** Winners of our No Bullying poster competition **

Here are the winners of our No Bullying poster competition. Many thanks to Dendy Cinemas Newtown for sponsoring our family passes to the movies prize! Congratulations Amarachi, Katie, Harriet and Sascha!

** Calendar Dates **

- Every Friday – Got Sport
- Every Monday – Homework Club Yr1-3
- Every Wednesday – Homework Club Yr 4-6
- Wed 26th March – 5/6C Assembly
- Mon 31st March – Yr6 National Young Leaders Excursion
- Tue 1st April – Yr6 Sydney Uni-Giant Science Excursion
- Wed 9th April – Stage 3 NSW Art Gallery Excursion
- Wed 9th April – Easter Raffle Draw
- Fri 11th April – P&C Film Night

** Keep Our Children Safe: **

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

** NEWSLETTER INFO: **

This newsletter is laid out by a volunteer parent: Softly, mother to Iggy (3/4M) and Baxter (2G/K). If you’d like to contribute please grab her in the playground and have a chat. She loves meeting new people! Advertising enquiries can be directed to Stav at the office:

stavroula.murphy@det.nsw.edu.au

** From the Principals’ desk... **

Time and time again I am reminded of how lucky we are at Marrickville West to have a school motto that reflects the practical reality of our school and community.

“Work as One” was certainly well demonstrated last week during the walkathon. Our P&C created the plan, developed the promotional material and sourced the novelties. Many parents and grandparents arrived on the day to set up, assist, encourage and join in the fun. Staff provided donations, promoted the event and directed walkers enthusiastically around the course.

Students sought sponsors and then enjoyed a spectacular time with friends, water hazards, obstacle courses, free oranges and ice blocks.

There was even our own special “super hero” on hand to lead the way. A sample of photos have been uploaded to the Gallery on our school website. Take a look.

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the day, including the many hundreds of sponsors who have made the event worthwhile by pushing us towards achieving our fundraising target.

Within the year we will have an even more spectacular playground in which to walk, run and play. Our newly laid basketball court has already been very enthusiastically received. In the coming months, the grassy hill beside the basketball court will be levelled and re-turfed to provide an area more conducive to running and ball games. Marrickville Council is continuing to work behind the scenes to ensure the long awaited water eco garden is installed by Term 3. This will be situated on the other side of the court, between the playground and the community garden. The eco garden will form a more aesthetic boundary between the playground and the community garden whilst also collecting and filtering storm water to be used for irrigation. The eco garden will include an interactive, natural play area with sandpits, a bridge, outdoor learning area and garden beds. There will also be signage to promote a better understanding of how the water garden works and how we can ensure storm water runoff does not further pollute the Cooks River.

Remember you can stay up to date with school events by registering your email address to receive weekly updates from your child’s teacher and class parent. Facebook contains a page for our school, P&C and Connect. The school website contains more detailed information including a school calendar. Did you know you can download permission notes for most school excursions by clicking on the calendar event? No need to wait for notes or rely on your child to remember to find notes that have gone missing. Just click and print.

Marrickville West – brighter, better, best!

Ruth Bradfield-Ling

Principal
Music...
with Miss Laura and Mrs Caponis
Stage 2 are studying the theme 'Australia, you’re standing in it' for their HSIE unit: the states and territories, Aussie icons, significant places and people. 3/4M are reading the book 'Are we there yet?' by Alison Lester.

3/4M have been given a toy fish to take home and make a project because we are studying Australia. The project has to connect with Australia. We are allowed to:

- Give it a name
- Give it a costume
- Make a diorama
- Write a biography
- Make a poster
- Write a play script

Be as creative as we want!!
We have also been writing lots of persuasive texts, learning how to convince somebody to take our point of view. Below are some fantastic examples from 3/4G.

STAGE 2

STAGE 3

10 Things You Don’t Want As A Pet:
1. A Brick
2. An Anvil
3. A Giant
4. A Potato
5. A Glass
6. A Planet
7. A Lit Match
8. A Shooting Star
9. A Lightning Bolt
10. A Space-Skip On Count Down

Awesome things

Everyone needs to be reminded of everything Awesome. Here are some things that we could think of. So if you’re feeling down just have a read or read to make you even happier than you already are!

- Soccer
- Owls
- Reading
- Sport
- Cute Animals
- Space
- Toys
- April fools
- Jokes
- Laughing
- Charles Darwin
- Horrible History
- Swimming
- Babies
- Inter species relationships
- Dogs

This was inspired by 5/6K’s Awesome Wall Maybe you should go and have a look at it sometime,

By Meg 5/6K, Hailie 5/6K and Sofia 5/6C

Funny photo of the week
**Top 10 Most Dangerous Creatures [In Australia]**

10. Honey Bee: Their stings are quite painful. Once you have been stung, the site might become itchy. A day later, the site will be swollen and red.

9. Cone Shells: The venom may affect heart muscles and the central nervous system. Any paralytic effect on these muscles makes it difficult to breathe.

8. Common Death Adder: Its venom can cause paralysis or even death. It can deliver the fastest strike of all Australian venomous snakes.

7. Coastal Taipan: In case of severe envenomation, death can occur as early as 30 minutes of being bitten. Average death time after being bitten is 90 minutes.

6. Blue-ringed Octopus: If someone’s bitten, the venom can cause nausea, respiratory arrest, heart failure, severe and sometimes total paralysis and blindness. Death is usually from suffocation from lack of oxygen in the brain.

5. Sydney Funnel Web Spider: The bite is very painful due to the size of fangs penetrating the skin. Symptoms include watery eyes, goose bumps, sweating, nausea, vomiting and much more.

4. Saltwater Crocodile: It is capable of taking any animal that enters its territory. Due to their size, they are the most dangerous extant crocodilian to humans.


2. Bull Shark: They are known for their aggressive nature. Bull sharks can live in both saltwater and freshwater. They are probably responsible for the majority of near-shore shark attacks.

1. Box Jellyfish: The venom causes cells to become spongy enough to allow potassium leakage. This can lead to collapse and death as quickly as 2-5 minutes.

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**SRC Report**

Every fortnight (two weeks) a group of elected students called the SRC (Student Representative Council) will meet to decide on things to do for the school. Our first focus is to model great leadership in the classroom and playground. We are also going to help the students follow the school rules and adhere to our school motto “Work as One” and continue to make Marrickville West the BEST! Other things we will look at over the year is things like: what to buy for the school, fundraisers and fun stuff such as disco and competitions. There are two to four SRC representatives in every class, excluding Kindy, and the captains are part of these meetings as well. Remember that if you have any ideas tell one of the SRC members and they will bring it up in the next meeting.

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**Website of the Week:**

**Skype**

- **Category:** Communication
- **Compatible on:** PC, Android, Windows Products, Samsung, iOS (Apple Products Including iPhone, iPod, iPad, iPad Mini and other products made by Apple) and many more.
- **Abilities:** Chat with friends, Video Chat with friends, do Video Calls with multiple people. With normal Skype you can only do 3 or more calls at once without video, but if you have Premium Skype (which costs money) you can do 3 or more people calls with Video.
Raising money for playground equipment, please keep your sponsorship money coming in!!

thank's everyone!!
Hello from the P&C!

Last week was a huge week for us, with Marrickville West's first walkathon and the P&C meeting where we voted on how to spend our money for 2014.

As well as the many many parents who help at the canteen, provide food for P&C-catered functions, assist at events, walkathons etc, there are always many more people working behind the scenes, giving their time to make our school an even better place for our kids to learn and grow. For example, we are currently waiting for news on grant applications for three separate projects, all initiated and worked on by parents. Fingers crossed!

Listed below are the sub-committees for this year. We will particularly need help in the planning and organising of our 'Sculpture by the School' event, to be held in Term 3. If you are interested in helping out, or working with a group of children on an art project, we'd love to hear from you. We are always keen to hear from new people – if you have skills, suggestions, ideas, let us know in person or email marrickvillewestpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

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School banking is Wednesday 9–9.20am in the LIBRARY

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**Funding Allocation for 2014**

The P&C allocated $10,500 to be spent this year in the areas of community, welfare, sustainability, technology and creative arts.

- Keep an eye out for some brightly painted benches in the playground marked as ‘Buddy Benches’. In collaboration with the SRC and playground buddies, these will be places where children can go to if they are feeling lonely and want a friend. If you want to see where the inspiration came from, go to www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/12/03/second-grader-buddy-bench_n_4378248.html
- Look out also for two new water refill stations to make filling up your re-usable water bottle quick and easy. This initiative also encourages less plastic and saves money.
- As in previous years, the P&C will provide ‘transition to school’ bags (which then become library bags) for the kindy class of 2015 and provide the class citizenship awards at Presentation Day.
- We established a fund to assist the school and families who struggle to afford the cost of excursions, camps and special programs.
- We are helping the school to establish a breakfast club, by providing some of the food each week. This promotes healthy eating habits and aids better learning in the classroom.
- We are financially supporting the school in the area of technology.
- We are funding an art program in Term 3, in the lead-up to the Sculpture Event.
- The canteen will be getting some badly-needed upgrades; a new fridge and microwave.

At our next meeting, we will be voting on a major project to be funded by the P&C and implemented within two years. Come along to have your say.

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**WestWalk**

WestWalk was a fantastic event. Thank you to all the helpers on the day. It would’ve been impossible without you. The children were unstoppable and if we hadn’t set a maximum of 20 laps, many would have just kept on walking!

Thanks to Miss Kier’s dad for so generously donating boxes of oranges.
Thanks also to Banana Joes Foodworks for providing the ice blocks.
Thanks to the folk from Vision Fitness who cheered the kids on and provided balloons and tattoos.
We would love to present the prizes in Week 11, so please support your children in collecting the money from their sponsors and returning it to school in the envelopes we have sent home.
There will be a lunchtime disco for the House that raises the most money, a prize for the class that raises the most money and the child in each class who raises the most money will receive a free lunch from our canteen. Every child who returns their money will also receive a certificate.

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**Film Night**

Our next exciting event is the first Film Night for 2014. Thanks go to Joe Westbury and Erin Brannigan for establishing the film club at Marrickville West and running it for several years.
This year we have a new team running the show – Darren and Softly (parents to Iggy & Baxter) and they have exciting plans up their sleeves...
Join us on Friday 11 April to celebrate the end of Term 1 and enjoy a night of animated short films in the school hall.
Only $3 a person or $5 a family. Bring friends and please make sure an adult is with your children. See you there!

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**Ethics Classes**

Ethics classes are growing at Marrickville West and we need more teachers!
If you are interested in being trained to teach these classes, please contact the co-ordinator Mel Giveen on melinda.giveen@hotmail.com
More information is at www.primaryethics.com.au
We are also currently working on translating information about these classes into other languages.

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**P&C Sub-Committees for 2014**

**Grants:**
Karen Locke
Michael Locke
Rosemary Rumbel
Melanie Stopic
Thomasin Litchfield

**Music:**
Thomasin Litchfield
Greg Shapley
Stephanie Wilson
Laura Caloia
Stacey Caponas
Joanne Mulligan

**Environment:**
Rachael Ottaway
Robbie Kennedy
Lyndon Snelling

**Sculpture Event:**
Tamesin Elliott
Thomasin Litchfield
Stav Murphy
Greg Shapley
Cathy Ciriti
Joanne Mulligan

**Mothers’ Day:**
Softly Dunstan
Maria Lombardo

**Trash & Treasure:**
Softly Dunstan
Tamesin Elliott
Entry of Students

Year 7, Year 11

2015

Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures

To the Principal

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2014 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2015 in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops.

Year 7 Audition Dates:  Friday 20th June – Thursday 26th June 2014

Year 11 Audition Dates:  Wednesday 18th June – Friday 20th June 2014

Please Note: To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

Initial registration for an audition is required online via our website

www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for registration is 1st May 2014

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts provides specialist education at the highest level to students having outstanding potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Dance, Drama or Music.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Gray
Principal

Conditions:

Each audition is assessed on its own merits. The examiner’s decision is final and no appeal can be made except on procedure. Information on individual student’s performance in their audition will not be given. The purpose of the auditions is for the school to select the top students as assessed by the examiners. These are the conditions under which students and parents/carers must agree to when applying to audition.

Need more newsletter?

Current & past issues of the newsletter are found at:

www.tinyurl.com/MWPSnews

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

Homework for little kids

Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child’s teacher.


Helping your child to become a good speller

What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.


Dad and son time

A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and building a healthier relationship. Find out more: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars

Motivating lazy children

All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.


Buy tickets online now

Come along to the best Aussie movie since The Castle and help a local boy get back on his feet.

The Marrickville Cricket Club has organised this local community fundraiser and movie night to support our U12 player Laurence Bain and his family and help fund his rehabilitation program.

Backyard Ashes is an Australian comedy set in the Regional city of Wagga Wagga in NSW. It’s the backyard of a local bloke and cricket fanatic named Dougge Waters, a society, a kind of middle class suburbia. This is a movie for the whole family.

Food, treats & drinks on sale before movie starts at 6.30pm.

6.30pm

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More info:

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SUPPORTED BY

Marrickville Movie Night

6pm Saturday 29 March @ Marrickville Town Hall

Marrickville Council

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Did you know that Literacy is more than Reading and Writing?

It's also Speaking and Listening

Some children love talking, while others are shy or English is their second language. Some children are good at listening, while others find it difficult. This course for parents encourages children to be both good talkers and listeners. Its primary focus is on Kindergarten and Grade 1. Parents will see how it is possible to assist with a volunteer program at the school.

Conversations with Kids
-a course for parents that will assist children at home and at school

with Katrina Stoman
9.30 – 11am Mondays
In the Music Room, B Block

1. Monday 12 May
   9.30 – 11 Talking and Listening Skills

2. Monday 19 May
   9.30 – 11 Questioning Skills

3. Monday 26 May
   9.30 – 11 Stimulus Activities

4. Monday 2 June
   9.30 – 11 Demonstration and Discussion

5. Monday 16 June
   9.30 – 11 Demonstration and Discussion

6. Monday 23 June
   9.30 – 11 Demonstration and Discussion Certificates

Topics include:
- Active Listening
- Turn Taking
- Wait Time
- Asking Questions
- Closed, Open-Ended and HOT questions (Higher Order Thinking Skills)
- Quality Conversations with Kids

Please return note to your child’s class teacher by 5th May 2014. If you have any further questions please speak with Vivi on 0421 550 119, 9558 4036 or connectmarrickville@gmail.com

This project has been made possible from DEC Equity and is a partnership between Marrickville West Primary and Connect Marrickville – School as Community Centre

Yes, I would like to participate in the Course Conversations with Kids.

Parents Name: .................................................................................. Contact Number: ................................

Email address: ........................................................................................................

Your Child’s Name: .................................................................................. Class:.........................
Earth Hour – Floating Candles on River

The Cooks River Valley Association (CRVA) is again holding a Floating Candles Event to celebrate Earth Hour on Saturday 29 March from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Steel Park, Marrickville.

Make your own floating paper boat & bring it along to the event.
We can wax waterproof it for you
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 picnic by the River, celebrate Earth Hour, enjoy the music and catch up with other River folk.

(Gold coin donation)

For further information contact Peter (0405 549 356) or info@crva.org.au
Foods coloured GREEN are approved by The Healthy Kids Association for eating everyday. The other foods are recommended as occasional foods.

### Super Sandwiches, Toasties & Salad

- **Ham & tomato**: $3.00
- **Ham & cheese**: $3.00
- **Tuna or Ham or Cheese with Salad**: $3.80
- **Tuna & mayo**: $3.00
- **Chicken, lettuce & mayo**: $3.40
- **Ham, cheese & tomato**: $3.40
- **Vegemite & Cheese**: $2.60
- **Baked Beans**: $2.60
- **Vegemite**: $1.60
- **Egg/Cheese/tuna/chicken slice/ham**: $2.60

### Before School – Fuel Up!

- **Cheese & tomato**: $3.00
- **Egg & lettuce**: $3.00
- **Salad**: $3.30

### Snacks

- **99% fruit juice ice sticks**: 60c
- **Frozen fruit piece**: 20c
- **Seasonal Fresh fruit from**: 60c+
- **Sultanas & apricot pack**: 50c
- **Fruit Salad Cup**: $2.00

### Drinks

- **Up & Go**: $2.10
- **450ml Sparkling water**: $2.00
- **400ml Mt Franklin**: $1.50
- **Flavoured Milk (lite)**: $1.80
- **200ml 100% Juice (bottle)**: $1.90
- **200ml 100% Juice (box)**: $1.30

### Extras

- **Filling (each)**: 60c
- **Roll or wrap**: 60c
- **Mayo/tomato sauce**: 30c
- **Sweet chilli/BBQ/soy sachets**: 30c
- **Add – Tuna/egg/ham**: 60c ea
- **Plastic Spoons**: 5c

### MEAL DEAL w/ oak milk & pieces of fruit $4.50

- **Muesli with yoghurt or milk**: $2.10
- **Cheese & Spinach Triangle**: $1.20
- **Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls**: $1.50
- **Vegetable Sticks with Humus**: 60c
- **Mini Quiche**: $1.20
- **Mini Spinach & Ricotta Roll (V)**: $1.00
- **Mini Tomato Top Beef Pie**: $1.20
- **Fried Rice (gluten free)**: $3.50
- **Traditional Potato Bake**: $3.50
- **Hot Corn Cob**: $1.00
- **Vegetarian Lasagne**: $3.50

### Snacks

- **Popcorn**: $1.00
- **Roasted Seaweed**: $1.00
- **Cheese & Spinach Triangle (V)**: $1.20
- **Steamed Vegetarian Gyoza (V)**: 70c
- **Potato Chips (28g)**: $1.20
- **Flavoured Rice Crackers**: $1.20
- **Vege Crackers**: $1.20
- **Gingerbread Folk**: $1.40
- **Vegetarian Lasagne**: $3.50

### Meats

- **Chicken / Beef / HALAL Beef Pie**: $3.00

### FRIDAY: PIES

- **5 Chicken wedges (Halal) or Chicken Burger**: $3.50
- **MEAL DEAL w/ oak milk & pieces of fruit**: $5.00

### Monday: Chook Chook

- **5 Chicken wedges (Halal) or Chicken Burger**: $3.50
- **MEAL DEAL w/ oak milk & pieces of fruit**: $5.00

### Tuesday: Pasta & Curry & Pizza

- **Homemade Bolognese Pasta or Lasagne**: $3.50
- **Juicy Pizza Slice – Ham & Pineapple**: $2.00
- **Veggie Pizza**: $3.00
- **Mild (mango or butter) chicken curry with rice**: $3.50
- **Meal Deal w/ oak milk & pieces of fruit**: $5.00

### Wednesday: Sushi & Soup

- **Sushi (pre-order Tuesday)**: $3.00
- **MEAL DEAL oak milk & pieces of fruit**: $4.50

### Thursday: Chook Chook

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### Friday: Pies

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Tuurngait

Room on the Broom

The classic picture book written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler. A sweet conversation via objects in a bottle...

Rob 'N' Ron

In a miniature spaghetti western, two out-law brothers discover that life is what happens to you, just as you’re busy doing other things.

Bottle

A sweet conversation via objects in a bottle.

Chinti

Luminalis

300 International Awards

 BITSELLER

What happens when a traditional writer has to change his old typewriter for a computer?

Partysaurus Rex

When Rex finds himself left behind in the bathroom, he puts his licks to use by getting a tooth gang for a bunch of new toy friends.

Rabbit and Deer

The friendship of Rabbit and Deer is put to the test by Deer’s new obsession to find the formula for the 3rd dimension.

Tuurngait

An Inuit child wanders away from his village, fascinated by a weird bird. His father follows his trail, determined to find him before he gets lost in the ice.

Luminaris

300 International Awards


6PM FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2014

SCHOOL HALL, MARRICKVILLE WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL, BEAUCHAMP ST

$3 FOR A FAMILY

We are not babysitters!
All children must be accompanied by an adult the entire time.

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