Swimming Carnival!
From the Principals’ desk...

Welcome back to school!

2016 has already seen some big changes at Marrickville West. We have welcomed over 60 new families to our school which has grown overall by almost 15% from this time last year. Our staff team has been enhanced by some enthusiastic, new members. Several babies have been (or are about to be) born to some of our favourite teachers. Upgrades to Building A and to both car parks are in the process of being completed ...

One thing that has not changed however is the friendly sense of community that continues to greet me every morning in our school hall and in the classrooms that I visit throughout the day. Thank you to those generous parents who turned out to serve the “Tea and Tissues” morning tea to our parents who turned out to serve the “Tea and Tissues” morning tea to our

community over the coming year. Student wellbeing has always been a priority at Marrickville West. In 2016 we will continue to build a learning community that encourages respectful relationships, confident learners and safe, responsible citizens. Restorative Practice lies at the heart of our educational philosophy. We believe that most problems can be solved when people act with empathy and take responsibility for their behaviour. We consider mistakes are an opportunity to learn a better way.

The “Five Keys to Social Success” compliment this approach with a program called “You Can Do It”. This program supports us to identify, teach and encourage thinking and behaviours that promote healthy relationships, successful learning and personal success. Students from K-6 will spend time developing a better understanding of the “five keys” and how to use them. More information about our revised Student Wellbeing Policy and social skills programs will be available soon.

Ruth Bradfield-Ling
Principal

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From The Office

Welcome back everyone. Hope everyone had a relaxing break and ready for the exciting events that will unfold in 2016.

Uniform Room Opening Hours
Monday & Wednesday 9:00am – 10:30am
If the above hours are unsuitable you can Fill in the Uniform Order Form & drop it into the office with your payment. You can find the order form on the school website: http://bit.ly/1Vi0qg9

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.

Hats
Please remember to bring a hat every day, and put your name in your hat.

Traffic Incidents Diary/Log
We 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.

School website contains news, class overviews for the term, useful information from DEC and a school calendar with links to permission notes. Go to: www.marrickviw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
ASSEMBLY

School Assemblies are held in the Hall every second Thursday at 2:45pm.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Below is a schedule showing when classes will be hosting Assembly and presenting an item during Semester 1. It is hoped that each class will have the opportunity to present two Assemblies over the course of the year.

Kindergarten will present a special Kindergarten Assembly towards the end of Term 2. Parents with children in Kindergarten will receive notice of the date and time well in advance. Kindergarten will also present an item at a whole school Assembly later in the year.

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Dance for the Fun of it! Free Show to celebrate back to school.

In memory of Jack Norman

Planting in 2015 on Superhero Day.

School banking is Wednesday 9-9.20am in the LIBRARY.
Kindergarten started big school this week and have done such a wonderful job of settling in so quickly. Here they are in their classrooms having fun and learning with their new friends.
Students in 3/4E have spent the past week getting to know each other. We have played a variety of ‘ice-breaker’ games and have developed pieces of work that showcase our interests. After only 1 week, we have developed into a close knit team that knows each other really well.

I look forward to working alongside the students and families of 3/4E throughout the year.

Mr Shaun Evans
# WEEK 3 T1: MWPS CALENDAR

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Contestants from Marrickville West Has Talent 2015

Good friends reunite after the long summer holidays

Swimming Carnival!

Congratulations! Super Stars
These students have earned a SCHOOL AWARD for collecting 10 Merit Awards

Olivia G, Kiet P, Victoria P
SCHOOL MEDAL
Caitlyn S.

Thanks Tym for helping Ms Angela by cleaning up our playground!
Welcome to 2016 from the Parents and Citizens Association!

Do you know what the P&C is? We are the members of the Marrickville West Community. You might be a parent, grandparent, carer or local community member. We work together to make Marrickville West PS a better place. If you pay your voluntary school fees you automatically become a member of the P&C. If not you can become a member for $1 a year (pay at any meeting you come to). Or even if you don’t pay you can come along to any meeting or P&C function (you just can’t vote on P&C ideas).

Actively being a part of the P&C shows your children and all the students that you care about their education and school. The kids love to see parents and carers in the playground – they always say hello!

We do so many things:
- Hold meetings (Thursdays in Week 3 and 8 each term – 7:00pm in the staff room)
- Manage the canteen, lunch, recess and coffee making for teachers and visitors and organise canteen cook-ups
- Organise the School Band and the Ukulele group
- Run Westwalk, our Walkathon
- Arrange Mothers and Fathers Day stalls
- Co-ordinate 2nd hand uniform stalls
- Manage Ethics class teachers
- Hold a Teachers Day breakfast to celebrate our teachers
- Co-ordinate fundraising like BBQs, stalls, raffles
- Arrange Film Nights
- Welcome new families at staff events and Kindy
- Transition Programs
- Write grants to get the school money
- Organise Working Bees
- Co-ordinate School banking
- Get the community together and Campout and communal dinners

We need lots of people to help with all this. And we need people with many different skills. So if you can’t do one thing, no problem, we can find something else to suit your talents. If you’d like to help out your school keep a close eye on emails from your class parent and this newsletter. Or you can check the P&C Facebook page. Even better come along to our first meeting for the year on Thursday 18th February. You can hear what we have planned for this year and add some ideas of your own.

Kindy Morning Tea

Many thanks to the parents who made a plate of goodies for the Kindy Morning Tea and those who turned up to talk to the new Mums and Dads. It was a great morning.

Welcome BBQ

What a great start to the year was the Welcome BBQ – it’s great to see our community out in full force. A special thanks to all who helped with setting up, BBQing, cutting, serving, making, kids activities and music on the evening.

School Banking

Each Wednesday is School Banking day at MWPS. You can find Tina Lambrou and Cynthia Bacon in the school Library from 9:00-9:25am and they will take students deposits for their Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver account. For each deposit they make they earn a token and once they’ve collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for reward items through the School Banking Rewards Program. It’s a good way to help kids learn about money and develop good savings habits. If your child has an account with another bank, bring in evidence of any deposits they make and we’ll organise a reward for them too.

Canteen Cookup

Want to help make some yummy, healthy food to sell in our canteen? Come along this Friday 19th Feb to the Connect Marrickville Parent Space (the onsite community rooms that Vivi runs) to help cook some pasta and chilli con carne. We’ll be there from 12:00-3:30pm. Bring along a chopping board, sharp knife, large saucepan or food processor or just bring yourself! It’s a kid friendly space so pre-schoolers welcome.

Canning green thumbs

Are you a forward planning gardener and think you could plant some seeds or seedlings that would be ready to sell at the Mother’s Day Stall on 6th May (10 weeks away)? We’d love to have donations of flowers, succulents, cactii etc to sell on the day, so start planting soon.

NEXT P&C MEETING: Thursday 7pm 18 February

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.
Students enrol in the Course in Vocational and Community Engagement (10093NAT). In 2016 Petersham TAFE Outreach is delivering this course on Fridays from 9:30am to 1:30pm at a community location from 19 February to 20 May. Learn about gardening, green composting, water conservation, and how to grow organic food at home or in your community. Find out about certificate courses in permaculture, horticulture, bush regeneration, and landscaping. All courses run subject to demand and available resources. Fees may change without notice.

Fees: exemptions for people with a disability and $80 for Centrelink benefit recipients. $97 for people who are not in receipt of a benefit. Sydney TAFE Equity and Fee Free Scholarships available.

More information and how to enrol can be found at https://utshealth.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0T9hiLz0VeUl4gd.

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PARENTS NEEDED FOR 15-MINUTE SURVEY

Parents are invited to complete an anonymous, 15-minute online survey to explore their thoughts and feelings about childhood behaviours. We are interested in learning how parents from different cultures interpret childhood behaviours and how they respond to them.

All participants will go in a draw to win a $50 Westfield gift voucher.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Caucasian or Asian ethnicity
- Have a child between the ages of 7-13

To complete the survey, please go to: https://utshealth.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=sYv7h1lE09e1U14g

If you have any queries, please contact Sarah-Anne Nguyen:
Sarah-Anne.H.Nguyen@student.uts.edu.au
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**Access to Aged Care Course** – info session 10am 24 February 2016

An introduction to working in the aged care industry including basics, Food Handlers Certificate, two benefit suburbs, education and employment pathways, basic computing and work experience. Earn skills and experience in our community home. Additional 100 hours free for open and tasty Sydney TAFE members. (Free course)

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### Uniform List

**Short sleeve tshirt**
- 4 - L: $20.00

**T-shirts**
- 4 - 14: $17.00

**Bomber jacket**
- 4 - 16: $20.00

**Cargo Shirts**
- 4 - 16: $24.00

**Short Sleeve Dress**
- 2 - 10: $30.00

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Fee exempt courses Semester I 2016

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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 ............................... $3.40
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 ............................................. $1.00
Peters Fandangles ......................... $1.60
Gelato cups – 2 flavours .................. $1.60
Frozen Yoghurt ............................... $2.00

Something New!
Steamed Vegetarian Gyoza (V) ....... 70c
Cheese & Spinach Triangle (V) .... 1.20
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (V) .... 1.50
Pizza Wrap (meat or Cheese) ....... 3.50
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) ............... from $3.20
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