Family Worker, or to a parenting course, or further education through TAFE Outreach – everyone is welcome. Drop in or call Vivi or Lindy on 9558 4036.

For more information contact Vivi: 0421 550 119 or connectmarrickville@gmail.com
 Keep in touch via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ConnectMarrickville/>
 Paint Marrickville Read: <https://www.facebook.com/PaintMarrickvilleRead/>



P&C UPDATE

 facebook.com/MWPandC

Garage Sale Trail

After being awarded 'King of the Garage Sale' nationwide for our promotion during the Garage Sale Trail, we were further rewarded with beautiful weather during the sale! Did you see our photos in the Sun Herald? Hop onto our Facebook page (Marrickville West Secondhand Wonderland) to see more. We had nearly 30 people from our school and wider community rent space in the playground to sell off household items. Many stallholders went home with significantly less stuff than they came with as patrons picked up great bargains. The yr 6's took the opportunity to wash some more cars and raised \$239 for their end of year farewell. The other activities raised about \$1500 for the school.

Storage King (a sponsor of the Garage sale Trail) will be out to morning assembly soon to award us with the huge cheque.

Many thanks go out to Tomomi Akamine, Mel Dominguez-Nash, Melanie Stopic and Lindy Alwis for organising the day. We also wish to extend our gratitude to all the stallholders, cake bakers, car washers, and volunteers who made the day possible!

Halloween Disco

Another successful night thanks to Softly Dunstan and Melanie Stopic! The spooks were out dancing the night away. We hope everyone enjoyed the dinner, dessert, conversations, and dancing. Bechope's Hip Hop group gave us a special performance and it was fabulous! The night was the last big night for the Yr6's end of year fundraising and contributed over \$2400!



Milkshakes

The big fundraisers for Yr6's may be over, but Melanie Stopic will continue to support the students in the canteen on Wednesdays through Term 4 while they make milkshakes for \$1.50.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

We have some remarkable teachers and staff at Marrickville West confirmed by the amazing results from the recent 'Validation'. We learnt at the P&C meeting that our school passed its 'validation' with flying colours. The school had to nominate how well it thought it was doing in set areas and produce evidence to prove how they achieved each score. The Dept of Education then assessed against that evidence how well we are performing and agreed with our assessment in most cases. In TWO cases they ranked our staff

and procedures as excelling higher than we had ranked ourselves!

Well done to all the staff putting the validation documents together which was massive. Now they can get back to the important stuff like caring for our kids.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that were able to drop food off and/or stop in for a chat. Being a teacher can sometimes seem like a thankless job, so the effort was appreciated and there was plenty of food to share!

Lazybones Afternoon Get-together

Mark your calendars for November 19th for another social event. Doors will open at noon. Students (past and present) will provide families with some musical performances 1-3pm.

Games Night

Get your game faces on and meet us in the school hall Friday 24th November at 6pm. Bring your board game, card games or just yourselves for an exciting laid back





evening filled with fun. Light snacks will be provided, but you are welcome to bring a finger food to share! More info will come soon.

Canteen Helpers

A huge thanks to all the lovely Mums and Dads who have helped out throughout the year in the canteen. Cynthia Bacon has helped out in the mornings on Mondays and Fridays taking orders. Jenny Pham has done Monday and Thursdays every recess. Mina Cheng has made coffees every Tuesday morning for teachers and school visitors, and opened the canteen for recess every Tuesday and Friday. Leesa Morant, James Goodman, Rich Nash, Jo Smith, Sharon Chalmers, Lauren Hamilton and Melanie Stopic have done a day each week.

Without our recess helpers the canteen would not be open at all for snacks in the afternoon. Our morning helpers are much appreciated, letting Wendy get organized for the 100 orders she is getting each day. We'll be requiring more helpers next year so think about if you



can volunteer an hour each week either at 9-10am or 2-3pm.

P&C Meeting Pulse

It was an intimate meeting with only the core execs (plus one general) members attending.

— *Volunteers are necessary and the more that can help clean up the easier. If the same people are left to clean up after each event, they will quickly burn out and events will be reduced. Many hands make light work!*

— *School validation is over and Marrickville West is fortunate to have such passionate staff working on behalf of our students. The school staff completed a self assessment and presentation of evidence to the Department of Education resulting with all ratings over 'providing' and many ratings in 'exceeding'.*

— *P&C accounts need to be audited every year. We are looking to partner with some local P&C's to go over the numbers and save us \$1000 negating the need to formally hire an auditor. Let Ben Chosid know if you can help.*

— *The Garage Sale was a hit and we will add it to our annual schedule. Plan to help or sell again next October!*

— *Watch for a working bee soon to help plant our new garden in the top playground!*

Exec roles will be open for voting at the AGM on Thursday 30th November 7-9pm. We would love fresh eyes and energy!

See you at the morning tea Thursday 9th Nov after morning lines.

NEXT P&C MEETING: Thursday 30 Nov 7pm

in the Staff Room. All parents are welcome to come along and learn more about the school and give their ideas on how to make it a better place.



TASK
MARRICKVILLE
WEST
VACATION CARE
coming soon!




TASK is **VERY** excited to be starting at Marrickville West Public School for Vacation care
Start date Mon 8 Jan 2018
Enrolment day will be advised
From 7am – 6pm, daily during school holidays
All food provided
Approved provider and rebates available
First Aid trained team
Mix of on-site and off-site activities
Cost: \$60 daily rate + activities




to see more about TASK, please go to
www.task-kids.com.au

Ph 1300 827 500



The After School Klub (TASK) is the new Vacation Care
 Provider for Marrickville West Public school



Bollywood
Saturday NOVEMBER 4th



Sviree 3pm-6pm

Marrickville West Primary School
\$20 or bring food or assistance.
FB: Olivetree Women's Network
0421 550 119



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A fun and social way to introduce
girls & boys aged 4-8 to cricket



Saturdays 8.30-10am

ERSKINEVILLE
Harry Noble Reserve

TEMPE
Gough Whitlam Reserve



Fridays 5.30-7pm

EARLWOOD
Earlwood Oval

REGISTER: playcricket.com.au

What’s happening in the Office

Dear Parents & Carers,

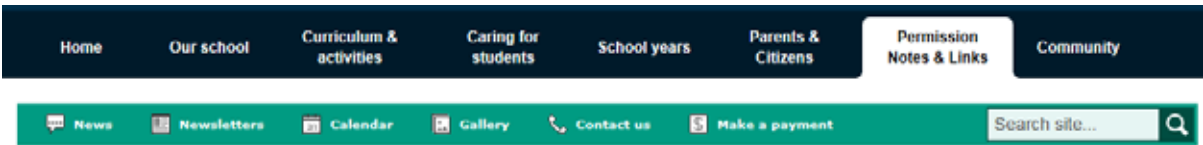
We have implemented a few new payment options to make processing invoices more convenient.

Parent Online Payments (POP) - \$ Make Online Payment

It is now possible for parents to make Online Payments to the school via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Online Payments can be made using either a Visa or Master Card credit or debit card. The payment page can be accessed from the link below or from the front page of our website by selecting the **\$ Make a payment** tab.

PLEASE NOTE: Payments for uniform orders cannot be made through POP facilities, please refer to the instructions on the Uniform Order Form.

Always refer to your child's permission note or invoice when making an Online Payment. Information provided on the permission note or invoice will include: Reference Number, Payment Description, Cost and Closing Date. For your convenience, permission notes will be available on our website on *the Permission Notes & Links* tab and through the *eNews App*.



It is necessary to enter your child's details each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. If making payment for more than one child, **payments for each child need to be made separately**. No student's details are given to Westpac.

Making an online payment does not constitute permission.

Please return all signed permission notes, including the Online Payment receipt number, to school.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You can print your own receipts or have a receipt emailed to your email account. This gives you immediate proof that you have paid for the item. Record your receipt number on your child's permission note/invoice and return it to school office. Your payment will then be reconciled against the receipt number you provide on the permission note.

If you have any questions regarding the Online Payment process please contact the school office.

Office Correspondence

We understand that it is sometimes difficult to be at the school during our office hours or it gets very busy in the mornings. Mr George has kindly created us a secure correspondence box at our front window. You can leave any letters or information for us to action on or pass onto other staff members.

If leaving payment or correspondence please ensure



- it is correct money,
- has your child's name,
- class and
- Information to identify what it is for.



MARRICKVILLE WEST MUNCHIES CANTEEN MENU



(PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

UPDATED FEBRUARY 2017

Before School – Fuel Up!

Cheerios.	50c
Sultanas.	50c
Seasonal Fresh fruit from	70c+

(No snack foods will be sold to students before school)

Super Sandwiches, Toasties & Salad

Buttered.	\$1.30
Vegemite	\$1.60
Baked Beans	\$2.80
Vegemite & Cheese	\$3.00
Egg/Cheese/tuna/chicken slice/ham	\$3.00
Cheese & tomato	\$3.30
Egg & lettuce	\$3.30
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$3.50
Tuna & mayo	\$3.30
Tuna or Ham or Cheese with Salad	\$4.20
Ham & cheese	\$3.30
Ham & tomato	\$3.30
Cheese & tomato	\$3.30
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$3.70
Salad	\$3.90

extras

Filling (each)	60c
Roll or wrap.	60c
Mayo/tomato sauce	30c
Sweet chilli/BBQ/soy sachets	30c
Salad plate/ box	\$4.50
(lettuce, tomato, cucumber, celery, carrot)	
Add – Tuna/egg/ham	+60c ea
EXTRA Plastic Spoons.	5c

Drinks

Up & Go.	\$2.50
200ml 100% Juice (box)	\$1.50
200ml 100% Juice (bottle)	\$2.20
Plain milk	\$1.50
Yoghurt.	\$1.30
Flavoured Milk (lite)	\$2.20

Frozen Treats Sold after the second lunch bell

Frozen fruit pieces (bag).	20c
99% fruit juice ice sticks.	60c
Juicies Rectangle Treat	\$1.20
Juicies Tube	\$1.20
Moosies.	\$1.20
Gelato cups – 2 flavours.	\$2.00
Frozen Yoghurt.	\$2.20

Available every day!

Steamed Vegetarian Gyoza (V.	80c
Cheese & Spinach Triangle (V)	\$1.30
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (V).	\$2.00
Pizza Wrap (meat or Cheese)	\$4.00
Mini Potato Top Beef Pie.	\$1.50
Fried Rice (gluten free)(V)	\$4.00
Vegetarian Lasagne	\$4.00
Fruit Salad Cup.	\$2.00
Hot Corn Cob.	\$1.00
Hard-boiled egg	\$1.00

Snacks

Popcorn.	\$1.20
Roasted Seaweed	\$1.20
Potato Chips (28g)	\$1.50
Grainwaves	\$1.50
Gingerbread Folk.	\$1.80
Vegetable Sticks (bag)	30c
Sultanas (box)	80c

DAILY SPECIALS

MONDAY: CHOOK CHOOK

5 Chicken wedges or Chicken Burger (Halal) . . .	\$4.00
Chicken Wedges each	80c

TUESDAY: PASTA & CURRY & PIZZA

Homemade Bolognese Pasta	\$4.00
Lasagne.	\$4.00
Juicy Pizza Slice – Ham & Pineapple	\$3.00
Vegetarian Pizza	\$4.00
Mild Butter Chicken Curry with rice.	\$4.00

WEDNESDAY: SUSHI (pre-order Tuesday)

Tuna or Chicken Roll.	\$3.20
Mini 8 piece pack – Tuna.	\$3.90
Mini 8 piece pack – Cucumber	\$3.60
Large 5 piece pack (Tuna or Chicken)	\$5.20
Large 10 piece pack (Tuna or Chicken).	\$8.50

THURSDAY: CHOOK CHOOK

5 Chicken wedges or Chicken Burger (Halal) . . .	\$4.00
Chicken Wedges each	80c

FRIDAY: PIES

Chicken Pie	\$4.00
Halal Beef Pie.	\$4.00
Traveller Beef Pie.	\$4.00

Foods coloured GREEN are approved by The Healthy Kids Association for eating everyday. The other foods are recommended as occasional foods.

Vegetarian (V) & Halal food options available everyday. Gluten free bread also available for all sandwiches. Please ask Wendy in the canteen.