Selective High School

Parents of students currently in Year 5 may like to consider making an application for their child to attend a government selective high school in 2017. Applications are available online from 13 October to 16 November 2014. The placement test is 10 March 2016. You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shplacement Information sheets are available in the office. Please feel free to discuss your intent to apply with your child’s teacher to help decide if an application is appropriate for your child.

Kindergarten Transition

Today we had the first of our six Kindergarten Transition sessions. Over the next five Wednesday afternoons the children and their parents/carers will be presented with a wealth of information to help them get a great start to school life. At the moment we are expecting about 100 kindergarten students to start school next year. If you know of any other students who are eligible to begin school and have not yet enrolled, please ask their parents to contact our office ASAP so they can attend the final transition sessions and we can plan our classes to include them in 2016.

Parent Survey Reminder

At the end of last term I sent a note home asking parents and carers to complete an online survey - you are an important and valued part of our school community. If you haven’t done so already, please take part in this online, anonymous survey which will help us to make practical improvements and inform our school planning. You can access the survey in your own time, between 16 September and 23 October 2015, by following the link below on your computer or tablet:

www.tellthemfromme.com
Username: parent17121
Password: Mar4278
(everyone uses the same user name and password)

Our computer lab open will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings (8.25 – 8.55) for parents who need help or can’t access the survey from home.

Welcome

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Cathie Sinclair to the role of relieving SAM at our school. Mrs Sinclair replaces Mrs Piper who gained permanent employment at Mainsbridge SSP at the end of last term. I’d also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Piper for her valued contribution to our school in her time relieving for Mrs Allington.

Last term also saw Dennis our crossing supervisor retire and he has been replaced by Andrew.

I’m sure you’ll make both Cathie and Andrew welcome.

Greg Way
Principal

Coming Events for Term 4

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- Mariam Youssef 1D
- Ngoc Hoang 4C
- Micheal Kwansah 2M
- Maria Malik 2M
- Hamiana Gatea 1C
- Keira Whittingham SL
- Kaylah Scott 2M
- Nelson Brotherhood 3K
- Loukita Sivaa SL
- David Alzohairy 2M
- Anja Milic 4M
- Anhor Al-Kailani 4C
- Tori Jones SP
- Anwar Sameer 3V

Silver Behaviour Award

- Zahia Sakim 1/2A
- Apoorva Kudva ST
- Adrise Al Kalaney 3V
- Luke Tran 2N
- Matipa Matarah KH
- Fahad Alzohairy KP
- Ishmit Kaur 4M
- Tara Minar KP
- Hamiana Gatea 1C
- Reem Mhana SA
- Sandrah Abdul Aziz SA
- Jessica Fanous 1D
- Sai Maharana SP
- Micheal Kwansah 2M
- Angelina Tamrakar 2T
- Bhakthi Salimath SL
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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Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016
We are currently taking 2016 enrolments for kindergarten. If your child is turning five before the 31st of July 2016, please come and see our friendly staff in the office for an enrolment pack.

PROTECT YOUR SKIN AND LET THE FUN BEGIN!

Marsden Road Public School has volunteered to participate in a special SunSmart project. We now have two yellow ‘Fun Wheelies’ in our school to help remind us all to be sun-safe at recess and lunchtime.

To use the sport equipment in the Fun Wheelie, you need to remember to wear your hat and ask the SunSmart captain to help you. They will make sure you put on some sunscreen and then you will be able to play with the fun, new equipment. We have some footballs, walking high-steppers, basketballs and even more fun things to play with your friends.

Remember: You need to wear a sun-safe hat and sunscreen to play with the games in the SunSmart Fun Wheelie!

Thanks,
The SunSmart Team
From the DP’s Desk

Public Speaking Finals

Good luck to our public speaking representatives who will be competing at the finals tomorrow. The following students will be representing their Stage in the finals:
- Early Stage 1 – Youseff Al-Ogaidi
- Stage 1 – Sonny Uepa
- Stage 2 – Ishmit Kaur
- Stage 3 – Charlotte Clark

Thank you to Miss McLachlain and Miss Hatch for organising this event for local schools.

Students Setting Learning Goals

Teachers this week have done some training about how to help students start taking responsibility for their own learning. Part of this challenge is to have students setting personal, short term, achievable goals for their learning. Many students across our school have already started doing this. We endeavour that ALL students in our school will start setting learning goals and reflecting on how they are going as they work towards achieving these goals.

Research suggests that when students are working on goals they set themselves, they are more motivated, more efficient and they achieve more than when they are working on goals set by other people. We would like students at Marsden Road to be excited and motivated to achieve their best at school – this is part of our School Plan.

As adults, we can support students by guiding them to set goals that are at an appropriate level – perhaps just beyond what the students think they can achieve. Current researcher, John Hattie, proposes that the role of teachers is to help students exceed their personal expectations of themselves. There is no problem in having a very grand dream (eg competing at the Olympics), but this needs to be broken down into achievable steps in order to get there. As adults we can guide students towards what to focus on first and then encourage students as they progress, step by step, towards their end goal.

Learn English For Free!

All parents are invited to a free weekly session from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the community room on Mondays. This service is provided by St Vinnies and will be starting up again next Monday 19 October.

Successful Learning Advocates

A selection of students, teachers and parents met last term to talk about what makes a successful learner and how we can acknowledge successful learning in our school. This is part of our School Plan. The idea is for every child to understand what you have to do to be a successful learner. We also aim to support each student to feel like they are a successful learner at school and at home.

Kenneth Safavizad – a successful learner at Marsden Road!

This week we are talking about Kenneth because he has shown some awesome learning around playing the didgeridoo. Kenneth says, “Playing the didgeridoo makes me feel calm. I know I’m a good learner because now I can do things I couldn’t do before.”

To be a successful learner, Kenneth did a lot of practise to improve his skills. He also worked with a teacher to get specific advice about what to do. Kenneth closely watched how the teacher played the didgeridoo and also asked questions about breathing and different sounds to make on the instrument. Kenneth also shows his commitment to learning this new skill by practising not only in the lessons, but also at home on most days. Kenneth’s next learning goal for playing the didgeridoo is to learn circular breathing.

What a fantastic learner who has shown so much growth this year! If you would like to share your learning journey, please see Miss Hay.