Reminder - Voluntary Contributions 2013
The beginning of a school year is always hectic and I am conscious of the financial demands placed on families - buying new uniforms, student stationery supplies, excursions and our school photos etc. so some families may not have been able to pay their voluntary contribution last term. The voluntary contribution is set at $35 per child or $55 per family.
We need your contribution to help us provide all of the resources needed to ensure your child achieves their best.

Mothers Day
A big thank you to the ladies from the P&C for providing so many beautiful presents for the children to buy at the Mothers Day stall. It was great to see so many helpers there on the day to sell the gifts.
I hope all Mums were suitably spoilt by their families last Sunday.

School Representatives
Congratulations to Angelina Subotic for her outstanding performances as part of the Sydney South West Girls’ Tennis team. Angelina was an integral member of the team which won the State Championship in Albury last week, defeating the Mackillop team by 1 game in the final. This was a great result and a very exciting match.

Good luck to all of our cross country representatives competing at the Liverpool Zone carnival on Tuesday 22nd May.

PSSA
The winter season commences this Friday 17/5/13. All netball games are at Woodward Park and the soccer venues for this term are;
Rnd 1 - 17th May - Phillips Park, Hill Road, Lurnea
Rnd 2 - 24th May - Phillips Park, Hill Road, Lurnea
Rnd 3 - 31st May - Ash Road, Prestons
Rnd 4 - 7th June - Phillips Park, Hill Road, Lurnea
Rnd 5 - 14th June - Ash Road, Prestons
Rnd 6 - 21st June - Ireland Park, Memorial Ave, Liverpool

White Academic Award
Ayya Abou Lhaf  SV
Aidan Nichifor  3/4D
Natalia Vuckovic  3/4D
Fetaui Matavao  SW
Anamarija Strbac  SO
Adem Al-Khamisy  SO
Kellan Sheppard  2P
Charlotte Clark  4T
Sacarah Nhek  4T
Ricky Boateng SM
Shalini Rao  3S
Radovan Zekanovic  3/4D
Julian Kim  2D
Jordan Fontes Noriega  4J
Daniel Moosman  2B
Katerina Macura  4K
Manar Al-Ogaidi  SW
Leonie Pullen-Whitmore SW

Silver Behaviour Award
Tarun Raja  3S
Aidan Nichifor  3/4D
Faten Darwish SM
Pooja Kudva SW
Sophia Beyrouti  4K
Fetaui Matavao SW
Vivian Le  4J
Kelly Huynh SH
Opal Sheppard  4T
Saleem Majeed  4T
Jazmyn Fontes Noriega  2K
Varun Anjanoor
Kanasasabapathi  3S
Naisa Tan  3S
Shania Campbell SV
Nada Mishaal SW
Racheal Buckley-Stewart SM
Nadine Ismail SM
Marko Pupovac 1C
Mary Kareem SW

Coming events for Term 2
14-16 May Year 3 & 5 Naplan
17 May Winter PSSA sport starts
21 May Zone Cross Country
21 May Triple P Program in English 5-7pm
22 May School Athletic Carnival
22 May Triple P Program in Arabic 5-7pm
28 May Footsteps Dance Program starts
29 May 3-6 Homework Club starts
30 May K-2 Homework Club starts
Stage 2 Australian Reptile Park Excursion
To finish off our unit on Local Environments, on Thursday 2nd May, Stage 2 made the long bus journey to the Australian Reptile Park in Gosford. Arriving at school early in the morning we excitedly boarded the buses at 8.15am. During the bus trip the teachers were going crazy, as all we asked was “Are we there yet?”
When we arrived we had recess. A very friendly emu walked around trying to take our food from our bags. During the day we had a special talk from a ranger. We saw many animals up close and got to pat them. Mr Donnan and Mrs Aguilar were very brave and held a giant python. While walking around we encountered roaming kangaroos, cuddly koalas, amazing alligators and Elvis the cranky crocodile. We also ventured into the Spider World and the Lost World of Reptiles. Some of us were lucky to see Hugo, the giant Galapagos tortoise during lunch as he walked around with his keeper. We were much quieter on the trip back to school (eventually). We arrived home tired but having enjoyed a wonderful day.

HOMEWORK CLUB
We had such great feedback from our parents who attended last years’ HOMEWORK CLUB, we decided to do it again! This time the four sessions will be covering a much broader range of activities that parents can do with their children at home. See below table for session topics & dates.

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NOTE: All sessions run from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the school Library
We look forward to seeing you there
Miss Friedewald, Mrs Sheppard & the Community Engagement Committee. 😊

WAKAKIRRI NOTICE!!!
The Giving Tree
We are looking for community members who are able to donate
BLUE DENIM SHORTS or JEANS in sizes 6 to 10 to the Wakakirri Costume Team.
We are also looking for BLACK DRESS PANTS & WHITE BUSINESS SHIRTS in a variety of sizes.
We also need CANS OF CLEAR LACQUER SPRAY & all varieties of GREEN & BROWN FABRIC...
Please drop your donations at the front office.
Thank you for your support 😊

Note: All reusable donations will be forwarded onto Stewart House following
Cross Country
After an unexpected day of rain last term, we were lucky enough to hold our school cross country races in beautiful, sunny weather last Friday. Well done to all the students who participated, it was great to see everyone trying so hard and earning valuable points for your sporting house. The teachers and students were delighted to see so many parents and family members come along to support the runners and it was such a treat to have you race too! Thanks!
Good luck to the top 7 finishers in each event who will be representing Marsden Road PS at the Zone Cross Country on **Tuesday 21st May** at South Park, Chipping Norton.

State Dance
Last week Abbey and I had the opportunity to go dance and do workshops at the Sydney Dance Company who taught us different styles of dancing such as hip hop, contemporary, commercial jazz, jazz, musical theatre and composition. Abbey's favourite dance style was contemporary and Connor's was commercial jazz and hip hop. We are really thankful for that opportunity. Connor Griffith and Abbey De Guarra

Sports Captains
A big congratulations to Rafter who was the winning house for the school cross country. The 2013 Sports Captains will receive their badges at this week’s assembly.

Footsteps
The Footsteps dance program starts on **28th May**. Students will learn a range of dance styles including hip-hop, contemporary and ballroom to modern music. Please ensure you child’s $12 payment is made to the class teacher by this **Friday 17th May**.

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

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Jumper Sale
We have a large collection of second hand school jumpers. If your child is in need of a jumper they are available at the office for a gold coin donation. Please ensure you label your child’s clothing especially school jumpers and hats so they can easily be returned.
Parent Café

Our Parent Café is held every Wednesday morning from 9.00am to 10.30am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Details of term 2 up and coming events are listed below:-

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Our second session of the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program is being held in English and Arabic instruction on the following dates:

**Tuesday 21st May** - English session in the school hall from 5pm to 7pm.

**Wednesday 22nd May** - Arabic session in the school hall from 5pm to 7pm.

Come along and bring your friends and family.

Playgroup

The Mini Marsden’s Playgroup is open to pre-school aged students, along with their parents. Sessions are held on Tuesdays 9:00am - 10:30am or 1:15pm - 2:45pm. The cost is $2 per family unless otherwise stated. Below is a list of themes we will be covering this term.

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<td>Good Food&lt;br&gt;<strong>Soup</strong></td>
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Anna Watson and Carol O’Brien
Playgroup Co-ordinator and Community Liaison Officer

Stewart House

Donation envelopes were sent out earlier this term for the 2013 Stewart House Donation Drive. Donations are used to support disadvantaged students throughout NSW. Additional envelopes are available from the office and need to be returned to the office by this **Friday 17th May**.

Please support the Stewart House clothing appeal by donating good, clean and wearable clothing, shoes, manchester & blankets. Your donations help raise much-needed funds to continue their important support of disadvantaged children in our community. Please return bags to school by **Thursday 30th May**.

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National Walk Safely to School Day

Marsden Road Public School will celebrate the annual National Walk Safely to School Day on **Friday 24th May, 2013**. On this day, we encourage all students to walk or catch public transport to school. We do this to promote:
- healthier, more active lifestyles
- balanced diets
- less dependence on cars
- greater use of public transport
- cleaner air

All students who walk to school on this day will receive a participation sticker when they arrive. If you would like more information about Walk Safely to School Day, visit www.walk.com.au

Happy walking!

**P & C News**

Thankyou to everyone for their wonderful support of our P & C disco and Mothers Day stall last week. We raised over $900. It was great to see so many parent helpers.

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**P & C Canteen /BBQ**

Our next P & C fundraiser will be a canteen / BBQ at the athletics carnival next week. A sausage sizzle and a selection of drinks and snacks will be available for students and parents.

A full price list will be available early next week.