



MARSDEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all for the wonderful welcome back to Marsden Park Public School. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the Directors of The Ponds and Quakers Hill network, Ms Kriketos and Mr Seretis for asking me to caretake Kings Langley Public School for term three whilst the school was waiting the appointment of their new Principal. It has been a few years since I have worked in a very large school but being at Kings Langley Public School was a wonderful refresher course on the processes and organisational structures of a large school. I have taken these away with me and will utilise them as Marsden Park grows. The staff of Kings Langley Public School were most supportive of me whilst I was there and I thank them for their honesty, sincerity and generosity. I was treated very kindly and I wish their new Principal, Mr Christopher Lambert every success in his new position. Thank you to Mr England for caretaking Marsden Park. I hope he enjoyed the experience of a small school. Mr England is now the Relieving Deputy Principal at Schofields Public School. I am very pleased to be back and look forward to working with our amazing students, parents and community again.

Kindergarten Orientation – Thank you to all of our 2019 Kindergarten students and parents for attending our school's Kindergarten Orientation program over the last two weeks. There is one more Orientation day next Thursday 22 November. Our current Kindergarten students will lead our visitors through an orientation program in the 3/2 and 6/5/4 classroom. Parents of our 2019 Kindergarten students will be asked to drop their child off at the classroom at 9:30 am and then leave the school, returning at 12:10 pm for pick up. 2019 Kindergarten students are to bring their crunch n sip, lunch and drink bottle (all items labelled with the child's name) on that day. 2019 Kindergarten students will experience a full morning session including eating and playing time in our playground. Staffing for 2019 will be based on our predicted enrolment figures so accurate information is needed. It would be appreciated if this note could be brought to the attention of any neighbours who live within our boundaries. At this stage, the organisational structure of the school is in the planning stage for 2019.

Year 6 Farewell – The Year Six Farewell will take place on Monday 17th of December at Windsor RSL South Windsor. Dress code is semi-formal. Students are expected to be dressed appropriately for their age. Girls may wear a light covering of makeup but no false eye lashes, shoes must be flat etc. Boys are to wear a collared shirt/tie optional and enclosed shoes – no tracksuits or sports gear. There is an agenda that the students will follow throughout the night.

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All Year Six students are to prepare a speech about their time at MPPS and if they are new they can also talk about their previous school. Each student will be given a scaffold to support the writing of their speech. A slide show of school activities throughout the year, including photographs of year six students will be prepared and shown on the night. Parents must note that as this is a DoE /school event and therefore under no circumstances is alcohol to be brought into the venue. In the past all of our parents have complied with this rule, making the night a fabulous farewell for the year six students.

Bunnings Barbeque – There will be a barbeque held at Marsden Park Bunnings on Saturday 24 November. This is a fundraiser for our year six students, their farewell and their gift to the school. Our wonderful P & C are in full support and are carefully planning the catering side, however, we still need more volunteers. If you can help for one hour or possibly two on the day please let the office know. Your help is very much appreciated.

School Swimming Scheme – This program will run from Monday 26th November to Friday 7th of December and once again will cater for our non-swimmers. Parents are urged to support this excellent survival skill program. Permission slips and final payments were due today. We are in desperate need of help with transport. If you are available, please supply to the office for photocopying your driver's licence and your comprehensive insurance so we can cover the legalities. Your assistance in helping our students gain this valuable life skill is greatly appreciated.

Reports – All student reports will be sent home on Friday 14th of December. This will give parents a chance, if they wish, to have an interview with their child's teacher. I ask you to read them carefully. A request letter for an interview will be included in the report envelope. Both teacher and/or parent requested interviews will be held on Tuesday 18th of December after school.

Selective High Schools – Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2019 booklets are available from the office for parents/carers who are interested. Parents must complete an intention to apply letter and return it to our school before applying. Parents/carers must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Surveys – School surveys will be sent home soon to all parents for your feedback re certain aspects of the school, its organisation, leadership and resourcing. We take your feedback seriously and will appreciate all families taking the time to complete the survey and returning it to school.

Year Five Captains' Speeches – Year Five will present their Captains' speeches at our school assembly on Friday 23 November. Year Five will be given a scaffold to help them consider what qualities and values make a good School Captain. All Year Five Students will be involved in this process. Voting will take place at the assembly. Students from Kindergarten to Year Five are allowed to vote. Year Five are also reminded that if they are not selected by the students to be our 2018 School Captain they will automatically be considered for Sports Captains. Parents are always welcome to attend our assemblies. Our final general assembly will be held on Friday 14 Dec. At this assembly, badges for years one to six will be given, along with all certificates and birthday cards.

Presentation Day – Our school Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 19 December starting at 9:30 am in the 3/2 and 6/5/4 classrooms. Please note this is a change of date from the last newsletter. All students are required to attend in **full school uniform**. Parking will be at a premium. The school oval will be open for parking but strict requirements will be in place. Those drivers who cannot comply will be asked to find alternate parking. Safety of our children must come first. As this day will be the last day of term, students may leave after the presentation day assembly with their parents. Students may go home with other family members if the school receives a note giving permission for this to happen from the parents.

End of Year Festivities – Tentative plans have been made in conjunction with our P & C for a mufti and pizza day (Monday 17 Dec), and movie day (Tuesday 18 Dec) for all students at Marsden Park Public School.

During next week plans will be finalised and then notes with the exact details will be sent home to all families.

Combined Scripture – A combined scripture service will be held on December 5. This will involve students who attend Catholic and Protestant Scripture. Non-scripture will be as normal and will be supervised by a teacher. Parents are welcome to attend the combined scripture service.

Assembly Awards - Congratulations to the following students on receiving their awards at our last assembly.

Awards	Class K	Class 1	Class 3/2	Class 6/5/4
Values-Understanding	Jiana Chokshi	Quade Clarke	Kafia Shahid	Holly Gorringer Modit Upadhyaya
Values- Fairness	Jackson Clarke	Vrund Patel	Nevaeh Pokaia	Nate Webber Abigail Witherspoon
Class Awards	Taylor Ren Ranveer Dhillon	Inayat Kaur Archie McDonald	Emily Dawson Darshan Sentillatiben	Tayah Martignago Tauseef Shahid Celine Ren Seth Mortley
Book Work Awards	Sophie Sin Charlie Schultz	Aakriti Krishnan Rafael Knezevic	Mayank Mazumdar Gracie Parsons	Luke Walmsley Roimata Hema Joshua De Abreu
Bronze Award		Inayat Kaur	Jasnoor Singh Belmin Halilovic Emma Mortley Jahkaia Samuela- Matenga	
Silver Award		Harveen Gill Rafael Knezevic Varshika Krishanan		
Gold Award		James Ovchinnikoff Brianna Peck	Adrianus Nowland- Judge Emily Dawson ElissaFlanagan Natasha Kumar	
Star of Excellence Award		Samarthy Bhasvar Ashaz Moinuddin Brianna Peck Dhyanna Umraniya		

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