In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives principals and school communities a greater say over how they allocate and use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students.

To enable the shift of resources to the school level, a new Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed. The RAM is designed to achieve a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of government school funding and change the way resources (Staff and Finances) are managed in our school system.

The RAM provides many benefits to schools by:

- Allocating most funding on a per student basis
- The new RAM will ensure funding is provided to schools based on the characteristics of those schools and the students within them. This will result in additional schools receiving funding to support students with identified needs. In addition, schools identified as having students with the highest need will be funded at a higher rate.
- Reducing big changes in a school’s resources, e.g. losing a teacher or admin staff member, which can accompany small changes in the reduction in enrolments. Under the current system, a small change in circumstances can mean a school drops out of a program and loses a significant amount, or a whole teacher or school executive position.
- Providing increased funding that goes directly to schools. This will make school planning easier from year to year.
- Shifting from the current funding model where schools manage 10% of the total public school education budget to more than 70% being managed by schools.
- Allowing for more flexibility, innovation and decision-making in schools to meet student needs.

In 2014, all schools will receive funding based on the first two components of the RAM: the targeted (individual student) funding and the equity funding (Low level adjustment for disability, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and socio-economic background).

Reminder - Operation Christmas Child
Thank you to all those teachers and students who have already brought in a Christmas box. To ensure the boxes reach the children in time for Christmas we require all boxes to be returned to the SRC by the 8th November.

Thank you
SRC

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 | Silver Behaviour Award
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Jovana Milinjar | Elma Brkic
Keera-Li Toailoa | Shaniya Shah
Luka Draça | 3S | 3S
Mylesa Haroon | Abdullah Abbas | 1M
Adam Beshara | Chelsea Shobade | 2P
Maha Meriaty | Keera-Li Toailoa | 2K
David Keri | Mark Karko | 2K
Simran Lal | Chloe Shobade | 1C
Nadia Alothman | Juliana Shanam | 1D
Edna Pelesic | Phoebe Zammit | KM
Ezana Pelesic | Natarsa Lal | 4J
Charlotte Todd | Joy Go | 3A
Louis Nguyen | Alexandra Risteska | 3A
Harsshen Gobinath | Anthony Theuma | 3A
Angela Risteska | Aleisha Lal | 3A
Radovan Zekanovic | Luka Skoric | 1D
Amaranta Pettit Fonseca | Ghaider Al Hassen | 1H
Aman Mani | Sabrina Josifoski | 4K
Jimmy Huynh | Charlotte Todd | 2D
Mark Karko | Jovan Stancevic | 5M
Matthew Karko | So
Tiana Mizrak | KM
Mina Nadri | No Item
Sara Ibrahim | 2K
Sidra Al-Kailani | 3/4D
Sabrina Josifoski | 4K
Rema Zaghir | 3/4D
Arushan Vijayakumar | AO
Drini Traga | Milan Cupac
Aaron Vi | KM
Izebella Guerras | 3H
Anja Bosnjak | 3H
Charlotte Clark | 4T
Natarsa Lal | 4J
Aidan Nichifor | 3/4D
Rayan Abdelqader | 3/4D
Sacarah Nhek | 4T
Manhua Lu | 5A
Anthony Theuma | 3A
Ayami Ranasinghe | Kankanamalage | 4T
Kankanamalage | 4T
Rayane Arachid | 4T
Moustafa Trad | 2B
Armina Brkic | 4T

PSSA
PSSA sport for Friday 18th October was postponed due to poor air quality. Results from round 6 were:

Newcombe Ball
Junior As: Lost 0-2 vs Nuwarra
Won 2-0 vs Wattle Grove Bs
Junior Bs: Lost 0-2 vs Wattle Grove Bs
Lost 0-2 vs Liverpool West Bs
Senior As: Won 2-0 vs Nuwarra
Won 2-0 vs Wattle Grove Bs
Senior Bs: Lost 0-2 vs Wattle Grove Bs
Won 2-1 vs Liverpool West Bs

Oz Tag
Junior - Lost both games
Senior - Won one game and Lost one
Thank you to the softball players who played Oz tag this week.

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

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Want to win a $50 Westfield Gift Card???

See below for details on how you can enter the competition

In 2014, Marsden Road Public School will be becoming a KidsMatter school where we will focus on building parent partnerships, as well as, catering for students’ academic, physical, social and mental wellbeing.

Next week a survey will be coming home with the eldest student in the family. This survey will come with an attached raffle ticket. For your raffle ticket to go in the draw to win a $50 Westfield Gift Card, you must complete the survey and return it to your classroom teacher or to the office.

All surveys must be completed and returned to school by Friday the 15th of November for your chance to win. The winner will be announced in the Week 6 Newsletter and at assembly.

Good luck and happy surveying! 😊

We are aiming to be the best KidsMatter school with 100% surveys returned because at Marsden Road Public School our kids matter!

For more details on KidsMatter, visit the website:

www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Reminder
Kindergarten excursion to Calmshley Hill City Farm on Monday 18th November. Please return your permission note and money to your class teacher by Monday 11th November.

KidsMatter

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Grandparents Day

On the 24th of October in SM, it was a pleasure when we had amazing grandparents come and interact with us whilst we were learning factual information about China. Natalia and Christina’s grandparents came and talked with us while we were working. Time went so fast while the kind hearted grandparents were around. Not only did they talk with us, they also saw their beloved grandchildren’s classroom, this grandparents day was the best so far and everyone is looking forward to another grandparents day. Class SM

By; Natalia, Shakthi, Christina, Tatiyana, Anthur, Osmaan and Ricky.
**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 4 up and coming events are listed below:-

**Playgroup**

The Mini Marsden’s Playgroup is running again this term and is open to pre-school aged students, along with their parents. Sessions are held on Tuesdays 9:00-10:30am or 1:15-2:45pm. 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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Looking forward to seeing you at playgroup!

Anna Watson and Carol O’Brien
Playgroup Co-ordinator and Community Liaison Officer

**Lost Property**

Students’ lost property is placed in a large box near the outdoor stage. This box is currently overflowing with unclaimed items. Any clothing items that remain at the end of term will be donated to charity.

**P & C News**

Our next P & C Meeting is this **Wednesday 13th November** in the Parent Café from 3.15pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Marsden Road School Fair**

**20th November 2013**

Put the date in your diary!

We will be running a **Trash and Treasure** stall this year, so if you have some treasures you’d like to donate please see Miss Atkinson.

We will also be having an **International Food Fair** and are asking parents to donate food from their own or another culture.

**Things you can buy/see/do at the fair**

- Show bags
- Snap Bracelets
- Haunted House
- Helium Balloons
- Christmas Craft
- Food and drink
- And much more

More information closer to the date.

Stage 3 Teachers