

Marrickville West Primary School

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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...

Congratulations to students, staff and parents on the conclusion of a great first term. It has been satisfying to see the goals in our school's Three Year Plan (2015-2017) being ticked off ahead of schedule and the enthusiasm of teachers as we work to consolidate and build upon our success.

In the coming months we will continue to collect data and feedback from across our school community to evaluate programs and attitudes at Marrickville West. This information will help us measure our progress against the School Excellence Framework and will assist us in determining the priorities for the 2018-2020 School Plan.

Our teachers work very hard, but "Marrickville West is the Best" because we know great schools are built by great communities. There have been many opportunities to witness the power of our community this term – P&C Welcome BBQ, Family Campout, Swimming Carnival, Paint Marickville REad, the growing band of reading volunteers, last week's car wash, almost every day at Connect Marrickville... Thank you all for helping to enhance the sense of community at Marrickville West Primary School and make a positive difference for our children and so many of their families.

As we move into Term 2 with NAPLAN testing and Student Reports, it is important to remember that our children are not defined by their test scores. There are many types of intelligence that do not feature in tests at school. Students learn in different ways and at different rates, but with planning, support and the right attitude, they can all experience success.

School website contains news, class overviews for the term, useful information from DEC and a school calendar with links to permission notes. Go to: www.marrickviw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



Did you know, teachers are learners too? Like their students, teachers develop personal learning plans to guide their professional development, work towards achieving higher levels of accreditation and enhance best practice across our school. Life-long-learning is a professional reality for teachers in NSW. During Term 1, teachers at Marrickville West have participated in workshops to build capacity in Leadership, Formative Assessment, Learning Intentions and Success Criteria, Quality Teaching Framework, Growth Mindset, Supporting Vulnerable Students, Programming for Differentiation, Emergency Care, Child Protection, Aboriginal Education, Assessing Reading and maximising progress in Mathematics. It is a privilege to lead such a dedicated and competent team of educators.

Happy Easter to those who celebrate and best wishes to all for a restful, safe and enjoyable holiday. School resumes for students on Wednesday 26 April.

Ruth Bradfield-Ling
Principal



Billy Rose helping out Miller with the Recorder.

From The Office

Happy Easter

Wishing all our students, families and staff a happy Easter and a safe break.

Term Dates

The last day of Term 1 is Friday 7th April 2017. Term 2 begins Wednesday 26th April 2017.

Easter Raffle

Our Easter raffle is well underway and competition is fierce. The ever-changing results can be viewed at the front office. Thank you to all those who have purchased raffle tickets. There are plenty of tickets left so be sure to see your friendly staff at the office to purchase yours.

PSSA

Starting on Friday 5th May 2017, PSSA will be held every Friday morning commencing at 9:00am

Office Staff

Miss Anne will be away for a few weeks in Term 2. Needless to say, she will be missed. We will have casual staff covering the shifts so we thank you in advance for your patience.

by Miss Anne & Miss Stav



Ms Ling's favourite days are cooking days. Thanks for lunch Finn!

Calendar Dates

- Every Friday**
Enrichment classes 2:45pm
- Every Friday (from 5th May)**
PSSA 9:00am
- Wednesday 26th April**
Opera House (Kindy & Year 1)
9:30am – 12:30pm
- Thursday 27th April**
Cross Country (Years 3-6)
- Friday 28th April**
Little Diggers excursion (Years 1 & 2)
- Wednesday 3rd May**
Assembly – 2K 2:45pm
- Thursday 4th May**
WestWalk Walkathon
- Thursday 11th May**
P&C Meeting 7:00pm
- Friday 12th May**
Mothers Day Stall 9:30am
- Monday 15th May**
Immigration Tour, Maritime Museum (Stage 3)
- Wednesday 17th May**
Assembly – 3/4C 2:45pm
- Wednesday 24th May**
School photos
- Thursday 25th May**
School photos
- Tuesday 30th May**
Dreamtime Astronomy excursion (Years 3 & 4)
- Wednesday 31st May**
Assembly – 4/5E 2:45pm



Hawaiiki (2H) made this amazing poster for Harmony Day!

Just Dance Enrichment Group



There have been a few cases of headlice and nits reported to the office.

- Tips for tackling kids head lice:
- Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.
 - Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.
 - Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.
 - The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.
- Treatment of head lice
- Around 23 per cent of primary school children screened through the NSW Health Nitbusters program have head lice. Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with.

For more information visit:
www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp

Here are some treatment tips:

Do not treat your child if their scalp is irritated or inflamed

Always read the head lice product label and directions before you apply it to your child's head. Products can be found in local chemists

Apply the head lice product to every strand of your child's hair and work through, leave for 20 minutes, and comb out with a good quality lice comb

Check your child's head and if dead lice are found, the product has worked. However make sure you re-treat your child's head in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs

Reduce the risk of your child catching head lice by tying their hair back or braiding it.



Music at MWPS



The end of our first term saw all our members of our school community involved in a whole school celebration for Harmony Day. We all put our voices together and sang “Everyone Belongs”, a powerful reminder that all students, family and friends are valued for who they are and that difference is embraced.

We had drummers, percussion and recorder players proudly accompanying our whole school singing. Singing together is a wonderful reminder that, (as in the words of the song) “Everyone belongs, Where they can sing their song.”



Term 1 has seen some wonderful opportunities that students can participate in and work towards. We have two Recorder Groups (Treble and Descant recorders), rehearsing every Friday as they prepare to participate as part of the Festival of Instrumental Music later this year.

A new Choral Group, the “Cantabile Choir”, has started his term and will be learning some challenging choral music to

perform as part of the “Cantabile Choral Festival”. Both groups will be performing at the Sydney Opera House later in the year. The “Cantabile Choir” will be rehearsing every Friday at lunch time.

This year has seen the Band program grow with our new Junior Training Band now also joining the mix. Both Junior and Senior bands rehearse on Thursday afternoons. Students involved with the Band program will enjoy performances at school and at various Music and Community Festival Events.

Music, Theatre and the Creative and Performing Arts are well supported with a new initiative this year, as all students will see a live production as part of the Creative Learning Program at the Sydney Opera House.

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Kindergarten have been busy learning all about patterns and number recognition in maths for the past two weeks.



All of the students have been learning about different styles of patterns and using a variety of resources to make their own.



In our TEN lessons we have been working on number recognition and developing the skills to sequence numbers up to 20.

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Stage 1 went on an excursion this week to the Cooks River. It was lots of fun! We had lunch down by the river.



During Kitchen, Stage 3 classes have been making lentil tabouli. We have used the parsley and mint from our Garden to add to our tabouli. We are getting much better at those cutting skills.

2017 TERM 1 WK10: MWPS CALENDAR

pullout & keep!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Week 1 23 Apr	24	25	26	27	28	29
		ANZAC Day	Term 2 begins K&Yr1 Opera House excursion	Yr2-6 Cross Country Carnival	Yr1-2 Excursion to The Rocks	
Week 2 30	1 May	2	3		5	6
			Assembly-Item by 2K 2:45pm		Enrichment Groups	
Week 3 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				P&C meeting 7pm	Mothers Day Stall Enrichment Groups	
Week 4 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mothers Day	Yr5-6 Maritime Museum excursion		Assembly - Item by 3/4C 2:45pm		Enrichment Groups	
Week 5 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Yr3-6 Public Speaking Finals	YrK-2 Public Speaking Finals School Photos Day1	P&C Morning Tea School Photos Day2	Enrichment Groups	Ramadan starts
Week 6 28	29	30	31	1 Jun	2	3
		Yr3-4 Dreamtime Astronomy Excursion	Assembly - Item by 4/5E 2:45pm	Westwalk money due		



Communal Dinner & Camp at School

Henson Playground



The MWPS P&C warmly invite you to the 2017

Communal Dinner & Camp at School

Henson Playground

Setup from 3pm

Dinner from 6pm:

- Bring a delicious plate of food to share for a diverse dining experience and join us at a long table with everyone in Henson Playground.

Saturday 25th March

Camping & Breakfast:

- Pop and Lock workshop run by Bechope Danjuma - learn some fun hip hop dance moves!
- Marshmallow toasting
- Guitar singalong around the campfires
- Don't have a tent? Sleep in the Hall!
- Bring your own bedding!
- Breakfast provided on Sunday morning.
- No pets, bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, toy weapons or screens so we can recreate an in-the-bush experience.

everyone is welcome!

PLEASE RSVP. If you are staying overnight cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family to cover the cost of breakfast. See the note at <http://bit.ly/2zhkYyz> for more information and to RSVP.





P&C UPDATE

facebook.com/MWPandC

School Banking

Don't forget to bring deposits for school banking every Wednesday. Tina Lambrou, Jo Smith and Cynthia Bacon will be assisting students making deposits just outside the school library from 9am.



Camp at School

Our annual communal dinner and Camp at School was a fantastic evening. The weather cooperated and we had clear skies to sleep under. We want to extend our thanks to everyone that came to the dinner and shared a plate of food. We had a delicious spread! If you have not yet collected your platter, stop by the staff room and collect it. We also have a sleeping bag and 2 torches that were found after the camp as well. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped set up, run the breakfast table, wash up and clean up. A special thank you goes to James Goodman for organising.



Lost property items after campout.

2nd Hand Uniform Stall

Thank you to Andrea Ellis for running a 2nd hand uniform stall on **Monday 20th of May**. We have a great selection of uniforms currently, but not many shoppers came for a look. Stop by our Facebook page and follow the link to a quick survey about when you might like to access uniform stalls in the future.



Canteen volunteers

Many thanks to Leesa, James, Richard, Sharon and Cynthia for helping out with taking canteen orders in the morning. Due to work commitments Leesa cannot do Monday mornings next term, so we are looking for a volunteer for Monday mornings 9-10am. If you can help please let Melanie Stopic know (mstopic@exemail.com.au) We are also looking for volunteers who can help 11:15am-12:15pm with getting all the lunches out of the warmers/fridges and into the boxes ready to be taken to each class and then helping with selling snacks at lunch. If you may be able to help one day a week, please let Melanie know.

Mother's Day Stall, May 2017

We'll be holding our Mother's Day Gift Stall on **Friday 12th May 2017**. Kids are encouraged to bring a small amount of money to buy a gift for the special woman in their life. Gifts will not be more than \$10 and most are \$1-5. We need volunteers to help set up the stall on Thursday 11th May from 3-4pm. We also need 10-15 volunteers on Friday 12th May to help sell and gift wrap items. If you can



help on either day, please let **Gail Wilkinson** know (gail.wilx@gmail.com or 0447 389 129) or add your name to the roster on the P&C Noticeboard in the Hall. There is also an online roster at <http://bit.ly/2nQyigF> where you can fill in your name.

We are also looking for donations of goods for the Mothers' Day stall. If you are crafty or handy and can make us some gifts please let us know. If you have contacts in shops that could get us trinkets, lollies or other donations we'd love to know. We are also looking for seedlings that we can re-pot into jars or other containers. With the growing number of students in our school we appreciate all your help with making sure there are enough gifts for each child to have a great selection to choose from.

Mother's Day raffle

There will also be a Mothers' Day Raffle. Prize details and raffle tix will be provided in a class note. Don't forget to check your kid's folders. Some of the wonderful donations that will be in the gift basket include: vouchers from Vesbar coffee shop, The Ritz Hotel, Flowers by Teresa, cushion from Flowers for Kate, Yeah Hair Baby voucher, and more.

Funding allocations

At the P&C meeting on 16th March, we voted on what to spend the money the P&C raised last year. Here were the decisions:

Voted to spend

1. \$5000 on laptops for the school – this will get about 10 laptops
2. \$3000 for quality levelled readers to be used in class

and for home reading.

3. \$2500 which will cover about half the cost of buses to the end of year picnic.
4. \$2000 on a student welfare fund to help out disadvantaged families pay for excursion, uniforms etc
5. \$1000 to pay for all the printing the P&C does on notes, newsletters etc
6. \$900 to cover half the cost of getting "The Surfing Scientist" to come and do a science performance at our school in August.
7. \$600 on a music equipment trolley to make it easier to get music equipment from the storerooms to classrooms or hall.
8. \$100 on buying some stickers to place on items such as laptops, books etc that the P&C donates to the school.

Other items discussed were:

- a) Air-conditioning – the P&C cannot afford to do all classrooms with all the associated infrastructure work. We will investigate options for the Hall which includes better cooling systems, insulation and air-conditioning this year in order to get a better idea for next year if this is feasible. If you want to be on a "cooling committee" please let us know.
- b) Musician for social evening – we will look

at other options for this.

c) Auto closers for the school gates – the school and P&C acknowledged there is a risk of children leaving the premises but methods have been put in place to make sure this risk is as small as possible. All pedestrian gates are closed by a staff member around 9:40am after parents leave from morning lines and are opened again at about 3:15 to let parents pick up their children. We cannot lock gates as visitors to the school and Connect Marrickville need access. Parents can assist with this by making sure gates are closed between 9:40am and 3:15pm.

d) Chickens – there was a lot of support for this idea, but it was acknowledged that more research is needed.





A properly secure coop is required to keep out foxes. A better idea of people willing to feed chickens on weekends and school holidays is also needed. The ongoing feed and medical costs (lice treatments) etc need researched. Also the bottom area of Henson where chickens would possibly be housed is due to be re-landscaped in September so it would be better to wait till after that to locate a chicken coop.

e) Coding lessons – detailed quotes/ plans for this were not received in time, so it was decided to do more research into this proposal for following years.

f) iPads – the P&C decided this year to focus on laptops rather than iPads as they are more versatile.

g) School beautification – It was felt with all the other playground improvements happening this year (Henson Playground Eco Garden in Sept, levelled grass soccer field behind Hall in April and garden bed in upper playground in Term 2) that it was better to wait and see how these play out before spending money on murals etc that may not fit with these changes.

h) Tuners for ukuleles – We asked for more information about the tuners are there seems to be a cheaper range and apps that can assist.

Thank you for all your suggestions and to those that attended the voting!

MWPS 2017 Walkathon!

To be held on **May the 4th** (be with you...it is Star Wars day you guys!) – starting at 12:15pm and finishing at 3:15 – our annual walkathon is the schools biggest fundraiser for the year.

We are counting on you all to participate by making this the biggest year yet!

It is going to be FUN, colourful, challenging, and maybe a little bit messy. You're going to love it!

We need you to help by getting sponsored! Over the Easter holidays, ask your a Grandparents, your Aunties & Uncles, your parents, your parents friends, if they will sponsor you!

How many laps can you do!!? How much money can you raise?!

The student who raises the most will win an IPOD!!

The class who raises the most will WIN a class prize!

Lots of other exiting prizes to win!



Plus... EVERYONE will get a special gift on the day for being little legends!

Go! Get Sponsored! Get Walking!

Log onto <https://chuffed.org/project/westwalk2017> to get started with online donations! Every cent you donate there goes directly to our school. Leave your child's first name and class as a comment to ensure they get credit.

Car Wash

What perfect weather we had for our Car Wash last Saturday! Year 5 and 6 kids washed about 50 cars and we also sold some very yummy slices and cupcakes.

Many thanks to those who made something for the day or donated sponges or liquid and even more thanks to those who worked really hard sudsing, rinsing and drying cars. We made over \$530 profit for all our hard work which goes to the Yr 5-6 fundraising pot to help pay for Yr 5-6 end of year events such as the dinner, camp and fun day. A huge thank you to Melanie Stopic who did all the upfront organising work and dried cars for 5 hours straight.

NEXT P&C MEETING: **Thursday 11 May 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.



What's going on at Connect Marrickville?

– let your neighbours know!

Connect Marrickville is a community hub for families raising young children from birth to 8 years who live in the local area.

It tries to connect families with each other, the school and community, through a range of programs such as:

Mondays	8.45–9.15 – Breakfast Club 10–12 Babies Supported Playgroup 11–1 Japanese Mothers Group
Tuesdays	10–12 – Vietnamese Mothers Group 10–12.30 – Step into Work 12.30–3.30 – Explore your Business Potential
Wednesdays	9.40–10 Seeds to Read 10–1 Parents and Children Cooking and Craft
Thursdays	10–12 English Class with Creche 9.30–12.30 Metro Assist Family Worker
Fridays	9.30–12.30 Friday Open Playgroup
Saturdays	10–12 Brazilian Playgroup – fortnightly

Whether you are a parent or grandparent in the school, or you have a friend or neighbour who might be stuck at home with young children – the services we offer are open to all families with young children, whether younger siblings of school students or families with children not yet at school.

We work in partnership with a range of community organisations, some of which have Outreach Workers at Connect Marrickville for free and confidential casework. Free courses are run by eg. TAFE Outreach. And we collaborate to run community programs such as “Paint Marrickville REaD”, where we always welcome volunteers.

For more information and for regular updates like Connect Marrickville SaCC on Facebook, the school website on <http://www.marrickviw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/community/connect-marrickville>. Or Contact Vivi Martin (Mon-Thurs) or Lindy Alwis (Fridays) on 9558 4036 or connectmarrickville@gmail.com

SAFETY IN CAR PARKS

All students, parents and visitors need to walk through the pedestrian walkways allocated. No-one should be walking through the carpark.

**NO PARENTS ARE TO PARK
IN ANY OF THE CARPARKS**

CommonwealthBank

School banking is

Wednesday 9-9.20am

in the LIBRARY

Sydney
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Explore your Business Potential

Exploring and developing micro business and study options

Petersham TAFE Outreach is offering FREE workshops to explore and develop your micro business ideas.

WEDNESDAYS - 11AM – 2PM @ Connect Marrickville
Marrickville West Primary School Livingstone Road (Cnr Beauchamp Street)
26th April to 27th June

Students complete Statement of Attainment in Pathway to Vocational Engagement

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marrickville
schools as communities create

OLIVETREE
Women's Network

- For people who have a business idea and want to explore how it may work
- Creating a business/ family life plan
- Discover your options in a supportive group environment
- Develop a simple business plan
- Learn the basics of what you need to start a micro business
- Develop a plan to raise finance for your business idea

For more info contact:

Vivienne Martin, Connect Marrickville
SMS: 0421 550 119
Email: connectmarrickville@gmail.com
or
Tricia Kenny TAFE Outreach
phone: 9335 2588
email: patricia.kenny@tafensw.edu.au

The MWPS School Uniform

At Marrickville West we wear green and blue.

- Blue School Hat.
- Green school shirt or dress.
- Blue skort, shorts or track pants.
- Blue and green jacket or track top.
- White socks and black leather shoes or plain black or white runners.

Please help your children show pride in their school by encouraging them to wear their uniform every day.

NAME all items of clothing that come to school and ensure any hats or jackets that come home and belong to someone else are returned to school.

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SOCCER CLASSES

SESSIONS RUN 75 MINS

STUDENTS MUST BRING SUITABLE FOOTWEAR AND DRINK BOTTLE

BURWOOD PARK

EVERY SUNDAY 6PM*

WEATHER PERMITTING. PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR WET WEATHER UPDATES

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LET'S HAVE SOME
FUN!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
WORKSHOPS

Stay a couple of hours or for the whole day. A variety of fun craft and science workshops to choose from. Spaces are limited so make sure you book your place now!

ALL 2HR WORKSHOPS \$30 EACH
OR ALL DAY \$75 3 workshops
Includes all craft materials

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newsletter are found at:

www.tinyurl.com/MWPSnews

WEEK 1:		
Monday April 10	9:30-11:30am	Crazy Science Experiments
	12:00-2:00pm	Flubber, Rubber & Kaleidoscopes
	2:00-4:00pm	Under the Sea & Water Science
Tuesday April 11	9:30-11:30am	Easter Extravaganza
	12:00-2:00pm	Lip Gloss, Weaving & Headbands
	2:00-4:00pm	Nature: Grassy Heads & Garden Creatures
Wednesday April 12	9:30-11:30am	Crime Scene Science
	12:00-2:00pm	DIY Room Decorations
	2:00-4:00pm	Astronomers At Work
Thursday April 13	9:30-11:30am	Beauty & The Beast
	12:00-2:00pm	Easter Extravaganza
	2:00-4:00pm	Scientist at Work: The Human Body
WEEK 2:		
Tuesday April 18	9:30-11:30am	Grossology
	12:00-2:00pm	Top Secret
	2:00-4:00pm	Crazy Science Experiments
Wednesday April 19	9:30-11:30am	Lip Gloss, Weaving & Headbands
	12:00-2:00pm	Under The Sea & Water Science
	2:00-4:00pm	Beauty & The Beast
Thursday April 20	9:30-11:30am	Top Secret
	12:00-2:00pm	Weaving & Beading
	2:00-4:00pm	Crime Scene Science
Friday April 21	9:30-11:30am	Astronomers At Work
	12:00-2:00pm	Nature: Grassy Heads & Garden Creatures
	2:00-4:00pm	Flubber, Rubber & Kaleidoscopes

Uniform Room Opening Hours

Tuesday 9:00-10:30,

Wednesday 9:00-10.30

and

Thursday 9:00-10:30

How to Order:

Fill in the Uniform Order Form
& drop it into the office with your payment

Payments:

We accept EFTPOS, MasterCard, Visa Credit Cards, Cheques and Cash.
Please ensure that if paying with cash that you enclose the right money
as we do not have change.

We cannot process Amex or Diners

Every effort will be made to get your uniform to you on the day of
order.
Thank you



The MWPS P&C warmly invite you to the

2017 MWPS ANNUAL WALKATHON

West Walk

THURSDAY 4TH MAY

12.15PM TO 3.15PM

crazy COLOUR fun

Start getting sponsored today!

Awesome prizes to win!

Fun opportunities for parents & carers to help on the day!

Volunteers much appreciated! Please put your name down on the roster outside the hall.
Contact Lindy Alwis at mrsalwis@gmail.com for more information.