Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the school cross country last Friday. The children showed great determination and perseverance when completing the course. It was fanatic to see so many family and friends at this school event. I would like to thank the K-2 team for their organisation in making the day such a success. There will be a number of students who will be representing Marsden Road Public School at the Zone Cross Country next term. We wish them all the best!

Election BBQ

I would like to thank the P&C members and friends who ran the Election Day BBQ on Saturday. All money raised will be used to support school initiatives.

Staff Changes

There are a number of staff changes that will take place in Term Two. Mrs Sugiana will be replacing Mrs Tea for the remainder of the year on 2T, starting Week Three (Monday – Thursday). Ms Flood will be teaching 2T for the first two weeks of term before Mrs Sugiana begins. Miss Nguyen will be the class teacher for 2T on Fridays and the EAL/D teacher Monday – Thursday. Ms Millard will be replacing Mrs Small on SS. Both Mrs Tea and Mrs Small have completed a thorough handover with the teachers to ensure a smooth transition for both classes. We would like to wish Mrs Tea and Mrs Small all the best for the safe arrival of their bundles of joy!

Mrs Liyanage will be replacing Mrs Allan on Wednesdays and Thursday in the RFF role. Mrs Allan will remain in her EAL/D role from Monday-Wednesday.

Thank You and Happy Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the school community for making me feel so welcome in the short time I have been at Marden Road Public School. I have had the opportunity to visit many classrooms, talk with the students and meet family members and friends. I am looking forward to continuing in the Reliving Principal role for part of next term. I wish all our families and friends at Marsden Road Public School a happy and safe holiday! Students return Tuesday 12 April 2015.

Miss Cameron (Relieving Principal)

Coming Events for Term 2

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Assembly Items

Class performances are held at the school assemblies. Listed below are the future items. A whole school assembly will be held on Friday the 26th of June 2015

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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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Resilience
Our second school strategic direction states – ‘Parents, teachers and students collaborate to develop confident, resilient and responsible future citizens.’
We can all help children build their resilience so they can bounce back from disappointment at any time in their lives. Here are some tips from the School A to Z website –

- Resilience needs to be taught to kids.
- Resilience helps your child bounce back.
- Commend your child for the things they are good at.
- Kids notice how well you handle stress and challenges and then copy your behaviour. Extra-curricular activities help develop social skills.
- Life isn’t fair. Teach your child how to accept that and adapt to challenging circumstances.

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home

Share your learning story!
At each assembly I have been sharing learning stories from my own life with the students, teachers and parents. The purpose of this is to show that we are all learners throughout the whole of our lives. This relates to our third strategic direction – ‘Students are nurtured as lifelong learners who co-create their learning journeys.’ I’m interested in hearing learning stories from other people – whether students, teachers, parents or community members. If you have a learning story from your own life that you would be willing to share, please let me know. It would be really interesting to have others sharing their stories about what it is to be a great learner.

Miss S Hay

PSSA Results
20th March – Round 5
Newcombeball
Junior A  Game 1 MRPS 2–0 Casula  Game 2 MRPS 1-1 Wattle
Junior B  Game 1 MRPS 0–1 Dalmeny  Game 2 Bye
Senior A  Game 1 MRPS 2-0 Casula  Game 2 MRPS 2–0 Wattle
Senior B  Game 1 MRPS 1–1 Dalmeny  Game 2 Bye

Tee-Ball
Girls MRPS Forfeited  Boys MRPS 14 – 25 Wattle

Softball
Girls MRPS 6 – 16 Wattle  Boys MRPS 1 – 20 Wattle

Oztag
Junior Game1  5 – 2 Win, Game2  8 – 0 Loss
Senior Game1  7 – 1 Win, Game2  3 – 0 Win

27th March – Round 6
Newcombeball
Junior A  Game 1 MRPS 0-2 Sack St  Game 2 MRPS 1-1 Nuwarra
Junior B  Game 1 MRPS 0-2 Hols  Game 2 MRPS 0-2 Liv W
Senior A  Game 1 MRPS 0-2 Sack St  Game 2 MRPS 1-0 Nuwarra
Senior B  Game 1 MRPS 0-1 Hols  Game 2 MRPS 2-1 Liv W

Tee-Ball
Girls MRPS 11-19 Casula  Boys MRPS 14-21 Dalmeny

Softball
Girls MRPS 11-9 Casula  Boys MRPS 15-15 Dalmeny

Oztag
Junior Game1  4-13 Win  Game2  3-2 Loss
Senior Game1  2-2 Draw  Game2  3-3 Draw

Borrowed Student Clothing
Sometimes at school students require a change of clothes. If your child has borrowed school clothing could you please wash and return these as soon as possible as we have a very limited supply.
Years 6 Camp
Students are welcome to make payment at the office tomorrow for the year 6 camp, please disregard the note that advised the 30th of April.

Student Speech - Puppies
Have you ever considered getting a dog? You might be thinking of going to a pet shop or breeder to buy a dog. Before you do this consider the benefits of adopting a shelter dog. Dogs on the streets struggle to survive as food and water cannot always be found, they have no medical treatment, no warm home to go to when it rains or when it's cold, and they don't have a companion. They fight this battle alone. Some of these dogs are left on the street others are taken to animal shelters. If the dogs at the animal shelters do not get adopted in about three days' time they get put down. You may think buying a dog from a pet store or breeder is a safer thing to do. This is not true. Most puppies you see in the window of a pet store are supplied by puppy mills, in which the puppies are in horrible and extreme conditions. Some dogs in shelters have been given up by a family others were rescued from puppy mills and some are victims of abuse or neglect. Even though the dog at the shelter may not seem as pretty as the dog in the pet shop, they will still give you the same or even better company. They will also give you love and affection and I hope you will give them the same. So if your family ever says they’re going to buy a dog tell them the benefits of rescuing a shelter dog. Give a shelter dog a second chance, and save a life.
By: Amaranta Pettit
Families Together invites mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers to

HOW TO BOOST YOUR CHILD’S MOTIVATION AND LEARNING AT SCHOOL

Presented by
Dr. Andrew Martin

Dr. Martin, a Registered Educational and Child Psychologist, describes the essential parts of students’ motivation and engagement at school. The well-rounded student is not only motivated and engaged, but is also able to bounce back when the going gets tough in schoolwork.

Dr. Martin will discuss the key issues relevant to realising the personal potential of students, and practical ways that parents and caregivers can help build their child’s academic success, increase academic interest, enhance persistence, reduce fear of failure and anxiety, and emphasise academic personal bests (PBs).

This seminar is for primary school aged children.

Bookings are essential and places are limited.
Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place.

Families Together is for parents living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool and Bankstown. Children’s services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place.

DATE: Thursday, 30th April 2015
TIME: 6.30 – 9.00pm
PLACE: The Horsley Room & Lounge
Fairfield RSL
14 Anzac Avenue
FAIRFIELD

CHILD MINDING is not available for this course. Children are not permitted to attend.

No cost!

Please note if you do not wish to receive these fliers or would like to have them emailed to you please contact the number above.

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