

Newsletter

Maryland Public School

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Our P & C Association meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm
All parents and community members are welcome to attend
Our School Council meets the 3rd Tuesday at 6.00pm

Skills for Life

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Safety

Tuesday, 20 June 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 9.

The latest update on the Westpac Helicopter visit is that we are currently negotiating a date for early next term. Unfortunately, with the amount of recent wet weather and due to other commitments, it has not been possible to re-schedule the visit this side of the holidays. I will communicate the new date as soon as we have it.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Kindergarten performance last Friday at assembly. It was fabulous to see so many parents and friends watching our kids shine, although I still have the watermelon song playing constantly in my head! A fantastic performance Kindergarten, well done!

Tonight our School Council will meet to look at the survey responses about Homework. Thanks to all who completed the survey over the past few weeks. We have collected feedback from parents, staff and students about Homework to help us determine our school policy.

Our monthly P&C meeting is also on tonight at 7.30pm in the staffroom. As always, everyone is welcome and we look forward to meeting new (and old) friends who help to support our school.

The Australian Government has allocated funding to states and territories to enable schools to engage online safety programs through a funded program titled 'Australian Government Online Safety Programmes in Schools 2016 / 2017'. NSW has signed an agreement to be involved in this Programme. MPS has received funding to participate. On Wednesday, 20 September Stage 2 and 3 students will participate in workshops about online safety. We are also holding a parent session in our hall on the same day at 8.55am.

The world of social media and technology is fast becoming the centre of our children's universe. It can be a challenging task for parents to stay on top of the dangers of social media and technology, while monitoring their child's online behaviour and finding balance.

We are offering a workshop for parents to learn more about managing children's technology use, including an introduction into the most popular social media platforms and practical tips for keeping kids safe online. We will also cover information on setting boundaries around technology, online behaviour management, and tools for managing technology both in and outside of the home.

If you've ever struggled with getting your kids off their games and into bed, worried about knowing what your child is accessing online, or felt concerned that your

child was spending too much time in the digital world, this workshop is for you!

Please register for this event by following the link provided. This is an important school event for all parents to attend.

<http://bit.do/marylandps>

Have a wonderful week everyone,

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



<https://www.facebook.com/MarylandPublic/>

Calendar

Term 2 - Week 9

Tuesday, 20 June 2017	6.00pm School Council Meeting 7.30pm P&C Meeting
Wednesday, 21 June 2017	CCWC Art Connect II
Thursday, 22 June 2017	Gymnastics Program ES1, St 1 & St 2 Junior Touch Football Gala note & payment due
Friday, 23 June 2017	Disco Dog Day Bandlink Stage 3 Sportslink note & payment due

Term 2 - Week 10

Wednesday, 28 June 2017	Band Party Day
Thursday, 29 June 2017	Gymnastics Program ES1, St 1 & St 2 Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day Stage 3 Sportslink Gala Permission note and 1st Instalment due for Semester 2 Lunchtime Dance
Friday, 30 June 2017	2.00pm Whole School Assembly (Band Performing) Last day of Term 2

Important Dates for Your Diary

Monday, 17 July 2017	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
Tuesday, 18 July 2017	Students resume for Term 3
Tuesday, 25 July 2017	Hunter Dance Festival



Wednesday, 26 July 2017	2018 Opportunity Class Placement
Friday, 28 July 2017	Stage 1 Swimming Program commences
Monday, 31 July 2017	ICAS English Competition
Tuesday, 15 August 2017	ICAS Mathematics Competition
Thursday, 31 August 2017	5.00pm – 6.00pm Kinder 2018 Parent Information Session
Tuesday, 19 September 2017	9.30am – 10.30am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Tuesday, 17 October 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Wednesday, 15 November 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Wednesday, 29 November 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session

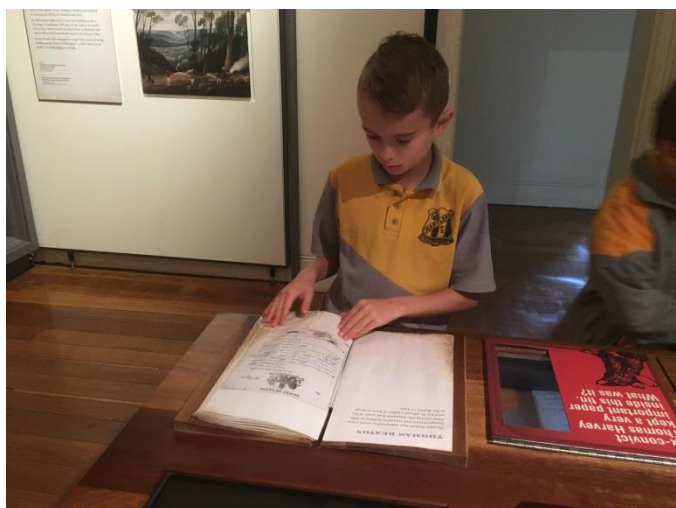
STAGE 2 NEWS

Congratulations to the Stage 2 students who represented our school proudly during the Sydney excursion on Friday. After a very early start, we visited the Hyde Park Barracks and Botanic Gardens where the students engaged in group activities that linked to their learning in History this term. They experienced a little of convict life at the barracks and enjoyed dressing up and testing out the convict hammocks. At the Botanic Gardens, students had hands on experiences with the plants used by the Cadigal people before colonisation and explored the first farm after settlement.

Thank you sincerely to Mr Went, Mrs Thoroughgood, Mrs Collins and Mrs Lee for your time and assistance; it was a big day!

A huge thank you must also go to the staff who organised the day and ensured all students had a fun and memorable learning experience.





Stage 2 Reminders:

- Notes for touch football team members need to be returned as soon as possible.
- See Band News for lesson changes next week.

Stage 2 Blog

Check out the post by S2K!

<http://s2mps17.blogspot.com/2017/06/welcome-to-s2k.html>

Mrs Khay (Stage 2 Leader)



CONGRATULATIONS to the following 116 students, who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge!



Harry P and Ibraheem A



Abdullah A, Maylee A, Claudia B, Riley B, Addison C, Max D, Thomas F, Stephanie K, Rathin K, Ava R, Adriana A, Noa A, Abdullah A, Jaxon B, Elemeleki B, Ashlee B, Ben B, Rafferty D, Rebecca F, Khye G, Noah G, Hunter K, Eliza L, Crystal L, Kaicey M, Jadah M, Nathanael M, Kye M, Riley M, Dane Q, Mitchell S, Lincoln S, Mackenzie T, Ava V, Riley W



Ana A, Sarah A, Ryder A, Abbie B, Belle B, Graeme B, Seth W, Keira-Lee L, Cadence C, Reiley C, Kane C, Kim D, Jacob F, Lily F, Tyler F, Sahra G, Daneby H, Quinlan H, Kaihem H, Deakin J, Cody K, Lauren K, Tiffany L-T, Bailey L, Jeremy L, Taliyah M, Ella M, Emelia P, Ella P, Anjaly R, Riley R, Lucas S, Ella S, Vishnupriya S, Abbey S, Mia S, Summah S, Jake T, Rosamond Z, Ryan A, Tyler A, Lila A, Ashlin A, Kiera B, Jericho B, Thomas B, Ella B, Caerwyn B, Dillan B, Lachlan B-S, Reuben C, Preston C, Isaac C, Kira D, Chloe D, Joshua D, Jebadiah D, Caitlyn D, Jacqueline D, Avril F, Elijah H, Samantha H, Amelia H, Kye J, Sophie J, Charoula K, Isabella L, Mia M, Viet Anh N, Mya-Rose R, Prian S,

Jake S, Arabella T, Kiara W, Mia W, Charlie W, Taitum W, Larissa W, Chu Ning X

Well done to those students! We look forward to reading the names of more students each week as they complete the PRC.

Mrs Gleeson (Teacher / Librarian)



SPORT NEWS

Stage 3 Sportslink Gala

The Sportslink Gala will be held next Thursday, 29 June.

The venues are as follows

- Netball - Maryland Netball Courts
- Kickball - Grange Oval
- Football - Federal Park

Stage 2 Touch Football Gala

The Stage 2 Touch Football Gala will be held next Thursday at the Newcastle Touch Fields behind the Knights Stadium.

Stage 1 Swim Program

During Term 3 Stage 1 will participate in the Balance Swim program again this year.

Mrs Debbie Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

BAND NEWS

Well done to the band students with 100% attendance this term! There has been a noticeable improvement in members arriving on time for an 8am start on Wednesdays which is fantastic. This allows us to set up quickly as a group and spend more time playing music!

Change to routine: Next Monday, Mr Isaacs will conduct catch up lessons as he will be away tomorrow. Mr Isaacs' students will need their instruments on Monday next week.

Special events: Next Wednesday we will celebrate student attendance and practice habits at a special Band 'Party Day' lunch. This will be at no cost to students.

The band will perform at the whole school assembly on Friday next week. We will open the assembly, so make sure to be there on time for a good seat!

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Garven (Band Co-ordinators)

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours

- Tuesday Mornings 8.30am until 9.00am
- Thursday Afternoons 2.45pm until 3.15pm

Cyndi and Carmen ☺☺

NEW UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours

- Tuesday 8.30am - 9.30am
- Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 2

Day	Date	Name
Week 9		
Wednesday	21 June	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	22 June	Katie O, Carmen, Helen
Friday	23 June	Jamie, Bec S, Amanda S, Deanna
Week 10		
Monday	26 June	Carmen, Jessica
Tuesday	27 June	Carmen, Helen
Wednesday	28 June	Miyako, Robyn
Thursday	29 June	Alisa, Rachel
Friday	30 June	Jamie, Nathan, Cassandra, Deanna

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to help prevent bowel cancer.

The month of June is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, an annual initiative of Bowel Cancer Australia to raise public awareness of the disease that claims the lives of 80 Australians every week.

Boosting the amount of fruit and veg the family eats is one way you can help reduce your risk. You should aim for at least five serves of veg and two serves of fruit every day.

Quick and easy tips include adding fruit or veg to your breakfast, swapping a muesli bar for a piece of fruit, mixing fruit or veg into your baking or adding mixed veggies to your favourite family dinner.

For more ideas and inspiration visit:
eatitbeatit.com.au

For more information visit
www.eatitbeatit.com.au
 or join us at facebook.com/eatitbeatit

Good for Kids good for life HEALTHY WINTER WARMERS

In winter it can be easier than usual to say no to exercise and eat more energy dense, nutrient poor foods for comfort and warmth.

But this doesn't have to be the case!

Here are some ideas for healthy meals that are cheap, delicious and warming:



- Soups – think pumpkin, vegetable, lentil, tomato or minestrone
- Toasted sandwiches – fill them with baked beans, cheese, ham, roast beef, tomato, avocado, spinach etc.
- Mini pizzas – made using English muffins, tomato paste, lean meat/veg and topped with grated cheese; cooked under the grill or in the oven
- Casserole – pack them full of vegetables such as potato, carrot, peas, celery or pumpkin



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Phone 4924 6499

SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

~ Registrations **NOW OPEN** ~

*Are you a passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?
Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.*

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

**2 DAY SKILL CLINICS
FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS**

**SPECIALIST CLINICS
FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS**

**AFTER SCHOOL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

~ **REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN** ~
For children turning the ages above this year



For further info contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au
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School Holiday Activities

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Kids Art Days
Monday 3rd July for 5-12 years 9.30am - 2.15pm
Animals and Habitats - collage and sculpture an animal habitat.
Wednesday 5th July for 10 years + 9.30am - 2.15pm
Photo and Paint - capture a bird in flight and create a mural.
Tuesday 11th July for 5 years + 9.30am - 2.15pm
Journey Sticks - decorate a journey stick & create a Wetlands Trail
Cost: \$30 per session Bookings are essential as places are limited. Phone: 49516466

Bush Skills For 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 4th July and Wednesday 12th July
Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential Phone: 4951 6466
Make (and eat) a damper, build a bush shelter, enjoy a guided walk and learn basic survival skills. Get up close and personal with some of our resident reptiles.

Wetlands Explorer Club For 5-8 years 10.00am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 12th July
Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential Phone 4951 6466
Enjoy a wetlands wander and then get crafty learning about frogs. Finally get up close with some of our resident reptiles

Sand Art Fun (4 years +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon
Thursday 6th July Cost: \$5 per child (plus \$2 entry)
Drop in and use coloured sand to create an amazing picture to take home.

Plaster Fun (3 years +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon
Monday 10th July Cost: \$5 per child (plus \$2 entry)
Drop in and paint a plaster model.

Wetlands Passport
Available any time during the school holidays. Cost: Free
Follow clues to explore the wetlands. Go in the draw for a weekly prize.

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
Open 9am to 4pm
Entry \$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). Under 3 free. \$5 general entry
Activities
• Watch the Maggie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am.
• Try Dipnetting from the jetty.
• Playtime at Discovery Playground.
• Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
• Reptile Encounter - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
• Shop - snacks, icecreams, drinks and affordable gifts for children & adults.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

All Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training [website](http://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability) at <http://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education follows the requirements of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002*. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, data collected by the NSW Department of Education for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education in connection with the national data collection. A public information notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the [department's website](http://education.gov.au/notices) at <http://education.gov.au/notices>

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact

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