Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all year 3 and 5 students for your efforts with the NAPLAN assessments last week. I was very pleased with the effort made to attend school each day and be on time. Well done! The results should be sent out to families late next term.

PSSA Representation

Angelina Subotic has recently attended the NSW PSSA Tennis Championships where she was part of the winning girls team for 2014. This is the second year that she has represented at this carnival and has been in the winning team both years. As a result of her outstanding skills she has been selected to represent NSW at the Interstate Championship. I know you’ll join me in congratulating Angelina on her sporting success and wish her well at the next level as she travels to Darwin. To help support her with associated costs the NSW PSSA have organised a raffle and tickets are on sale in our front office for $2 each. There are some fabulous prizes so please help out if you can.

Assembly Items

Each fortnight a class performs at the school assemblies. Listed below are the future items.

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White Academic Award

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Silver Behaviour Award

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Greg Way
Principal
Foyer Display
Every week a class will showcase their classroom work in our foyer. Listed below are the classes for the coming weeks. Come in and see our wonderful display.

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PSSA
Round 1 – 16/05/14

Football
Girls Football Jnr 3 - 0 Loss
Girls Football Snr 5 - 0 Loss
Boys Jnr Yellow 1 - 3 Loss
Boys Jnr Green 0 - 4 Loss
Boys Snr 0 – 6 Loss

Rugby League
Junior League 6 – 12 Loss
Senior League 22 – 6 Won

Netball
Junior A first game 2 - 0 Won
Junior A second game 1 – 0 Loss
Junior B first game 5 – 0 Won
Junior B second game 1 – 2 Loss
Senior A first game 4 - 0 won
Senior A second game 8 -0 Won
Senior B first game 0 – 19 Loss
Senior B second game 0 – 1 Loss

Head lice
Head lice have been detected in the school. Head lice spread very easily but are easily cured with special preparations available from chemists. Could you please check your child’s hair and if lice or the eggs (nits—small white dots attached to the hair near ears and back of neck) are found, please arrange treatment.

Birthday Celebrations
If you wish to send in something to celebrate your child’s birthday, we are asking parents to send cupcakes or donuts rather than whole cakes. Also, if you are sending in lolly bags please do not add party poppers as they contain gun powder.

Reminder: Marsden Road P/S is a nut free zone.

Walk Safely to School Day
Marsden Road Public School will celebrate the annual National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 23rd May, 2014. On this day, we encourage all students to walk or catch public transport to school. We do this to promote:
- healthier, more active lifestyles
- balanced diets
- less dependence on cars
- greater use of public transport
- cleaner air

All students who walk to school on this day will receive a participation sticker when they arrive.
If you would like more information about Walk Safely to School Day, visit walk.com.au
Happy walking!

Debating
Congratulations to Katarina Macura, Charlotte Clark, Natasha Josifoska and Sonja Vujanic who represented Marsden Road in debating on Thursday, 8th of May. The girls competed against Dalmeny Public School and won the debate by arguing why cities are not the best place to live.

Miss Stefanski & Miss Heath

Triple P Seminars
Anglicare is offering a 3 week course, starting Monday 3rd, then the 9th and 16th of June between 10.00am – 12.00pm at Mission Australia, Shropshire St, Miller. The Course assists parents with, building positive behaviours, setting rules, responding to misbehaviour immediately, consistently and decisively as well as taking care of you as a parent.
Joffa’s Toon School
This is more than just learning to draw!!!

Childhood is a crucial time for growing healthy minds. All children need care and support to develop and learn. The KidsMatter team at Marsden Road Public School is aiming to promote positive experiences for all students. Jeff, “Joffa” Taylor fosters confidence, resilience and raises self-esteem in all children. It will be one of the most rewarding and positive experiences for your children. You don’t want them to miss out.

Marsden Road Public School understands the importance for all children to attend these sessions so we are subsidising the cost. For that reason it is only $4 for each child. If you need a new note, please see your teacher or the office ASAP.

Miss Friedewald and the KidsMatter Team

Sleep for School Age Children
Sleep is very important – especially for growing children. It is vital to have a good night of rest every night to be productive the next day.

During primary school the average child sleeps 10 to 11 hours at night without waking with a gradual decrease into later childhood.

It is very helpful if parents encourage good sleep practices from an early age. Good sleep habits include a regular routine prior to getting to into bed, with time to “wind down” before trying to go to sleep. Consistent bedtime in a warm (the ideal temperature is around 21°C), dark, comfortable room with light blankets and a firm mattress encourages children to feel safe and secure at night. It also means avoiding all electronic activities (phones, computers or watching TV) in the bedroom!

Information taken from –

P & C News
The P&C would like to congratulate Marsden Road students and families on their support of our fundraising initiatives. We are pleased to announce that together we as a school community have raised $1362.45 at our recent Mothers Day stall, outstanding effort M.R.P.S. We hope all the mothers/grandmothers liked their presents and enjoyed their day. We would also like to congratulate Belinda our volunteer who won a raffle prize drawn on the day-just for helping us out, and a big thankyou to all the mums and grandparent who helped out at the stall.

Hamburger Day
We are excited to be holding hamburger day tomorrow, thankyou to everyone who has placed an order. A reminder to all that there will be a limited number of burgers available for purchase on the day, $4.00 for the burgers and $1.00 for drinks, these will be on sale during lunch time.

Uniform Shop
Just a reminder to all, that the uniform room is open every Thursday between 8:30 - 9:30am, for the purchase of school uniforms. We are always looking for volunteers to help out, all welcome.

School Attendance
What is a justified reason for being absent from school?
Justified reasons for absences may include the student:
- having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably, these should be made after school or during holidays)
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- being required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- being sick, or having an infectious disease.

Regular information for parents and carers
Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child’s hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Having head lice is not a justified reason for prolonged absences from school.

Absences for reasons such as some of the following may not be justified:
- Shopping
- Sleeping in
- Working around the house
- Minding younger siblings and other children
- Minor family events such as birthdays
- Haircuts.

It is important to realise that parents (including carers) may be prosecuted if children have recurring unjustified absences from school.

Next time, I will include information about withdrawing students for family holidays.

Miss Hay
Deputy Principal

This information is taken from the DEC attendance information sheet located at
Movie Night

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Movie Night on Friday night. It was a fabulous night and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Thanks to all the teachers who gave up their own time to make the night run smoothly. A big thanks to the Signing Choir, Junior Dance Group, Boys Dance Group, Senior Dance Group and Improv Team who provided entertainment prior to the movie. A special thanks to Mr Watt and Mr Verey who entertained us with their musical styling’s! It was definitely a great night!