Farewell Year 6!

- My best memory would be when I was in year 5 and it was presentation day and Ms Ling was announcing the 2013 school captains. I was extremely happy that I got voted to be M.W.P.S vice captain. By Abbey Walker
- My Year 6 Memory is one of the funniest moments of my primary school life. It was on the way back from the Stage 3 Camp 2013 on the bus. We were laughing and having a good time and talking about the funny things that happened on school camp, like canoeing and archery. By Anna Poullas
- My favourite memory of year 6 is the Giant swing of when we went to camp. It was awesome and I hope to experience something like this again. By Kali
- I haven’t been in this school my whole life but I’ve loved it ever since I came. One of my favourite memories is when I will miss this school, my friends and my teachers. I hope it stays as amazing as it is. By Maisha
Farewell Year 6!

- My favourite memory throughout primary school was when I was in stage 2 and Mrs Luna brought a small rabbit to school and it didn’t want to get off me which is when I first got my love for animals except for insects. By Ozge
- The time I had at M.W.P.S were the best times of my life like Miss Ling always says she is the mother and we are all her kids. When I was in playgroup they were a lot of people but I still had a lot of fun even though there were a lot of people and I will take these memories to high school and good luck Mr Moran I think you will make a good principal. By Putu
- The time I had at M.W.P.S were the best times of my life. I was here since kindergarten when my mum said are you excited to start school today I was really scared I was also very shy I was crying. I liked Mrs Barnett as a kindergarten teacher she was so kind and caring. If it wasn’t for Mrs Barnett I would not be standing here in year 6 right now. So thank you Mrs Barnett and thank you for all the teachers who helped me get to where I am now. By Shannel

From the Principal’s desk...

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of another year at MWPS!

After what seems like only a few fun-packed weeks, we are suddenly preparing to say farewell to another fabulous group of Year 6 graduates and welcome a new group of Year 6 student leaders into the “top job”. Class of 2020 are set to begin Kindergarten and some well-loved members of staff will be moving on to the next chapter in their professional lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many who have worked tirelessly to ensure our children continue to learn in a safe, inclusive, nurturing and respectful school environment, where individual differences are respected and socio-cultural diversity amongst our school community considered an asset. Many children benefit from being part of a community they know will acknowledge their strengths (whatever these may be) and support them to navigate the challenges of learning and growing in a dynamic but imperfect world.

One (of the many) who has taken a huge part in making sure our students feel safe and supported is Mrs Barnett. Since kindergarten when my mum said are you excited to start school today I was really scared I was also very shy I was crying. I liked Mrs Barnett as a kindergarten teacher she was so kind and caring. If it wasn’t for Mrs Barnett I would not be standing here in year 6 right now. So thank you Mrs Barnett and thank you for all the teachers who helped me get to where I am now.

From the Office:

Thank You

Thank you to our parents that have made prompt payments. There is still a large amount outstanding. Thank you to all our wonderful parents for all their support and assistance throughout the year. Thank you to our fabulous office assistants & volunteers.

Festive Greetings

We would like to wish everyone festive greetings for the holiday season and for an awesome 2014.

Year 6 & Kindy 2014

Farwell and Good Luck to all our Year 6 students. We wish you success and happiness in your upcoming high school careers. Welcome Kindys 2014 to MWPS as your school life begins with us.

School elections

It is time for the student leader elections for 2014. It is a time to listen to the year 5 speeches. Students vote for the people who they think will be good role models and work hard to make Marrickville West even better.

Term 4 · Week 9 2013
Arabic report

We have been watching an Arabic learning series and watched some Arabic cartoons. We are learning and practising how to speak fluent Arabic. Fluent Arabic is found in Middle Eastern countries including parts of Afghanistan, Algeria, Syria, Libya and Morocco. This is my last Arabic report as I am off to High School.  

By Youcef

Chess report

Every Thursday afternoon throughout the semester, a group of students have been playing chess. Our teacher was Mr Burmen and he is a very good player. We like chess because it makes us smart and improve our critical thinking. This is the last Chess Report for this year, so here are some chess tips:
1. Look at your opponent’s move.
2. Make the best possible move.
3. Have a plan.
4. Know what the pieces are worth.
5. Control the center of the board.
6. Keep your king safe.
7. Know when to trade pieces.
8. Think about the endgame.
9. Always be alert.

By Rafid

Our reflection on Masi’s talk

Stage 3 had a special visitor named Masi talk to us about something very important which is the situation of refugees and how they are treated by the Australian government.
Masi told us his story. When he was 14 years old the Taliban came to his family house in Mazari Sharif, Afghanistan and threatened to kill his father. The neighbours helped to scare away these men. Then Masi’s dad told his wife and the kids to hop into the car. They left their home that very night, forever, as Masi’s dad drove the family home that very night, forever, as Masi’s dad drove the family.

Masi’s story is very sad and deeply moved our hearts. We all have our own opinion about refugees but according to the UN Human Rights Article 14.1: Everyone has the right to seek refuge and asylum.

The issue is very complicated but we need to be aware that people who arrive in Australia are often very scared, lonely and in desperate need of somewhere safe to live. Masi is now 19. He made the journey. He was dropped off at the house of a smuggler and commenced his long and dangerous trip to Australia. The rest of his family went to Pakistan and were put into a detention centre.

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Some birds think the plastic is food and feed it to the chicks. When the chicks swallow too much, their tiny stomachs become full they can’t ingest any food and they starve to death on a full stomach.

Last year, environmentally motivated students at Canterbury Girls High made headlines with their school initiative. A group of Year 9 students organised the installation of a water refill station in their playground and asked their canteen to stop selling plastic bottles of water. It was so successful that they are now getting other schools on board with their ‘Plastic Free in 2193’ postcode campaign.

Let’s lead the way in Marrickville 2204!

Gardening report

Last week we did weeding because it was raining all week so we did not have to water because the garden had enough water. We picked strawberries and we got to eat them in the staffroom.

By Shannel and Putu

Creative Writing

In Creative Writing we have written many creative texts. Some are about Halloween, some are tutorials and some are reviews. If you would like to check out our stories the magazine will be published in December 2013 (before end of term) and it will feature everybody in this Enrichment group. Mrs Kennedy is working very hard to put the magazine together with help of some of her students. We hope you enjoy our stories!

By Shannel and Mary

Cricket report

Last week on Friday the cricket team went down to Steel Park. 3/4 and 5/6 were split up. Both the groups played a game of cricket. In each group there was a bowling team and a batting team. It was a fun day and everyone had a wonderful time.

By Mart & Quan
White Ribbon Day

On Tuesday Mr Burman took 3 year 5/6 boys to celebrate with Marrickville for White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon Day is about stopping domestic violence against women. It’s run mainly by men.

We arrived at Marrickville and got to listen to lots of performances from people in the community. There were rappers, rockers and singers. It was very entertaining.

Towards the end of the Day all the boys got up to take a pledge and all the girls got up to read out their rights. This is what the boys said:

“I swear never to commit violence against women.”

“I swear never to excuse violence against women.”

And the girls then said:

“We have the right to live free from violence
We have the right to change and grow
We have the right to follow our dreams
We have the right to ask for respect and equality
We have the right to say no without feeling guilty
We have the right to make mistakes
We have the right to succeed
We have the right to choose when and how to assert ourselves.”

Energy report

This month’s energy bill is $5,382. Please remember to open the blinds and use natural light as much as possible. This is the last energy report from me for this year as I am going to high school but don’t forget to 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 and Mathew

Crochet report

In our Enrichment Group we are learning how to Spool knit which is a form of knitting that uses a spool and a number of nails to produce a narrow tube of fabric. Spool knitting is a traditional way to teach children the basic principles of knitting. Many things can be made from the resulting tube e.g. it can be wound into a spiral to produce a mat or rug. If a larger spool with more nails is used, a sock or hat can be made:

By Ozge

Library Monitor

Sadly to say this is my last library monitor report for the year because I’m heading off to high school. Next year you are going to have some great new trainees for the library and for this report.

Due to this being the end of the year the library will only accept returns for the library and for this report. To have some great new trainees for the library. Next year you are going to have some great new trainees for the library.

By Abbey Walker

Office duties

In the office we are receiving more and more lost property. We have also been receiving hurt children. Please be careful in the playground. Children have also been coming to the office dehydrated. Please drink a lot of water on hot and sticky days.

By Kali

Ju Jitsu report

Last Friday at Ju Jitsu we did animal movements including the Tiger Move. We also did important steps on how to stop you from getting hurt by bullies. Also it is the last newsletter this year so merry Christmas and hope you have a great holiday.

By Evie and Cain

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By Kali

Diary of a Radical Recycler

11:25am:

Today is my last ever day as the MWPS Radical Recycler. Next year I am off to High School so I must turn in my badge. Getting into the Christmas spirit on such a special and sort of sad occasion, I ported a red velvet Santa hat and stepped off up to the Stage 1 classrooms to fetch the bins. I sounded a bit like Santa’s reindeer Rudolf on account of the fact that I had also attached some jingle bell arm bands to my person.

11:30am:

In the 1H I noticed something that I had not seen all year. A recycling bin poking out from under a computer table. How strange, I thought to myself and pulled it out. The bin was empty except for a little box wrapped in Christmas Tree wrapping paper. It had a name tag on it and on the tag were two letters: R. R. I picked up the package with delight. No doubt this was a gift from St Nicholas himself. Obviously my dedicated recycling had at last paid off and I had made his Christmas list for doing things nice.

11:40am:

Having finished my rounds I am now sitting outside the library with my special gift in my hand. I take a deep breath and open the present.

11:45am:

Deck the halls with mouldy and rather moth eaten boughs of Holly. Inside my so called ‘present’ was a note that said, ‘You are the last of the Radical Recyclers or are you? Think carefully, you know what you have to do. Remember, you are the chosen one…”

11:50am:

And what I had to do, I have done. I have wrapped the present back up in some Christmas wrap that I found blowing across the playground. I carefully put the present back into the recycling bin and did it under the computer table in 1H. There it will lay until next year when it will be the perfect end of year gag for the Radical Recycler of 2014.

Funny photo of the week

By Kali
Footsteps report

Last Friday Year 3, 4, 5, 6 did disco dancing. Our dance teacher Britney was away so we had a new teacher. Everyone had a partner to dance with when we were doing the disco dancing. After that we practiced some of our other dances.

By Mia and Anna

School Captains

This will be our last school captain report. Thank you for this wonderful year at Marrickville West. It was a pleasure being your School captains. Good luck to our year 5’s and our new School Captains who will be taking over from now on. Mission Complete

Sincerely your School Captains

Sign-Writing report

This is the last sign writing report for the rest of the year. Although we are not writing anymore more reports we will still be changing the sign regularly until the end of the year. This week’s sign says: ‘White Ribbon Day, We say no to violence.’ White Ribbon Day is a day to remember that male violence against women is wrong and not acceptable.

By Mia and Anna

Maths Help

So welcome to the last ever Maths Help from me, Mathew. Today I will test you what we did over the year.

Try and add these numbers:

2 + 8 = 10
6 + 4 = 10
9 + 1 = 10
7 + 3 = 10
5 + 5 = 10

The total for the group of number is 50. Making groups of 10’s is a good strategy for adding numbers and helps keep those pesky numbers under control.

By Mathew Wang

Future leaders of MWPS after their outstanding election speeches.

What do you like about Christmas?

It’s nearly the end of the year and one of the most exciting days is coming up, which is Christmas. Many people just love the carols and the presents and we decided to find out what other kids in our school like about it.

1. Opening the presents.
2. I like the food best.
3. My favourite bit in Christmas is getting together with other families.
4. I like the presents.
5. I pretty much like everything.
6. I like the food.
7. I like the carols in church.
8. I like Santa coming to our house.
9. I like decorating the tree.
10. I don’t celebrate Christmas but I like people being happy.

Let’s just say that Christmas is popular for the food and presents. We also respect that for some, Christmas is a day like any other day. However you spend 25th December, we hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas. Remember, it’s Christmas in the heart that put Christmas in the air. This is our last survey for the year. We are off to high school but know that 2014 will see many more new surveys with the new Year 6 Newsletter reporters.

Word of the Week:

This week is the last word for the year. The word is:

lipogram

(lip-uh-gram)

and it is a noun meaning a sentence or a passage consisting only of words that lack a certain letter. For example; The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog. This lipogram lacks the letter s.

By Aaliyah

Water report

In Week 7 we have used a fairly large amount of water. As you can see on the 19th, 20th, 21th of November: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday we have used more than 5000 litres. Please try to save water. Farewell everyone, I am off to high school. Please remember to use water wisely. If you see a tap running, remember to turn it off.

By Jefferson

Keep Our Children Safe:

Do not drive into or walk your children through staff carparks.
**Playground Buddies Report**

This will be our last report for Year 6 because we are going to high school next year.

Please remember to look both ways before crossing the road because I have seen a couple of kids doing that.

Also we have seen quite a lot of kids treating other kids the way they want to be treated and we would like to encourage it as much as possible. Remember that Marrickville West is the best.

By Shannel and Putu

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**Ethics Classes**

**Stage 2:**

In ethics we discuss what is right and wrong. We get asked questions and do activities to explore an issue. For example, when is it ok to lie? I really enjoy ethics because it helps you to understand things from different perspectives.

By Peri

**Stage 1:**

My ethics class was interesting because we had to think about whether things were right or wrong. For example, if you found a bird should you keep it?

By Otto

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**Rabbit-Proof Fence**

Rabbit-Proof Fence is about an Australian film directed by Phillip Noyce based on the book Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence by Doris Pilkington Garimara. It is based on a true story concerning the author’s mother, as well as two other Aboriginal girls who ran away from the Moore River Native Settlement to return to their Aboriginal families, after having been placed there in 1931. The stolen generation is a sad part of Australian history.

By Harry & Louay

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**Bring and Buy Day**

The Bring and Buy Sale was on Friday 22nd November and many girls and boys across the school had a stall. Year 6’s traditional stall was the water bombing or sponge throwing stall. Other stalls sold a range of merchandise including lolly cups, hair spraying, food, books, old toys. It was a great opportunity to earn pocket money in the lead up to Christmas.

By Saleema and Mina

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**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

It is with great pride and excitement that I take up the position of Assistant Principal at Marrickville West Primary School. I am really looking forward to being a part of this school community which has such a proud tradition of excellence in Public Education and dedicated community partnerships. I believe that teachers make a difference in the lives of our students and this drives me to continually learn more about being a better educator. I enjoy the chance to learn from my peers and as well, pass along my own experiences. My goal is to facilitate, lead, encourage and mentor students towards a lifelong love of learning.

On a personal note, I have lived locally for a number of years and like to take advantage of the cultural activities the inner west has to offer. I attempt to maintain a healthy lifestyle and escape back to the country where I grew up to visit family and friends during the holidays. I am also an avid cricket fan and follow the Dragons in the NRL.

I consider myself to be quite friendly, so when you see me, smile and have a chat.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Jo Mulligan

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**Book Exchange**

Bring 1 book from home to swap at the book exchange.

Every morning 9-9.15am in the library
My Big Mistake

I've made lots of mistakes in my life, but the biggest would have to be the one I made last week. It all started when I decided to fight the dragon.

She lived in a vast cave about a mile from the castle on the hill, and when she got hungry she ate my peasants. At first this didn't bother me much (they were only peasants after all,) but one day I woke up to find that all my peasants were gone! Who was supposed to look after the farmlands around the castle now?

I knew I had to do something, so I started by putting my armor on and grabbing my favourite sword. I would go to the dragon's cave, where I would find and kill the peasant murderer. Oh the glory if I could slay a dragon! I got onto my horse, about to ride to the cave where she lived, when a dark shadow filled the sky. I looked up to see the red body of the dragon above me, there for her daily helping of peasant. I tried to ride back inside as I realised how truly bad my idea was, but it was too late.

Ten minutes later we landed in an immense cave. She threw me unceremoniously onto the ground, where I lay, motionless and slightly dazed. I didn't really understand what was happening, until the claws of the dragon scooped me up and raised me until I was level with her mouth, which was open. It looked like a great, black cavern. I was about to become a dragon's dinner! Instinctively, I slashed at the hand I was held in, and she dropped me instantly. I climbed onto her back, and lodged the sword into her flank, just out of her reach. Then I jumped down and ran, slowed down by the fact that I was practically wearing a tin can. Although she'd been distracted for a while I could hear her hot on my heels.

I ran all the way to the river, where I jumped on board a boat. The dragon believed that I had jumped into the water mass and dove in. There, before my very eyes, she started spluttering and gasping for air before sinking.

Thank you to our exceptionally dedicated ‘Buddies’ from Year 4. Your smiles, support and encouragement clearly have made a difference. Thank you also to the parents who ensured their children were able to attend and benefit from this important experience. Thanks to the staff who introduced so many aspects of school life so gently and professionally over the 5 weeks. And last but not least, a big thank you to Rhonda Travis who attended every week in her own time to ensure we have these beautiful photos to record the beginnings of school for this gorgeous group of new students.

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Eating time is fun in Year One!

More Marrickville West community in the news for making a difference!
In Maths in KS we have been looking at the volume of objects. The kids were put forward a challenge: In pairs they were asked to make as many different configurations using just 10 connecting cubes and to record them on paper. Some people got very creative with their designs!

White Ribbon Day
Marrickville West students accompanied by Mr Burman, join the Pledge at White Ribbon Day. "I swear never to commit violence against women. I swear never to excuse violence against women. I swear never to remain silent about violence against women. This is my Oath."

Multi Mix Mob, our Aboriginal Playgroup, organised White Ribbon Day in Marrickville for the 4th year in a row. Supported by Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Marrickville Police and a number of other community organisations. There were speakers and performers from Marrickville High, Canterbury Boys, Rap from PJ Smurf, and many others joining the chorus of saying NO TO VIOLENCE, and that it is everyone's business.

These were some of just some of the 90 innovative projects created through partnerships between schools and community organisations, and selected by NAB for Impact or Seed funding. Karen Locke from Marrickville West P&C and myself from Connect Marrickville were privileged to be invited to a one day seminar for the “Schools First” National Winners in Melbourne on 28th November.

Aside from the workshops, we enjoyed mingling amongst people from the corporate sector, from schools and from other community organisations, finding out what alchemy had brought people together to create particular projects with schools. It was exciting to be able to talk about Marrickville West, our diverse community and all the many partnerships and community initiatives already taking place, as well as the Homework Club which has got off to a flying start.

Find us at www.facebook.com/ConnectMarrickville
STAGE 1

Year One were lucky enough to visit the Australian Museum for the Tyrannosaurs exhibition. The museum had many hands on learning activities. In this photo the children are watching themselves on the screen, when suddenly the dinosaurs join them. Everyone got a fright.

We all agreed the best part of the day was meeting Winnie, the life size dinosaur who walked around the museum and scared us with its roar.

STAGE 2

Students in 3/4C were asked to write a descriptive introduction as a beginning to a creative writing exercise using this stimulus picture as a prompt.

I remember, one night in 1976, a strange thing happened. I heard screaming coming from the house next door. Angry screams. A weird smell lingered around the house, I couldn’t quite place it. Suddenly, I looked outside the window and saw Mr Scarry holding a chair above his head.

What the hell! Mr Scarry would never do that! I had to go and see what was happening!

by Anya

The picture comes from a book called the Mystery of Harris Burdick. Here are some examples for their fabulous writing.

It was Monday evening about 6pm when Billy was in the living room and there was not a sound to be heard. The smell of fresh air filled the room and it was bitter cold, the wind was strong it howled and the heater did not help to warm the room. Then he noticed something under the rug and his life changed forever...

by Billy

It all started on August 22nd, 1984. It was around 11pm, when the rats that vacated the New York sewers, came out from their homes, and sunk around finding cold chips and half-eaten sandwiches to take home and nibble on. And the taxi drivers honked their horns with rage, hoping that their next customers weren’t so talkative.

I was at home, sitting in my old velvet chair I’d had for years. I was eating a prepacked roast beef dinner. The mashed potatoes were bland and horrible, the peas sloppy mush. The roast beef I can’t even describe. I flicked the through channels on the television every two minutes. Happy Days? No. The Brady Bunch? No. Cheers? Alright. I stopped flipping the channels and settled down.

“Sometimes you wanna go where everyone knows your name…”

by Hailie

He wacked it on the head, Ignoring the hooting owls and the howling wolves,

What the hell is that, it’s only 1849? Thought the man, not noticing the lightshade falling towards him.

by Harry

Oh no not again! It started at exactly 7:00 pm. First the smell of rot and decay wafts through the air. Then the sound of wood splitting as it burst through the floorboards. I armed myself with a chair and turned to face the monsters that took my daughter.

by Zara

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**P&C UPDATE**

**Funding success and P&C spending**

Our P&C has had a great year full of collaborating with the school, providing means for the school community to get together and raising money to better the school and giving back to the school what we’ve raised in previous years.

This year we have provided for the school:

- $15000 Grant funding for a Homework Hub
- $3000 Grant funding for the dance program
- $3000 Grant funding for P&C equipment
- $2000 Subsidised the cost of the Swimming Program
- $2000 Contributed money for the Yr5/6 Camp
- $1000 Purchased 3 mini iPads
- $600 Raised money to buy gifts for Kiet and family
- $400 Provided books for the reading program
- $200 Bought new equipment for the school canteen
- $200 Given Citizenship awards for each class
- $200 Providing library bags for Transition
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We’ve also raised over $14000 in our fundraising ventures, such as the Election Day Extravaganza, Marrickville Children’s Festival, Bunnings BBQs, Mothers and Fathers Day stalls, Dinners and snacks at the School Musical, Film Nights and Secondhand Uniform stalls. Well done to all and it’ll be great to see you all next year.

We truly appreciate all the hours you’ve given! We hope that you’ll come back and help out some more next year.

- President
  - Thomasin Litchfield
  - Mum to Otto in Yr1, Esther in Kindy and Ildi

- Vice President
  - Helen Escreza
  - Mum to Tilly in Yr4

- Vice President
  - Richard Spencer
  - Dad to Wavey in Yr2 and Jed coming to Kindy next year

- Vice President
  - Carmen Coulter
  - Mum to Bonnie in Yr1 and Scarlett in Yr3

- Secretary
  - Tamesin Elliott
  - Mum to Mo in Yr3

- Treasurer
  - Stav Murphy
  - Mum to Declan in Yr3 and Liam (shared jointly by Thomasin Litchfield)

**Go4Fun healthy kids program**

- NSW Health
- Local Health District
- slhd.nsw.gov.au/GO4FUN

**Go4Fun in Inner Sydney Term 1 2014**

- Ashfield – Ashfield Aquatic Centre
  - Carr Elizabeth St & Frederick St Ashfield 2131
  - Monday's ONLY program 4:15pm – 6:15pm
  - Saturday’s ONLY program 1:00pm – 3:00pm

- Canterbury – Research Aquatic Centre
  - Centre Ave Roselands 2196
  - Tuesdays 4:10pm – 6:10pm

- Canada Bay – Five Dock Leisure Centre
  - Williams Street Five Dock 2046
  - Mondays 4:30pm – 6:30pm

- Marrickville – Annette Kellerman Centre
  - Enmore Park, Black Street Marrickville 2204
  - Tuesdays 4:30pm – 6:30pm

- Marrickville – Five Dock Leisure Centre
  - William Street Five Dock 2046
  - Mondays 4:30pm – 6:30pm

- Strathfield – Dutton Centre
  - 40 Augusta St Strathfield 2135
  - Saturdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm

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Families encouraged to register with your GP or local health professional.

**Natasha in KB went with her grandparents to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney. This is an artwork she designed using the profile of her own face to create an illustration that relates to her own life.**

Ms Ling was so impressed, she decided it needed to be shared.
This is our final stage Page of the year. It is the most the most fun and memorable part of the year for Year 6 as we are about to say goodbye to our friends and move onto High School. For Year Five it is a time to get ready to take over as new leaders of our fantastic school.

Some highlights of this term have included:
- Our Grand Design in 40 minutes, where we had to build a model of a structure using a range of materials including straws, skewers and tape. Although we had to plan this design task at home, we had a consultant from Deloitte at our side during the actual construction. It was fun and very engaging to use our brains to create our grand design.
- We are also enjoying dance each Friday. We have learned partner dances including The Farm Dance and Cha Cha. It is great to move to the music and dancing is a way to relax and have a good time.
- From your team of Stage 3 writers who have contributed to the Stage 3 Stage Page throughout the year we say farewell as we look forward to High School.

By Mathew
December 2013

Christmas craft

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Imagination Theatre

Drama Voice Singing Music Movement Design

Christmas craft

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Festive craft for kids

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Children’s Summer Reading Club  |  1 December 2013 – 31 January 2014

WHAT’S IT ABOUT?:
The theme of this year’s Children’s Summer Reading Club is Investigation. Register to read great books over summer with the chance of winning some fantastic prizes.

WHAT TO DO?
• Borrow books from your library and start reading!
• Fill in the four reading records in your kit. For every completed record, you will get a lucky dip at the library. Remember to attach receipts of books borrowed and read. Hand in your records to go into the lucky draw.
• Entries need to be handed in by 31 January 2014 at any Marrickville Library branch.
• Entries will be judged based on presentation and writing skills. The judges’ decision will be final.
• The Library reserves the right to use all entries without further permission for future promotional purposes.
• Winners will be announced at THE PARTY on Friday 7 February 2014.

COMPETITIONS
• Colouring competition
• Create a picture entitled: *I love to investigate...* (For example dinosaurs, Antarctica, space etc.)

Entries will be judged in two categories:
- 5-8 years old
- 9-12 years old

THE PARTY
Club members will be invited to the Party on Friday 7 February 2014. There will be certificates, lucky draws, entertainment, food and cake!

THE FINE PRINT
• The Reading Club starts 1 December 2013 and finishes on 31 January 2014.
• Magazines, comics, and non-fiction books are acceptable.
• You can read one of your own books for every 5 Marrickville library books read.

This is a national Reading Club with thousands of kids across Australia participating.