SCHOOL CAMPOUT
2014 will see some significant changes at MWPS. The new funding model will be implemented across public schools in NSW, we will have a new National Curriculum and there will be some changes to our teaching and leadership personnel.

Mr Damien Moran has successfully applied for a promotion to principal at another school. He will complete this year at MWPS before moving on to lead a school of his own in 2014.

Mr Moran has been an assistant principal at MW for 3 years. During that time he has made his mark as an exceptional educator, a resourceful colleague, a proactive builder of community and a genuinely caring human being. Whilst Mr Moran will be greatly missed, his dedication to quality education, high standards for senior grades and collaborative teamwork will continue to enhance our school and community well into the future. We wish him great success and every happiness as he transitions into this new leadership role for 2014.

Our school will welcome two new Assistant Principals to the leadership team at the start of the new year. One is yet to be appointed. The other, Ms Joanne Mulligan won on merit, the position vacated by Ms Want’s retirement earlier in 2013. Ms Mulligan comes to us with a high level of experience both in and out of the education system and a genuine desire to make a positive difference for all students and their families. Her dedicated and innovative approach to teaching and school development has earned her great respect at all levels of her current school community. We look forward to working with her to further grow and improve learning and community engagement at Marrickville West.

School improvement is led by the school planning and evaluation cycle. The NSW Government’s latest policy for school leadership, “Local Schools Local Decisions” means that in principle, schools are more able to respond to the specific needs of the communities they serve. Your feedback is important. Please look out for the evaluation surveys that will be sent home in the coming weeks and take a few minutes to complete them. With your help, our school plan will accurately reflect the changing needs and priorities of all families across our community.

Ruth Bradfield-Ling
Principal
The Tennis Group is offering a free group session with one of our coaches for any Marrickville West student.

Current times are 4pm to 5pm and 5pm to 6pm, Monday 18th Nov for Kindergarten to Yr 2, Tues Nov 19th for Yr 3 and 4 and Wed Nov 20th for Yr 5 and 6.

Times on Thursday and Friday afternoon might be available as well, depending on demand.

The Tennis Group will donate $40 to your school for each player's initial ten session booking (just $160 for ten sessions).

Please email thetennisgroup@mail.com or call 0481 568 171 ASAP to request a time for next week and/or for our weekend sessions.

Marrickville West Public School wins a Neil Rankin Award for innovative environmental project

Students, staff and local residents were acknowledged for their part in the innovative project ‘We are all Cooks River people’ when Laura Zusters from the Wolli Creek Preservation Society (WCPS) presented the school with a Neil Rankin Award at the school assembly on Wednesday 26 October.

School staff developed curriculum material so that the whole school, from Kindergarten to Year 6, could address the same environmental theme within their teaching and learning programs.

Local residents acted as resource people providing practical information and advice about the local area.

The work was completed over a whole school term. Children were encouraged to create art works related to the flora and fauna of Cooks River, write songs and stories and make films.

The project culminated in the Water Festival where children were encouraged to create art works related to the flora and fauna of Cooks River, write songs and stories and make films.

Laura Zusters from WCPS was most impressed. ‘It’s wonderful to see a program such as this which uses the local environment and local people to help raise children’s awareness and understanding of natural resources and, through practical activities, shows how children can have a role in caring for their environment. Another important benefit of the project is that the Curriculum material is available for any teacher from any school to use and it can be adapted to all ages and locations.’

Neil Rankin, often known as the Birdman of Wolli Creek, knew that teaching children how to enjoy and care for their natural environment was important if they were to become protectors of that environment in the future.

From the Office:

We are approaching the end of the financial year for public schools in NSW and are attempting to finalise all school accounts.

Marrickville West PS currently has $11,000 owed from families in unpaid invoices. This amount represents approximately 10% of our working capital and if left unpaid, will impact significantly on funds available to support students at our school during the coming year.

For families who have been assisted in the past with Student Assistance to meet payments, we may not be able to offer this in the future if outstanding amounts are not received.

Next Year invoices will be sent home each term instead of each semester. This will give more opportunity to settle accounts before they become unmanageable.

Vale : John Dengate 1938-2013

John Dengate was involved in traditional and folk music since the late 1950s in Menindee, where he was sent on his first teaching appointment. Here he met Brian Mooney, who introduced him to traditional Irish music. However, even in his childhood days he was writing rhymes, reciting Banjo Paterson and was acknowledged as a story teller who could capture everyone’s attention.

For over sixty years, John wrote songs and poetry about life in Australia and his performances reflect his deep interest in history, his humanity, his sense of humour and his irreverence. While he is best known for the performance of his songs of satire and political comment, John has also written songs of deep compassion about his family and everyday Australians who battle through life. He never left home without a pen and paper and wrote many hundreds of satires, songs and poems in his life time. He may also be remembered by some for his busking with a tin whistle near Central station in Sydney during his later years.

His books My Shout and My Shout Again sold out and have become collector’s items.

John Dengate passed away recently. He is famous for his music, art and connection with the famous Australian explorer, Henry Lawson. He has often been called a “national treasure”.

What you may not know, is that he was also a much loved and fondly teacher at Marrickville West PS during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Mrs Macauley recalls Mr Degney’s staff “Guitar Club” which met regularly at the old Anzac Club in Marrickville on Friday afternoons for after-school guitar lessons, sing-alongs and liquid refreshments.

His lunch orders will be long remembered by Wendy in our canteen who has kept several of the order bags he decorated with intricate and often amusing artworks along with his sandwich choice for the day.

Mr Dengate is survived by his partner, sons, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. His songs, stories and pictures will be long remembered.

Creative Writing

Every Thursday afternoon a group of kids go to creative writing for enrichment. We meet up with Mrs Kennedy and write some fabulous stories. Each of our stories will be in a magazine. This is the third magazine published by this enjoyable enrichment group. Each child is asked to write a comic, story or anything of their choice on topics such as Halloween, fairies and super babies! We would like to thank Mrs Kennedy for editing and creating the magazine.

Spanish report

Hola amigos! Last week in Spanish we went to the computer room to look at a Spanish website. The Spanish website taught us how we could learn Spanish. I did a la familia game. La familia means my family. The game was to make a family tree - only you have to do everything in Spanish. Like if you want to put your mum in a frame you have to put your mum on top of her Spanish name. The Spanish name for mum is “mamá”. Hasta la vista (bye bye).

By Shakira

Book Exchange

Bring 1 book from home to swap at the book exchange.
every morning 9-9.15am in the library
Remembrance Day
Monday 11 November 2013

Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). At 11 am on 11 November, 1918 the guns of the Western Front in Europe fell silent after more than four years war. Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. This year is the 95th anniversary of the end to World War 1.

The red poppy is a flower that grew over the battle fields in France following the devastation of the war. The poppy is often used on Remembrance Day as a symbol of peace.

by Maisha and Sandra

Enrichment Groups Survey

What do you think about Multicultural Munch?
Multicultural Munch is coming up and we can just imagine how fun it is going to be. We were wondering if the other kids in our school like Multicultural Munch as much as we do, so we decided to do a survey on that.
1. It’s fun because it brings us all together.
2. It’s entertaining because there are some professional dancers.
3. I think the food is the best because we get to try each others food.
4. I think it’s a great time to show your culture to other people.
5. The best part is the food.
6. I think it’s fun.
7. I love the cultural dancers.
8. I love everything.
9. I love the books that are in different languages in the library.
10. I think everything is awesome.

The good thing is that nobody said “I don’t know?” to our question. Kids seem to like the dancers and the food most, even though we like the stories the best. Remember to wear your cultural clothes and gold coin donation.

by Maisha and Sandra

Footsteps dance classes

Students have been enjoying the dance classes provided by Footsteps Dance Company on a Friday morning. The kids come down in groups of about 80 to the hall to enjoy learning some hip hop, circle and couple dances.
Stage 1 classes have been learning a superhero hip-hop dance with some Superman, Captain Underpants and Hulk moves. They have also enjoyed some jive and rock’n’roll dances. Stage 2 and 3 have been shown some complex movements for a variety of hip-hop dances including giving some tips on how to moonwalk. These older students have also tried some circle dances where the girls progress around the circle changing partners and some couples dances.

The aims of the classes are to encourage movement and an active lifestyle, improve co-ordination and work on social skill development of the students.

This year Marrickville Council has given the school a grant of $3000 to help subsidise the cost of this program and we thank them for helping us run this program again this year.

by Maisha and Sandra

Cricket report

On Friday last week, the cricket squad went down to Steel Park. First for a bit of warm up we played bulrush. We practiced batting. After batting we played a game called fireball. There were two teams; one team had to field and the other team had to bat. The batting team lined up and took turns in batting one by one. The fielding team had to wait still until the batting team finished batting all three balls. The batter had to get as many runs as possible and the fielding team had to return all three balls back to the cones.

By Mert, Quan & Kadir

Cooking report

In cooking we made some milkshakes. The ingredients are 2 spoons of vanilla ice cream, 1 cup of milk for each person, chocolate, banana or strawberry syrup. Then we put some fruit in the blender and turned on the blender. We are looking for more recipes that we can make in twenty minutes.

By Yehya 3/4G

Energy report

This week’s energy bill is $4,734. Please remember to open the blinds and use natural light as much as possible. Also, open the window if you can instead of using fans. Remember, the less electricity we use the less money our school has to pay.

by Joy

School banking is
Wednesday 9–9.20am
in the LIBRARY

by Maisha and Sandra
Crochet report

Crochet is a process of creating fabric from yarn threads or other materials using a crochet hook. You can also do it with your hands. In our crochet class we learnt how to make a long strip of cotton for a big project that we will be putting together. Here are some tips for crochet:

- Use 100% cotton yarn (it makes it easier).
- Use a small hook for big hands and big hook for small hands.
- Be in a quiet or calm atmosphere to help you concentrate.
- Start by making a long strip of yarn to get you used to the pattern.
- Don’t move around too much or you will lose the yarn’s tip.

By: Ozge

Footsteps report

Last Friday we did partner dancing with the boys and girls. We had fun dancing with everyone but it was hard work. Some groups were so very good at dancing with their partners that they had to dance in front of the students in the hall. I wonder what dance we are doing next?

By Melissa and Cain

Gardening report

The Earth Kids garden group goes to the garden every Friday for 1 hour with Mrs Kennedy. Recently we planted corn and strawberries. We also did weeding and watering, and at the end we got lollies from Miss Kennedy.

By Shannel and Putu 5/6R

Music News

Students in the Opera House Recorder Ensemble are already learning a new piece for 2014 called Can-Can. New players are welcome.

If you borrowed an instrument this year, please return it to Ms Mac by November 15th.

Congratulations to Stage 3 for their Wakakiri Story Singing entries called Celebrate. Tabetha won First Prize for her original song. All students in 5/6M and 5/6 R will receive a participation certificate.

Keep Our Children Safe:

Do not drive into or walk your children through staff carparks.

Our School Day

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

Water report

The graph shows how much water we used in Week 4. Clearly it shows that we are using a lot of water in just one week. If we are using water like this every week, the school cannot buy any new equipment to use outside and inside. Remember to turn off the taps if you see them running. Also did you know that a leaking toilet can waste 43 litres a day?

by Jefferson

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By Melissa and Cain
Corroboree Sydney is a new annual Sydney festival, to be held for the first time in 2013, over 11 days in November. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and friends from Marrickville West will be attending this program. Corroboree Sydney is an event that brings together Indigenous art, craft and culture from around the nation and will become Sydney’s major event for Indigenous cultural expression. The event will include art, talks, films and performances produced by nine cultural institutions that have collaborated to develop the festival. There will also be public events along the Harbour foreshore. By Harry and Louay

Deadly kids at MWPS

Playground Buddies Report

Hi guys, Miss Ling has asked the parents not to drive in the teachers’ car park because it is dangerous for the students coming to school and leaving school. Also, please do not go into the office and the administration building without a teacher’s permission first. Please respect the school rules. Thank you. By Putu and Shannel 5/6R

Hi everyone! Every Friday we do school sport after lunch. Year 5 and 6 play Oz tag for one hour. Also year 3 and 4 play all sorts of games like ‘stealing the candy from the witches’. That’s what we do every Friday. By Maharshi and Mitchell

School sport report

Handball Championships brought to you by the SRC!!

SRC page

Don’t forget the Bring & Buy day!!
Friday 22 November

Library monitors

Dear readers,
Because it is almost the end of the school year, the school library will be closing for borrowing books (due to stocktake) but will still be open for lunchtime sessions. We do ask that if you have a book out can you please return it as soon as possible. You can still read the books at lunchtime but you can’t take them home.

by Abbey Walker 5/6M

Vietnamese report

Last week, we did a Vietnamese test for our school report for this Semester. It was very challenging but we finished it. After finishing the test we had to go to the hall to practise our Vietnamese dance for the Multicultural Munch. by Kien

by Cain and Evie

In Jiu Jitsu we have been learning how to get out of grabs and holds. We have been doing some rather interesting warm ups where we move like animals and we play cool games. We are all enjoying it so far.

by Cain and Evie

Intensive Swimming

We went to Intensive Swimming lessons for only two weeks, Monday-Thursday. There were three buses, Bus 1 went at 9:15am, Bus 2 went at 10am and bus 3 went at 10:55am. While we were there we were divided into our groups. The first group were mainly the kindergarten students and they swim in the babies’ pool. The second group were in the kid’s pool. This group included me, Saleema. The third group swim in the adult pool but they only had ¼ of the pool. The fourth group were good at swimming and they just did some laps. Mina was in this group. They did butterfly and they also had a whole lane but they normally swim only ½ of the pool.

By: Mina and Saleema

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Sculptures by the Sea 2013
Ingredients:
- 1 kg of potatoes
- 3 – 4 cups of self-raising flour
- 6 eggs
- 1 – 2 litres of vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon of turmeric powder
- Salt (according to taste)
- Chilli powder to taste

Method:
1. Peel potatoes cut them into medium sized cubes
2. Coat cubes in turmeric powder and then deep fry until tender
3. Remove to the side to cool
4. In another bowl add self-raising flour, salt, eggs and mix
5. For the last step, dip the deep fry until golden brown and crunchy and serve

Potato Pakora
By: Nazma

Potato Pakoda

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JERISA'S MONKEYS

Little Monkeys - $25
Big Monkeys - $35
Rabbit & Cat - $30

Cleverly handcrafted from socks as a part of the Community Threads Project in Marrickville. Larger monkeys have Velcro hands.
Email Jerisa: jerisa0520@hotmail.com
Or phone: 0477 041 880

Holiday Club Cooking:

Potato Pakora

Kathy, Lois and Meatballs!
kindy 
page

In KS we have experimented with with circles and watercolours to create these beautiful artworks.

During the past two weeks Kindergarten have been involved in the Intensive Swimming Program activities at the Col Jones Swimming Pool at Tempe. The program was invaluable in the provision of swimming instruction on a daily basis, giving many a confidence with the beginning skills required for swimming. The children loved their experience in the pool and were most disappointed to know that it would be school as usual next week.

Stage 1 have been writing expositions. These are texts that give a point of view or persuade us about something.
To complete our game boards. Two weeks in the holidays and Government. We were given three weeks to make a game board about Australian 'Government in Australia'. Over the term the project we were assigned was to make a game board about Australian Government. We were given three weeks to complete our game boards. Two weeks in the holidays and one week in Term Four. We all did different designs, some were similar and some were very interesting. Once all of us had handed our game boards in, we got to play them with our friends. We took a survey with two pluses and one wish. A majority of the pluses said that the game boards were interesting and that they had good designs. Almost all of the wishes said that the questions were too hard to answer. But we had heaps of fun testing out our games.

By Hailie and Amarchi 3/4C

Our Game Boards on Government
In Term Three, our H.S.I.E topic was 'Government in Australia'. Over the term we had learnt about Australian Government, and so for the end of the term the project we were assigned was to make a game board about Australian Government. We were given three weeks to complete our game boards. Two weeks in the holidays and one week in Term Four. We all did different designs, some were similar and some were very interesting. Once all of us had handed our game boards in, we got to play them with our friends. We took a survey with two pluses and one wish. A majority of the pluses said that the game boards were interesting and that they had good designs. Almost all of the wishes said that the questions were too hard to answer. But we had heaps of fun testing out our games.

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Next P&C Meeting: Thursday 7pm 28 November
facebook.com/MWPandC
What do parents want from Marrickville High School?
You told us so now come hear the results

Marrickville High School Principal, Arety Dassaklis, is hosting a special information session that includes the results from our 2013 survey completed by over 500 parents from 12 local primary schools.

WHEN: Wednesday 20 November
TIME: 6-7pm  Meet the teachers & school tours
7-8pm  Information session
WHERE: Marrickville High School Library, Northcote Street, Marrickville

This evening will:
1. Present the findings of the survey
2. Provide info on our academic and enrichment programs
3. Offer an opportunity to meet our Principal, teachers and facilities

For parents of little ones we are providing pizza and a movie to keep children entertained and supervised between 6-8pm.

We encourage you to attend and let others in your school community know.

RSVP Lauren.hetreles@det.nsw.edu.au or through the MHS Facebook page.

For more info contact Lauren M: 0412 284 259

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In English we continue to read a narrative about the Eureka Stockade. The Eureka Stockade was a civil revolt in 1854 in Victoria, Australia by gold miners against the officials supervising the gold-mining regions of Ballarat.

By Anna and Fahim

Children’s rights
You have the right to:
1. be treated fairly no matter what
2. have a say about decisions affecting you
3. live and grow up healthy
4. have people do what is best for you
5. know who you are and where you come from
6. believe what you want to
7. privacy
8. find information and express yourself
9. be safe no matter where you are
10. be cared for and have a home
11. education, play and cultural activities
12. help and protection if you need it

StAGE 3 page

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Invitation for children to participate

‘Any musical activity is a powerful builder of friendships, community bonds and social capital – the aim of “Carols on Norton” is to encourage community interaction through music-making by people of all ages, and ability at the highest level in a community setting’

Michelle Leonard – Artistic Director, Carols on Norton

What is Carols on Norton?

Carols on Norton is a free outdoor Christmas event presented by the Leichhardt Espresso Chorus and Leichhardt Council. It is held in Pioneers Park, Leichhardt on Sunday evening, the 15th of December.

The outdoor event includes an orchestra and local community choirs, including the Carols on Norton Children’s Chorus.

What is the Carols on Norton Children’s Chorus and what commitment is required?

The Leichhardt Espresso Chorus has been organising concerts and workshops with children all over regional New South Wales for the past eight years in programs sponsored by, amongst others, the NSW Arts Ministry. Using this experience in the local area for the past six years, children all over the inner west have experienced the benefits of singing in a professional concert – Carols on Norton for the last 7 years.

All primary school children from year 2 onwards are welcome to join the choir.

IT’S FREE!

REHEARSALS: All rehearsals are at The Italian Forum, 23 Norton St, Leichhardt. Children must attend ALL rehearsals in order to be ready to perform.

Schedule is as follows:

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local sushi supplier, best quality sushi &
sooo much more delicious – try for yourself!

**NEW! Sushi Menu**

- Teriyaki Chicken Roll
- Cooked Tuna Roll
- California Roll
- Vegetarian Roll
- Plain Inari (2pieces)

All pieces $3

To insure your order please pre-order & pay on Tuesday morning at the canteen

Limited items will be available on Wednesday until sold out