Stage One's day out at the Museum was a time to learn about Aboriginal Culture. They saw a range of artifacts including tools, weapons and musical instruments.

Highlights of the day included lunch in the Skeleton Room, the dinosaur display and the ‘hands-on’ animal room.
I recently read an article in the Sydney Morning Herald written by Robyn Ewing, a Professor of Teacher Education and the Arts. She said:

One of the best teachers I ever had was Miss Greenlees, my fourth grade teacher at Harbord Primary School. She believed in me, understood me as a person, engaged me in the learning process and had high expectations of what I could achieve.

It's always important to reflect on the role of a teacher and the importance a teacher plays in a child's development. Professor Ewing writes that good teachers:

- Have a strong intellectual capability, along with well-developed literacy and numeracy skills.
- Know how to establish real relationships with individual learners to teach them how to spell or add.
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Damien Moran
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From the Assistant Principals’ desk...

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Our School Day

9:20am: Morning Bell – meet in Hall
CLASS TIME
11:25am: Lunch – Eating time
CLASS TIME
11:35am: Lunch – Play time
CLASS TIME
12:15pm: End of Lunch
CLASS TIME
2:15pm: Recess
CLASS TIME
2:40pm: End of Recess
CLASS TIME
3:25pm: End of School

Word of the Week
Hi Marrickville West! There are so many wonderful words in the English language. Did you know that the longest word has 189 819 letters in it? It is the scientific name for tintin, a type of protein.

The following word has 45 letters and is the word of the week. **Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanokoniosis**

This word is a noun and the definition of this word is a type of lung disease caused by silica dust. This is how to say it: **noo-muh-noh-uhl-truh-mahy-kruh-snop-ik-sil-i-voh-vuhn-oh-koh-nee-ob-sis**

By Sofia Goulding

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

Mark your calendar!

Assembly
Wednesday 20 March 2.45pm

P&C Meeting
Thursday 21 March 7pm

Marrickville Children’s Festival
Saturday 23 March all day

Stage 3 - Art Gallery
Wednesday 27 March

Good Friday – Public Holiday
Friday 29 March

Easter Monday – Public Holiday
Monday 1 April

Assembly
Wednesday 3 April 2.45pm

Stage 3 - Compass Excursion
Friday 5 April

Last Day of Term 1
Friday 12 April

Students Back for Term 2
Wednesday 1 May

Holiday Club Report

Every Friday afternoon a group of parents come to playgroup for a little bit of relaxing time away from their kids. Any parent is allowed to come to Holiday Club and food will be provided. Holiday Club starts at 2:30pm but for the children it starts at 3:25pm. Pushpa and Sharmilla will make sure you have a great time like you’re on a holiday.

By Mary and Kien

Some deadly kids at MWPS

App of the Week: DIY.org

DIY is a club for kids to earn Skills. DIY Makers share their work with the community and get patches for the Skills they earn. Each Skill consists of a set of Challenges that help them learn techniques to get the hang of it. Once a Maker completes a Challenge, they add photos and video to their Portfolio to show what they did.

FREE

HELP NEEDED MARCH 18TH – APRIL 5TH

Wendy is going on leave for 3 weeks and we need a volunteer each morning to take the lunch orders from 9:00-9:30am.

Mina and Ann will be making the lunches, all we need is a person to take the orders and serve morning drinks and fruit.

If we are not able to get volunteer support, we will only be able to open the canteen a couple of days a week, so please give us a hand.

Please contact Rachael on 0433 041 629, or give your name, phone number and preferred day to Wendy in the canteen.
Our Balinese Holiday

I went to Bali with Scarlett, Hayden, Carmen and Casper. One day I went to an orphanage with my Dad Hayden. There were 35 children living there without their parents. They had no one to love them until they went to the orphanage. My Dad told me that the orphanage has very little money. We have brought back some things that were made in the orphanage to sell at the Children’s Festival and hope you can support these children.

By Bonnie Coulter, 1W

More about the YKPA Mission...

The YKPA Mission is home to Balinese street kids. It’s a non-denominational Indonesian non-profit organisation and registered orphanage. They care for children aged 8 to 16 years old. These children come from very poor families and were sent to the city to beg. Many are traumatized victims of abuse and have had to learn to live without adequate food, water and caring from adults.

The goal of the YKPA Mission is to give these children what’s been missing in their lives with an opportunity for a good future. They no longer have to beg and can have a normal childhood. They feel valued for who they are. The Coulter family bought handmade bags, dolls and cards from the orphanage which were made by the carers with help from the kids. They will be selling these at the Children's Festival and the money will be sent back to the orphanage.

The Coulter Family are also sponsoring a child so that they can go to school and have basic medical care. Please visit the YKPA website and consider if you can help.

By Bonnie Coulter, 1W

Swimming Report

A group of students go to Enfield swimming pool each week for swimming. There are six groups: black, yellow, red, green, purple and white. In the red group children are practising correct positioning of arms and legs for freestyle. They are also practising other stroke techniques. In the green group children are learning techniques for swimming faster, backstroke and free style. They are also learning how to do a dolphin dive. In the white group children are practising to use only their arms to swim two laps of the 25m pool. They are making good progress with their freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.

By Abbey and Mina

SRC report

The SRC will be running some free activities at the Children's Festival that’s coming up soon. We will be running The Sack Race, The Egg & Spoon Race, The Three Legged Race and like last year – The Laughing Game. See if you can beat Dennis in Stage 2 because he was last year’s champion and didn’t laugh once.

This week the SRC will have a vote in class for ice-cream flavours at the Children’s Festival. We have about twenty to choose from and the most popular flavours will be available on the day.

The SRC’s next fundraiser will be a Crazy Hair Day. On Crazy Hair day you can wear Crazy Hair to school. You might like to colour it, spike it, wear a wig or a Mohawk. We will have some prizes for the craziest hair and some coloured hair spray for you to use too.

Another thing the SRC are planning to do is a small Scholarship Program. We are hoping to give away some of our fundraising money to students who have a special interest that they could use some support in. We will keep you posted.

By Bonnie Coulter, 1W

Water report

Not good news for our water bill. Our last quarterly bill was $3222.95. This bill has gone up to $4311.45.

Our average daily usage last bill was 8.55kL. This bill our daily usage has jumped up to 12.20kL. This time last year our daily usage was only 8.01kL.

World Water Day is on the 22nd March. Let’s make this a day to think about saving water at Marrickville West Public School. Remember if you see a tap that is running or dripping, please turn it off.

By Jefferson

Vietnamese Report

In Vietnamese last Thursday, we learnt to say some simple words such as:

How are you: Làm thế nào ban.
Grandpa and Grandma: Ông và bà.
Brother and sister: Anh và em.

We also learnt the story of how the animals were involved in the Vietnamese Lunar New Year and the names of all the animals that are in the Vietnamese Zodiac.

Try figuring out these Vietnamese words out:

Nama mơn Viêt Nam: __________________
Nama con rácn: __________________

By Maisha and Melissa

Whole School Assemblies...

…will be held at 2:45pm, every second Wednesday this year. Each class will have the opportunity to lead and perform at Assembly. These dates indicate the dates each class has been assigned Assembly for Terms 1 and 2.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend any Assembly throughout the year.

By Bonnie Coulter, 1W

School Captains report

Term 1 is now in full swing and we have settled into our new roles. We have been helping with preparation for Marrickville Children’s Festival, which is looking great. Look out for us in the parade!

By Bonnie Coulter, 1W

Zone Swimming Carnival

About 30 students went to Roselands Aquatic Centre for the Zone Swimming Carnival. We went by bus. At the pool we had a 5 minute warm-up in the pool including some diving practise. We competed against 20 other schools. Some people from our school came second or third in their heat but didn’t win the finals. We are proud that we represented our school in the Zone Carnival and hope next year to do even better. Thank you, Miss Keir and Mrs Whitfield for taking us to the Zone, and thank you to the parents who came to cheer us on.

By Bonnie Coulter, 1W

Term 1 · Week 8 2013
Japanese Delegation from Tokyo University visits Connect Marrickville and Marrickville West PS

On Monday 11th March we were joined by Yoshi and Junko, professors from the Keio University in Tokyo who were researching the settlement of immigrants in Australia through schools and early childhood settings. They were interested to know about how we support children and their families. Once isolated from the rest of the world, Japan is now home to many immigrants from South America, the Philippines and China. Many provide labour for Toyota. They now have 2nd and 3rd generations of families growing up there, often isolated from the rest of the community. Most of the work to support these communities is voluntary. Our nation’s policies of multiculturalism and social inclusion that are practiced here at Connect Marrickville, Marrickville West Primary School and the Children’s Festival are something we can be very proud of. Here are our visitors with our Japanese Mothers Group.

Free Parenting Course for Parents of 2-12 Year Olds

with Free Child Minding

TRIPLE P IN SCHOOL PROJECT

@ Marrickville West Primary School

Thursdays 10am – 12.30 in the Music Room

From 9th May – 27th June

Register with Croydon Community Health Centre on 9878 1377

For more information log onto www.triplep.org

Find us at www.facebook.com/ConnectMarrickville

How did Marrickville Children’s Festival start?

Once upon a time at Connect Marrickville there was an after school arts program called “Yarn Up”. It was very popular among all the families at the school at the time, and when it ran out of funding, no-one wanted to see it closed. So the families agreed to get together and plan a “Bollywood Arvo” as a fund-raiser. Some parents asked the local businesses for donations of food and raffle prizes. Some had friends and families happy to perform their cultural dances. Some families cooked like mad. And some collected $10 at the gate in exchange for a plate of food. The day was a tremendous success and Yarn Up could run for a further 8 weeks.

In the process we discovered that the world was encapsulated at Marrickville West. The variety and quality of the dances were superb. Many people who came to Bollywood Arvo saw that we had something pretty special going on. So from 2007 we decided to run it again under the name “Dance Around the World” and this time Marrickville Council encouraged us to apply for funding under their Festival grants, being a part of the month long Marrickville Festival program.

Dance Around the World continued in 2008 and 2009 thanks to grants from Marrickville Council and in 2010 from Sydney Airport Corporation. Each year Dance Around the World got better and bigger. It became so big that it needed to have more organisation around it to ensure its success. So the Children’s Festival Organisation Inc who had been running Children’s Festivals in Bankstown since 1999 and Canterbury since 2009, were approached about taking Marrickville as their 3rd Festival. This organisation had similar grass roots with a commitment to multiculturalism and children learning through play.

So in 2012 we saw our very first Marrickville Children’s Festival and what a success it was. There were over 18 performances with 120 performers from many cultural backgrounds, over 12 activities or workshops, nearly 20 stalls and over 120 volunteers and over 14 community agencies working together to bring it about. And we were blessed with a blue sky day without wind. Lets hope we get more of the same in 2013.

Earth Kids Garden Report

Three weeks ago we planted broccoli, basil, lettuces and a chilli bush. Then it rained a lot, so the plants were happy. Last week we picked fresh herbs, chillies and tomatoes. As you know we got new gardening tools from Earn and Learn, which was organised by the SRC and Mr Goozelf. The students really enjoyed using the new equipment.

It included two little wheelbarrows which were in many small pieces. I spent hours putting them together at lunchtimes, helped by Putu and Melissa. It was a tricky job, so I bought some tools from home to help. Mr Moran and Ms Kennedy were very impressed.

Arabic report

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By Shannel 5/6R

5/6R & 3/4G

The winner was 5/6R for wearing their hats.

Thankyou to the classes that wore their hats.

Ju Jitsu Report

The Ju Jitsu class teacher Mario has been to the world championships in America. He came second in the world in 2012 and I can’t believe that he is teaching us. So far we have learnt how to get out of a tight hand and how to take down your opponent when you’re on the ground. I would like to also like to give thanks to one of the parents Hayden who is also a teacher at Ju Jitsu class. My class has had a lot of fun and I think people who are interested should have a shot at it.

By Youcef

GO4Fun is a FREE program funded by NSW Health for children aged between 7-13 year old who are above a healthy weight.

Parents and children are invited to attend and register for the Go4Fun program at the locations listed.

Leah Choi - Program Manager

Leah.Choi@sswahs.nsw.gov.au | 0407 307 025 | 02 9780 2811 | 0457 500 636

FreeCall 1800 780 900 OR SMS 0409745645 for a call back.


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By Shannel 5/6R
Playground Buddies

When you see fights happening then don’t just stroll off, stop the fight or call a buddy. Preventing fights from happening will create a peaceful atmosphere and that’s what Marrickville West kids are always supposed to do, because Marrickville West is the Best. And remember, if you’re a child who is lonely then don’t waste your lunch time just sitting down, call a buddy and play with us. Thanks to all the smiles that you have been giving to your playground buddies.

By Maisha and Sandra

Paul Kelly Cup AFL

Keep Our Children Safe:
Do not drive into or walk your children through staff carparks.

STAGE 3 page

Art
For art 5/6R are creating artworks based on Margaret Preston’s flower prints and 5/6M are creating artwork based on Margaret Preston’s prints of Australian Views.

Inspired by Margaret Preston.

Science
We are currently making Science Kits for the Children’s Festival.

Maths
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by Anup
**P&C UPDATE**

**Children’s Festival – please help!**
The Marrickville Children’s Festival is this weekend! The P&C is helping make the day a huge success by running 4 different projects.
- We are opening the canteen to sell snack, drinks, slushies and iceblocks.
- We are running a Garden Tea stall in Henson playground with yummy cakes and pots of tea for sale during the day.
- We have arranged a jumping castle, some bungy jumping rides and water rollers.
- We are running a crazy hair and tattoo stall where you can come get your hair sprayed in wild colours or a special rainbow tattoo on your arm.

In order to run these stalls we still need around 20 volunteers to help us with manning these stalls. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help out. If you can spare two hours of your time at some point during the day, please write your name and phone number on the rosters on the western wall of the hall.

**Cake donations**
As part of the Garden Tea stall we are asking for donations of yummy treats and cakes. The P&C will be sending home cake boxes around the 20-21st March so that anyone who can make a donation to the cake stall can return their treats to the school in the cake box on Friday 22nd or Saturday 23rd March.

**Next P&C meeting**
The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 21st March at 7:00pm in the Staff Room. We will be deciding what to spend the $9000 we fundraised last year on. Come along and help us decide what the school needs most.

**NEXT P&C MEETING: 7pm Thursday 21 March 2013**

**Maths Help**
In case you forgot me from last year, I show students how to solve some maths questions. Today I will show you how important it is to work systematically in maths.

If you are systematic in maths you will find an easier way and more efficient way of doing a maths problem. There are lots of ways to be systematic in maths.

Here is a maths question that will be easier to do if you work systematically.

**Try and add these numbers.**
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Rather adding 1 number at a time (this is the adding on strategy), there is a more systematically and efficient way of adding these numbers. If you add 1 and 20 it will make 21, 2 and 19 also makes 21. If you keep grouping the numbers up like that there will be 10 groups of 21 so multiply them together and you will get 210.

Wasn’t that easy to do? Next time if you come across a maths question think systematically and you may find it easier.

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**School Sports**
In School Sports we did yoga and cricket. We learned that yoga is very relaxing. Some of the activities we did in yoga are: sitting on the floor and trying to get up without their hands, the aeroplane is standing on one leg and spreading out their one leg and both of their arms and they also stand on one leg and have a challenge.

In cricket we do many different activities with Mr. Yoon the children stand in a circle and the children pass the ball around the circle and they say the children’s name.

By: Saleema & Putu
Problem: You are in the playground and see and hear one person calling another person names.
Solution: Don’t be a bystander who does nothing. Go over and tell that person not make fun of that person you tell the teacher about this situation.

By: Kerrie & Dakotah

Conflict Resolution

Some of the kindies cried on their first day of school, but after a while they started enjoying school. We have surveyed some of the kindies around the school and asked them what they like, and feel about school, and what they have learnt.

Kindy Answers
My favorite subject is sport. We play fun games with our friends and teachers.
I like drawing and borrowing picture books from the library.
I like Mrs Whitfield because she has good books.
I think school is fun because we do art. School makes me feel happy because we get to play with friends.
I like school because we work with our friends.
I know how to count to ten.
I know how to say my ABC’s.
I like I like borrowing sports equipments at lunchtime.
I like playing games in class.
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Sports Monitor Report
Thank you to all the girls and boys who politely line up to get their sports equipment at lunch. Don’t forget to return your equipment at the end of lunch.

By: Sandra and Maisha

Life of a Kindy

As a dad you have a special role to help children:
Feel more confident.
Make friends.
Get through the tough times.
And you can:
Stay close to your children.
Set workable limits.
Deal with problem behaviours.
Build support for yourself.

The Father Factor
How dads can use play and listening to develop stronger relationships with their children.
Facilitated by Madeleine Scott and Rosemar Wishart

Free Evening Workshop
For dads, uncles, stepdads, grandfathers, other men, and for mums, aunts, grandmas and other women who care for children, Aged 0-12
Monday April 8th 2013
6.30-9.00 p.m.
Where: Ferncourt School, Marrickville NSW
Register: http://tiny.cc/L2CDBS
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Diary of a Radical Recycler

11:15am: I remembered to make an announcement this morning on lines about classes leaving their bins outside the classroom at lunchtime so Mr Moran was happy. But let me tell you, this recycling business is getting tiring. Last week the Kindergarten did way too much cutting and pasting and nearly exhausted me.
11:25am: Bells gone but this week I’m eating before I recycle. I need my strength.
11:30am: I’ve finished my sandwich. I’m feeling strong and go upstairs to take the recycling bin from 1H. I found some interesting worksheets in the bin about Australian animals. I put a couple in my pocket. They might just come in handy for my project on Australian icons.
11:35am: I return 1H’s bin and get recycling bin from K/1G. I have a poke about Australian animals. I put a couple in my pocket. They might just come in handy for my project on Australian icons.
11:40am: Feeling the strain after only 2 bins loads I’m glad that my shift is nearly exhausted me.

Healthcare Plans
Adrenaline autoinjector

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

School banking is
Wednesday 9–9.20am
in the LIBRARY
Marrickville West Primary School Newsletter

Marrickville children’s festival 2013

playing together and living in harmony

Fun! Fun Fun!

Saturday 23 March 9.30 – 4pm
Marrickville West Primary School
(Livingstone Road cnr Beauchamp Street, Marrickville)

PROGRAM
9.15am: Welcoming the Babies
From 9.30am: Rides, Games, Under 5’s Interactive Area, Stalls, Welcoming the Babies, Outdoor Stage
10.15am: Parade assemblies Louis Lawrence Reserve, Hornsey Avenue
10.50am: Welcome to Country, Opening, Dances and Performances
12.30pm: Games, Workshops, Flight Simulators, Bouncing, Choir Show
2.00pm: Official Opening, Dances and Performances
5.00pm: Raffle Draw, All-Together Dancing and Forenoon
6.30pm: Earth Hour Lantern Festival at Steel Park, Bring your Lanterns.

For more information contact: Kathy Baker on 0428 538 214 or Val Martin on 0421 550 119

Map of the Marrickville Childrens Festival
Saturday March 23 9.30–4pm
Earth Hour – Floating Candles on River

The Cooks River Valley Association (CRVA) is holding a Floating Candles Event to celebrate Earth Hour on Saturday 23 March from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at Steel Park, Marrickville.

Floating paper boats can be made at the Marrickville Children’s Festival at Marrickville West Public School from 9.30am to 4.00pm on 23 March or you can make your own and bring it down to Steel Park at 7.00pm.

We will provide candles

The River Canoe Club will be sending along canoes & kayaks with fairy lights

Musical entertainment by local jazz group The Hungry Trio

Bring along your , your , your

For further information contact Peter (0405 549 356) of info@crva.org.au

Funding support from Energy2U Alliance

For more information about Marrickville Children’s Festival
www.childrensfestival.com.au or like Marrickville Children’s Festival on Facebook