

Marrickville West Primary School newsletter



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NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

TERM 2 · WEEK 6 2017



Senior Band at the "Celebrate 2044" Festival



On Sunday afternoon, 21st May, our Senior School Band proudly performed at Tempe's "Celebrate 2044" Festival run by the Inner West Council.



This weekend event saw parents and family members gather at the festival in Tilman Park, as our band was most ably led by one of our Musician Dads Dr Greg Shapely. We are now looking forward to our next performance at the Engadine Band Festival later this term.

Stacey Caponas
Music Teacher

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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...

What is Formative Assessment?
As we approach "Report Time" it is natural to be thinking about how our children are progressing in class and what "grades" they will be awarded by their teachers. Assessment in classrooms today is more than the "test" which often led to the "mark" and "grade" that most of us remember from our own schooling. Grades included in School Reports still give a general indication of current progress

as compared to the Outcomes listed in the syllabus, but there is much more to the story of your child's journey towards learning success.

These days, assessment is often managed as much by the student as it is by the teacher. Assessment is more a part of the learning process, than a means to report achievement when the learning is done. This year, teachers and students at MWPS have been exploring the research and protocols of **Formative Assessment**.

Formative Assessment involves teachers and students working together to create goals for learning and criteria for success. Students use self and peer assessment, along with quality feedback to

determine what they have shown they can do, and what they need to learn to do next.

Formative Assessment is framed by the three questions which guide students and teachers in the learning process:

— **Where am I going? (and How do I know when I get there?)**

— **Where am I now?**

— **How do I move to the next step?**

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

Concepts such as **Learning Intentions**, **Success Criteria**, **Learning Progression** (or **continuum**) and **Growth Mindset** are at the foundation of Formative Assessment and often discussed with students.

By working together in this process, students gain a greater understanding of where they are up to in the learning progression. They become empowered to evaluate their own progress and seek assistance or extension as needed. This is a process that builds confidence and focuses on potential. It is a mindset that will support them in their learning, for life.

Ideas for supporting Formative Assessment at home:

— Reinforce a growth mindset. Acknowledge but do not focus on the mark or the grade. Rather encourage your child to persevere, practice and **value their mistakes** as an opportunity to learn.

— Discuss with your child, how they will use specific feedback to help them move forward?

— Ask your child about their learning goals ("Where do you want to be?") and success criteria ("How will you know when you get there?").

— Encourage your child to set specific, measurable and achievable goals for activities outside of school. Help them think about the steps they might need to make in order to reach their goal.

Teachers and students are looking forward to sharing the evidence of learning progress during Semester One, and working together to identify learning goals for Semester Two. Teacher-Student-Parent conferences will occur in the final weeks of this term. Book your conference early. Teachers are able to arrange for interpreters as required and/or tele-conference during the day for parents unable to attend school at the times offered.

Ruth Bradfield-Ling
Principal



An environmentally sustainable project by this creative team.

From The Office

Invoicing

Invoices will be sent home shortly. This will give more opportunity to settle accounts before they become unmanageable. All outstanding amounts from last year will be carried forward to this year.

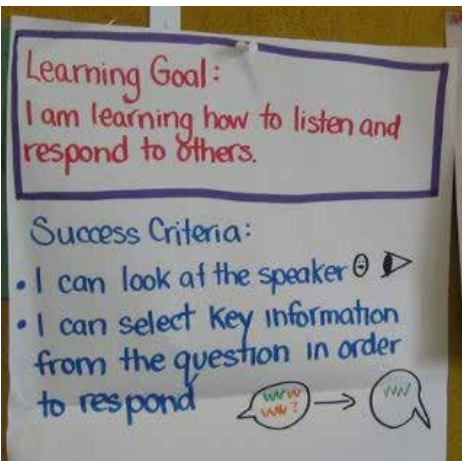
Money at the Front Desk

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

Medicine

Any medicine that needs to be taken at school has to come down to the office. A form has to be filled in by the parent or guardian before we can administer any medication.

by Miss Anne & Miss Stav



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

Calendar Dates

Every week students have been having drama sessions

Every Friday (from 5th May)
PSSA 8:30am

Tuesday 13th June
UNSW – Writing

Wednesday 14th June
Assembly – 1B 2:45pm

Wednesday 14th June
UNSW-Spelling

Thursday 15th June
P&C Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday 22nd June
Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 27th June
Kindy 2018 Information Session
9:45-11:00

Wednesday 28th June
Honour Assembly 2:40pm

Friday 30th June
Last Day of Term 2

Tuesday 18th July
First Day of Term 3



2017 MWPS ANNUAL WALKATHON

West Walk

THANKYOU!



Creative Learning at MWPS

Musical Theatre workshops have gotten off to a great start this term as Penny Larkins, our very own Artist in Residence, took staff and teachers on an introductory journey through our first Musical Theatre Workshops.

Penny has enthused young and old as we all explore our imagination through drama, movement and song. Continuing throughout the term, these workshops form a part of this years' Creative Arts initiative, culminating in a whole school Musical Theatre production to be presented at the end of Term 3. This wonderful opportunity will allow students to experience and share a rich and unifying cultural performance within our school community.

Stacey Caponas
Music Teacher



KS are enjoying Music Theatre workshops with our Artist in Residence, Penny Larkins.



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dance Program

Early in Term 2, six students from Marrickville West attended a 2 day workshop at the Sydney Dance Company. The workshop was designed to give students and teachers an opportunity to work with industry professionals to learn about the richness of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander culture and history through movement.

Workshop content was delivered through the “8 Ways of Learning” pedagogy and was intended to enhance students’ expression through dance. The goal was that students would develop a sense of pride and belonging in respect to their Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander culture. They were presented with opportunities for leadership through sharing what they had learnt with their peers during the final workshop day and then back at school.

During the workshops, 10 students were selected to form the Ultimo Directorate’s – Gili Dancers. The Gili Dancers will perform at the Ultimo Public School Dance Festival and other cultural events around Sydney. Congratulations to all our students who participated with such enthusiasm, to Ms Penfold and Ms Pana who supported them and to Obinna who will join the Gili Dancers in this special performance opportunity.

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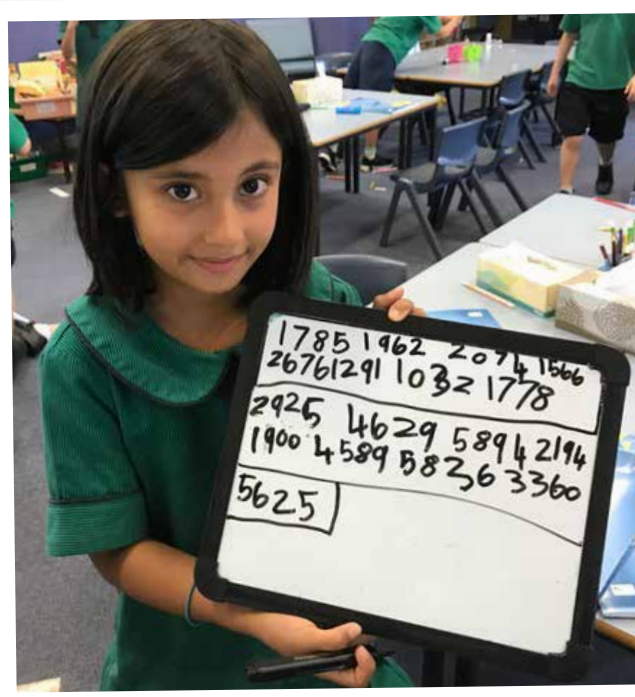
Kindergarten has been busy in maths the last two weeks, learning all about 3D objects and halves!! They explored the topic of 3D objects by finishing them in their own environment and using concrete materials to make them.



When learning about halves students have been making an manipulating paper and play dough shapes as well as creating symmetrical drawings. Well done on all of your hard work Kindy!

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Year 1 have been learning about chance and how to use the jump strategy when subtracting. Year 2 have been exploring familiar two-dimensional shapes and practising subtracting two, three and four-digit numbers.



2017 TERM 2 WK6: 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 P&C meeting 7pm	16	17
Week 9 18	19	20	21	22 Athletics carnival	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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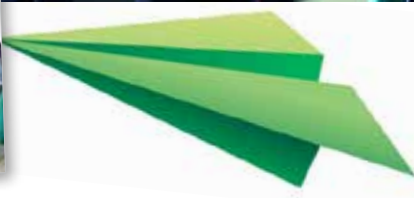
Stage 2 had a fantastic excursion to the observatory to learn about science and Aboriginal history. We learned about stars and constellations which are significant in Aboriginal culture, and created a constellation map.



The planetarium and the huge telescope were highlights of the day. We even got to see a solar flare. Outside on the hill, we practised our sketching skills by drawing the beautiful view.



Paper Planes visit...



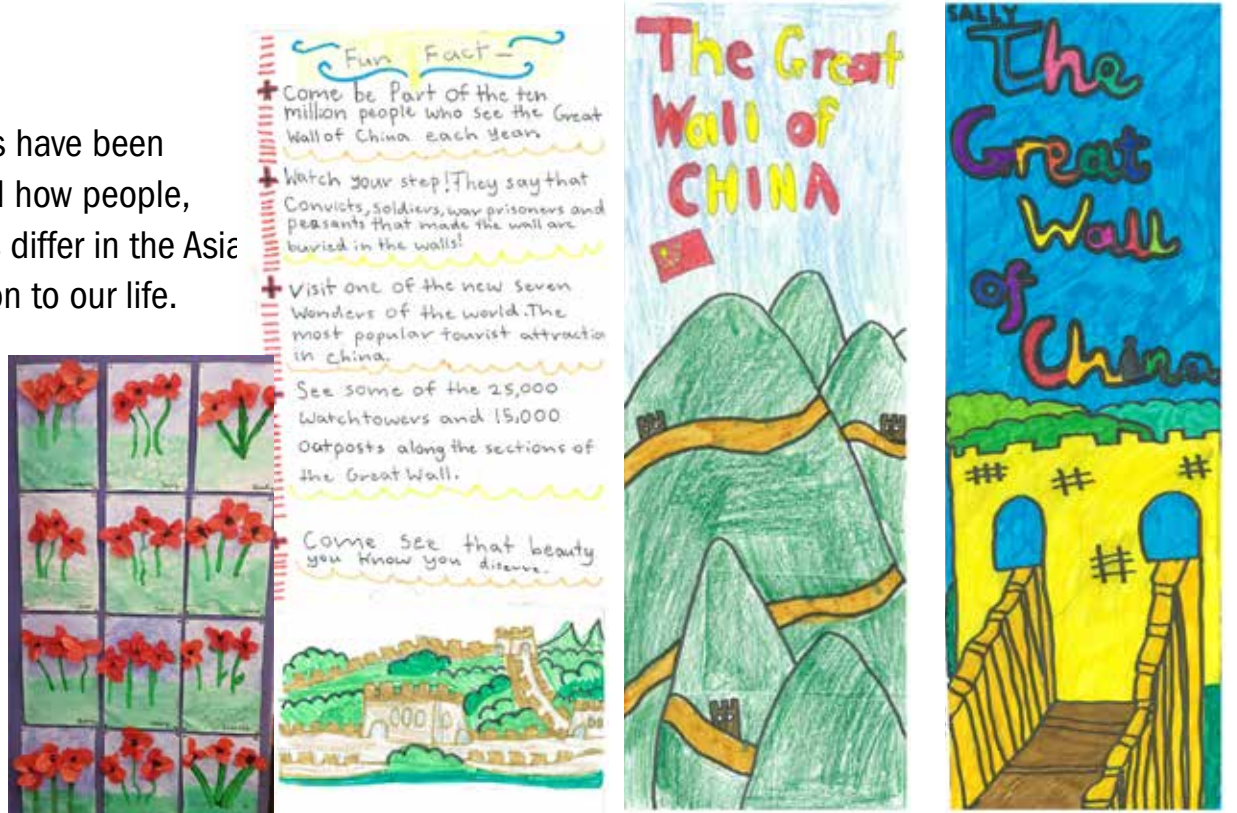
The Stage 3 classes have been exploring China and how people, places and cultures differ in the Asia region in comparison to our life.

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10 Facts about China!

- 1. Put together all of Chinas railway could loop around the earth twice!
- 2. The Forbidden City, a palace complex in Beijing, contains about 9,000 rooms!
- 3. Did you know Hong Kong has more skyscrapers than any other city in the world!
- 4. The Chinese New Year celebration goes for 15 days.
- 5. In Ancient China, soldiers sometimes wore armour made from paper!
- 6. China's Bailong Elevator carries visitors more than 300m up a cliff's edge.
- 7. More people speak Mandarin, a Chinese Dialect, as their first language than any other language in the world.
- 8. Many Chinese emperors considered themselves to be descendants of dragons.
- 9. The mortar used to bind the Great Wall's stones, were made with sticky rice!
- 10. 7th century Emperor Tang of Shang had 94 'ice men' who made him ice-cream.

by Jayda



This is in preparation for their project that they will be completing in class, where they will compare their life with another young person in China. They have researched and presented facts on a variety of topics such as food, music and Chinese mythology. Above are some examples of the brochures made by 5/6C and China Plates (below) by 4/5E and 5/6P.



TAFE NSW ADDISON ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Fundamentals of Graphic Design

Learn the essentials of how to manipulate photos, create business cards & posters in this 12 week course!
Starts TUE 1st August @ 9.30am- 3:00pm

The course is project based and focused on developing practical skills in Graphic Design.

Course Structure - what you will learn:

- Overview of essential Graphic Design procedures & terminology;
- Overview of the major software utilised in graphic design;
- How to organise project libraries, convert documents & images to the correct formats;
- Image manipulation fundamentals;
- The fundamentals of using Vector & Desktop Publishing applications effectively to create cards, flyers, posters, etc.

In the course students will be creating a Business Card, along with their choice of a A5 flyer or A3 poster.

NOTE: All software utilised in the course is free & readily available. The programs used are the open source equivalents of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator & InDesign.

PREREQUISITES: Computer fundamentals & basic office skills.

12 week course - Starting Tuesday 1 Aug 2017 9:30am- 3:00pm
Hut 1, Addison Road Community Centre, 1 42 Addison Rd, Marrickville, 2204
For details and to register, please call Tricia at TAFE Outreach: 02 9335 2588 or email Patricia.Kenny@tafensw.edu.au RTO No: 90003

Urban Food Growing

Grow organic food at home or in your community

Class will be held on Fridays
9:30am- 1:30pm
11th August to 10th Nov
Excluding School Holidays

Free Course
10581NAT Course in Vocational and Community Engagement

Offered by Petersham TAFE Outreach

Learn to conduct a site analysis and develop a basic design for a new community garden planned for Petersham
Learn about no-dig gardening, green composting, water conservation and bush regeneration
Use great local spaces to grow fruit and vegetables and learn about companion planting
Find out about certificate courses in permaculture, horticulture, bush regeneration and landscaping
Learn about environmental sustainability and volunteering and job opportunities

Please bring your US! if you have one
Please wear covered shoes, a sun hat and bring a bottle of water

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P&C UPDATE

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Canteen update

We are deeply indebted to Kathy Bader, Mina Cheng and Melanie Stopic for stepping into Wendy's place while she has been sick for the last 3 weeks. Kathy and Mina have done a fabulous job cooking food and making sandwiches and keeping the canteen in tip top shape. Melanie has quickly learned how to order supplies, from milk, to chicken wedges, to fruit and veggies to sushi to make sure that we have enough food to sell. Thanks also to our usual morning helpers for making sure the ordering process is still running smoothly.

Wendy has been away due to a leg infection. She luckily avoided surgery on her leg and the antibiotics now look as if they are doing their job, so we hope to see her back in the next few weeks. We would love to have a bigger pool of volunteers that have some food preparation skills ready to help out in situations like this in the future. If you'd be interested in being in that pool of helpers, please let Melanie Stopic so we can arrange some training (both in the canteen and we'll pay for you to attend Food Safety Supervisor courses etc). If we do need you to step in to

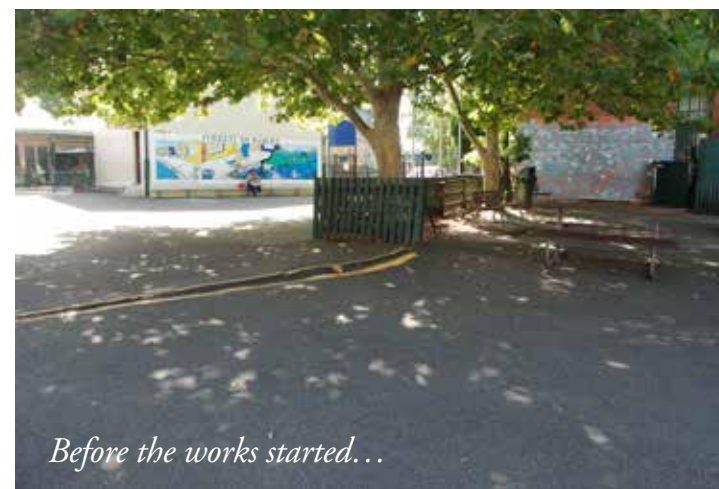


cover Wendy this would also be a paid position. During the time Wendy has been off our coffee making

for teachers, parents and visitors to the school has also been on hold (as our usual coffee makers have stepped up to being canteen helpers). If you would be interested in learning how to use our coffee machine and making coffee one morning a week please let Melanie Stopic (mstopic@exemail.com.au) know. Usually coffee making takes about 1-1.5 hours from 9:30-10:30ish.

5c fundraiser

After the long weekend each class will be collecting 5c coins to raise money for the Yr 5&6 end of year dinner, camp and fun day. In order to collect the 5c coins we need lots of 2L softdrink bottle (clear walls and well rinsed) that we can use as collection containers for the 5c coins. Any donated bottles can be given to the Office or your class teacher. The class that collects the most 5c coins by Wed 28th June will win a class disco in Term 3.



Before the works started...



TAFE playground in progress



WestWalk2017

The numbers are in! Congratulations to everyone that participated in our walkathon. We have raised \$11,293! What an amazing result. Wolli has earned a disco for generating \$4,155.50 of the total. KS had incredible 91% of the class return sponsorship donations. 3/4C raised \$1,945.50 which is \$1000 more than any other class!

Both KS and 3/4C will have \$100 each to spend on a classroom resource.

Prizes from Sydney Thunder, Gelato Franco, Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre, Dendy Cinemas, and Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym will be awarded in the coming weeks to students who have raised the most for various categories. We extend our deepest gratitude for their sponsorship and generous prizes. Jordan Koorey from PCYC Marrickville also donated \$200 which we used to purchase an iPod for our top earner: Chris Lambrou who raised \$415!

Playground Update

The new garden is nearly complete. Tuesday works are finished and a few Saturday TAFE classes will finish it in the next few weeks. Works will continue with an additional deck space. Future works will include filling the garden bed with soil and planting. We may call for a working bee soon to help.

We are always needing a few more hands and eyes to help source materials and get quotes. If you can lend a hand please contact Lindy Alwis (mrsalwis@gmail.com or 0425 316 893).

Grants

Future projects will require more funding. If you see grant opportunities please pass along information to the P&C Exec team or via our Facebook page or private Facebook group. We would also appreciate any assistance in writing grant applications as they arise.

A Social Event for Parents, Carers & Community

The P&C will be hosting a social event at the school in early August. It'll be a fun night with food, drinks and even some music on the school grounds. Can you offer some help? We are looking for volunteers to manage such things as decorations, music setup and catering, as well as setup on the day. Please get in touch with Softly if you'd like to lend a hand: softly@cleverlikeamonkey.com

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.



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!!!