

# Marrickville West Primary School newsletter



Work as One

NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

TERM 2 · WEEK 3 2017



## Westwalk!



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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...

I recently saw a sign that read, “Teaching – the only job where we steal things from home to take to work.” I laughed at the time, thinking of my own poor family who have lived the truth of that statement all their lives, but it did get me thinking. Whilst the level of public scrutiny and accountability for teachers is on the rise, much of the magic of teaching goes unseen and is rarely acknowledged in the press.

We don’t often notice our teachers hunting through shopping centres on Saturday afternoons for Star Wars themed awards, buying double the family fruit order to feed the lunchless or stopping on family holidays to take photos of fans or frogs for the boys at school who love them both. Teachers don’t advertise the hundreds of dollars they spend at Aldi, Bunnings, pet



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](http://www.marrickviw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

shops, art stores, book shops, Office Works or online sticker suppliers. We don’t witness the bribery it takes to convince family members to help coach football teams, sew costumes, edit videos, donate resources, paint murals or bake gluten-free-dairy-free-egg-free-colour-free cupcakes for the class party. We don’t see the lunches that go uneaten, the family time spent doing “school work” or the tears that are shed because we can’t do more.

Teaching is about knowledge - pedagogy, curriculum and assessment data. But the greatest of teachers know our job is also about passion - relationships, partnerships, communities, respect, care and laughter. Our students might remember some of what we say, but they learn because of the way we make them feel.

Thank you to the teachers and School Learning Support Officers (SLSO’s) of Marrickville West who go that extra mile to make hundreds of little differences every day, for our school and for the children we are here to serve. Here are just a few of the many reasons why I believe teachers are unsung heroes of our time. *cont’d*



Mrs Criniti’s classroom.



Old friends come together again at Netball on Friday when MWPS played Mascot PS.

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Mrs Criniti spent Term 1 teaching her class without a permanent classroom. When the new room was finally ready, she and her daughter dedicated their weekend to shopping and constructing Ikea magic to surprise her students on Monday morning.

Mrs Fisher walking the walk! – Yen spent an hour enthusiastically participating in Westwalk WITH her students. She had her own sponsor card stamped every lap and laughed all the way.

(photo)

Mr Kelly spent his hour on the field taking care of the jumpers while cheering on his class from the sidelines. A dozen mothers thank him for carefully saving one more item of clothing from the “Lost Property” box.

Ruth Bradfield-Ling, Principal

From The Office

Contact Details

Forms for updated parent & emergency contact details were sent home last week. This allows parents & guardians check the current information that we have and update any that have changed.

Hats

Please remember to bring a school hat every day, and put your name in your hat.

Money at the Front Desk

Please have the correct money when paying for items and activities. We don’t always have change.

by Miss Anne & Miss Stav

Calendar Dates

Every Friday

Enrichment classes 2:45pm

Every Friday (from 5th May)

PSSA 8:30am

Tuesday 23th May

UNSW-Digital Technology

Wednesday 24th May

School photos

Thursday 25th May

School photos

Friday 26th May

P&C Morning Meeting – 9:30am

Tuesday 30th May

Dreamtime Astronomy excursion (Years 3 & 4)

Tuesday 30th May

UNSW-Science

Wednesday 31st May

Assembly – 4/5E 2:45pm





Cooks celebrate at Principal's Disco for winning House Point competition in Term 4. Thanks to Pepper and Baxter Price for DJing!

# NAPLAN

It is important to remember that NAPLAN gives us a narrow “snap shot in time” showing performance on a single day of less than a third of our students, in a small area of the curriculum. It can give us useful data to assist teachers in planning and general evaluation of programs in certain aspects of English and Mathematics.

However, NAPLAN is not an indication of individual student potential and the averages generated and published for schools do not indicate the range of individual talent, achievement or future learning success for students at Marrickville West.

Unlike some schools, we encourage all eligible students to participate in NAPLAN, regardless of their ability, in order to build experience that might assist them to manage examination conditions with more confidence in the future.

We prepare Years 3 and 5 in the process and style of the test so as to help ease anxiety and ensure they know what to expect on the day. We do not see value in sacrificing a rich, integrated and creative learning program for our students in order to impose rigorous hours of “study for NAPLAN” during Terms 1 and 2 of each year.

NAPLAN is an opportunity to learn, practice strategies of self-regulation and discover more about what we know already. The results of this test will have no direct impact on your child's education at Marrickville West PS next year or their potential for future learning success.

If parents want to assist their children in managing the test, they can best do so by modelling confidence and avoiding unnecessary pressure. Children work best with a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and a calm, confident belief in the fact that their best effort is all that is expected of them, during NAPLAN week and on every other day.

More information for parents and carers can be found at: <https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-2017-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=2>



Let's ALL follow this great example and help keep our playground clean!



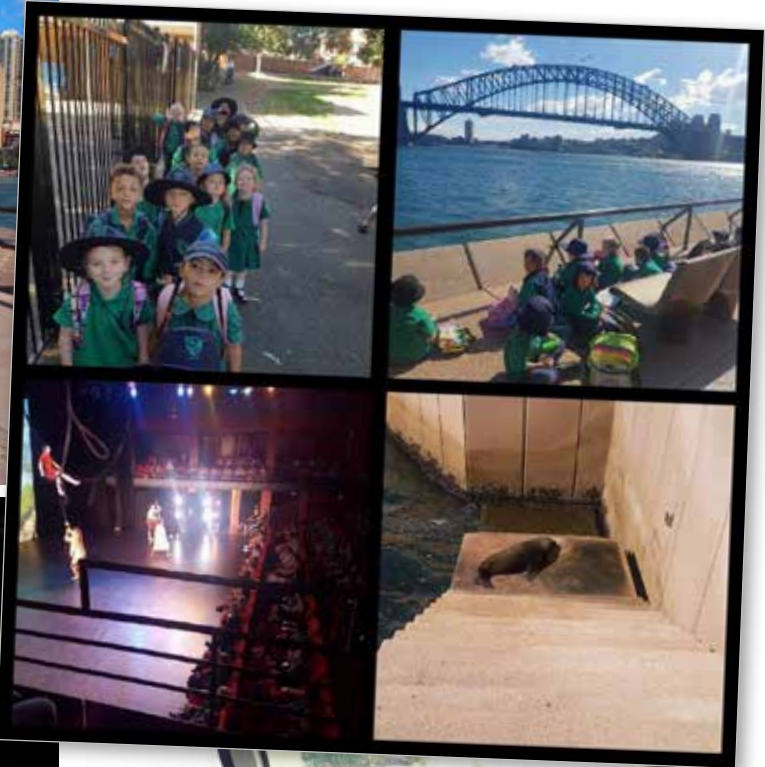
6-2M made chocolate baskets for Easter. Thanks for sharing!



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Kindergarten had a very exciting start to Term 2 with an excursion to the Opera House. The children not only got to see an amazing play ‘Dot and the Kangaroo’, but were also lucky enough to eat lunch by the Harbour Bridge and catch a glimpse of Benny the Seal basking in the sunlight.

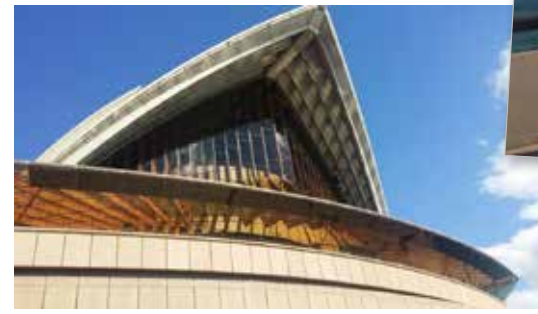


Kindy topped off the day with recess and a play in Steelt Park before the big walk back to school.



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In Week 1 of this term Stage 1 went on two excursions! On the first day of term we went to the Opera House! We saw ‘Dot and the Kangaroo’.



A few days later Year 1 and Year 2 were back in the city and went to the Rocks to the ‘Little Diggers’ excursion. We learned about families in Sydney from the past.





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Stage 2 has been working with oil pastels and water colours as a medium to create different expressions of learning.



3/4K has been using oil pastels to remember the soldiers that fought as ANZACs. 3/4C also used oil pastels to learn about shading to depict the landscapes of Mongolia.



Music Update:  
Creative Learning at MWPS

First day back, Term 2, was an exciting one for all Kindy and Year 1 students as we embarked on our exciting excursion to the Sydney Opera House. This excursion is part of a whole school initiative, that is introducing all students to a live performance at the Sydney Opera House, culminating in our own Musical Theatre production in Term 3.

We enjoyed the bus ride on our way to see "Creature", an adaptation of the classic Australian story of "Dot and the Kangaroo". This imaginative production took the children on a theatrical journey using forms of physical theatre, interactive digital technology and storytelling, introducing our children to the magical world of the Australian bush and exploring how our actions affect the animals and plants that call it home. As an

added bonus, we were proud to note that this production was directed by one of our school dads, David Clarkson, father of Lilah Clarkson of 2H.

We ate our lunch with a view of the harbour bridge and even saw a seal sunning itself on some harbour steps!

We look forward to taking other students from stage groups on a Creative Learning experience later in the year.

by Stacey Caponas  
Music



62M investigate solids, liquids and gases through bi carb soda volcano experiment...





2017 TERM 2 WK3: MWPS CALENDAR

pullout & keep!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Week 5 21 May	22	23 Yr3-6 Finals Public Speaking 12:15pm	24 Zone Cross Country School Photos Day1	25 P&C Morning Tea School Photos Day2	26 Last day for book club orders Enrichment Groups	27 Ramadan starts
Week 6 28	29	30 Yr3-4 Dreamtime Astronomy Excursion YrK-2 Finals Public Speaking 12:15pm	31 Assembly - Item by 4/5E 2:45pm	1 Jun Westwalk money due	2	3
Week 7 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Week 8 11	12 Queens birthday holiday	13 5c fundraiser starts	14 Assembly - Item by 1B 2:45pm	15 Athletics carnival P&C meeting 7pm	16	17
Week 9 18	19 Yarn-Up Stage 3	20	21	22	23	24
Week 10 25	26	27 Kindy 2018 Info session 9:45-11am	28 5c fundraiser ends Honour Assembly 2:45pm	29 NAIDOC celebrations	30 Last day of term	1 Jul



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On Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th of May, 6 of our Stage 3 Aboriginal and Indigenous students had the opportunity to participate in an Aboriginal dance workshop.



Students with the dance teachers Sani and Jordan.



Stage 3 Aboriginal students at the Sydney Dance Company.



Obinna and Noah.



Josephine, Onyx, and Charmaine.

The workshop was held at Sydney Dance Company and taught by professional dancers, Sani and Jordan. Ms Penfold, Ms Pana, Obinna, Charmaine, Josephine, Onyx, Noah and Malu had fun meeting and dancing with other students and teachers. Marrickville West is very lucky to have Obinna represent our school; he was chosen to perform the choreography with the Gilli dancers at the Opera House in June.

Congratulations Obinna, well done!



45E making Anzac biscuits during Kitchen.



Mixing the ingredients for the biscuits.

4/5E made delicious ANZAC biscuits during Kitchen. They were taught about the history behind the ANZAC biscuits and the ingredients that were used and why.



Mollie and Sinta working on the compost.



Year 5 preparing the beds for planting.







# P&C UPDATE

[facebook.com/MWPandC](https://facebook.com/MWPandC)

## Mothers' Day Stall and Raffle

Congrats to Erin Brannigan (mum to Billy Westbury) and Kate Lee (Mum to Bryn and Dylan Lee) who won the Mother's Day raffle prizes. We hope you enjoy your pamper packages. In total we raised \$600 from the raffle. We hope all the Mums also enjoyed their presents from the Mother's Day stall. A huge thanks to Gail Wilkinson for organising all the buying and donating of prizes. Also thanks to Melanie Stopic for organising the roster and stall on the day and all the wonderful women who sold and wrapped the gifts on the day –Jo Smith, Nazma Akther, Melissa Lo, Beck Gaylard, Estelle Crouch-Cuiuli, Bibi Serafim, Tanya Norman, Jo Barris, Carly Certoma-Speer, Harshini Ramanayake, Yunita Kutaranga, Quimtila Pereira, Marion, Trang Lu, Vivi Martin, Nimfa Lacbungan, Sharmila Mani and Lindy Alwis.

Through the stall we raised \$1580 profit – great job! We also had a bunch of great donations from our school community including Margaret Norman, Sofie Papathomas, Avril Samuels, JolandaWaskito, Coffee Alchemy, Karinn Cheung, Estelle Crouch, Estelle Cuiuli, Sarah Neil, Robyn Jones, Lauren Hamilton-Thompson, Cassandra Missio, Pay it Forward Marrickville, Katie Clulow, and many more who we don't know who they are from. I'm sorry if we've missed you name off the list – please email [mstopic@exemail.com](mailto:mstopic@exemail.com) auto let us know so we can give you a proper thanks. We also wish to extend our gratitude to Nimfa, Nazma, Sharmilla, Melanie, Marion, Lindy, Nanette, Yunita, and Jo for making jewelry for the stall.



## Walkathon

Our colourful, bubbly and fun walkathon was a great success! We hope you all had as much fun colour walking, as we did organising and hosting the day for you! Did you know, the walkathon would not be even possible without the help of our amazing parent volunteers?! These Volunteers helped with absolutely everything from organising the day (Jo Lord Barris, Melanie Stopic, and Lindy Alwis) and setting up the course (Tina Lambrou, James Goodman), to blowing up balloons (Kathy Bader and Jo Smith), buying the bubble machine, cutting up oranges (Kate Nguyen), sourcing all the sweet sweet prizes (Mel Dominguez-Nash), colouring the children in rainbow dust and hairspray (Cassandra Missio, Ana Andrew, and much much more (Bronwen Mather, Cynthia Bacon, Lesley Maclou, Lauren Hamilton-Thompson, Christine Leeson, Angelique Fernandes, Deb McCarney, Karinn Cheung, Janine Haastrup)!

The Walkathon Committee would like to offer our most sincere gratitude and our massive thanks for all the parents and Grandparents who came down to help on the day!

Without your help, it wouldn't have been as awesome as it actually was!

THANK YOU!!

Now is the time to start (hassling) reminding everyone to give you sponsorship dollars!

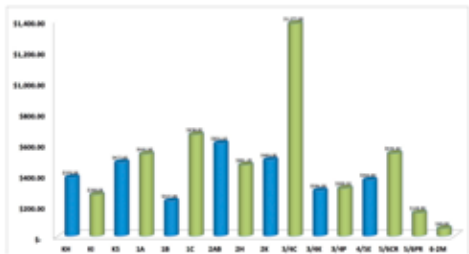
Don't forget you can very easily do at online at <https://chuffed.org/project/westwalk2017>

There are lots more prizes to win for the students who collect the most money and for the classes with the largest participation parentage!

Go!! Collect and raise money little and big walkers!!

Our Walkathon also relied on some generous donations from local sponsors. We wish to extend our gratitude to Banana Joes for providing enough oranges to sustain the students as they walked; LJ Hooker Dulwich Hill for providing 2 marquees, a special guest visitor (Mr Hooker Bear) and purchasing our bubble machine; Blink printers for printing all our WestWalk material; Commonwealth banking for donating a water bottle prize for each and every child that participated; School banking for enabling

WESTWALK Tally - By Class



the recuperation with icy blocks; Glebe books, who provided books to add to generous parental donations for on the spot prizes.

We have also had many other sponsors we will mention after the collection of money has been totaled and prizes awarded in June.

## Playground project

We will be making some fantastic changes to our school yard this year. We will be calling for your help too! We would love landscapers, builders, carpenters, designers, gardeners, truck/ute owners and more to get in touch with Lindy Alwis ([mrsalwis@gmail.com](mailto:mrsalwis@gmail.com)) so we can tap into your expertise. This may just be running an idea by you or inviting your help for bigger projects. Don't worry though, we won't hassle you too much and you are always welcome to say no if we do ask for help.

You may have noticed the construction has begun to create a large garden bed and a bit of decking space. This is the first upgrade to the top yard and is courtesy to a partnership with TAFE NSW. We plan on moving into improving the seating in the area. Watch for major works to be done for our soccer field and an eco garden before the end of the year. You can check out our design on the P&C noticeboard just outside the hall. The plans are being drawn thanks to Kim Neimligers' donation of his time and talent.

## 2nd hand stall

We hope you made it to the 2nd hand uniform at the beginning of May. We are always taking donations. It is a great way to recycle items your child has outgrown as well as find great bargains! Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8DP6SHY> and give us some feedback to help us improve. Andrea Ellis has been coordinating the stall for the P&C but is going to have to pass the torch later in the year when it is time for a new bub to arrive. Congratulations to Andrea and her family! Thank you to Jo Tomlinson for agreeing to take over.

## Entertainment book

We have started selling the Entertainment Books. This is a valuable book of coupons for the Sydney area. You can purchase a book through <https://www.entertainmentbook.com>.

[com.au/orderbooks/200s433](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/200s433) for \$70. Conveniently collect your book from Lindy Alwis at the school. The hidden benefit is that the P&C will receive 20% of all profits sold! Using the 3 vouchers to go see a film at Dendy will give you enough savings to make the book free and giving you access to hundreds of vouchers. Vouchers are available to use from now until 1June next year! They would make great presents for friends or upcoming Father's day too!



## Beauchamp street crossing

Our petitioning of the government to put flashing lights at the Beauchamp St crossing has been successful! Last week Linda Burney, Federal Member for Barton, Jo Haylen MP, State Member for Summer Hill, Richard Pearson, Administrator of the

Inner West Council, Clr Sam Iskandar, former Mayor of Marrickville and 2 local youth officers joined some parents and students at the crossing to help bring more media attention to the need. Only 3 days later we learned that flashing lights for the crossing have been approved. Thanks to all who signed out petitions and came along on the day. And thanks to Jo Haylen for continually advocating for this on our behalf.

## 5c fundraiser

Start collecting 5c coins wherever you find them as later this term we'll be collecting them to go to Yr5&6 events. See the back page for more information.

# NEXT P&C MEETING: Thursday 15 June 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.





# Westwalk!







Need more newsletter?

Current & past issues of the newsletter are found at:  
[www.tinyurl.com/MWPSnews](http://www.tinyurl.com/MWPSnews)

School banking is  
Wednesday 9-9.20am  
in the LIBRARY

MARRICKVILLE WEST  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

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

Marrickville  
Dulwich Hill  
Canterbury

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DULWICH HILL

Banana Joe's  
FOODWORKS



(PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

MARRICKVILLE WEST MUNCHIES  
CANTEEN MENU



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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
Mlni 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.





MWPS P&C invite you to do some:

# FIVE CENT FOSSICKING!

TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR Y5 AND 6 END OF YEAR EVENTS!!!

From

**MONDAY 12TH JUNE...**

until **WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE**

collect as many 5 cent coins as you can!

Look behind the lounge cushions, in the bottom of your Mum's handbag (with her permission) on the floor of your car and more for all the stray 5c pieces in your house.

Bring them in to your class and put them in the big bottle collectors.



**WIN A DISCO FOR THE CLASS THAT BRINGS IN THE MOST 5C BY THE END OF TERM 2!!!**