Congratulations to Angelina Subotic for her selection again this year in the Sydney South West tennis team. Angelina will compete at the NSW PSSA Tennis Carnival held in Newcastle early next term. I wish her all the best at this event and suggest people keep an eye on this very talented young tennis player.

I would also like to congratulate Miss Friedewald on her selection in the Australian Women’s OzTag Team. Miss Friedewald will be travelling with the team to play a World Cup in Ireland and London later in July this year. It is certainly an outstanding achievement to represent your country and one that many of us never achieve. To help Miss Friedewald raise funds to help cover her travel costs, McDonalds on Elizabeth Drive (across the road from our school) have agreed to donate the profits from all sales tonight (Wednesday 2nd April) between 6pm & 7pm. If you buy something during this time you will be helping Miss Friedewald fulfil her representative honours.

NAPLAN
Parents with children in years 3, 5, 7 or 9 would be aware that the NAPLAN tests are being held at school on the 13th, 14th and 15th May next term. Teachers have been doing work in class to help the children prepare for these tests so students don’t need to worry but please make sure they are at school every day.

Fundraising
Our P&C are doing a wonderful job with their latest chocolate fundraiser. Please make sure you have returned all money or unsold chocolates by next Monday 7th April so they can finalise this activity before the holidays. Thank you to everyone who has participated by selling the chocolates and also through buying them. Every little bit helps.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Over these last couple of weeks of Term 1 our teachers have been holding interviews with the parents and carers of the children in their classes. This is earlier than we have conducted them in previous years and this came about from feedback given to us through parents completing surveys last year. It was thought that interviews held earlier in the year would be a great opportunity for both parents and teachers to exchange information. Thank you parents for giving up your time to attend and thank you to all of the teachers for staying back and giving up some of their family time to be here for the interviews.

Greg Way
Principal

Coming Events for Term 1

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Assembly Items
Each week a class performs at the school assemblies. Listed below are the future items.

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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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PSSA
Round Four 21/03/2014

T-Ball
Bye

Softball
Bye

OZ Tag
Junior first game 3 – 0 loss
Junior second game 4 – 1 loss
Senior first game 1 – 0 loss
Senior second game 5 – 0 loss

Newcombeball
Junior A first game 2 – 0 win
Junior A second game 2 – 0 win
Junior B first game 0 – 2 loss
Junior B second game 0 -1 loss
Senior A first game 0 – 2 loss
Senior A second game 2 – 0 win
Senior B first game 1 – 1 draw
Senior B second game 2 – 0 win

Round Five 28/03/2014
*Cancelled due to wet weather.

After school sport
After school sport finishes up this week, week 10. Term two applications will be available at a later date.

PSSA NEWS
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Super Blue Day
Wednesday 9 April 2014

Super Blue Day is a special day once a term where all students who have not been in Yellow Room have an opportunity to enjoy a fun activity.
This year, the SRC was consulted about student preferences for celebrating Super Blue Day in Term 1. Their first preference was to have a sporting team come out to run sessions with students. Unfortunately, after contacting many teams, no sporting teams were available. The students’ second choice was to choose an art/craft activity or an active sporting activity for Super Blue Day. Thanks to a parent in our community, this has been organised.
In Term 1, students will enjoy a ‘Hot Hula’ dancing session or a Polynesian-themed craft session for one hour. There is no cost for students.
I hope students enjoy these fun activities as a reward for being safe, respectful learners at our school in Term 1.

Miss Hay

P&C News
Just a reminder to parents, all bank books are to be handed in on a Thursday morning for school banking.

Uniform Shop News
A limited number of items are available from the uniform room free of charge (limit 1 per child).
- Girls long green gabardine pants (old style) in all sizes.
- Sports shorts (old style) limited stock in sizes 6, 14 and 16.

The P&C executive committee would like to inform our School Community that the position of P&C President is vacant. We would like to welcome anyone interested in the position to let us know so we can share with you the relevant information.
The P&C is a parent and citizens community group which works to promote the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation.

Silver Behaviour Awards
- Anja Bosnjak 4C
- Aryan Pawar 4M
- Samaira Hussain 1L
- Ali Assaad SK
- Rima Darwich 4C
- Claudia Theuma 3H
- Amani Abdallah SK
- Moustafa Beyrouti 3H
- Youhanna Al Manhal 3A
- Rishant Lal 1A

White Academic Awards
- Purab Bharadwaj SH
- Ana Uzelac SW
- Daniel Lassen 1J
- Raghad Najim SA
- Amani Abdallah SK
- Layla Beyrouti 1J
- Sristi Stanley SM
- Stuti Stanley 1K
- Enlil Subhi 1A
- Tijana Hercegovac SS
- Arafat Mawla SW

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The goal is to assist in providing equipment required by the school, policies and management in all facets of school activities. It is open to everyone. We would like to remind all families that everyone is welcome to join the P&C or take part in P&C activities. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 10th April, 2014 at 9.30am in the parent café room. We would love to see you there as it is a great way to keep up to date with what is going on in your child/ren’s school, as well as contributing your own ideas and opinions.

Chocolate Fundraiser.
A reminder to parents regarding the Chocolate fundraiser. All money and/or unsold chocolates must be handed in by Monday 7th April, 2014. A big thankyou to everyone who has supported this fundraiser.

As Term 1 draws to the end, the P&C would like to wish everyone at Marsden Road Public School a safe and enjoyable holiday. Enjoy your last week of school and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Thank you
P&C Committee

Parent Café
A message to parents interested in participating in our Yoga classes on a Tuesday afternoon between 1.45pm and 2.45pm. Cost will be $7.50 with payment in advance for five weeks. Any questions please contact Carol on 0412125184.

Playgroup News
Playgroup next Tuesday please come dressed as one of your favourite community members eg: Fireman, Police, Doctor, etc. Liverpool Police will be paying a special visit on the day. Please come ready for an Easter egg hunt…

Easter Hat Parade
You are invited to our whole school Easter Hat Parade next Thursday 10th April at 11:00am. There will be prizes for
- The most creative hat
- The most environmentally friendly hat

Jovana Drca is a Word Wizard!

Jovana has been making a special effort to develop her writing this year – especially through her weekly Word Wizard entries. I decided to interview Jovana to find out more about this student who has impressed me with her creativity and effort. Congratulations Jovana. You are a star!

Miss Hay

I enjoy writing poems. The last poem I wrote was on the weekend! This poem was about school tasks.

I particularly enjoy writing skits. Skits attract me as a reader because they are usually funny! The last time I wrote a skit it was about a young boy wanting to go to the Whitlam Centre. We did this task with Mrs Kemp.

I like to do Word Wizard each week because it helps me develop my vocabulary. It also helps me in my reading and writing. I now like to use Tier 3 words more often in my work because it makes my writing more exciting, not simple and blunt. I enjoy spending my time writing and choosing one word and explaining it in sentences.

My whole family enjoys Word Wizard! We choose an interesting word together and then we look at synonyms and antonyms for that word. This gives us lots of words to choose from. Then we pick our favourite one and it becomes our family word for the week. We like to choose our own!

I think developing your writing skills is really important for the future. You never know when great writing skills will help you!

I really hope you get involved because even if your writing is simple, use Tier 3 words and add some excitement to it. When you have finished, pop your writing in the Word Wizard box and you could be a word wizard too. Make your writing extraordinary, not ordinary!

Tell your teacher and your class mates that Word Wizards isn’t only for being the best writer. It is about understanding that vocabulary is important wherever you go!

Jovana Drca SK
Harmony Day
A huge thankyou to all of the Marsden Road students for dressing up for Harmony Day and participating in Harmony Day activities.

Congratulations to all those students who created an artwork or prepared a piece of writing for our Harmony Day competition, we were overwhelmed with the creativity and thoughtfulness of those who participated. Well done everyone!

Green Team – Rainforest News
The Green Team have been working hard looking after the school environment, in particular the rainforest. We have been learning about some of the living things that make their homes in the rainforest. In the picture below you will see the White Cedar Tree and its base covered in White Cedar Caterpillars. The White Cedar Tree plays a huge role in the life cycle of the caterpillars as they are the only source of food for the caterpillars. When there are no more leaves left, the caterpillars continue on their journey and will eventually become White Cedar Moths. Take a look next time you walk past the rainforest!

School Attendance
What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers are required to:
- send a note to the school, or
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:
- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school.

Next time I will share information about the Department of Education and Communities actions when a student continues to have unacceptable absences.

Miss Hay
Deputy Principal

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