**Early Arrival at School**

The school’s supervision roster starts each day from 8.25am. There are no teachers available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time. I do understand that many parents have commitments at work which may require them to leave home before 8.30am but your child’s safety is your responsibility. Until the 8.25am bell rings or a teacher supervises your child as part of a sporting group or other performance group they must not be left unattended at school.

Perhaps you may be able to make arrangements with friends or neighbours for the supervision of your children? Some families in the school, with working parents, take turns to take each other’s children to school. Many employers will be sympathetic to parents with responsibilities for caring for children and will allow some flexibility in parents’ working hours. By law, employers are restricted from treating an employee detrimentally on the grounds of their status as a carer.

Whatever arrangements you make, I ask that you ensure that your child is not left unsupervised at the school before 8.25am.

**Meet the Teacher**

In Term 1 last year we had parent/teacher meetings that proved to be very valuable. These meetings were a great opportunity for parents to meet and speak with their child’s teacher and share information from a parent’s perspective. It is a chance to tell this year’s teacher anything that will be helpful to make sure your child’s learning needs are best met. Appointment notes have been sent home to set times for all students K-6. Interpreters are also available but please ensure you ask for one.

**PSSA Sport**

Parents and students are reminded that the summer sport competitions start this Friday. All students that are selected to represent our school need to have returned their permission note, code of conduct note and payment before they can play. If paying for the season is proving to be difficult please come to the office and we can discuss options to assist. I don’t want any of our students missing out on an opportunity due to financial circumstances.

Greg Way - Principal

**Coming Events for Term 1**

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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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**Uniform Room**

The uniform room is open every Thursday from 8.30am till 9.30am we now have a **huge sale** on selected items. So anyone wishing to make purchases please come and pay us a visit on Thursday morning.

**Assembly**

Our weekly School Assemblies will commence Week 4 Friday 19th February. These are held each Friday in the hall K-2 at 11.35am and Year 3-6 at 1.55pm. Class items will be held by students throughout the year and details will be provided in future newsletter issues.

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Borrowed Student Clothing
Sometimes at school students require a change of clothes. If your child has borrowed school clothing could you please wash and return these items as soon as possible as we have a very limited supply.

Scripture at Marsden Road PS
Next week, 25th February 2016, scripture classes will begin for the year. We offer the following scripture groups at MRPS – Christian (Protestant, Catholic and Serbian Orthodox), Muslim, Mandaean, Buddhist and Hindu. There is also a non-scripture group. Years 3-6 classes run from 8:55 – 9:25 and K – 2 from 9:25 – 9:55. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child’s teacher or Miss Atkinson (scripture coordinator).

Stage One Dice
Don’t forget to bring back your green note and $3 to purchase dice for homework.

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Parent Reading Night
A workshop for you!
The mums, dads and carers.
The workshop will cover:
- When are children ready to start learning to read?
- How to begin to teach children to read
- When to move on to the next stage
- How to incorporate learning in your child’s everyday life.
- How to combine a phonics and whole language approach to learning to read.
- What types of books to read to children
- What the school curriculum is all about

7:30 – 8:30pm
Thursday 18th February
Helping to create happy, smart and confident children.
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Bilingual Book Club

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Serbian    Vietnamese
Farsi      Dinka
Dari       Chinese
Swahili    Burmese

Thursdays 2 - 2.30pm
Feb 25 - Mar 24
The Community Room
Marsden Rd Public School

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Free seminar
Building social skills in children 0-6 years

Families Together invites mothers, fathers, caregivers and grandparents to a seminar with children up to the age of 6 presented by

Vivian Kan
Speech Pathologist
Fairstart Early Intervention
Fairfield City Council

Social skills are one of the most important skill sets to develop throughout the early childhood years. These skills influence positive social, communication and developmental outcomes in the early childhood years. Furthermore, they lay the foundation for future communication skills, independence, academic success, interpersonal relationships, emotional awareness and resilience.

Did you know?
Social skills cover a lot more than just the way we speak to others. The skill set for toddlers and preschoolers includes

- Eye contact
- Gesturing
- Facial expressions
- Body language and gestures
- Initiating or continuing a play interaction

- Voice
- Waiting taking turns and sharing
- Identifying feelings in themselves and others
- Negotiation with peers to meet each other’s needs and wants

This workshop will cover

- The social skills that children should develop in their early childhood years
- How adult social skills can be taught or supported by parents
- Ideas for activities at home
- What to do if you have concerns

Thursday 10th March 2016
6.30 – 8.30pm
Waratah Room
Cabra-Vale Diggers Club
1 Bartley St Canley Vale

Bookings are essential, phone 0407 708 626 to book your place.

Families Together is for families living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool and Bankstown.
Children’s services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place.
Families Together is funded by the Department of Education and sponsored by Fairfield City Council.
Child minding is not available for this seminar. Children are not permitted to attend.

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