Swimming Carnival

photos by Mr Moran and Esther Poullas
**From the Office:**

Welcome back to MWPS with fresh and new faces. The new dresses have been a resounding winner. The cargo shorts and pants equally popular.

**Dresses**

Sorry about the limited stock – having not seen the sizes made up we did not know the 4’s were so big and would fit 6, 7 & 8 year olds. We have since ordered some size 2’s and more size 4’s. They should be here in 6-8 weeks. Pre-Orders are being taken. It will take some time to have the correct amount of stock here without holding onto an excess amount of school funds.

**Uniform shop opening hours**

Now that the busy time has slowed, the Uniform Shop will only be open Monday & Wednesday from 9:00-10:30am. Order forms are available for other times.

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**Mark your calendar!**

- **P&C Welcome BBQ**
  - Feb 8 5 PM
- **P&C Meeting**
  - Thursday Feb 21 7pm
  - Friday Feb 22 9.30am
- **Barista training**
  - Feb 27 11am
- **Kids and Dads Night**
  - Feb 28 6PM
- **Film Night**
  - 1 March 6.30PM

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**Meet our Student Leaders 2013**

- Onyinye Nwamadi School Captain
- Mitchell Karroum School Captain
- Mia Ardianto School Vice-Captain
- Kail Freeburn School Vice-Captain
- Abbey Walker School Vice-Captain
- Jefferson Nguyen School Vice-Captain
- Mert Kilic School Vice-Captain
- Mathew Wang School Vice-Captain

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**From the Principals’ desk...**

We have formed 12 classes across the school so far. Although we are close to getting the 13th class, at this stage it looks likely we will remain at 12 for the term (at least). Some classes will need to be re-arranged in the coming weeks to avoid overcrowding in Stage 1 and 2 classrooms. If your child is affected by this change, you will be informed as soon as possible.

With positive support from home and school, such re-organisation should cause little disruption for individual students. Our aim is to ensure every child is in a class in which they feel socially and academically comfortable and which meets the criteria for the maximum recommended number of students. We appreciate parents’ support and understanding as we confirm student numbers and get to know how best to cater for children new to our school.

For your general information, recommended class sizes for DEC schools is as follows:

- Kindergarten - 20 students
- Year 1 - 22 students
- Year 2 - 24 students
- Years 3-6 - 30 students

More news will be coming soon about the Marrickville Children’s Festival, occurring in the grounds of Marrickville West Primary School again this year. The festival focuses on providing children with the opportunity to celebrate their diverse community in an atmosphere of fun, inclusion and respect. Most activities will be low or no cost in order to allow all local children and their families to be involved. There are many opportunities for you to support your community and your school by attending the festival, or even better, volunteering to assist us for an hour or two on the day.

You can volunteer to help our P&C serve coffee, tea and food, or sign up with Connect to assist with performances, activities or communication. Contact Vivi at Connect or our school office for more information.

After a running start, 2013 is looking to be another great year at MWPS! I look forward to working together to ensure children at our school continue to feel positive, successful and valued.

Ruth Bradfield-Ling

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**Congratulations!**

Super Stars

- Ernie
- Sumet
- Maisha
- Chloe F
**Flag raiser’s report**

Hi, this is the Flag Raiser’s Team. We are here to tell you how it is great to be a flag raiser. To raise the Australian, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island flags or to see these flags makes you think very good things about the history and the future of our country. When we look at the flags it makes us think about how many different people make up our country.

We will be raising the flags before school each day, and taking them down at the end of school. Give us a wave if you see us doing our job, we will give you a smile back.

We will not raise the flags if it is raining.

*From Melissa, Louay, Mitchell and Sandra*

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**Recycling report**

Hello we are the Recycling Team for 2013. We will be taking out the recycling for environmental reasons and for the class rooms to be clean. Please leave the recycling bin outside your classroom for us to collect.

*By: Youcef, Shannel, Fahim, Ozge, Kali & Onyi*

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**School captains**

Hello we are the new school captains of 2013. We are very excited about being great role model to younger students. We are prepared to help teachers and students. We are proud to speak on school assemblies and be good representatives for our school.

*By your school captains Mitchell & Onyi*

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**Playground Buddies**

Hi everyone, my name is Mert and I am a playground buddy. This year myself and all the playground buddies will be helping out on the playground. Remember that we wear a blue vest and we will help you on the playground if you need help. For example, if you are looking for a friend or you are feeling sad just come up to a playground buddy. We will always have a smile for you.

*By Mert*

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**Energy report**

Hi, I am Joy and I am one of the new Energy Monitors for 2013. Our job is to inform you about the energy consumption in the school. We will also look at energy bills and keep you up-to-date with how efficient our energy use is. We will suggest ways that we can consume minimum energy. We will be checking who has and who has not turned off lights and fans. Tip: open blinds and let natural light in, that way we can save energy.

*By Joy*

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**Mrs Whitfield welcomes you all to the library. There are exciting displays to look at and lots of new books to read. The library will be open soon for borrowing and lunch time visits. We are also looking forward to new carpet. The library is a fantastic place to be.**

*By Joy*
**Term 1 · Week 2 2013**

**Imagination Theatre**

**DRAMA CLASSES**

Imagination Theatre will be running after school drama classes in Term 1, 2013, and would like to invite students from K - 6 to join.

**After School Drama yrs K - 6**

Wednesday 13th February – Wednesday 10th April, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Marrickville West Public School Hall

**COST $90**

Imagination Theatre is a Sydney based company that provides high quality drama programs and workshops for school children aged 5-12 in a safe, fun and dynamic environment. Students develop their self-confidence and skills in communication and creativity.

Each program is carefully planned and involves drama games and activities, voice development and singing, story telling, script writing, creative improvisation, characterization and movement.

**BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES**

Visit our website www.imaginationtheatre.com.au
Email imagination.theatre1@gmail.com
Call Francisca 0413 643 711

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**Sport in Schools**

The Sport in Schools program has commenced and is about promoting a full and active life through sport. The program develops positive self-esteem, skill development and general healthy development. It is about establishing positive attitudes and behaviours related to physical activity and a healthy lifestyle. The Sport in School program is for all students and runs every Monday throughout the term.

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Hello students, teachers and parents. Our names are Maharshi, Quan, Mathew and Abbey and we are the House Point Collectors for this year 2013. At Marrickville West there are three sporting Houses, Wolli, Cooks and Georges. Each student is in a house and can earn points for their House through good behaviour, participation in sport and other activities. Always try your best and be kind and you never know, a teacher might award you some House points.

We are happy to collect the House Points for this year. We will collect the House Points weekly every Thursday. Each Thursday SRC reps will bring the house points down to the office where we will collect them and tally them. Then, each Friday on morning lines we will announce the progressive winner. At the end of each term Ms Ling will provide a treat for the winning house. Good luck everybody.

Maharshi, Quan and Abbey

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**GEORGES**

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**COOKS**

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**WOLLI**

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Free Barista training!
11am Wednesday
February 27
at the canteen

The P&C have invited a talented barista to come teach us all how to make brilliant coffees with our new Coffee Alchemy coffee.
This is your chance to learn the ins and outs from an expert.
Then you can volunteer in our canteen and spread the love!

Home-made Mango Chicken Curry
available to order for lunch each Tuesday

above photos by Rachael Ottaway

Sign Team report

The next time when you are outside the school look at the sign. It will have a message on it for you to read. It might have a quote to think about, a reminder about a school event or information about cultural celebrations.
We have a box full of letters and numbers and key to the sign. We pull the sign down and change the message. Give us a wave or beep if you are passing by. We will change the sign each Monday.
Ozge, Kali, Abbey, Mia and Shannel!

Sports Equipment report

Hi, this is a message from the Sport Equipment Monitors and we are here to tell you what we are going to do in 2013. Our team is here to help the school by looking after all the sport equipment, so all children can borrow the equipment at lunchtime. In our team we have, Mitchell, Anup, Maisha, Putu, Ozge, Onyi, Kali, Louay, Haydar, Youcef, Maharshi, Rafid, Kien, Shannel, Anna, Jefferson, Quan, Joy and Mert. You can collect your sports equipment outside the office each day. We will be there to collect it at the end of lunch. Enjoy your active and healthy lunch everybody.
Rafid, Anup and Kien.

Office Duties report

Ready for a new year full of awesome excursions? Well lucky for you the new Office Duties Team is here to deliver those notes! We photocopy, laminate, print notes and other office things.

Need more newsletter?
Current & past issues of the newsletter are found at:
www.tinyurl.com/MWPSnews

Especially for Kindy kids, who get free popcorn!
About Connect Marrickville

Connect Marrickville is one of over 40 Schools as Community Centres (SaCCs) in NSW. SaCCs are community centres inside primary schools aimed at families with young children, particularly in the years before they start school. While available to the whole community SaCCs try to engage families who may not use mainstream services, or who may be isolated or marginalised in some way. SaCCs help schools become a hub for community activity. They connect families with each other, to the school and community. They provide opportunities for adult and child learning, parental confidence and children’s transition to school. Activities at Connect Marrickville are created through collaborative partnerships, such as with TAFE Outreach, KU Inner West Play and Chat or Metro Migrant Resource Centre.

Sometimes activities are started by members of the community, such as the Japanese Mothers Group and Holiday Club. There are usually up to 10 weekly activities running at Connect Marrickville, including 4 different playgroups. In addition there are several short-term courses such as TripleP and one-off events such as Kids and Dads Night and Marrickville Children’s Festival. SaCCs are funded under the FamiliesNSW initiative and administered through the Department of Education and Training.

About Marrickville Children’s Festival

Marrickville Children’s Festival is a community event and multicultural arts festival for children. It has grown out of “Dance Around the World” an annual event held at Marrickville West Primary School since 2006. In 2012 it combined with the Children’s Festival Organisation Inc. who have run children’s festivals in Bankstown and Canterbury attracting up to 15,000 people, under the theme of “Playing Together and Living in Harmony”.

The Festivals involve children, families and community in a gala day of dance, music, parades, stalls and more. Its focus is on community cohesion and cultural exchange remaining accessible by being free or low-cost.

The Festival is created by the community for children and the community.

— see Vivi for more details!
Ethics Classes At Marrickville West

Dear parents and carers,

Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) / Scripture.

The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for-profit organisation, to design curriculum and deliver these classes. Classes are inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions.

Curriculum is now available for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 students. Classes for years 1 and 2 will start in term 3, 2013 and classes for kindergarten will start in 2014.

We are currently assessing demand for ethics classes for 2013. Please let me know if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child by returning the slip below by FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY.

For more information about Ethics classes and Primary Ethics, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact our school’s Ethics Coordinator, melinda.giveen@hotmail.com

Kind Regards,
Mel Giveen

Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child in 2013.

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ________

Signed: ___________________________ Date: __________

School to keep this portion.

School to return this portion to Primary Ethics GPO Box 4351, Sydney NSW 2001

Yes, please register my interest with Primary Ethics:

My name: ___________________________ My child is in year: ________

My email address: ___________________________
Hello and welcome
To your new school
Marrickville West Primary School

P&C UPDATE

My husband Mark and I are the parents of Zara (Year 4) and Sienna (Year 2). We moved to Earlwood 3 years ago, but our girls continue to attend Marrickville West because they love it - to use the favourite phrase of our Principal Ms Ling, “Marrickville West is the Best.”

The P&C and I are genuinely excited to have the opportunity to share our school with so many new kindergarten children and children joining us to study in other grades.

On behalf of the P&C, I would like to invite you to seek out our members if you need help, have ideas to share, questions to ask, or would like to give us feedback on how we can do better. We are proud of our school and hope that you will, in a very short time, feel like you are an integral part of its fabric and community. Starting in a new school is an exciting and daunting time, we are here to help you find your feet quickly.

You might like to know...

- Everyone who pays their school fees is automatically a member of the P&C, but it's not just about meetings!! There are loads of different ways to contribute to your child's school experience, for example, helping out at fundraising BBQ's and Garden Tea's, participating in Connect programs, leading an enrichment class, joining a “Conversations with Kids Program”, making coffee in the canteen (barista training provided) and volunteering in class . . . ask us!!

- Our healthy eating canteen is operated by the P&C and managed daily by Wendy Beattie, who has been employed by the P&C for over 30 years. Volunteers make excellent coffee everyday for teachers and parents from 9:25am. We use the best coffee beans in Sydney, Coffee Alchemy beans and even have a loyalty card! Come and enjoy a coffee at Cafe West! Call Mel on 0420 325 324 about joining our coffee-making team.

Welcome BBQ and Lunar New Year activities 5-8pm Friday 8th February

is our annual welcome BBQ in Henson Playground (near the school entrance on Beauchamp Street). The P&C will be hosting a sausage sizzle and providing cold drinks, fun Lunar New Year activities and a chance to meet some new friends. Kick-off is around 5pm, don't be shy, come and join the fun.

“IDEAS” – First P&C Meeting for 2013

Thursday February 21st at 7pm, then Friday February 22nd at 9:30am (after school drop-off – for parents who can’t attend evening meetings)

At this meeting we will have an open forum discussion, collecting ideas about what we could work on this year (and longer term), unearthing the interests and skills of our members, and how can we include these in our activities?? We also hope to gather fundraising activity ideas and review what we have in the calendar to date. Of course, you don’t need to have an idea to come along!

I look forward to seeing you in the playground, otherwise feel free to call!

Rachael Ottaway
MWPS P&C President 2013
Mob: 0433 041 629

P&C Executive Committee for 2013

President – Rachael Ottaway
Rachael has been a Vice President for the past two years and has also been overseeing our canteen during this time. She has two daughters, Zara in Year 4 and Sienna in Year 2.

Vice President – Richard Spencer
Richard is a very familiar face in the playground and has done a fabulous job of being the class parent for 1/2H last year. His daughter Wavey is in Year 2 and his younger son Jed is often seen leading him through the playground.

Vice President – Tamesin Elliott
Tamesin is a new face on the P&C Executive, but not new to the P&C. She can claim rights to concocting the idea of our Camp at School event last year – a fabulous proposal. Her son Mo is in Year 3.

Secretary – Carmen Coulter
Another new face on the Executive, Carmen has been researching fundraising options for the P&C all year. She has two daughters Scarlett in Year 3 and Bonnie in Year 1 and baby Casper was born last year.

Treasurer – Stav Murphy
Stav is returning as treasurer for a second year to continue her very capable work. The accounting has improved in leaps and bounds this year under her auspices with money being allocated more accurately to the events it is raised at and what it pays for. Her eldest son Declan is in Year 3 and Liam will start at Marrickville West in 2015. Everyone will of course know “Ms Stav” from the school’s front Office where she works fulltime as well.

New coffee supplier

We are pleased to announce that we have a new coffee supplier for 2013. Local business and winner of the Sydney Morning Herald Good Cafe “Best Coffee” award in 2011 & 2012, Coffee Alchemy. To support this initiative, the P&C have introduced a loyalty card.

Canteen volunteers needed

Recently we have had good news that Marrickville Council has voted to make before and after school care at Marrickville West a permanent service; prior to this it operated on a trial basis. This is a great win for our school providing certainty for all the parents and kids who use it. However as part of making the service permanent Marrickville Council will be building its own kitchen facilities in the OOSH area and they will make their own afternoon tea from Week 6 of this term. This means the P&C will not have funds to pay to open the canteen at recess each day.

So from this term, in order to open the canteen at recess (and still keep the canteen profitable), we need volunteers to sell snacks from the canteen each day for recess. This involves staffing the canteen from 2:15pm-2:40pm and some minor cleanup and money counting afterwards. If we cannot find volunteers to fill this role the canteen will not open at recess.

The canteen needs more coffee making volunteers for mornings between 9:15 and 10:30am. If you'd like to learn how to make coffee on a professional coffee machine and help out your school please let us know.

Find us at www.facebook.com/MWPandC
Welcome BBQ
with Lunar New Year activities
5pm Friday 8 Feb
IN HENSON PLAYGROUND

Bring your family and have some free BBQ sausages and cold drinks. It’s a great chance to meet some other Marrickville West families or catch up with old friends. Bring a picnic rug or chairs if you wish, and some nibbles for before dinner. *We’ll be in the Hall if it is mean enough to rain on our welcoming event!*

Marrickville West Primary School

EFTPOS Phone Payment

Student’s Name: ____________________________ Class: ____________________________

Payment for: __________________________________ Amount: ____________________________

Mastercard Box __________ Visa Box __________

__/__/__ /___/___/___/___/___/___/___/___

Expiry Date: __________ CCV No.: ____________________________

Name on card: _____________________________________________

Contact phone number: ______________________________________

Simply cut out and return completed to the front office! Thank you!

(Minimum payment: $10.00)