Next week is the end of another very successful year at Marsden Road Public School. We certainly have had a busy year with lots of memorable moments. Congratulations to all of the students that will be acknowledged during our Presentation Day Assembly next Tuesday (16th). You should all be very proud of your efforts this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all the staff at Marsden Road who have worked tirelessly this year to try and make sure all students achieve their personal best. I am fortunate to work with such dedicated, professional people.

Thank you also to everyone that has contributed to our planning for 2015 and beyond. We have had some very thoughtful and insightful responses through our surveys, focus groups or planning meetings. All of the information provided is being considered as we develop the plan ready to be published early next year.

Farewells

Year Six students will be enjoying a wonderful celebration at their farewell tonight. Many of them have attended Marsden Road for all of their schooling so far and I’m sure they are feeling mixed emotions about moving on to high school. Next week will also be the last time some of our other students and their families will be a part of our school community. Best wishes to you all as you embark on the next stage of your learning journeys.

Staff leaving

It is with a mixture of sadness and best wishes at this time that we are saying goodbye to some members of our staff. Miss Millard, Mrs Fordyce, Ms Gee, Mrs Hyslop and Mrs Yalda won’t be working full time at Marsden Road next year and I know you would all join me in wishing them well.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the staff at Marsden Road Public School I would like to wish all of our students and their families best wishes for a safe holiday. Enjoy your time together catching up with your friends and relatives. For those in our community who take part in the Christmas festivities – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Greg Way
Principal

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**Coming Events for Term 4**

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**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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**White Academic Award**

Daniel Lassen 1J  
Loren Le 1K  
Tiana Mizdrak 1J  
Lavinia Le 2R  
Dina Rawanduz 2D  
Karim Tayba 2P  
Jonathan Giannakopoulos 4M  
Tawer Yalda 4C  
Imran Fejzovic 5M  
Sonia Vojnovic 5K  
Karenie Steiman 5S  
Lonnisa-Kade Toailoa KV  
Vuk Sarenac KO  
Brooklyn Valius KO  
Tiana Josifoski KS  
Andy Du 1L  
Tanay Mathapati 2H  
Darren Nguyen 2P  
Thomas Jadrijevic 2R  
Aman Mani 3A  
Stephen Lassen 3H  
Stefan Petrovic 4DN  
Yasir Jabbar SS  
Tarun Bhatt SS  
Nicole He 1L  
Summer Uepa 2H  
Jaden Uepa 4M  
Jaycob McAusland KO  
Izebella Guerras 4C  
Louis Nguyen 3A  
Vladimir Vojnovic 3S  
Raphael Turia 2D

**Silver Behaviour Award**

Syna Singh 1A  
Jare Mahara-Albert 1J  
Mary Matavao 2T  
Haleema Farooq 3A  
Kareem Steiman SS  
Sandy Al-Kammessy 3S  
Anja Milic 3A  
Sai Maharana 4C  
Tori Jones 4DN  
Adam Jeazani KUF  
Ryan Jaderpour KS  
Lily McNamara KO  
Yubhashana Narayanan 1J  
Maria Malik 1J  
Joseph Jadrijevic 2H  
Faythe Tavee 3S  
Joy Go 4DN  
Stefan Petrovic 4DN  
Lusia Uepa 3A  
Summer Uepa 2H  
Karlie Jones 1K  
Tasneem Elassaad KUF  
Nicole He 1L  
Kaylen Pratap KUF

**PRIZE WINNERS FROM THE FAMILY FEEDBACK SURVEYS AND FORUMS**

Thank you to the eighty families who returned yellow family feedback slips. Unfortunately not everyone who returned a yellow slip filled in an online survey. In the end only 13 online surveys were completed. Despite the low number of returns, the feedback is important and is being considered in our school planning.

Thank you very much to all the parents who participated in the various forums that were offered this term. Your feedback is valued and is being considered as we are writing the next school plan.

Congratulations to the families of the following students who will be receiving the gift vouchers -

Aditya (KV)  
Arya (4C)  
Aden (1K)  
Stephanie (1A)  
Nevein (KO)

The winners of the Westfields gift vouchers will be sent their vouchers this week.

**Get involved in the School Banking program.**

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s licence and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child make’s their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

**Celebration Day**

The end of the school year has arrived and it is time to celebrate, so on **Wednesday 17th December** Marsden Road students will have the opportunity to participate in activities to reward their achievements this year. The activities include jumping castle, disco, water play and class parties. We will also have the farewell arch to say goodbye to the year 6 students in the afternoon. The students are welcome to wear suitable mufti, including enclosed shoes, on this day. They are also advised to bring a change of clothes and a towel. NO water guns or water balloons are permitted, however, spray bottles and noodle spray toys are welcome.

Thank you Mrs Speechley

**P & C**

As the year quickly draws to an end the P & C would like to thank the whole school community for all the support you have given our P & C throughout the year.

**Uniform Room**

We would like to inform the school community that the position of uniform co-ordinator is currently vacant. Anyone interested in taking on the position is invited to attend our
P & C Meeting this Thursday 11/12/14 or information regarding this role please feel free to speak to any of our P & C committee members who can give you the relevant information regarding this role. The uniform room will open this Thursday from 8:30 – 9:30am for anyone wishing to make a purchase before school breaks up for school holiday.

Fundraising Committee
A friendly reminder, our raffle tickets are now due. Please return ALL tickets sold or unsold. The Christmas raffle will be drawn at our school presentation assembly next Tuesday, December the 16th. The fundraising team are still selling tickets at $1.00 each. There are a variety of hamper prizes to be won.

P & C Meeting
The next P & C monthly meeting will be held this Thursday 11th December 2014 in the Parent Café at 3:15pm. This will be the final meeting for 2014, we hope to see you there.

On behalf of the P&C Committee we would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable school holidays.
The P & C Committee.

Junior Newcombeball
The Junior newcombeball team capped off a very successful season by reaching the semi-finals at the end of the PSSA competition. Despite their best efforts, they were defeated by a very strong Nuwarra team and placed 4th. Throughout the year they have demonstrated considerable improvement in both ball skills and teamwork and I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching them. Let’s do it all again next year!

Mrs Punch

The Tickle Tree
Two years ago Saira Harris (sister of Yuhan and Raza) planted a small tree in the rainforest garden during her time with the Green Team. It was a White Cedar tree which I grew from the seed of a tree at my house.

Saira named it the Tickle Tree because its soft leaves tickled her when she watered it. She cared for it for a year before leaving for high school, but despaired that it hardly grew at all. I assured her that when it decided to grow it would very quickly reach the height of the demountable building.

Saira came to school to watch her brothers in the school concert and asked me if she could go and see the Tickle Tree. I could hear her squeals of delight from the hall as she saw that it now towers above the building. Such is the joy of gardening! Others now call her tree the Caterpillar Tree as during Autumn thousands of black caterpillars eat all the leaves and then turn into White Cedar moths, thus completing their life cycle. Check out Saira’s tree on the right side of the entrance to the Rainforest Garden.

Mrs Punch

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