P&C
On Wednesday 12th March, the P&C body held its Annual General Meeting. On your behalf I’d like to thank the outgoing office bearers for their contributions in supporting the students and teachers at Marsden Road School over the last twelve months. The meeting was well attended with a number of new faces joining the executive team for this year.
The 2014 office bearers are:
President - Lilli Moosman
Vice President - Sarita Campbell
Vice President - Kellie Nicolson-Uepa
Treasurer – Skye Guest
Secretary – Kawsar Beyrouti
Fundraising – Amina Assaad, Artika Autar
Uniform - Cindy Cook, Louise Aguilar

Swimming
Congratulations to all children that are taking part in the Special Swimming Scheme this week and next week. It is vital to learn how to swim, especially in a country like Australia where there are so many pools, rivers and beaches. I hope you all can keep practising what you learn.

Note Afternoons
Many parents would be aware that most notes are distributed on Wednesday afternoons. I’d like to remind parents that they can visit classrooms on Wednesday afternoons so that they can be informed, along with the students, of note contents.
For those parents who require assistance in accessing these notes in the Arabic language, an Arabic interpreter will be available in the school library for this purpose. Parents will be invited to enter the classrooms or the school library at 2:45pm. In the event of a non-note day, a story will be read. Please come along to enjoy these sessions with your children.

Greg Way
Principal

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Zone/Regional Swimming Success

Congratulations Luka Strbac who came 3rd in the 8yrs boys 50m freestyle yesterday at The Sydney South West Regional Swimming Carnival. Luka has qualified to compete at the NSW State Swimming Championships.

Good Luck Luka!

PSSA
Round two 07/03/2014 results

T-ball
Girls T-ball 12 – 9 won
Boys T-ball 0 – 15 loss

Softball
Girls softball 8 – 7 won
Boys softball 11 – 5 won

OZ Tag
Junior first game 4 – 3 won
Junior second game 5 – 2 won
Senior first game 4 – 0 won
Senior second game 2 – 2

Newcombeball
Junior A first game 2 – 0 won
Junior A second game - bye
Junior B first game 2 – 0 lost
Junior B second game 1 – 1 draw
Senior B first game 2 – 0 lost

Round 3 14/03/2014

T-Ball
Girls T-ball 9 – 14 lost
Boys T-ball 12 – 9 won

Softball
Girls 12 – 13 lost
Boys 10 – 6 won

OZ Tag
Junior first game 2 – 1 loss
Junior second game 2 – 0 won
Senior first game 6 – 0 loss
Senior second game 2 – 2 draw

Newcombeball
Junior A first game 0 – 1 loss
Junior A second game 0 – 3 loss
Junior B first game 1 – 0 won
Junior B second game - bye
Senior A first game 2 – 0 won
Senior A second game 0 – 1 loss
Senior B first game 0 – 2 loss
Senior B second game – bye

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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PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2014

Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun. Students need to log onto the PRC Website using your DEC Portal password and register the books you have read. The list of PRC books can be checked and borrowed from the school library.

Number of books you need to read and log

- K-2 = 30 books
- 3-4 = 20 books
- 5-6 = 20 books

1. Log onto PRC Website:-
2. Click on Personal Reading Log
3. Enter book title
4. Save

Enjoy reading!

School Photos
School photos will be held on Tuesday 1st April. Please ensure you return your child’s photo envelope by this date. Please ensure correct money is inside envelopes as change will not be given. Family photo price lists and envelopes are available from the office.
P & C News

Firstly, the P&C Executive Committee for 2014 would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting held last week. Congratulations to everyone in their new positions. We wish everyone the best of luck and are looking forward to a productive year ahead. The P&C would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the school community and to remind everyone to please feel free to join us at any time. There is always plenty going on within the school and many ways we can all contribute. So please don’t be shy everyone is always welcome. We are looking forward to seeing new and old friendly faces. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the excellent work our fundraising committee is doing with the chocolate drive. Thank you to everyone supporting this initiative. Keep up the great work Marsden Road. Finally, St Patricks mufti day was a success. It was lovely seeing all the children wearing their green clothes around, in total, $359.85 was raised. Congratulations and thankyou to all for your outstanding effort, 2014 is off to a great start

Reminder: Money is now due back for chocolates and needs to be returned before the 7th of April.

Parent Café

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<td>9th April</td>
<td>EXCURSION to Mt Pritchard East Public School for Multicultural Day &amp; Morning Tea meet here at Parent Cafe at 9am</td>
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We need your Help :-)

Parent Cafe - are also looking for Parents/ Grandparents & Neighbours who can teach Knitting or Crocheting to our Parent Group next Term on a Wednesday from 9am-11am.

We are also searching for a Zumba Teacher to teach Parents on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.45pm-2.45pm, anyone that can help out- Please call Carol on 0412 125 184

If anyone has any balls of WOOL, KNITTING NEEDLES OR CROTCHET HOOKS they no longer need please drop them off to the school office. Thank you for your support. Carol

NRMA Day

On Thursday 13th of March Marsden Road Public School participated in NRMA Science and Road Safety day. Students across all stages participated in a range of different road safety activities, which included hands on experiments to show the importance of wearing a seat belt or bike helmet, and completing interactive workbooks supplied by NRMA. During the day all stages went to the hall for a special science show presented by an NRMA representative. Not only was the day enjoyable and a great experience for all but we are sure that every student at Marsden Road Public School took home the most important message of the day; ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! And THINK! Before crossing the road.

Miss Wlodek and Miss Hsu-Ming
Parent Workshop - Reminder
Reading workshop for parent helpers in Stage one and KW, are to meet in KW’s classroom at 2pm on Thursday 20th of March
Anna Watson

Harmony Day
On Thursday 27th March, Marsden Road Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a chance for students to celebrate diversity both within our school and the wider community.
This year, the members of the SRC have decided to run an art and writing competition where students can prepare an A4 artwork or piece of writing (poem, short story, newspaper article, exposition) on the theme of Harmony Day ‘Everyone Belongs’. These are to be returned to Miss Hatch by Thursday 27th March. Students are also able to wear something orange or to dress in traditional clothing on the day.
Thankyou on behalf of the SRC.

Hats
A reminder to parents that your child is required to wear a hat while at school every day. Teachers are currently monitoring students to ensure they are wearing a school hat. These hats are available from our school uniform room for the cost of $10. Remember no hat, shade play.

Parent Tips - How to help your children with homework study
Be interested
- Ask your children about their day at school.
- Ask your children to check their bags for homework
- Ask questions that start with “Show me…”,”Tell me….”, “How was….?” or “What did…” to encourage your children to talk about school.
- Listen to what your children tell you.
- If you have younger children, spend some time each day listening to them read, helping them learn their spelling words etc.
- Praise your children when they are successful. If your children so not do well at something, encourage them to keep doing their best

School attendance
What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?
It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. These actions could be:

Attendance meetings and compulsory attendance conferences
Parents can be asked to go to a meeting with school personnel and other officers to help identify strategies to support the child and family. Other agencies may also be invited along to help, if parents agree.

If the strategies do not work, parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance conference. The conference will be run by a trained conference convenor. The aim of the conference is to further identify the issues which are impacting on a child’s attendance.

The outcome of a compulsory attendance conference is for the parties to agree to undertake certain actions to improve the child’s attendance. These actions are written in the form of undertakings.

Applications to the Children’s Court – A Compulsory Schooling Order
Legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues which are preventing satisfactory school attendance but has the added enforcement of a Court’s powers.

Prosecution in the Local Court
If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student’s attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of $11,000.

Next time, I will include information about what is a justified reason for being away from school.


S Hay
Deputy Principal