**BUNNINGS BBQ**

The Bunnings BBQ in August was a great success. Despite a rainy week, the day of the BBQ was a clear, cool day – perfect for sausage selling. We had a bunch of enthusiastic volunteers come and help on the day. Jan Wright provided some funny hats to brighten up our day and in the end we sold over 1000 sausages. Marrickville South and Metro Woolworths donated $90 between them to buy products for the day, and we also had donations from several kind families of serviettes, tomato sauce and foil trays. It was a busy day and in the end we made $2231.82 profit which is a great result and $200 better than last year!

Thanks goes to the volunteer sausage chefs and spruikers, the bunch of people who turned up the Friday before the BBQ to cut up onions and the people who helped buy or donate supplies.

An enormous thanks goes to Paul Connell - the main organisational force behind the Bunnings BBQs. He organised with Bunnings for us to have our day there. He called for volunteers and organised when they will work. He arranged for donations from Woolworths and families in the school for supplies. He helped to buy the sausages, drinks and onions before the day. And he worked the entire day at the BBQ from 8:00am till 5:00pm. If you see Paul in the playground, make sure you give him a pat on the back and tell him what an awesome job he does!

**Canteen news**

We will be sending out a greatly revised Canteen Menu for Term 4. The changes include a pricing increase (the first in 2 years) and new daily specials, which represent the only hot food offering for the day. Everyone will receive a copy of the new menu - MARRICKVILLE WEST MUNCHIES – before the holidays.

We would like to highlight some new healthy before-school food options;

- Up & Go - 4 Flavours
- 100% juice - apple and orange
- Milk, yoghurt, muesli and yoghurt cups and fresh fruit!!

Snack foods will no longer be sold before school.

We also welcome the return of the SLUSHY for Term 4.

Other newer products on the menu include steamed vegetarian gyoza, SUSHI, roasted seaweed snack and the apple slinky available at recess for a limited time - ONLY $1.

Sushi rolls are fantastically nutritious and are very low in fat. The nori is rich in Vitamin A, iodine and contains other vitamins and minerals and this is before any delicious fillings are added. Sushi rolls that are made with tuna or other seafood provide protein and can be a good source of omega-3 fatty acids. Sushi rolls that are made with fresh vegetables are a great source of vitamins and rice provides complex carbohydrates. TRY ONE TODAY only $2.20!

Some of these improvements were suggested in a report we had prepared by the Healthy Canteen Association. Currently our canteen runs at a loss, but we hope by streamlining the food choices and providing cheap, healthy, great tasting food options to get our canteen to a point where we break even. Our modest charge increases will help with this but products will still be very competitively priced.

CAFE WEST serves great coffee and hot chocolate every morning from the canteen, drop by and enjoy a morning coffee with us!

**Dance around the World**

Sad news for Dance around the world fans - this year’s festival has been postponed until sometime next year while we recruit and organise more enthusiastic volunteers to help drive the event. Unfortunately there was simply not the people power this year ready to help out with running the event and organising the many aspects of the festival. A small host of people are required to manage a festival of this nature.

If you do have a passion for this wonderful festival and would like to help make this showcase event a highlight of our year in 2013 please contact Vanessa Hyde, Vivi Martin, Mr Moran or Ms Ling and let them know you’d love to make this happen.

**Film Club**

The last film night held in week 5 was a great success. Kids were captivated by the 1958 musical Tom Thumb and its colourful songs and dances. Watch for the next newsletter in Term 4 to find out what last film for the year will be. Families are invited to come along, buy some popcorn and drinks (or bring your own). The kids love to curl up on the gym mats on the floor with a pillow and blanket and adults can relax in an easy chair, all for less than $5 for the whole family. What a great night out!

**Volunteers**

A big thanks to all those lovely people who answered our call for more helpers at Café West. We have four new helpers who are being trained at the moment - Lily, Harley, Erica and Yunita. Their help allows us to keep Café West open five days a week and allow the regular helpers a week off now and then to lighten the load. It’s great to see these new faces.

**Father’s Day stall**

We hope all the Dads were happy with the presents their kids bought them at the P&C run Father’s Day stall. A range of wonderful offerings had been purchased by Maria and Eva in the lead up to the day. Many thanks go to them for all their organisation and presentation of the gifts. A wonderful group of Mums also helped out on the day selling the presents to the excited kids – thanks!! If the Dad in your family has requests for things he love to receive for next Father’s Day please let the Maria, Eva or any other P&C member know.
Banking

Don’t forget that Friday is School Banking Day in the Library. Our wonderful volunteers Tina, Pushpa and Diane can help the students deposit money into their Commonwealth bank account on Friday mornings between 9:00 and 9:20am. All deposits need to be in before the morning assembly bell rings. If your child already has a Commonwealth Bank savings account, you just need to bring in their yellow deposit folder and their money. If your child doesn’t yet have an account, then talk to Tina, Pushpa or Diane who can get you the appropriate forms to fill out.

Every time your child makes a deposit (even if it’s 50c) they get 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.

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 Stav in the Office. For every 10 deposits they will receive a small gift from the school such as a pencil.

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 27th October at 7:00pm in the Staff Room. Everyone is welcome to come along to the meeting and raise a topic that concerns and interests them.

Last P&C meeting At the P&C meeting last week we discussed:

- a community survey to find out what issues the parents want the P&C to address.
- the upcoming menu for the canteen, results from the Bunnings BBQ & the Father’s Day stall,
- the need to get more community helpers to help drive Dance Around the World next year.

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PIANO PROJECT

This term students have been engaged in a range of activities as part of the school Piano Project. A group of students from years 3, 4 and 5 have participated in two workshops and a third is planned for Tuesday 11th October. So far in the workshops students have looked at the inner workings of the piano, created charcoal drawings, brainstormed ideas on the installation, practiced a technique of printing images onto wood, and designed small sculptures made from piano parts. The piano parts for this project were kindly donated by the Metropolitan Piano Company on Illawarra Road. One of the highlights of this project will be a special exhibition in Term 4 where student work, including the piano installation, will be displayed. A number of classes have started creating artwork for the exhibition, and all students are welcome to create additional work to be displayed. We are currently looking for volunteers to help us with the planning of the exhibition. If you would like to get involved please let Stephanie or Rudy know – everyone’s ideas most welcome!

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2nd hand uniforms

Have you checked the lost property boxes outside the office recently? There is a huge pile of jumpers that have been discarded in the playground over the winter months longing to be re-united with their owners. I have been through the box trying to return those with names on them with their rightful owners. However there are many people I do not bump into in the playground, so please check out the box if you are missing any items. Any that are not collected in the next month will be sold at the next 2nd-hand uniform stall.

Now that winter is on the way out, please also consider donating any uniforms that your children have grown out of to the 2nd-hand uniform stall. We will soon be having a stall for the Transition to School parents so we especially need uniforms in Size 4 and 6. However bigger sizes are always in demand too. There have been a lot of requests for pants, shorts and short-sleeves too. If you have items to donate please give them to me in the playground or hand them in to Ms Stav in the Office. The next 2nd hand uniform stall will be Thu 20th Oct and the final one for the year will be Tue 15th Nov.

Melanie Stopic – 2nd hand uniform stall co-ordinator

P&C on the internet

Our P&C can now be found in three ways on the internet. If you want a general overview of the P&C or to quickly find a newsletter or meeting minutes then check out the P&C section of the school’s website at: http://www.marrickviw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/1760483.node

If you want some brief reminders of when P&C events are on, small notes on what the P&C is involved in or photos of our activities then go to our Facebook page at the following link and click on the “Like” button. http://www.facebook.com/pages/Marrickville-West-Parents-and-Citizens-Association/174299522624452

If you want to be involved in in-depth discussions about what is going on in the P&C then join our Yahoo Group. 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/MarrickvilleWestP&C