On the 27th of August, Marrickville West joined together to raise money for two causes that are very important to our community. Students had fun wearing beanies and yellow outfits and raised a huge amount of money for the Cancer Council and the Mark Hughes Foundation. Fantastic effort Marrickville West!
From the Principals’ desk...

It has been a long and difficult month for the community of Marrickville West. Last Monday we paid our final respects to a little boy we have come to know and love as our Superhero. Jack Norman had bravely battled brain cancer since beginning Kindergarten in 2012. During that time he touched the hearts of an entire community. Jack was a proud big brother to his younger sister Sophie, and much loved son of Craig and Tanya.

Jack was very unwell for a long time. He had more reason than most of us to give up, throw a tantrum or complain, but Jack rarely did any of those things. Although the physical demands of school sometimes made it difficult for him, rarely did that stop Jack from giving it his best shot. He enjoyed learning and was always keen to share his learning with others.

Jack was an expert on many things: He could recite the engineering and historical details of the ship, “Titanic” (including where the movie got it wrong!) And there was very little Jack didn’t know about “Star Wars.” Many of us have learnt more about those two topics through lessons from Jack, than from decades of previous experience.

Jack was also passionate about his music. He was learning to play the drums and liked to help his dad, Craig play the guitar. He loved listening to the Beatles and was very proud of the autographed t-shirt he had from the drummer of AC/DC.

We will always remember Jack for his inquisitive nature, creative imagination, sensitive soul and wry sense of humour. Many of the children at Marrickville West will also remember Jack as an exceptionally kind and gentle friend.

Out of this tragedy came the opportunity for our community to show why “Marrickville West is the best”. The care and respect shown by the hundreds who attended Jack’s funeral in support of his family and friends, the many more who sent cards, messages and wishes attached to paper daffodils, the kindness shown to those in need of extra support during their time of grief … In the face of great sadness, our community came together to support one another and to send a message of love to a family who will always be one of our own.

Thank you.

Next month we will hold a second “Super Hero Day”, culminating in a short memorial ceremony at school to acknowledge Jack’s life and dedicate a tree and garden seat to his memory. More information will be coming soon about this event and plans to raise money to fund a donation to Bear Cottage, a charity that did so much to support Jack and his family through their most difficult days.

Ruth Bradfield-Ling
Principal

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Calendar Dates

Tuesday 27th October
Starting Big School Program

Thursday 29th October
“The Odyssey” School Performance 1pm & 6pm

Thursday 12th November
3E & 2/3s Assembly

Tuesday 10th November
Stage 3 Camp

Thursday 12th November
1A & 1P Assembly

Friday 20th November
Multicultural Munch

From The Office

Invoices
Invoices have been sent home last week. This will give more opportunity to settle accounts before they become unmanageable. All outstanding amounts from last year have been carried forward to this year.

Odysseys Performance Tickets 29th October

The rehearsal is going very well. All students from K-6 will be performing. There is a matinee (1pm) and evening (6pm) session.

Request for Tickets can be bought at the school office. Seats are filling up fast.

Family ticket $12 (for up to 4 people)
Adult $5
Child $3

Goodbye Jack...

It is with great sadness that we farewelled our dear friend Jack. His sense of humour, courage and love of others will be remembered by his friends and the Marrickville West family.

Paper daffodils made by the children and staff of Marrickville West. Each contained a special memory or message for Jack.

Commonwealth Bank
School banking is
Wednesday 9-9.20am
in the LIBRARY

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Mika Holds Her First Exhibition  
(As reported in the Inner West Courier on October 13, 2015 by Sarah Sharples)  
Colourful artworks by 7-year-old Mika Shapley are currently being exhibited at Kelby’s Cafe in Marrickville.  
At just seven years old Mika Shapley (Year 2 student at Marrickville West PS) is holding her first art exhibition of hand drawn pictures that are coloured in with Photoshop.  
The year two student at Marrickville West Primary School said she was a bit scared about showing her work.  
The 12 paintings now on show are selling for $30 each.  
While Mika plans to spend the money she makes on yummy food, such as chocolates and lollies, her father Greg Shapley is keen to persuade her not to blow it all on confectionary.  
Mr Shapley, also an artist, said his daughter draws the pictures and he scans them in so she can colour them in.  
Congratulations Mika!

Selective High School applications for Year 5 2015  
Parents and caregivers of students in Year 5 2015 are advised that the Selective High application information and application is now available.  
You must apply online at www.schools.edu.au/shsplacement  
Please Mrs Criniti or Mrs Austin if you need help completing this process.

Vacation Care  
Over the summer school holiday care period, Council will operate Vacation Care programs at Ferncourt and Stanmore Public Schools only. Families from OOSH centres at other schools are welcome to enrol at Vacation Care.  
Vacation Care at Ferncourt PS and Stanmore PS will operate during the following times.  
17/12/2015 to 23/12/2015 – open 7.00am to 6.00pm  
24/12/2015 to 10/1/2016 – closed  
11/1/2016 to 28/1/2016 – open 7.00am to 6.00pm  
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There’s something about the way a paper plane flies that can’t be explained, that can’t be rationalised – it has to be shown, it has to be experienced. There’s just something special about creating an object from paper and making it fly.

We are Dylan Parker and James Norton, and we are The Paper Pilots – the only two in existence so far. But we’re going to change that. We’re setting out to train the best Paper Pilots around, and that’s you!

In 2009 we met at a small paper plane competition at our local university and we’ve been friends ever since. We fold together and we fly together. In fact, in 2009 we travelled to the World Paper Plane Championships in Austria, something that inspired Robert Connolly to make the movie Paper Planes.

Dylan even took home third place for Australia in the distance category of the competition. Over the last six years we have spread the love for paper planes across Australia by taking our show on the road.

Make more planes here: www.paperplanesmovie.com.au
STAGE 1

1A have been working on our 2 handed strike! This is an important fundamental movement skill used in a number of sports including cricket, tennis and baseball to name a few.

1P have been learning balls skills. We have been learning different ball games and how to catch and throw the ball correctly.

Latest from Connect Marrickville

Thanks to Helen, Nazma, Ariyani, Yunita, Samila, Nimfa, Jossy, Kim, Naomi, Nachiru, Yasuko for coming to the Holiday Cleaning Bee on behalf of Holiday Club, Japanese Mothers Group, Inner West Play and Chat and Vietnamese Mothers group!

- Our rooms, toys, books and amenities are fresh and ready for another term of connecting, learning, playing, creating, sharing and supporting our community.
- Struggling to get to school in the morning? Check out Breakfast Club on Mondays and Fridays 8.30am.

Love Talk Sing Read Play – phone app out now

PEER GROUPS IN THE MARRICKVILLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

The Physical Disability Council of NSW (PDCN), supported by a Marrickville Council Community Grant is establishing a local peer group for people with disability and their invited guests. The peer groups will be facilitated by a person with disability and if suitable the group will meet on a monthly basis.

What is a Peer Group?

A peer group is a local group established to provide an opportunity for people with disability to get together to share information, stories, experiences and learning. The group is peer lead and how the groups run will be determined by the people in attendance.

Some of the benefits of being involved in a peer group include:

- A chance to build peer networks with people with disability
- An opportunity to build your individual capacity and the capacity of the groups by learning from each other and by bringing in guest speakers
- An place to start thinking about what you want from your lives and how you could participate and engage in a full and meaningful life
- A collaborative approach to engaging with and educating the broader local community to enhance community inclusion
- A space to understand and engage with the NDIS through the provision of information and resources as required
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Want to find out more?

Contact Wendy Banfield at the Physical Disability Council of NSW

Phone: 0407 742 466 or free call 1800 660 831
Email: wendy.banfield@pdcnsw.org.au

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Solar System Art by 5A

Moon Phases by 5A
We used Oreo biscuits to show our understanding of the 8 different moon phases.

Stage 3: A trip to Canberra

In the last newsletter we ran out of space to show you some great photos of our trip to Canberra!

Excursion!

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)
Thanks to PACER Stage 3 were able to attend the excursion at a discounted rate.

Deadly Kids Award

Amarachi from Year 6 was honoured last term with a presentation at the Deadly Kids Awards held at the University of Technology, Sydney. Amarachi was chosen for this award because of her commitment to education as exemplified by her academic success, excellent school attendance and preparedness to support the learning of others. Well done Amarachi.
Hello from the P&C!

- The new playground behind the canteen is now open and students can enjoy this new space during play times at lunch and recess.
- The recent Paper Planes film night was a great success and maybe our biggest turn-out so far. Many families came along to enjoy the Australian film. Thanks to Softly and Darren for organising the night. There will be another film night Friday 27 November. Watch this space.
- Everyone who pays their general contribution to the school is part of our P&C – you automatically become a member. We are grateful to all the parents, carers and friends who help out in so many ways.
- To hear from more of you, we are holding two casual morning teas:
  - Tuesday 3 November and Friday 13 November
  - Come and have a chat in the playground after Morning Lines.
- We’ll be near the canteen. Have a free coffee or tea and share your ideas on what you want to see happen around the school, in the canteen, in 2016...
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- The next P&C meeting will be our Annual General Meeting. With many Executive members moving on (to new schools and jobs) we’ll be looking for a few new faces to join the Executive team. If you think you have what it takes to be a P&C President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, we’ll look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on Thursday 3rd November. If you’d like to know what these roles entail you can talk to any current Exec member or see some summaries at: President and Vice President: http://bit.ly/1OvRMdG
  - Secretary: http://bit.ly/1PQfYIy
  - Treasurer: http://bit.ly/1kQK9ma
  - Next P&C meeting will be Thursday 7pm 3rd Dec

The daffodils will be in memory of Jack Norman. We send our heartfelt condolences to the Norman family. The P&C will also collaborate with the school on a memorial service for Jack later this term.
- This week we will be helping out on Thursday at the school show, providing food for the kids and raising money with our raffle. It’s not too late to buy your tickets at the office for a chance to win some fabulous prizes.
- The band transition program is off to a great start. The ukes are strumming every Friday morning in the library and next year we’ll be making more music than ever. Thanks to everyone who has donated instruments this year. On Thursday 19 November we’re having a busking day – kids can bring instruments and make music all over the school during recess. More information coming home soon.
- Our next meeting – and the last for the year – will be on Thursday 2 December. Please come along to celebrate this year’s achievements and start planning for 2016.

Looking back over the school during recess. More information coming home soon.
- The P&C will also collaborate with the school on a memorial service for Jack later this term.

LEADERSHIP:
The big impact of the smallest things...

In this chaotic and completely unpredictable world, where little things can throw us so completely off course, is it possible to harness their power and make them work for us in the quest to lead ourselves and others well?

Here are 3 tips from new GM at Halogen, Samantha Skinner:

Be open – even if a small opportunity seems poorly timed or incongruent with where you are currently – file it. Look for ways that you might be able to utilise it anyway, maybe only in a limited sense for now. Who knows what door might open?

See the value in failing. In a world full of chance little events, it is naïve to think that success is a given. We’re conditioned as we mature, to see failure as wasted time and effort. How wrong that it is! Mastery, even of the little things, takes practise. When you were small, did you not learn to count 1,2,3, because you weren’t able to do it perfectly straight away?

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Footsteps funtimes!

Lost Property

Could one of these jackets, jumpers or hats belong to you? Check Lost Property regularly. It can sometimes take a few days for lost items to make their way to the lost property box. Unclaimed items will be washed and sold at the second hand uniform stall.

NEXT P&C MEETING: Thursday 7pm 3rd Dec

http://bit.ly/1PQfYIy

Facebook.com/MWPAndC

The big impact of the smallest things...

In this chaotic and completely unpredictable world, where little things can throw us so completely off course, is it possible to harness their power and make them work for us in the quest to lead ourselves and others well?

Here are 3 tips from new GM at Halogen, Samantha Skinner:

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The National Young Leaders Day is Australia’s largest leadership event for upper primary students. Endorsed by the Prime Minister, this cutting edge program of keynote speakers and leadership insights will inspire and empower over 15,000 students from around the country in Term 1 next year.
## 2015: The Year I Became an Ethics Teacher

**By Liz Roberts**

My son started kindergarten this year and I first heard about Primary Ethics at his orientation. They explained that Ethics classes get children thinking and talking about topics such as fairness, friendship and stereotyping.

They also said that they were looking for volunteers to teach Ethics and I immediately thought about how interesting and rewarding becoming an Ethics teacher might be.

A few weeks later, I saw a poster for Primary Ethics at a train station. The poster said, “Why is it OK to eat cows and sheep and not whales or dolphins?” I thought, wow, what an interesting question! And wondered what responses there could be from a class of kids.

I decided to volunteer. I did a two-day Primary Ethics training course, which was a great experience with great people. The Ethics curriculum covers all seven years of primary school and teaches children how to think about ethical issues and develop their capacity for moral reasoning. In class, it’s all about helping kids to think about twisty issues together as a group and to respect and consider other people’s points of view.

I am now in the third term of teaching Ethics to Stage 1 and every week I learn something from the children. I had no previous experience teaching kids, but the curriculum is currently mapped out already and I have great support from the staff at our school and the other volunteer teachers. It’s a great way to be involved in the school and it has given me an even greater respect for all the teachers, staff and volunteers at MWPS.

We need more Ethics teachers so if you’re interested in getting involved and teaching a 30-minute class once a week on Tuesday mornings, please contact Ethics coordinator Jolanda Waskito on 0421 988 188 or email at joladawaskito@yahoo.com.au

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## Breakfast Club

**Start the day with a healthy breakfast with friends**

*Every Monday and Friday morning in the playground from 8.30am*

Breakfast Club is FREE, supported by Anglicare and Connect Marrickville.

It is designed to help families who may find it difficult to get their children an early breakfast or to get to school on time. Children will be encouraged to develop healthy eating habits and help with food preparation and cleaning up. Hang is a family worker who can also talk to parents and carers about how to access other assistance or support.

Breakfast includes cereal, toast, preserved fruit, baked beans. Menu may vary.

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## Whopping Cough Information for Schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whopping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whopping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

- **Whooping cough** starts as a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.
  - **Children** with these symptoms should see a doctor.
  - If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity may wane over time. Children should be vaccinated:

- **In the first 6 months of life**
- **At 6 months of age**
- **At 18 months of age**

**Primary vaccine series**

*Includes pertussis*:

- 3 doses at 2, 4 and 6 months of age
- 1 booster dose at 15 months of age

**Booster vaccine**

*Includes pertussis*:

- Given to children at 4 years of age
- Given to children at 11 to 12 months of age
- Given to children at 5 years of age

**Prevent whooping cough**

- Be sure all your child’s vaccines are up to date.
- Encourage healthy habits in your child, such as regular hand washing, and keep your child away from babies.

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**Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 335 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.**
SkillME — Client brief

What is SkillME?
SkillME is a three-year pilot project funded by NSW Government through Multicultural NSW to assist migrants with skills and qualifications to find suitable employment, by helping them through the process of having their skills and qualifications recognised and through training and work placement pathways.

Am I eligible?
Eligible clients for SkillME are:
- Migrants from non-English backgrounds with skills/qualifications, who
- live in NSW
- are on any visa that allows them to work

What can SkillME assist me with?
Metro Assist is delivering the project with a range of partners. The type of assistance offered is:

- Providing information and advice on career pathways and how to have your qualifications or skills assessed for recognition
- Job seeking workshops - to improve your skills in writing resumes and job applications and preparing for job interviews
- Orientation to the Australian workplace – workshops on workplace culture, health and safety, and basic Industrial Relations principles
- Work experience – depending on your occupation, we may be able to provide opportunities for you to volunteer with an employer to gain local work experience
- Mentoring – link you up with a professional or professional association for you to gain inside knowledge of your sector
- Vocational training opportunities – offer vocational training programs in skill shortage areas free of charge or at a low cost
- Other employment support services – driving program, clothing services, SkillMAX etc

Can SkillME help me find a job?
We are not a job agency and we can’t promise you will find a job by participating in the program. What we endeavour to do is, however, to better prepare and upskill you in your training and career pathway through all the above-mentioned strategies so that you will improve your employability.

How do I sign up to the program?
The project is run by a project coordinator supported by case workers. To enrol in or inquire about the project, please send your resume and name of your suburb, or inquiry to the:

SkillME Project Coordinator at: skillmeproject@metroassist.org.au or telephone: (02) 9789 3744
Before School – Fuel Up!
Cheerios. ........................................ 50c
Sultanas. .......................................... 50c
Seasonal Fresh fruit from ................. 70c+
(No snack foods will be sold to students before school)

Super Sandwiches, Toasties & Salad
Buttered ........................................... $1.30
Vegemite ........................................... $1.60
Baked Beans ....................................... $2.60
Vegemite & Cheese ............................. $2.60
Egg/Cheese/tuna/chicken slice/ham ...... $2.60
Cheese & tomato ................................ $3.00
Egg & lettuce ..................................... $3.00
Chicken, lettuce & mayo .................... $3.40
Tuna & mayo .................................... $3.00
Tuna or Ham or Cheese with Salad ....... $3.80
Ham & cheese .................................... $3.00
Ham & tomato .................................... $3.00
Cheese & tomato ............................... $3.00
Ham, cheese & tomato ....................... $3.40
Salad .................................................. $3.30

extras
Filling (each) ................................... 60c
Roll or wrap ..................................... 60c
Mayo/tomato sauce ............................. 30c
Sweet chilli/BBQ/soy sachets ............. 30c
Salad plate/box .................................. $4.00
(lettuce, tomato, cucumber, celery, carrot)
Add – Tuna/egg/ham ............................ +60c ea
EXTRA Plastic Spoons ......................... 5c

Drinks
Up & Go ........................................... $2.10
200ml 100% Juice (box) ..................... $1.30
200ml 100% Juice (bottle) ................. $2.00
Plain milk ........................................ $1.30
Yoghurt .......................................... $1.30
Flavoured Milk (lite) ......................... $2.00

Frozen Treats Sold after the second lunch bell
Frozen fruit pieces (bag) ....................... 20c
99% fruit juice ice sticks ..................... 60c
Juices ............................................. 90c
Peters Fandangles .............................. $1.60
Slushy (99% fruit) Small ..................... $1.00
Slushy (99% fruit) Large ..................... $2.00
Gelato cups – 2 flavours ...................... $1.60

Something New!
Steamed Vegetarian Gyoza (V) ........... 70c
Cheese & Spinach Triangle (V) ........... $1.20
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (V) ......... $1.50
Mini Cheese & Spinach Quiche (V) ....... $1.20
Mini Spinach & Ricotta Roll (V) ......... 80c
Mini Potato Top Beef Pie .................... $1.50
Fried Rice (gluten free)(V) ................. $3.50
Vegetarian Lasagne ......................... $3.50
Fruit Salad Cup ................................. $2.00
Hot Corn Cob ................................... $1.00

Snacks
Popcorn ......................................... $1.00
Roasted Seaweed ............................... $1.00
Potato Chips (28g) ............................ $1.20
Grainwaves ..................................... $1.20
Gingerbread Folk .............................. $1.60
Hard-boiled egg ............................... $1.00
Vegetable Sticks (bag) ....................... 30c
Sultanas (box) .................................. 80c

DAILY MEAL DEALS
MONDAY: CHOOK CHOOK
5 Chicken wedges or Chicken Burger (Halal) ................ $3.50
MEAL DEAL w/ oak milk & pieces of fruit .... $5.00

TUESDAY: PASTA & CURRY & PIZZA
Homemade Bolognese Pasta .................. $3.50
Lasagne ........................................... $3.50
Juicy Pizza Slice – Ham & Pineapple .... $2.50
Vegetarian Pizza ............................... $3.00
Mild Butter Chicken Curry with rice .. $3.50
MEAL DEAL w/ oak milk & pieces of fruit .... $5.00

WEDNESDAY: SUSHI & SOUP
(Soup T2 & T3 only)
Sweet corn and chicken soup .......... $2.50
with bread roll ................................ $3.00
Sushi (pre-order Tuesday) ............... $3.00
MEAL DEAL oak milk & pieces of fruit .... $5.00

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

FRIDAY: PIES
Chicken Pie .................................... $3.50
Halal Beef Pie ................................ $3.00
Traveller Beef Pie ............................ $3.00
MEAL DEAL w/ oak milk & pieces of fruit .... $5.00

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

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

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