Flood Affected Communities

It has been brought to my attention that some members of our school community were offended by the request I put into the last issue of the newsletter asking for donations to support flood victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina. I apologise if you were offended by the request and can assure you my intent was only to support members of the school community who approached me and asked for assistance. I do understand that the floods affected thousands of people across a number of countries and I certainly would offer my support to them as well.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week 6th - 13th July

National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) was established originally to protest against the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. Over the years it has changed to not just focus on the negatives but to celebrate and recognise the rich cultural history that makes Australia unique. NAIDOC week celebrates history, culture and continued achievements of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people. This week is celebrated by all Australians from all walks of life.

As this falls during our school holiday break please take part in some of the community events that are being held during that week. The children will be doing some activities at school to celebrate NAIDOC week after the holiday.

Child Protection

As part of the Department of Education and Communities syllabus, next week all students will be engaging in a series of lessons on Child Protection. Students will be given age appropriate content covering things like relationships, trust, feelings, names of body parts, NO, GO, TELL and being safe.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Darcy Griffiths for representing our school and the Liverpool Zone at the Sydney South West Cross Country Championships last Thursday. Darcy ran very creditably around the Hurlstone course.

School Uniforms

Most students at Marsden Road proudly wear our school uniform every day and they look wonderful. However, I have noticed lately that a lot of different coloured jackets and jumpers are being worn and this is not acceptable. Occasionally there may be an emergency where your child needs to wear something that is not part of our uniform and that is fine but at all other times they should be in full school uniform. If your child has lost their jackets or jumpers please look in the lost property box – it is full to overflowing with lost items that don’t have a name written on them.

Assembly Items

Each fortnight 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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**Toilet Usage**

Recently there have been some parents using the students’ toilets. It is intended that students have exclusive use of the student toilet blocks and adults are required to use other facilities.

To assist everyone on site, the toilets available for adults have been identified with a yellow sign on the door which says ‘This is for adults.’

There are two toilets available for parents. One is located in front of the library, to the left of the front doors. The other toilet available for adults is on the right side of the hall. This toilet is the disabled toilet.

Would all adults on site please use the toilets identified with the yellow sign.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Miss Hay.

**Parents retreat**

There was a great response from parents wanting to attend the parent retreat workshop. As there are still two spots left, if you are interested please contact Carol O’Brien before Tuesday 24th of June on 0412 125 184.

**PSSA**

**Round 4 – 06/06/14**

- **Football**
  - Girls Football Jnr 2 – 2 Draw
  - Girls Football Snr 4 – 2 Loss
  - Boys Jnr Yellow 0 – 1 Loss
  - Boys Jnr Green 0 – 4 Loss
  - Boys Snr 1 – 1 Draw

- **Rugby League**
  - Junior League 28 - 0 Loss
  - Senior League 36 - 12 Loss

- **Netball**
  - Junior A first game 3 – 0 Loss
  - Junior B first game 0 – 3 Won
  - Senior A first game 5 – 10 Loss
  - Senior B first game 2 – 6 Loss

**Round 5 – 13/06/14**

- **Football**
  - Girls Football Jnr 4 - 0 Won
  - Girls Football Snr 0 – 0 Draw
  - Boys Jnr Yellow
  - Boys Jnr Green
  - Boys Snr

- **Rugby League**
  - Junior League 48 - 16 Loss
  - Senior League 50 - 22 Loss

- **Netball**
  - Junior A first game 14 - 0 Won
  - Junior B first game 3 – 0 Draw
  - Senior A first game 5 – 7 Loss
  - Senior B first game 11 – 0 Loss

**Word Wizards**

The following students deserve congratulations for their ongoing commitment to development their vocabulary.

- Jovana SK
- Varun 4DN
- Chelsea 3H
- Radovan SH
- Samira 3H
Reflecting with your child at the end of the day…
The priorities at Marsden Road Public School include:

**Be Safe**
Did you play safely today at school?
What do you do in class today that made you feel safe and happy?
How did you help others to feel safe and included at school today?

**Be Respectful**
How did you show respect for others today at school?
How did others show you respect today?

**Be a Learner**
What did you do today to show that you are a learner?
What did you learn today that you did not know yesterday?
What are you looking forward to learning about tomorrow?

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**Student Welfare**
At Marsden Road Public School there are a number of policies which relate to Student Welfare. These include:

Student Welfare Policy (2011)
MRPS Discipline Code
Anti-Bullying Plan (2010)

A brief overview of each of these policies will be provided in the next three newsletters.
If you would like a copy of any of these policies, please see Miss Hay.

**School Attendance**
Must my child attend all activities, including sport?
YES. Sport and other physical activities help the healthy physical and mental development of children. Sports and sports carnivals are normal school activities and students must attend.
At our school, only students who can swim a minimum of 50metres unaided and without stopping are able to apply to attend the swimming carnival. However participation in the cross country and athletics carnival is expected from all students.

Deputy Principal

This information is taken from the DEC attendance information sheet located at


**Canoe Project**
On Friday the 13th of June we got to see a presentation about a handmade canoe. Three boys from Lawrence Hargrave School made it how Aborigines would have made it in the Dreamtime. The boys are going to build a big canoe at the Maritime Museum. Hopefully we are able to see it float on the water, the day they launch it. It was a lot of fun!!!

By: Tianah.N SA and Opal.S SH

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**Premier's Reading Challenge 2014**
Parents and students are reminded that PRC ends on 22nd August 2014. Please log onto the website below using your DEC login details and register the PRC books you have read.

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
K-2 read 30 books
3-4 read 20 books
5-6 read 20 books

PRC books can be borrowed from MRPS Library.

Keep reading!
Koori Education Carnival at UWS
On Thursday the 5th of June, Stage 3 Aboriginal students went to the University of Western Sydney (UWS) and experienced a lot of activities. Some of them were Nano Story Writing, Art Therapy, Life Skills in the Classroom - role play, Cultural Awareness - artefacts and Bundle of bees – Learning about bees. UWS also provided Morning Tea and Lunch. It was a lot of fun and we learned a lot when we were there!

By: Tianah.N SA

Returning and Labeling of school clothes
Could parents please label all school clothing with their child’s name and class, so that jumpers are easily identified if they become misplaced.
Could parents who have had their children return home with school spare clothing on, please return these clothes to the school ASAP.

Lunchtime Disco!
There will be two discos held this week.

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Head lice
Head lice have been detected in the school. Head lice spread very easily but are easily cured with special preparations available from chemists. Could you please check your child’s hair and if lice or the eggs (nits-small white dots attached to the hair near ears and back of neck) are found, please arrange treatment.

Go4Fun
FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!
Know if your child is over a healthy weight? Go to www.go4fun.com.au to see if your child could do Go4Fun.
Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities and learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.
Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

Go to www.go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900 to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Have I Got Worms?
Other types of worms
There are many different types of worms which can affect humans. These include:
Threadworm
Roundworm
Hookworm
Strongyloid
Whipworm
Of all of these types of worms, Threadworms (sometimes called "pinworms") are the most common in Australia and New Zealand.
Threadworms. Strongyloid, Roundworms, Hookworms and Whipworms are mainly soil borne. The symptoms of these infections are different and if suspected, medical advice should be sought.
Threadworm - also known as "pinworm" - is the most common worm infection in Australia and New Zealand. These can cause abdominal discomfort. Diagnosis is best made by a doctor, with reference to a pathology laboratory.
Hookworm Hookworm is considered rare in Australia & New Zealand. It is more common in regions of the world where population density is high & sanitation, particularly with regard to human waste matter, is low.
Treatment:
There are many different treatments that can be purchased from your local chemist.