Welcome
On behalf of the staff at Marsden Road PS I’d like to welcome everyone back and give a special welcome to the new families that have enrolled, both in kindergarten and across the school. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks. I hope your time at our school is very rewarding.

Organisation
To ensure that we have accurate numbers to form new classes, students have started in their 2012 classes and will remain in that class for the next few days until we are confident of our numbers. Hopefully we will be able to form the new classes by the middle of next week. Kindergarten students will start with their 2013 teacher tomorrow (Thursday 31/02).

New Staff
We welcome Miss Alexandra Heath, Miss Maria Papilos and Miss Jacqueline Sheahan as new additions to our teaching staff this year. Please make them feel welcome.

Swimming Carnival
Our school swimming carnival is on Thursday 7/2/11 (Week 2) at Michael Wenden Swimming Centre. The carnival is only open to students who are able to swim the length of the pool and turn a minimum of 8 years old this year. An application/permission note is available from the office. Due to the very short turn around notes need to be back by next Monday 4th February. If you have any questions please see Miss Atkinson. Please note this is for good swimmers only - it is not a whole school event.

Meet the teacher
We will be holding a meet the teacher afternoon on Tuesday 19th February. This is after the children have been placed in their new classes. These afternoons are invaluable providing an opportunity for sharing information with the person that will be educating your child in 2013.

Voluntary Contribution
Accompanying this newsletter is our request to parents for paying your child’s voluntary contribution this year. We have kept the amount the same as last year - only $35 per child or $55 per family. Parents might like to consider using some of the government money that is available to eligible families under the Schoolkids Bonus payment received earlier this month. The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the education related costs of primary and secondary school studies. The Schoolkids Bonus can be used to assist with the costs of things like school fees, uniforms, books and sports, music or other lessons. If you didn’t receive your payment and you think you are eligible please contact Centrelink-Medicare office.

Greg Way
Principal

Coming events for Term 1

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After School Sport

After school sports for Term 1, 2013 will start in week 3. There are some changes to the sessions. Years 1 & 2 will be on Wednesdays. Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be on Thursdays. Sessions start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm. Please collect your children on time from the office gate.

If you are interested in having your child participate, very limited places will be available. Registration forms will be available in Week 2, on Thursday 7th February 2013 at 3pm from the old stage. Completed forms can be handed into the office. As places are limited, the groups will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Mr Clayton
After School Sports Coordinator

Wakakirri

MRPS will be participating in Wakakirri this year! Students who wish to participate in the amazing story dance experience must understand that rehearsals will be up to 3 times a week and some may occur before school hours. A levy of $40 will be expected from each child to cover various expenses such as performance costs, buses, dinner, t-shirts, etc. If your child is interested, we advise that you have a discussion with them about the expectations of Wakakirri. Tryouts for Wakakirri will occur in Weeks 3 and 4 this term. Good Luck!
A parent information & involvement session will be held Tuesday 26th February. Please feel free to search the Wakakirri website for further details until then.

Miss Duggan & the Wakakirri Committee

Parent Cafe

Parent Cafe starts next Wednesday 6th February at 9am, 2013. I hope you have all had a lovely break, and are ready for another exciting year here at MRPS. Come along, bring a friend & let’s catch up over a lovely morning tea and look at what we have got coming up for the year. Also, let us know what you would like to see at MRPS or Workshops you would like run. Looking forward to seeing you all.

So come along to PARENT CAFE every Wednesday @ 9AM EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Carol O’Brien
Community Liaison Officer

English Language Classes for Parents

English language classes here at MRPS on a MONDAY MORNING AT 9.30AM-11.30AM.
1st Meeting this Monday 4th February 2013 at 9am.
Please come along next Monday & join us for morning tea to enrol & meet the teacher. Classes will start Week 3 Monday at 9.30am.