Bosnian Flood Disaster

Many families at Marsden Road have friends or relatives still living overseas. Last month there were terrible floods in Bosnia and Herzegovina affecting the lives of many people living there. Our thoughts and prayers go out to anyone affected by this event and I would ask our students, parents and community members to donate what money they can afford to help support them as they recover. Donations can be left at the front office and all donations will be sent to flood affected victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Change to school reports

Most parents should be aware that there is a new National Curriculum being phased in to schools across Australia. This is a guide for teachers to help them to know what the age appropriate skills are and the content that needs to be taught at the appropriate stages of a child’s schooling. At Marsden Road we have been using the new English syllabus this year and while a lot of what we have been doing remains the same, some of the terminology has changed. As such we have had to modify what is appearing on our reports for English on the mid-year reports and English and Mathematics on the yearly reports. Other subject areas may also change as they are implemented into our classroom teaching practice in the years ahead.

This is a big task for schools and combined with our change to parent teacher interview times this year and a short Term 2, we won’t be sending mid-year reports home until week 2 in Term 3. We will be again offering times for parent teacher interviews towards the end of Term 3 and final reports will be sent home towards the end of Term 4.

LAaFF

Congratulations to the students and their teachers for successfully auditioning to be part of this year’s LAaFF (Liverpool Arts and Film Festival) Concert. We will have five groups join other Liverpool schools to perform on Tuesday 9th September.

School Spectacular

Congratulations as well to a group of our choir students who have been successful in auditioning to be part of the combined choir at this year’s Schools Spectacular held on the 28th & 29th November. Miss Atkinson and Mr Verey are both very excited and I’m sure our students will proudly represent our school.

Parent Retreat

Being a parent is not an easy thing and we all face many challenges in our everyday lives. Our Community Liaison Officer, Carol O’Brien, has been involved for many years in running a parent retreat for the schools in which she works. There is an opportunity for five more parents from Marsden Road to join this year’s Hilltop Parent retreat leaving here on Tuesday 24th June and returning Thursday 26th June (last week of school this term).

It is a time away from your families where you can talk with a very supportive group of people and learn how you can face those day to day challenges and make sure you look after yourself as well.
If you are interested in attending or want more information please call Carol on 0412 125 184.

Greg Way
Principal

Coming Events for Term 2

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White Academic Award

- Ehtasham Tahiri 2R
- Mia Pocock 2R
- Milan Cupac 1L
- Darcy Griffith 4DN
- Khiarna Reece 4DN
- Armina Brkic SM
- Vivian Lee SA
- Pranjal Mehrete 1J
- Elma Brkic 4M
- Sofia Radulovic 4M
- Chrystal Hooper 3H
- Lina Shawi SK
- Linzi Salim 4M

Silver Behaviour Award

- Farah Jassim 3H
- Tanisha Moti 4C
- Darcy Griffith 4DN
- Khiarna Reece 4DN
- Milan Stancevic SM
- Adam Beshara SM
- Maia Kmeir 1J
- Tijana Hercegovac SS
- Phoeibii Zammit 1L
- Vivek Mehrete 5H
- Chrystal Hooper 3H
- Rayane Alrachid SK
- Andy Du 1L

Gold Awards

- Ali Assaad SK
- Dion Truong
- Elma Brkic 4M
- Milan Stancevic SM
- Shalini Rao 4M
- Ezana Pelesic 4DN
- Linzi Salim 4M

Green Awards

- Week 6 – 6th June 3-6 – 10am No Item
- Week 7 – 13th June 3-6 – 10am 4J
- Week 8 – 20th June 3-6 – 10am No Item

Assembly Items

Each fortnight a class performs at the school assemblies. Listed below are the future items.

Week 6 – 6th June
- K-2 – 11.15am No Item
- K-2 – 11.15am No Item

Week 7 – 13th June
- K-2 – 11.15am SW

Week 8 – 20th June
- K-2 – 11.15am No Item

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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Chelsea is a Word Wizard!

Chelsea is from 3H and has been regularly submitting her Word Wizard entries. Chelsea believes her writing has improved since participating and now she is able to use better words in her writing. Chelsea also loves to read books. Since coming to Marsden Road Public School last year, Chelsea has enjoyed reading Rainbow Magic books. These books are all about two girls, Kristy Tat and Rachel Walker, who have fun adventures together. The stories are filled with magic, goblins and fairies.

Chelsea enjoys playing sports, especially newcombeball. Mrs Punch taught Chelsea how to play last year and this is still her favourite game. Chelsea’s message to other children is to try to use better words when writing because it makes the writing more interesting.
Lunchtime Disco!
Congratulations to all those students who tried out for the Liverpool Arts and Film Festival (LAAFF). The Choir, Signing Choir, Junior Dance Group, Boys Dance Group and Senior Dance Group were all successful in auditioning and will be performing later in the year at LAAFF. To help them celebrate and get prepared for this event we will be holding a lunchtime disco. There will be two discos, one for K-2 and one for 3-6.

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Hope to see you all there!

The LAAFF teachers!

Dream Canteen Competition
Looking for creative minds.
What would you dream canteen look like in the future?
What food would be served?
What would you hear?
What would you smell?
What would be on the walls?
How would the food be served?
How and where would you sit?
If you have a creative mind and would like to imagine your ‘dream canteen’, think about entering this competition.
You can share your ideas in words, pictures or in other forms.
If you would like to submit an entry, give it to Miss Hay no later than Tuesday 10 June. Any entries received will be sent away together as a group from our school.
The competition closes on Friday 13 June 2014. The six best entries will be awarded a $50 iTunes voucher each.
The competition will be judged by ‘NAFDA Australian Foodservice Distribution’.

Miss Hay

Nut Free School
This is a reminder that our school is a nut free zone. In an effort to eliminate the life-threatening risk posed to some students who suffer severe anaphylaxis, the school has asked that there be no consumption of nut products at school. I also urge parents and caregivers to refrain from using any nut products, especially Nutella and Peanut Butter in their child’s packed recess and lunch meals, either at school or on excursions.

Strictly Ballroom
On the 28th May, the Senior Dance Group travelled to the city to watch Baz Luhrmann's Strictly Ballroom, The Musical. We went to watch past student Connor Griffith perform in the show.
We were lucky enough to spend time with Connor before the show. He told us all about his auditions, the rehearsals and the performances. It was really interesting.
Watching the show was so inspiring! The costumes were truly amazing and Connor was spectacular!
We would like to thank Miss Friedewald and Miss Duggan for organising this epic experience.
Abbey, Chaantya, Christina, Faten, Kayla, Kelly, Nadine, Priya, Tara, Trinity, Courtney, Ronan, Sonia, Darcy & Tori.

Year 6 shirts
Notes went out to our Year 6 students last Wednesday about the 2014 Year 6 shirts. Please place your order and pay at the office as soon as possible so they can be ordered.

Year 6 Teachers
P&C News
The P&C would like to send out a big thank you to all students and families who supported our recent Hamburger Day Fundraiser. It was a huge success making an impressive $1269 profit. Thankyou also to all our volunteers who helped make the day a success, it was great seeing everyone working together so positively. Lastly we would also like to say a special thankyou to our wonderful office ladies for all their help regarding hamburger day. Congratulations Marsden Road. The Next P&C meeting will be held next Thursday 12/06/14 at 9:35am in the parent café. Please come along and find out what’s happening in your child’s school

Thank you
P&C Committee

Athletics Carnival
M.R.P.S P & C will be running the canteen at our athletics carnival. Anyone interested in helping us out on the day, please let one of the P&C ladies know as soon as possible. Any help on days like these is very much needed and is always greatly appreciated.

Garden Opening Ceremony
The P&C are proud to have played a role in the team that saw the success of the school’s new beautiful garden. Last week we were honoured to have been at the opening ceremony that took place. It was truly a special and momentous occasion. Most memorable was the Aboriginal smoking ceremony conducted by Uncle Steve. It was lovely to see the community spirit that came together, from our special guests, to our teacher representatives, the school choir, parents, students and community members. It really exemplified the beauty and significance of creating this beautiful place. A special thank you to all who were involved with this initiative. It is lovely seeing students and families enjoying this special place.

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Lunch orders
A friendly reminder to place your lunch orders before school. It may be too late to prepare orders placed after this time. Don't forget to write your full name and class clearly on your order.

School Attendance
Withdrawing Students for Family Holidays
Parents and carers are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays. If this is necessary parents should discuss these absences with the principal and may be requested to apply for a Certificate of Exemption from attendance at school. This will ensure that these absences are not permanently recorded as unjustified.

When considering applications for Certificates of Exemption, principals may consider a variety of factors. These may include compassionate reasons, family reunions, the educational merits of the holiday and agreement for the student to complete assignments while on holiday.

In some cases application for Distance Education may be more appropriate than seeking an exemption from school attendance.

Next time, I will include information about attending sporting activities.

Miss Hay
Deputy Principal

This information is taken from the DEC attendance information sheet located at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/gotoschool/a-z/yr2008/attendanceinfoa.pdf