Bush Dance

Congratulations and thank you to our student engagement team for their hard work in organising such a wonderful night. We had over four hundred students and family members attend the dance and enjoy the music played by Simply Bushed.

Australia doesn’t have a long history since the European settlement and a lot of the early cultural traditions came from the early convicts and settlers. That is why the bush dance evolved around songs that were written in that time based on the ocean voyage or life in this strange new land.

Many of the current families that attend Marsden Road PS, our new settlers to Australia, probably found this bush dance very different to their own traditional dances and customs but I was very impressed in the way they all embraced this new culture and joined in the dancing and had a great time.

Mobile Maths Games

With the school holiday coming up, why not channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV

School vacation

I hope everyone has a very relaxing time during the next two weeks and those students that have been sick will come back fully recovered. We have had a very busy term and I’m sure the teachers will enjoy the break. Please make sure the children are back on Tuesday 7th October to start term 4. If you haven’t enrolled your child for kindergarten next year please do so now. We are having our first orientation session on Wednesday 29th October at 9:00am and we need to know numbers so we can make all of the necessary arrangements.

Greg Way
Principal
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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PSSA – Finals 05/09/14
Netball
Junior A – Marsden Road Vs Prestons – Draw

PSSA News
Congratulations to the Junior A netballers who are joint premiers this season! Winter PSSA has now finished. Summer PSSA starts on Friday week 1 next term. Notes and money are now due. For a new note please see Mrs Small.

Sports and Special Photos
The group photos along with the order forms are available for viewing at the school office. The cost of these photos is $15 each for the first 2 photos ordered and $7.50 each photo thereafter. These orders are due the morning of 18th September 2014. Any late orders will need to be sent direct to the photographer.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015
We are currently taking 2015 enrolments for kindergarten. If your child is turning five before the 31st of July 2015, please come and see our friendly staff in the office for an enrolment pack.

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.

Enviro Week Champions!
Congratulations to the following students who made an effort to help our environment in Enviro Week.

Kawthar Aldhalimi (3S)
Jessy Hotait (2P)
Emilija Bazdarov (2P)
Zakaroa Aziz (4DN)
Ines Rivera (SH)
Simandra Helo (SH)

Thank you!
Miss Hay

Be Cyber Safe
There have been some instances lately of students using Kik and Instagram and problems arising from this. Parents should be aware of the following:
- Kik states that users must be 17 years or older.
- Instagram states that 13 years is the minimum user age.

Here is a link to a website for parents, providing information about social networking tools that young people are interested in using.

Cyberbullying
Cyberbullying is when people use technology such as websites, text messages, social networking sites and emails to embarrass, demean, harass, intimidate or threaten other people. Cyberbullying can be so hurtful because the bullying can often be very public.

What can you do if you're being cyberbullied?
Sometimes school conflict can become a bigger problem and people can start to bully others over something that initially started as an argument. Remember that things can be misinterpreted. If you have a reaction to something someone has said in an email or online you might want to think about whether replying online is the most effective way to respond.

If you see someone being cyberbullied, it is really important that you do not just watch it happen or worse, join in. Report the bullying to someone who can help, like an adult or use the report features on the particular social media site. If you are feeling confident, let the bully know that what they are doing is not cool. Take a stand against it.

If you are having issues with anything that has been mentioned it is really helpful to talk to someone you trust. Research tells us that most young people do not perceive bullying as being 'cool' and would help out their friends if they knew what was going on.

Talking to someone at Kids Helpline can be a great way to get your head straight as you work out what to do.

Helpline - 1800 55 1800
Parents and students might be interested in the bubble recipe - for the holidays!

Giant Bubbles!
This week classes are enjoying creating huge bubbles to celebrate Super Blue Day. I’ve included the recipe here in case you would like to try this at home on the holidays.

6 cups water
1/2 cup Fairy dish detergent (other detergents don't work properly)
1/2 cup cornflour
1 tablespoon baking powder (NOT baking soda)
1 tablespoon glycerine (you can buy this from the supermarket)

To make the bubble mixture -

Dissolve the cornflour in the water and stir really well. Then gently stir in the remaining ingredients. Avoid creating a lot of froth on the water. Allow the mixture to sit for at least one hour, stirring occasionally if you see the cornflour settling on the bottom.

Here's a link if you want to make the bubble wands - they're easy!
http://www.crafts-for-all-seasons.com/giant-bubble-maker.html

P&C News
The P&C President position has recently become vacant, anyone wishing to put in an expression of interest, please contact the office before Thursday 9th of October.

School Permission Notes
Just a reminder when filling out excursion or school notes - please complete student’s full name and class with parents signature, as we have had several notes handed in missing this information and this can make it very difficult when trying to identify who is making payments on excursions.

ملاحظات ورقة اعطاء الموافقة للمدرسة

 فقط للتذكير عندما تملؤون أوراق إعطاء الموافقة للمدرسة بالسفرات المدرسية أو أي ملاحظات مدرسية أخرى - الرجاء أكمل الفقرة الخاصة باسم الطالب الكامل و صفحه مع توقيع الأهالي. لأن لدينا عدة أوراق مطلوبة للمدرسة لا يوجد فيها المعلومات المذكورة أعلاه وهذا ما يجعل من الصعب جدا معرفة الشخص الذي دفع المبلغ للسفرة.

NO PARKING (kiss and drop) You may only stop here for 2 minutes The Driver must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle The minimum penalty for disobeying 'No Parking' is $173 and 2 demerit points (school zone)
Green Team News

The Green Team and 2P have been very busy in the vegetable garden this term and have been taking home delicious broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce and spinach. The broccoli they grew was some of the biggest I have ever seen! What’s our secret? Cow manure! We can’t wait till after the holidays to plant tomatoes, cucumber, beans, lettuce and corn. We are also going to start a strawberry bed.

On the 10th September 6 students from the Green Team went to Belgenny Farm in Camden for the Macarthur Sustainable Schools Expo. There were a lot of workshops but our favourites were making vertical gardens and bokashi buckets (making your own fertiliser). We had lots of fun meeting the King and Queen of Green. All of us had the best time at the expo.

By Darcy 4DN, Ezana 4DN, Nadia SW, Rania SW, Sandra SW, Ilana SS