Swimming Carnival: Make a Splash!
From the Principals’ desk...

Welcome to the first school Newsletter for 2015. Thank you for your patience. It has been an extremely busy start to the year. As the photos and articles in this edition show, a lot has happened at Marrickville West already! We will continue to publish 2-3 colourful Newsletters each term. In between Newsletters you should receive updates from the school office and via Class Parent emails.

Remember you can also access dates and notes via the Calendar on the front page of the school website: www.marrickviw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

For those of you who are linked in to Facebook, “like” Marrickville West Primary School, Marrickville West P&C or Connect Marrickville to get more news, photos and updates from our wider school community.

We are looking forward to Opera Australia’s launch of their latest production, Cinderella which will occur at Marrickville West this coming Friday (27th February). This event will provide a fabulous preview of the performance and introduction to the genre of opera for our students K-6. We are grateful for the ongoing partnership of the Australian Theatre for Young People. We have with both Opera Australia and the Australian Theatre for Young People. 2015 is the year of Performing Arts at Marrickville West. This year’s theme is “Together we all achieve more. As our school motto says, “Work as one”.

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Enjoyable day. Congratulations to Cooks House who won the points competition on the day and the many who showed great sportsmanship by participating, cheering and encouraging their friends. A special mention must go out to Sasha’s dad, Dennis who once again led the cheer squads with outstanding enthusiasm!

We welcome parent involvement at Marrickville West. The Enrichment Program, class reading programs, Maths activities, excursions, sport, communication, fundraising (and more) are all enhanced by the participation of parent volunteers. Talk to your child’s teacher or see me if you have a spare hour or two in the week you could spend helping out at school. It makes a difference in so many ways.

For those parents who would like to get involved in “big picture” planning and organisation, don’t forget our P&C. The P&C is an active group of parents who meet together twice a term to support learning, fun and families at our school. P&C meetings generally occur in the staffroom at 7pm on the 3rd and 8th Thursday of each term.

Education of our children works best when it is done in partnership between home and school. There are formal opportunities or ideas they would like to share. Speak with their child’s teacher or myself at the staffroom at 7pm on the 3rd and 8th Thursday of each term.

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From The Office

Lost Property
Please check the lost Property Boxes for misplaced Jackets, Hats & Lunchboxes. If you have accidentally taken home an item that belongs to someone else, please return them promptly.

Notes
Please remember to bring back Excursion/Incursion and Activity Notes signed before the event. It is not always possible for the teachers and office staff to contact parents for permission at the last minute. It would be very unfortunate for your child to miss out.

Electronic Devices and Valuables

Electronic devices (phones, tablets, digital cameras, game consoles, etc) and valuables (large amounts of money, sentimental items, etc) are to be left at home in order to avoid loss, theft or breakages. If you need to bring devices into school please drop them into the office for safe keeping, they can then be collected after school.

Medicines
Please drop all medications to the front office and complete a medical form so that they can be administered by a staff member. It is not safe for children to carry/self-administer medications.

Head lice

There have been a few cases of headlice and nits reported to the office.

Tips for tackling kids head lice:
- Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.
- Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.
- Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.
- The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.

Treatment of head lice

Around 23 per cent of primary school children screened through the NSW Health Nibusters program have head lice. Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. If your child has head lice here are some treatment tips:

Do not treat your child if their scalp is irritated or inflamed. Always read the head lice product label and directions before you apply it to your child’s head. Products can be found in local chemists.

Apply the head lice product to every strand of your child’s hair and as directed and comb out with a good quality lice comb. Check your child’s head and if dead lice are found, the product has worked. However make sure you re-treat your child’s head in seven days to catch nympha that have emerged from unhatched eggs. Reduce the risk of your child catching head lice by tying their hair back or braiding it.

For more information visit:

Ruth Bradfield-Ling

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to the newly selected Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2015.

The class representatives are as follows:

1A Tessa & Jonah
1P Thai & Isabelle
2C Eve & Theo
2G Cherish & Pakura-Johnson
2/3S Lando & Mollie
3B Amelie & Jonna
4M Hao & Wavey
5K Katie & Kiet
6C Alex & Annie

These students are supported in the SRC by our School Captains and Vice Captains:

Hailie (C)
Nick (C)
Tilly (VC)
Mattaeo (VC)
Adam (VC)
Meg (VC)
Tia (VC)
Shafeen (VC)

Printable 2015 homework calendars

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan – so print out School A to Z’s 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


Swim and survive program

Lessons are for beginners through to confident swimmers keen to practise their technique (from infants to 12 years). See the map to find the pools where friendly swim teachers with AUSTSWIM accreditation teach across NSW.


A Great Australian and friend to Marrickville West

Prue Thomson has been a dedicated volunteer in classrooms at Marrickville West since 2012 and an active supporter of children’s charities for many years. Prue drives a considerable distance, through peak hour traffic, every Monday to work with children in Year 1. She is accompanied by a fellow volunteer (and teacher), Megan Sjoquist who has taken on the implementation of small group literacy programs for students in Year 3 and 4.

At Marrickville West PS every student in Year 6 receives a badge to acknowledge their role as a senior student and “School Leader”. With this position comes responsibility. Year 6 has taken on roles around the school to assist in the administration, organisation and support of others.

Along with our School Captains and Vice Captains, they took a pledge after receiving their badges at our first Assembly last week.

This is what they promised their teachers, fellow students and wider school community:

The class of 2015 leaders pledge to their fellow students and teachers to always work and play respectfully and responsibly.

We promise to be great role models to those younger than us.

As the leaders of 2015 we will always welcome new students and make them feel wanted.

We will be honest to ourselves and those around us by respecting our school environment and keeping it clean and safe.

This we pledge to the students, teachers, parents and community of Marrickville West Primary School, as the class of 2015.

Both ladies offer outstanding care, dedication and support for students at our school and are greatly appreciated by the staff they work with.

Prue was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her services to children with disabilities as part of this year’s Australia Day celebrations.

We congratulate Prue on this outstanding achievement and thank both these generous volunteers for their ongoing contributions to our school.

Can you guess who is each Year Six from their artwork? We will put a real photo next newsletter so you check to see if you were right.

Leaving your child at home alone

Making some clear ‘home alone’ rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and can also keep you from worrying. Most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed.


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KM – Miss Melissa Morrison (Assistant Principal)
KJ – Mrs Jenny Khan
KS – Miss Michelle Samuels
1A – Mr Nik Armstrong
1P – Miss Lee Pham
2C – Miss Amelia Cleary
2G – Mrs Georgina Gerakiteys
2/3S – Mr Iain Sinclair
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Our Learning and Support Team includes:
Mr Joel Burman (Learning and Support Teacher, LAST)
Ms Robbie Kennedy (English as a Second Language Teacher, ESL)
Ms Robyn Jones (Learning Support K-2)
Ms Merran Roberts (Learning Support 3-6)
Ms Pearl Orwin (Teacher Librarian, Relieving)
Mrs Debbie Messinis (Reading Recovery)
Mrs Lenore Derbyshire (School Counsellor)
Mrs Margaret Scott (School Learning Support Officer, SLSO)
Miss Jessica Bradfield (SLSO)
Ms Angelika Kastrinakis (SLSO)

Mrs Christine Lavdaras (SLSO)
Mr Shaun Kelly-Pain (SLSO)
Ms Karen Bayer-Johns (SLSO)
Ms Melinda Coe (Aboriginal Learning Support Officer)
Ms Vivi Martin (Facilitator, Connect Marrickville)

Other Specialist Teachers:
Mrs Stacey Caponas (Music)
Miss Laura Caloia (Music)
Ms Maria Ángeles Rebollar (Spanish)
Mrs Evelyn Ruiz Ortego (Spanish)
Mrs Mina Cheng (Chinese)

Office Staff:
Mrs Anne Doran, “Ms Anne” (School Administrative Manager, SAM)
Mrs Stav Murphy, “Ms Stav” (School Administrative Assistant, SAO)
Miss Jessica Bradfield, “Ms Jessica” (SAO)
Ms Gerri Coxall (SAO and Volunteer)

Positions yet to be finalised for the year:
We are currently completing the merit selection process for a permanent classroom teacher. The successful applicant will take over from Mr Breen as class teacher for 3B by the start of Term 2. Interviews are also taking place for permanent teachers of Arabic and Vietnamese. These positions will be covered by casual teachers, Mr Tadros and Mrs Tran until these positions are filled permanently.

1A are getting ready to go back to class and do some writing!

1P can’t wait to go into their music lesson!

KS are all smiles about learning to write.

STAGE ONE page

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**STAGE 1**

2GB started the year listening to the wonderful activities they will be doing in the library this term.

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**STAGE 2**

Look at 2C and their portraits.

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**Journal Writing**

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An ever-lasting gobstopper is a lolly that’s delicious and it has heaps of fantastic flavours it’s chewable and obviously it’s ever-lasting.

I want to be an ever-lasting gobstopper because I could eat myself and then I wouldn’t have to eat any gross healthy stuff and I could just eat myself.

However it wouldn’t be that fun when people chew me because I’m so delicious and they may accidentally swallow me – Oops!

Although I still think being an ever-lasting gobstopper would be cool.

I’d love to go on heaps of adventures being a colourful lolly.

I could even be chewed forever!!!

By Wavey 4M

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**Baytoh and Atah**

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Finally they all became friends again and lived happily ever after.

By Aaliyah 4M

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**If I Could Be Anyone...**

If I could be anyone or anything I would be Harry Potter. I would be Harry Potter so that I could be world famous, I would have been able to kill Lord Vol sorry you know who, I would be able to do magic, I would be in D.A (Dumbledore’s Army). I would be able to join the Order of the Phoenix. Did I just forget the Wand I have? Avadacado, Expellarmus, Wingardum Leviosa and all those different spells there are. I could also make potions.

Poliguce potion can make you transform into whoever you want. I would use it to become a really good person and do really bad things.

By Ernie, 4M

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**If I Could Time Travel...**

If I could time travel, I would go to the past at the beginning. I would try to find extinct unknown creatures that may kill other family members or friends as a battle for females.

I would go with archaeologist to see what dinosaurs, bugs or insects that could be bigger than humans or even eat humans… with one gobble. The archaeologist and I would need to wear metal suits so we won’t die when some kind of creature is chewing on us.

I would go time traveling at university because I’ll be old enough that I can go away for a long long time. So that’s why I would want to time travel. :>:<!

By Hao 4M

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**Carnival of the Codes**

I LOVE TURTLES

Where do turtles live? Turtles live in the sea. It is very dangerous for turtles because there are sharks in the sea and the sharks can eat the turtles. It is also dangerous because the turtles might eat plastic bags and think it is a jelly fish.

There was a big storm that wiped out most of the sea grass and so the turtles might starve to death. Sometimes when the mummy turtle lays her eggs on the sand, a big crocodile might see the turtle and try to eat the turtle and her babies. Another thing is that there are a lot of currents in the sea and the turtles might be swimming along and get stuck in the strong current and get dragged a long, long way from home. So can everyone please keep our turtles safe?

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On the 13th of February 2015 Year 3-6 and some 8 year olds (from Year 2) went to the annual swimming carnival at Petersham Pool. We got to the pool by bus and when we got there we got into our house groups: Georges (Blue), Wolli (Red) and Cooks (Green). The first thing we did after we got into our house groups was our chants, all the houses did really well but Georges won (I’m in Georges) and we got 50 house points.

What it was like to become a student leader

There are thirty-one Year Six students at our school. And each one has a role to do. Each of us has to be a responsible role model for our school, and of course we are assigned jobs that only Year Sixes can do.

But, jobs aside, there is one thing that all Marrickville West students look forward to. And that is badges.

There are many different jobs at Marrickville West that include receiving a badge. They include; SRC; House Captain for Years Five and Six; and also junior house captains for years three and four. But there are three badges that only year six can receive: The Year Six official badge, School Vice-Captain badges, and the School Captain badges.

Every Year Six is considered a leader and therefore every Year Six receives the badge. Then there are the badges for the elected School vice Captains (Meg, Taleisha, Tia, Matteo, Adam, and Shafeen). There are also the School Captain Badges for the elected School Captains (Myself and Nick).

When we received those badges, we had to recite a pledge that the year sixes had said before us. Nick and I read the pledge, and the rest of year six had to repeat after us.

After that, we were all official year six leaders, and we felt pretty good about it.

The 2015 annual Swimming Carnival

Then the races started, first we did freestyle and the teachers recorded first, second and third places. Then we did breaststroke and the teachers recorded first, second and third places.

Then we had recess and we got to play a bit but not in the water and we also got to go to the canteen if we had money.

Then we had more races: we had backstroke and butterfly and the teachers recorded first, second and third places.

After that we had the relays which were really fun. In the senior girls race Georges came first, Wolli second and Cooks third. In the senior boy’s race Cooks came first, Georges came second and Wolli came third.

In the junior girl’s race Georges came first, Cooks came second and Wolli came third. In the junior boy’s race Cooks came first, Wolli came second and Georges came third.

It was a pretty good day and really fun.

By Meg 6C
P&C UPDATE

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO BE PART OF MARRICKVILLE WEST P&C.
The Parents and Citizens’ Association is a group of parents and members of the school community working to support and enhance the school — people like YOU.
Our P&C needs people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who want to pitch in and do great things for the children and the school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people involved the more exciting and successful it will be.
We are planning some exciting events this year and need your input. If you would like to
• help out at an event
• sell second-hand uniforms twice a term
• be part of the BBQ team
• make and serve coffees at the canteen
then we’d love to hear from you. You can find us in the playground or contact mstopic@exemail.com.au.

DATES FOR THE DIARY
Saturday 21 March is our Camp Out! Join us for a communal dinner in Henson, and camp at school!
Please have a look at the note in this newsletter for more information.

Saturday 28 March is the NSW state election and Marrickville West is a pooling booth. We will be holding a sausage sizzle, cake stall, trash and treasure stall and the canteen will be open for coffee. If you can help or have an idea for another stall, please contact Thomasin on thomasin.lichtfield@gmail.com

Thursday 30 April is the return of WestWalk, our walkathon with more fun and colour than ever! Notes will be coming home soon with more information.
In the meantime... work will start on the second stage of the new nature playground very soon, thanks to a $15000 grant we received from the NSW Government’s Community Building Partnership Program.
The school band is also up and running. We have a couple of places left for flutes and clarinets if your child is in Years 3–6. Contact Greg Shapley at gshapley@gmail.com for more information.

Funding Meeting
7pm Thursday 19 March our next P&C meeting is our funding meeting. Notes will go home asking for funding ideas late this week.

Thank your for the Welcome BBQ helpers!
A big thanks to those who helped out the Welcome BBQ — it was great to see some new faces and catch up with old friends.

NEXTP&C MEETING: Thursday 19th March
in the Staff Room. All parents are welcome to come along and learn more about the school and give their ideas on how to make it a better place.
Marrickville West P&C invites you to join us for the

The 2015 Annual Communal Dinner and Campout

When: Saturday 21st March (to Sunday 22nd March if camping)
Where: Henson Playground & Basketball Court
Time: 3pm onwards
Cost: $2 - $15 per family (depending if you are camping)

This is our 3rd annual campout at school, and this year we are also having a big communal dinner party as well. It’s a great way to meet other parents and kids at the school, and enjoy a fun afternoon at school with your kids and the school community.

Families are invited to join us for the communal dinner only, or to stay the night and campout. Don’t worry if you don’t have a tent or camping gear, because lots of people campout in the school hall. We will also (hopefully) be having a drumming workshop just before dinner, and the kids will love it.

All you have to do is come along and bring something tasty to share for the communal dinner table, and camping or sleeping gear (if staying overnight).

We hope you can make it!

Notes will be sent home at the end of week 5 with more information.
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Open Night
Wednesday, March 4, 5.30 - 7 pm

Designing Futures
An Information evening for parents and future students. Come and find out about our Art and Design stream, opportunities and the academic opportunities available within a creative school.

Calendars
Backpack School ONE SIZE $35.00

HATS

Heavy baseball cap ONE SIZE $8.00

Legionnaire Cap ONE SIZE $8.00

Bucket cap S - M - L $10.00

Floppy cap (slouch hat) S - M - L $11.00

Rugby top 4 - 16 $20.00

Bomber jacket 4 - 16 $35.00

Rain jacket 6 - 8 10 - 12 $32.00

Rain jacket S - 3XL $35.00

School banking is
Wednesday 9 - 9.20am in the LIBRARY
Public Schools NSW Recorder Camp 2015

Students from all Sydney schools are invited to apply to participate in the annual 3 day residential recorder workshop and camp, culminating in performances at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Festival of Instrumental Music, 3-6 August 2015. Students who play recorder are welcome to apply.

WHEN: **Recorder Camp:** 5pm Friday 24 April 2015 - 4pm Sunday 26 April 2015.

WHERE: The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops

COST: $250 per participant. This includes the three day residential camp and all subsequent rehearsals and performances.

Closing Date: All applications and enquiries must be received on or before Monday 16 March 2015.

For more information please call: Andi 0433 421 355
Sitti 0406 069 973
Yusran 0412 797 866
Epy 0405 369 346

Membuka kelas-kelas baru untuk tingkat dasar dan menengah serta tersedia pula kelas untuk dewasa di Marrickville West Public School, 269 Livingstone Road, Marrickville 2204. Setiap Sabtu jam 10 pagi – 12 siang (school term).

Untuk keterangan lebih lanjut hubungi: Andi 0433 421 355
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Indonesian Language School is now open for beginner and intermediate classes at Marrickville West Public School, 269 Livingstone Road, Marrickville 2204. Saturdays at 10.00am – 12.00 pm (school term). For more information please call: Andi 0433 421 355
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Reading & Writing Basic Maths Basic Computers Workshops

Building D Level 6 Room D6.7

Ring Tirsa on 9217 2732 for more information

Certificate 1 Intro (10442) Classes for people who want to develop skills and gain confidence.

Certificate 1 (10443) Classes for people who want to further develop their skills and confidence.

Certificate 2 (10697) Classes for people who want to improve their skills for work and further study.
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
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 ........................................... 80c
Peters Fandangles ............................... $1.50
Frozen yoghurt .................................. $2.00
Slushy (99% fruit) Small ...................... $1.00
Slushy (99% fruit) Large ...................... $2.00
Gelato cups – 2 flavours ..................... $1.50

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) ......... $1.00
Mini Potato Top Beef Pie ................... $1.50
Fried Rice ...................................... $2.00
Traditional Potato Bake ...................... $3.50
Vegetarian Lasagne ......................... $3.50
Fruit Salad Cup ................................ $2.00
Hot Corn Cob ................................... $1.00

Snacks

Potato Chips (28g) ............................. $1.20
Popcorn ......................................... $1.00
Roasted Seaweed ............................... $1.00
Rice/Grain snacks ............................. $1.20
Gingerbread Folk ................................ $1.60
Vege Crackers .................................. $1.20
Flavoured Rice Crackers ................... $1.20
Hard-boiled egg ............................... +60c
vegetable Sticks ............................... 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
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
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.