Welcome Back
I would like to welcome our families and friends back to Term Two. I hope that everyone had a fabulous holiday. Term Two is shaping up to be both a busy and exciting term.

ANZAC Ceremony
Thank you to all the parents and friends who attended the ANZAC ceremony last Friday. It was a fitting tribute to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand soldiers in Gallipoli. It provided the school community with the opportunity to recognise all the past and present members of the Australian Armed Forces for their work in making Australia the great country it is today. I would like to congratulate the students who displayed outstanding behaviour during the assembly. A huge thank you to the organising committee for their fabulous work in ensuring the ceremony ran smoothly and all the classes were provided with teaching resources to engage our students in learning about this important part of Australian history. As part of the students’ learning, each class created an art display based on the ANZAC theme. The amazing work of the students was displayed in the hall for the ANZAC ceremony and will be left up for parents and friends to view.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Natalia V in class SL who received a ‘Highly Recommended Award’ at the ANZAC Fowler Electorate ANZAC 2015 Competition. Natalia created an art work which depicted Gallipoli 100 years ago and today. She was presented with her award at Cabra Vale Diggers last Wednesday night. The school was also presented with a framed ANZAC print and $100 to contribute to school programs.

Easter Hat Parade
Congratulations to all the students, teachers and families on their amazing efforts in creating such wonderful Easter hats. It was fabulous to see all the classes parade around and enjoy the event. Thank you to all our families and friends who attended this event. Despite the rain, a great time was had by all!

Baby News!
I am happy to announce that Mrs Tea had a baby girl, Adaline, on Monday 20 April. We wish Mrs Tea and her family all the best with their new family addition.

Assembly Cancelled
Due to unforeseen circumstances, assembly this week is cancelled. The next assembly will be 8 May 2015. Thank you for your understanding.

Community Liaison Position
Marsden Road Public School has advertised a position for a Community Liaison Officer. This is a two day a week position. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, the Expression of Interest forms are available at the front office. Applications need to be submitted by Thursday 7 May at 4.00pm.

Special Note
We received some sad news last week of the passing of Mrs Sheppard’s mother, Jenny Kelly. I am sure that the school community is thinking of Mrs Sheppard and her family at this difficult time. Mrs Sheppard will be on leave until 19 July 2015.

Thank You
This will be the last opportunity I have to formally say goodbye and thank you. Mr Way returns from Long Service Leave next week (Friday 8 May 2015). I would like to thank parents, students and staff for making my time so enjoyable and rewarding. Marsden Road Public School is truly fabulous and I feel very fortunate to have led such a wonderful school. I wish everybody all the best for the remainder of the year.

Miss Cameron

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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What makes a great learner?
This year at Marsden Road we are starting to talk about

what makes a great learner.
There are many researchers who promote different models of learning and use a different language to describe what makes a great learner. One researcher who has done a lot of work in this area is Professor Guy Claxton.

Professor Claxton says that intelligence is not a static descriptor of a person’s potential. He believes that by building ‘learning power muscles’, we can enhance the potential of students.

If you are interested in learning more, you can watch a short video clip about Professor Claxton talking about these ideas. The link below takes you to a website with a Youtube clip which is 7 minutes long - http://www.buildinglearningpower.co.uk/what_it_is.html

One thing you can do at home is to try to use the word ‘learning’ rather than the word ‘work’ when you’re talking about class activities or homework tasks. When children start thinking about their learning, it can help motivate students to engage more fully.

Miss Hay

Sydney Writer’s Festival

‘Primary School Day’ – Thursday 21 March 2015

Students from Years 3-6 are invited to participate in a special writing event held at the Sydney Town Hall as part of the Sydney Writers’ Festival 2015.

On Thursday 21 May, selected students will be travelling from Liverpool train station to the Sydney Town Hall via train. The children will be supervised by myself and another teacher from MRPS. Parents will need to deliver their child to Liverpool train station and meet me there at about 8am on the day. I am also keen to include six parents to join us on the day.

There is no cost to participate in the workshops, but students and any parents attending will need to pay for their train fare and take their own recess and lunch. A train fare will cost approximately $7.00 per student. Students would need to purchase their own ticket that morning at the train station.

If your child enjoys writing and would like to participate in some fun workshops with authors like Andy Griffiths, Leigh Hobbs, Jacqueline Harvey and Anthony Horowitz, then please pick up a note from the front office and fill in the required information. If students have books by any of the authors listed above, they can bring the books along on the day to be signed.

There are 50 spots available for students to participate.

Miss Hay

School Photo’s

Photo Day is Monday the 11th May 2015,
Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are provided to the eldest child in each family
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only on the day.
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our friendly MSP office staff prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

Email : Sydney@msp.com.au
Phone : +61 2 9499 6555
Fax : +61 2 9499 6585

www.msp.com.au

*Also when ordering photo’s, the gift pack may only be ordered in addition to a regular photo pack.*
School Banking News

New School banking volunteers are needed to take over at the beginning of term 3. So if you are available EVERY Friday morning and would love to get involved in your child’s school please contact our lovely ladies in the office. Unfortunately if a new volunteer is not found, school banking will cease.

Learning Journeys

Learning How To Play Soccer Well

The thing I’ve always wanted to do better is to play soccer. At the start, I didn’t really know how to play any sport and I wasn’t very good at any sports. I tried to participate and tried my best but it wasn’t going well. So, I decided to quit.

About two months passed and I decided to change my mind and give it another go! I asked my dad if he could help me get better at soccer and he said, “All right.” We started playing by shooting goals. At first I couldn’t get a single goal! Dad was the one who always scored.

I just kept trying until I got my first goal. I was so excited! Then I decided that I would just keep practising. I thought to myself that I was getting better and I should stick with it.

Then I started playing kicking practise games at school, where I practised kicking the ball. Another student invited me to join their soccer game. I got two goals and the team was extremely happy! I kept playing with them for a while, but I started to get worse again. Finally I left the team because I wasn’t skilled enough.

I kept practising at home to try to get better but I couldn’t seem to make a difference any more. I thought perhaps that soccer wasn’t my sport, so I moved to try rugby instead. I was pretty good at rugby.

Later I was thinking about why I quit soccer. I thought to myself that I should give it another chance. I started practising again at home. Dad helped me improve my skills by spending time practising with me until I got really good. I even got to the point where I could do tricks with the ball on the field.

I learned that if I never gave soccer another go, I never would have found out that I am actually quite good at it! I just needed to practise a bit more.

I learnt that if you keeping practising you do get better.

This learning journey was written by Yuhann Basher (SO).

Community Sparks English Support

Come along to learn and practise English! FREE English classes are available for all parents/guardians this term at Marsden Road Public School. Classes will be facilitated by Lou – an experienced English as a second language teacher.

Parents do not need to have a child in the SPARK program in order to participate in this activity.

When: Monday, 3 – 4pm
4th May – 15th June

Where: Community Room
Marsden Road Public School

Community Room Events

Parent Café
Up and coming WORKSHOPS

Keep an eye on this space for up and coming events for term 2

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Playgroup

Playgroup is held every Tuesday for pre-school aged children and their parents.

Sessions are held 9.00am - 10.30am
Cost is $2 per family per week. We ask that each family contributes a piece of fruit each week to share for morning or afternoon tea. Tea, coffee, milk and cordial will be provided by the school.
May is National Family Reading Month!

National Family Reading Month is designed to get more kids reading with their families. During May 2015, students are invited to read with a family member for at least 10 minutes every day.

If your family would like to take on this challenge, please go to the front office to pick up your reading log. This page is where you record the number of minutes your family reads together each day. After the month of May has finished, you can go online to [www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm](http://www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm) and enter your family details into the competition.

There are $250 worth of book vouchers to be won for you, your family and books for the classroom as well!

Sporting schools

Is the new sports program replacing the old After School Sports. The Sporting Schools Program starts Monday, 4th of May for Years 1-2 at 3pm and Wednesday 6th of May for Years 3-6 at 3pm.

There are still some spaces left for both groups. Registration forms are available from the front office.

Anzac Day 100 Years

Last week, the students at Marsden Road Public School commemorated the 100th year anniversary of ANZAC Day by learning about the Gallipoli Campaign. Students participated in activities including learning about what life was like at Gallipoli, symbols that represent ANZAC Day, animals that were in the war and making or tasting ANZAC biscuits. Each class also created an artwork and wreath that was displayed in the hall during the special ANZAC service. Students, teachers and the school community had the privilege of listening to Sergeant Small address the assembly. He spoke about the sacrifice Australian and New Zealand soldiers made at Gallipoli and the importance of the courage and mateship they showed.

Congratulations to Natalia Vuckovic and former year 6 student Dalia Alothmani who represented Marsden Road Public School as finalists at the Fowler Electorate ANZAC Competition. Natalia received a Highly Commended for her artwork, and as a part of her prize, won a framed print of the Gallipoli landing and a $100 cheque. Both artworks will now be photographed and published, along with the work of other students who took part in the competition, and distributed to schools.