Welcome to term 2 and welcome to the ‘new-look’ P&C Newsletter. The P&C have had a busy term 1 and there are many more activities and events planned for term 2. Some upcoming events and dates to remember:

- Fri 6th May: Mothers Day Stall
- Thur 12th May: P&C Meeting
- Fri 13th May: Canteen Committee Meeting
- Sun 15th May: SLIP Working Bee
- Thur 19th May: Dance Around the World Meeting
- TBC: Marrickville West Film Club Night

For further information about these events see the details below.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on **Friday 6th May**. Each class is brought down to the hall after lunch to buy that special gift for Mum, Grandmother, or Carer. Gifts range from $0.50 to $15. The gifts are great value and much cheaper than normal retail prices. Dads please remind the kids on Friday to bring in some pocket money to spend on a treat for Mum. The stall will also be open from 2:30-4:00pm for parents, teachers or anyone else to look at or purchase gifts.

If you are free to help out with selling the gifts on Friday afternoon anytime between 12:15 - 4:00pm please see Maria Lombardo, Eva Fosso or Melanie Storic. An extra special thank you goes to Anna (Lex’s Mum from 2K/J) for a stack of gorgeous handmade cards she prepared and donated. Students can purchase the cards at the Mother’s Day stall at the same time as their gift.

MARRICKVILLE WEST FILM CLUB

The first Marrickville West Film Club screening occurred on the last day of term 1 with a showing of Monsieur Hulot’s Holiday, a black and white comedy from 1953. Many families came along in their pyjamas and joined us in the School Hall for a night of fun with popcorn and drinks.

The next Film Club night will be held in the coming weeks. The film will be the Brad Bird classic film Iron Giant. The Iron Giant is a superbly animated retelling of the 1968 Ted Hughes book ‘The Iron Man’ rated PG. It is the story of a Giant robot that falls to Earth in 1950’s America, who finds his only friend is a small boy called Hogarth. It is engaging, thought provoking, charming and fun. Ignored when first released in 1999 it has become a cult classic. “More intelligent and thought-provoking than the usual dumb and dull-witted fare for children” Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Check out the Marrickville West Film Club on Facebook and stay tuned for the time and date of this coming session.

http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/MarrickvilleWestPandC
SCHOOL BANKING

Remember that **Friday is School Banking day at Marrickville West from 9:00-9:30am.** Students can bring in their deposit to the school library where Tina, Diane or Pushpa will help them fill out their deposit slips. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then redeem them for a reward such as a money box, drink bottle, lunchbox, wallet or watch.

As a result of Marrickville West participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program the Commonwealth Bank donated $300 to the school earlier in the year. Being part of the program also helps our children develop strong financial literacy skills. If your child has an account with a different banking institution then you can bring in evidence of their deposits (i.e. a receipt from the bank etc) and give it to Ms Anne or Ms Stav in the Office. For every 10 deposits they will receive a small gift from the school such as a pencil.

SCHOOL LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENT PARTY

Next working bee - Sunday 15 May 2011, 10am - 12pm at Henson Playground.
Come along cos:

- we need your help.
- you’ll see the Henson area plans and can add your comments / ideas.
- it’s a fun and worthwhile couple of hours
- it’s a good way to meet other families

Thanks to those generous people involved in the School’s Landscape Management Plan review. P&C use the plan to prioritise what work it does around the school grounds. Mr Tony, the school gardener, also uses this plan to guide him in what he does. Can’t come along to this working bee, perhaps we’ll see you another time.

Mark your calendar - 19 June, 7 August, 11 September, 30 October, 27 November.

SLIP WORKING 🌞EEs
PREVIOUS P&C MEETING
At our last meeting in term 1 we spent time discussing plans for the Election Day BBQ. Other topics discussed included:

• Updating the School Landscape Management Plan and further landscaping works to be done in Henson Playground.
• A report on preliminary plans for Dance Around the World.
• The P&C helping to fund the cost for the Yr5/6 camp to Bathurst.
• Upcoming film nights
• Promoting the school in local newspapers.
• The Marrickville Council meeting attended by Mitch Wood and Karen Price regarding a childcare centre at MWPS.

For more information on these topics see the Minutes that are available on the Yahoo Group or ask a member of the P&C Executive for a copy.

NEXT P&C MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 12th May at 2:00pm in the Connect Marrickville Community Room. Some topics of discussion will be school landscaping, the canteen committee, Mother’s Day stall results, fundraising ventures with the students and more. Everyone is welcome to come along to the meeting and raise a topic that concerns and interests them.

DANCE AROUND THE WORLD PLANNING MEETING
The next DATW planning meeting will be held in the Connect Marrickville Community Room on Thursday 19th May at 2:00pm. On the agenda is discussion of the new DATW logo and website, marketing plan, fundraising and event planning. If you would like to get involved come along! For more information, contact Vanessa Hyde on 0430 032 716.

CANTEEN COMMITTEE
The first meeting of the Canteen Committee took place last term. The Marrickville West Canteen is an initiative of the P&C and the money made by the canteen goes to the P&C to improve the school. It is run by our wonderful canteen manager, Wendy. Many issues were discussed and some of the things agreed on were:

• Wendy does a wonderful job at efficiently running the canteen. Her loyal service is an asset to the canteen and the school.
• A canteen policy/philosophy will be drafted as well as an official job description for Wendy to make clear for everyone involved what is expected from the canteen.
• We will join the NSW Canteen Association, which will mean we can make use of their business advisory service to improve financial, food and operational opportunities for the canteen.
• An online ordering system will be tried from Term 2 to see if it is useful and viable for our school.
• New promotional opportunities will be run at the canteen by Wendy and volunteers to make the students and parents more aware of what is going on in the canteen and what foods are available.
• Investigation will be done into what makes other canteens successful to see how we can improve.
• A pricing review will take place as soon as possible.
• A review of the food offered will be undertaken to see if we can reduce the variety of similar food/items available (ie having only one brand of chips available etc). A menu will then be distributed for comment.

The next meeting of the Canteen Committee will be held on Friday 13th May, 3.30pm in the School Library. If you have information to add about the canteen, ideas on how to make our canteen more successful or suggestions on food offered then come along to the next meeting or contact Rachael Ottaway on 0433 041 629 to let her know your ideas.
STATE ELECTION FUNDRAISER

Another fantastic effort at fundraising for the P&C took place on the day of the State Election. Our BBQ, canteen and cake stalls raised an amazing $2617.30. Over the day we had 33 volunteers either helping in the canteen, cake stall or BBQ, which was a great effort and three more volunteers than last election day fundraiser...we continue to build! And the great thing was we had five first timers and it was great to meet those new people.

Apart from those who helped out on the day there were 13 or more people who helped out in various ways in preparation for the event including buying goods, dropping leaflets in letterboxes, cutting onions or organising finances. These people, for whatever reason, could not be there on the day but when asked if they could help out prior to the day did so willingly, which was much appreciated. We also had approximately 20 families donate goodies to sell at the cake stall on the day. This was about 450 individual cupcakes, slices or piece of yummy goodness which made $350 of our profit on the day.

This means over 60 people helped make this day a success and we’ve built closer bonds within our MWPS community. All these volunteers did a fabulous job but the biggest thanks must go to Paul Connell and Melanie Stopic who both put in hours of work to co-ordinate the volunteers, buy the BBQ goods, organise advertising of the event and make sure the supplies needed on the day were available. Both Paul and Melanie also spent the entire Election Day working on the BBQ and in the canteen to ensure everything went smoothly. Their overseeing of the fundraising is much appreciated. Thanks also go to South Marrickville Woolworths who donated $50 and Marrickville Metro Woolworths who donated $40 so we could buy sausages and sauces and other needs for the day. We’ll be able to add this wonderful amount of money to the P&C offers to be spent on things like playground improvements, technical equipment for the classrooms or other improvements to the school.

P&C YAHOO GROUP

Did you know that our P&C has a Yahoo Group that is an excellent way of staying in touch and contributing to all that is going on. Interesting articles, conversations on P&C issues, reminders of P&C events and minutes of previous meetings can all be found on this site. If you want to be part of this online group all you need to do is enter the following link into your browser and follow the “JOIN THIS GROUP” button.

http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/MarrickvilleWestPandC

P&C EXECUTIVE - The P&C Executive would love to hear from you about what we can do to improve Marrickville West Primary School. If you’ve got an idea for something you think should be done around the school please grab one of us for a chat in the playground before or after school or contact us on the details provided.

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