From the Office

Invoicing
This year invoices will be sent home each term instead of each semester. This will give more opportunity to settle accounts before they become unmanageable. All outstanding amounts from last year will be carried forward to this year.

Medicine
Any medicine that needs to be taken at school has to come down to the office. A form has to be filled in by the parent or guardian before we can administer any medication.

Traffic Incidents Diary/Log
We also have a Log / Diary for Traffic incidents that occur at our crossings outside our school. Please feel free to update the log if this occurs.

Calendar Dates
Every Friday
- Got Sport
Every Monday
- Homework Club Yr1-3
Every Wednesday
- Homework Club Yr 4-6
Wed 12th March 2:45pm
- 2GK & 2G Assembly
Thur 13th March
- High School Selective Exam
Fri 14th March
- Stage 1–Local Community Walk Excursion
Fri 21st March
- Stage 1–Cooks River Excursion
Tue 1st April
- Yr6 Syd Uni-Giant Science Excursion

From the Principals’ desk...

2014, the Year of the Horse and my tenth year as principal of Marrickville West Primary School. As I look back over the decade I can see there have been many changes to school staff, buildings and community over that time. I am also proud to see that some things have not changed. Marrickville West remains the warm, inclusive, student focused, community based learning environment that supports our children to thrive and empowers our families to connect.

It is important for me to remember in business of the day, why we are here and what is most important. It is with pleasure that I am reminded regularly that children are the centre of what we do, but it is the effort and commitment of the adults that has impressively continued to enhance learning, build success and ensure the tone of our school remains warm, open and inclusive.

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There will be a few changes to programs and systems this year. Keep an eye out for notes in your child’s bag or homework folder. Remember that there are many other ways to check what’s happening at school.

Our friendly Office staff knows almost everything! They will do their best to answer questions, pass on information or assist with minor issues. Teachers are happy to talk to parents before or after school, on the phone. Just call the office to arrange an appointment or drop in at the end of the day if a brief chat is all that’s required.

The school website contains a calendar, photo gallery, class information, previous Newsletters and latest news from the DEC. Check facebook for news about Connect Marrickville, Marrickville West P&C and Marrickville West Primary School. You can “like” these pages to get regular posts fed through to your own facebook account.

Class parents are starting to connect with teachers in order to send regular updates via email to families in each class. If you would like to receive your Class Parent emails and have not registered, just send your email address to school with a note giving us permission to pass the address on to the parent volunteer for your child’s class.

Families will receive Class Parent emails weekly in most cases.

Getting the most out of school for your child is a team effort. The better we are able to work together, the more confidence and success our children are likely to experience.

No issue is too small to discuss if it is affecting your child’s happiness or capacity to learn at school. We may be the experts on the NSW education system, however as parents, you are the expert on your child. Together we can make the biggest difference. Respectful communication and collaboration is the key.

Looking forward to talking to you very soon!

Ruth Bradfield-Ling, Principal

Next P&C Meeting
Thursday 20th March 7:00pm in the staff room. This will be our funding meeting for the year. Come along and vote on what we spend money on this year.

Walkathon
helpers needed on Thursday 20th 9:30-12:30 with the walkathon. If you can help with cutting up fruit, setting up tables, organising the kids etc then please add your name to the roster on the P&C Noticeboard (western wall of the Hall).

Internet Safety Presentation
Thanks to those that came along to the Internet Safety Presentation on Friday morning. A Federal Police Officer came along and gave information on how to keep kids and ourselves safe online. Everyone who attended said it was very informative and they learnt something new. Keep an eye out for another evening session which may be announced soon.

NEXT P&C MEETING:
7pm Thursday 20 March

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/MWPandC
Bigtent: bigtent.com/groups/mwpandc
Stage 1 have been learning about patterns, shapes and symmetry.

Kindergarten have been enjoying their Friday 'Got Game' Sport Sessions. Each week they focus on the principles of Balance, Rhythm and Movement. There is always new and exciting equipment to use, music playing and lots of smiling faces.
Stage 2 have been working on their reading and writing. You can see Peri and Sienna from 3/4 M describe the process for ‘Reading is thinking.’ Be impressed by the narratives by our budding authors: Soraya, Minh and Nova from 3/4 G.

Reading is Thinking

3/4M has been working on a topic called reading is Thinking. We read books and then we respond to them. We love reading, because we get to relax and enter a fantastical world of facts or fantasy. It is a time to think and calm down. 3/4M read books and see if they are challenging, just right or easy books. We try to find just right books but sometimes we get challenging or easy books.

By Peri and Sienna
We love to read!!!

Kindergarten: Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox

This book is a book that all ages will enjoy. For adults, it will remind you of when you were young. For children, it will make you laugh. With spectacular illustrations, and beautiful writing, Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge will become a favourite in the house. 4.8/5

Stage one: The Princess who hated it: Aussie Nibbles by Robin Klein

The Princess who hated it, is not a very well-known book, although it has a great concept; good writing, and an extremely funny plot. I think everybody will like this book, because if you’re a tomboy, or a girl, or even a boy, you will like this book. 4.9/5

Stage two: Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone by J.K Rowling

The Harry Potter franchise is well-known. Who doesn’t know about the wizard with the lightning bolt scar on his forehead! The movies were a success, but I would like to see more of us kids reading the books. I myself started reading them in year two and thought they were fantastic! So, please read the books. I’m sure you will thoroughly enjoy them. Great story-line; writing, and structure. 4.8/5

Stage three: The Maze Runner by James Dashner

The Maze Runner is a great book filled with suspense, and action. Dashner’s book has proved itself good enough for the movies. Watch out for the movie coming out this year! This book is tough to get through at the start, but once you get through the tough lingo, it’s a great book. 4.7/5

Teenage book of the week: Equal Rites by Terry Pratchett

Terry Pratchett brings us a refreshing look at equal rights for women. He has set this story with a female wizard. But everybody knows that there can’t be a female wizard… or can there be. And so, we set out on a journey with masochistic wizards, and the first female wizard. 4.9/5

Adult book of the week: The Perks of being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

The Perks of being a Wallflower is a spectacular book! Written in the form of letters, this book is very refreshing. It follows the story of Charlie a freshman at high school. He soon meets Sam and Patrick, two seniors that will enter him into the life of a teenager. This book is a coming-of-age book, which will remind adults of some of their memories, from that up and down rollercoaster ride known as growing up. 4.9/5

Please stay tuned for more books chosen by Hailie in year five, for all ages. Having personally read all of these books, I think that you should too.

Goodbye Kindergarten; stage one; stage two; stage three; teenagers, and adults.

Thanks for reading, Hailie
The invasion then caught the Black Death. Instead of being at war. When England was struck by the Black Death, the people considered themselves very good at it. Every year, on his birthday he would make the entire city of Rome consider himself very good at it. Every year, on his birthday he would make the entire city of Rome consider himself very good at it. Every year, on his birthday he would make the entire city of Rome consider himself very good at it. Every year, on his birthday he would make the entire city of Rome consider himself very good at it. Every year, on his birthday he would make the entire city of Rome consider himself very good at it. Every year, on his birthday he would make the entire city of Rome consider himself very good at it. Every year, on his birthday he would make the entire city of Rome consider himself very good at it. Every year, on his birthday he would make the entire city of Rome consider himself very good at it. Every year, on his birthday he would make the entire city of Rome.
LCIL Secondhand Book Exchange

If you take piano, guitar or singing lessons with Mr Andrew or Miss Laura and would like to sell your books secondhand, we are setting up a book exchange. Simply tell your teacher if you have any AMEB, Alfred's books (lesson books only), Progressive Guitar or Mel Bay guitar books that you would like to sell secondhand. Your teacher will then try and find a home for your books. Students who would like to buy books secondhand should also tell their teacher. If we have a secondhand book that matches the one you are looking for, we will then be able to match up the secondhand books to new owners.

We are looking for people who are able to translate from English into Bengali, Nepali, Indonesian, Vietnamese and Arabic.

If you want to know more, email marrickvillewestpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Thank you, Miss Laura

Community Use of School Facilities

Marrickville West PS is a School as Community Centre (SaCC). The main role of SaCCs in NSW is to support and empower families with young children prior to starting school and during the early years of formal education. We teach, value and respect the diversity that exists in our local community. At Marrickville West we consider this diversity an asset. We believe that children and families benefit most when school is considered to be an integral part of their "real world" with relevance to life, culture, family and friends.

Department of Education and Community policy states: Schools are valuable facilities which belong to the community.

While their prime function is to serve as places of learning for young people, there are many times when the buildings and grounds are not in use.

The Department of Education and Training encourages members of the community and education groups to use school facilities when they are available. This is a way of sharing a significant resource, and strengthening the partnership between schools and local communities.

Community use of school facilities provides benefits to both schools and their communities through:

• enhanced co-operation and goodwill between the school and the community;
• the provision of additional extra-curricula learning opportunities;
• better access for communities and schools to state-of-the-art facilities;
• opportunities for the community to become better informed about and participate in the school's operation and activities;
• more effective use of valuable school facilities;
• opportunities for the community to play a positive role in school security through out-of-hours use of the facilities;
• and increased revenue for schools to use on improvements to premises and school resources.

At Marrickville West PS we strongly support this policy and its intent.

Out of school hours, the Marrickville West school site is home to 5 community language schools, 2 cultural groups, 3 religious groups (churches), 5 music teachers, 2 offices for state-wide organisations, a dance school, a community garden committee, a local environmental sustainability organisation and council-community working parties.

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Resources for parents from Bridges to Higher Education

For several years Marrickville West PS has been working in partnership with Sydney University through the Compass Program. Compass aims to enhance awareness, aspiration and attainment of higher education amongst diverse communities.

Compass provides a newsletter which informs parents and staff of the latest in activities, training and information sessions available for members of partner school communities. Bridges to Higher Education is part of that project which focuses on parents.

Bridges has developed a flyer and video for parents, to answer some of the key questions they may ask when considering whether higher education is right for their child. The flyer is now available in six languages as well as English - Vietnamese, Mandarin, Farsi, Arabic, Samoan, Hindi.

Dates for the Bridges to Higher Education campus visits series in 2014 will be available soon. Parents can get information about applying to university, university life, costs, courses, and support services, as well as go on a campus tour and have their questions answered.

The Compass newsletter can be accessed via the Sydney University website or at the address below.

Become A Volunteer Host Family

Make Your Place Their Second Home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

Arriving in July:
Sixtine (16) from France is full of excitement about discovering a new school system, a new culture and a becoming a member of an Australian family. Sixtine has a wide range of interests, including horse-riding, reading, painting/drawing, spending time with friends, watching movies and playing boardgames.

Kalle (17) from Finland is an accomplished cellist and pianist. He enjoys school and hopes to become a lawyer. Also a keen sportsman, Kalle loves running, golf and skiing. Both of his sisters have been exchange students and Kalle can’t wait to have his own exchange experience in Australia.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

Open your home and hearts to an international exchange student! It’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!

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The simplest way
to drink the right amount of water

We need to consume around 2 litres of water every day.

It sounds like a lot – but remember you get water from both drinking and eating the right foods.

Here’s some tips to help you and your family stay hydrated:

- Carry a water bottle with you wherever you go
- Mix 125ml of fruit juice with sparkling water for a treat
- Add lime or fresh fruit pieces to ice block moulds for a snack
- Make sure a frozen water bottle is part of your kids’ lunch box every day

Getting the right amount of water is important all year round, but vital on these hot Summer days!

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Before School – Fuel Up!

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Super Sandwiches, Toasties & Salad

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extras

- Filling (each) $60c
- Roll or wrap $60c
- Mayotomato sauce 30c
- Sweet chilli/BBQ/soy sachets 30c
- Salad plate/box (lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, celery, carrot) $4.00
- Add – Tuna/egg/ham +60c ea $5c

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<td>450ml Sparkling water</td>
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<td>Flavoured Milk (lite)</td>
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Bottled water will be phased out in Term 2 2014.

Frozen Treats

- Sold after the second lunch bell
- Frozen fruit piece 20c
- 99% fruit juice ice sticks 60c
- Juices 80c
- Streets Paddlepop 1.40
- Frozen yoghurt 2.00
- Slushy (99% fruit) Small 1.00
- Slushy (99% fruit) Large 2.00
- Gelato cups – 2 flavours 1.50

Vegetarian (V) & Halal food options available everyday. Please ask Wendy in the canteen.

**Flute Fundamentals**

Beginner-Intermediate Tuition

Experienced tutor teaching from home in the Dulwich Hill – Hurstville Park area.

Specialising in assisting beginners to play with confidence & enjoyment.

Covering fundamental techniques including scales, sight reading, music theory & playing with others.

Music styles from Classical to Contemporary.

Student skill levels from Trinity/AMEB Grades 1-5. Sorry, I don’t take students through to exams.

First 4 lessons at a discounted rate. References available.

Call Tina 0425 260 265

Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (V) $1.50

**MARRICKVILLE WEST MUNCHIES CANTEEN MENU TERM 1, 2014**

**Something New!**

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**DAILY MEAL DEALS**

**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
- Vegetarian Pizza $3.00
- Mild (mango or butler) chicken curry with rice $3.50
- Meal Deal w/oak milk & pieces of fruit $5.00

**WEDNESDAY: SUSHI & SOUP**

- Sweet corn and chicken soup with bread roll $2.50
- Sushi (pre-order Tuesday) $3.00
- MEAL DEAL oak milk & pieces of fruit $4.50

**THURSDAY: CHOOK CHOOK**

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

**FRIDAY: PIES**

- Chicken / Beef / HALAL Beef Pie $3.00
- MEAL DEAL w/oak milk & pieces of fruit $4.50

Foods coloured GREEN are approved by The Healthy Kids Association for eating everyday. The other foods are recommended as occasional foods.
The 2014 MWPS Walkathon

9:45 AM to 12:30 PM

Thursday 20 March

Start getting sponsored today! We are raising money for playground equipment

cool prizes!

Parents and Carers: Fun opportunities to help on the day!

Put your name down on the roster on the P&C noticeboard or contact Rachael Ottaway (rachael@ausbright.com.au) and Helen Escreza (hescreza@yahoo.com)