

MARSDEN PARK

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NEWSLETTER TERM 2 - 24 MAY 2019

KEY DATES

May 24

K-2 Assembly

May 31

3-6 Assembly

June 4

School Photos

June 5

Stewart House
Collection

June 7

K-2 Assembly

June 10

Queens Birthday

June 14

3-6 Assembly

June 21

Athletics Carnival
K-2 Assembly

June 28

3-6 Assembly

July 5

K-2 Assembly
Last Day of Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers

NAPLAN – Congratulations to those students in Years Three and Five who undertook the NAPLAN assessments. All students tried their best. Year Three parents are reminded that this is the first time their child has been placed under exam conditions. Results should be out by the end of Term Three. The school will review individual/cohort results and align teaching and learning experiences to address areas of improvement.

Students had been prepared with examples of types of questions that may be used and were asked to read carefully the whole question, work the answer out (no guessing) and pace themselves (no rushing). Students were also advised under the NAPLAN scripts to follow the instructions precisely.

I remind parents and students these assessments are a snapshot in time and will be used in conjunction with our school data. When results come through (late Term 3) the school will look at the performance of each individual student, then as a cohort and determine the strengths and areas for improvement.

We will also look at the growth for our Year 5 students from their performance two years ago. We are expecting all students will show positive growth over the last two years as long as they have accessed the assessment papers correctly. Our computer lab held up brilliantly. Thankyou to Mr Kreiss for all of your hard work.

National Sorry Day/Reconciliation Week – In 2008 the then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologised for the hurt caused by decades of state-sponsored treatment of Indigenous Australians. National Sorry Day Sunday 26 May continues to acknowledge and raise awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Indigenous Australians. This date coincides with National Reconciliation Week. During this time, the Australian Aboriginal Flag will be flown as well as our Australian Flag at our school.

Communication – Our school operates under an open door policy, however, sometimes the staff are unable to see you particularly after the bell has gone and teaching time has started. All parents and community members are advised that if they wish to see the class teacher they can make an appointment or the teacher can phone them at a suitable and convenient time. All staff are available each afternoon at the bus seats for any minor concerns.

Any issues that cannot be resolved at the classroom level will be openly discussed, investigated appropriately under the guidelines as provided by the Department of Education by the classroom teacher or the Principal. In some cases the investigation may be handled by the Department outside of the school. Under no circumstances is a staff member to be approached and abused. This type of behaviour by any community member will lead to that member having the Inclosed Land Act applied to them. That means they will be banned from entering the school grounds for ten weeks or beyond.



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Our school is a safe place, but like all places from time to time things do go wrong. The school will certainly endeavour to rectify any issue promptly to the satisfaction of all parties as it the students' welfare that is our highest priority.

All community members are aware the any school car park is out of bounds and not to be used for any purpose other than the staff or deliveries. Some of our community members have once again started to use the car park as a drop off area, parking for convenience or for U-turns. I am asking all of our families not to do this for the safety of our students and the staff.

Parking— The RMS is proposing to improve the existing parking in arrangement outside our school. The new parking arrangements aim to improve safety and provide opportunity for set down pick up, as well as short term parking to accommodate visits to the school.

The new parking arrangements involve the following:

- Providing a section of 2 hour parking between 9:30am to 2:30pm Mon—Fri.
- Providing a section of 30 minute parking between 9:30am to 2:30pm Mon—Fri.
- Both sections of new parking arrangements would also include NO PARKING times between 8am—9:30am and 2:30pm—4:00pm Mon—Fri, to provide for set down and pickup.

Work on these new parking arrangements will commence on the weekend of the 2/6/2019.

Absentee Notes – Parents are reminded that when their child is absent from school it is a requirement that the absence be covered with a full explanation. The explanation must have a reason for their absence and the date and must be signed. If a child is late to school, it is a requirement that the parent sign the child in at the office. The child will be handed a pass to give to their teacher. This pass indicates the child has been signed in. This is the same procedure if a parent wishes to take their child early from the school. If a child is sick for more than two days they must have a doctor's certificate to cover the absence. The school will ask for the certificate. Please note this is Departmental policy and all requirements must be adhered to.

The school each week will send home a request for absences not covered with a parental explanation. Please complete these in full and return to the school. Individual attendance rates are being reviewed by Home School Liaison Officers, including lateness to school. For some of our students, their attendance rate has fallen dramatically where their education is being severely hampered by the continued absences which seem to be at parent consent. For these students, if improvement is not made in attendance, the Principal under the DET guidelines has the right to ask for a doctor's certificate for every absence and the Home School Liaison Officers will become involved with each family. Communication is key and parents just have to let the school know if your child is sick or going away on extended leave before the holiday. Thank you to all of those parents who promptly supply absence notes on their child's return to school.

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Small Schools' Cross Country – Congratulations to those students who participated in the Small Schools' Cross Country on Friday 10 at Glossodia. I was extremely impressed with the way all of our students ran in the respective events. It was a lovely cool day for running. Congratulations to Indyanna Watkins, Vanessa Noonan and Muhummad Faizan who are representing the Hawkesbury Small Schools and Marsden Park Public School at the District Cross Country Carnival today at Cattai.

Thank you to those parents who volunteered to transport students to and from the venue. Without your support these students would not be able to attend. Thankyou to Mr Elliot for being an excellent team Manager.

School Athletics Carnival – This year, all teachers will be organising the school's Athletics Carnival. The carnival will be held on Friday, 21 June. This will allow the school to be able to complete the carnival if the weather is inclement on another Friday before the end of term 2. If wet weather forces the postponement of the carnival, various events will be run during sport time on consecutive Fridays. Shot Putt events will be conducted by Mr Burrell after sporting school sessions. High Jump and Long Jump will be held on the day of the carnival. Some students will also be nominated for the discuss events at the Small School's Athletics Carnival. This event is not held at our school carnival.

Students are asked to compete in as many events as they can, including the novelties, to earn points for their house. A note will go home with all students Sport House/Colour. Fingers crossed the weather holds.

If students wish to wear coloured ribbons, sprayed hair etc... in support of their sports house they may do so. Lunch Orders will be as per the normal Friday routine. Please ensure your child/children is/are dressed warmly. If there are any parents that could help with setting up we would very much appreciate your support.

School Photos – School photos will be held on Tuesday 4 June. The photos are purchased online this year. If for any reason you cannot access the online form please see Mrs Davies in the office for an envelope. Please ensure your child/children are dressed in full school uniform for our school photos. As soon as we receive the photo packages we will send them home.

OC Placement – Applications for Year Five for 2020 have now closed. The school will complete their section.

Mothers' Day Stall – Thank you to our Parents and Citizens Committee for organising and running the Mothers' Day stall. Many students picked a gift for their Mum, Nanna or Carer and in turn supported this fundraising effort. Thank you to all parents for your support and help today with wrapping gifts. We also would like to remind all of our parents and grandparents they are welcomed to help at any time with any of the fundraising activities and in the classroom. Let Mrs Davies know in the office that you are able to help and she will ask the P & C to contact you. We hope all of our Mums, Grandmothers, Great-Grandmothers and Carers had a fabulous Mothers' Day!

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Peer Support – Peer Support has started. Leaders and co-leaders in Years five to six will be practising their leadership skills. Each leader/co-leader will be walked through the lesson for the week and it is their responsibility to have all necessary resources prepared. This will help them develop responsibility and organisational skills. Teachers will be monitoring and giving positive and constructive feedback to each group on how the lesson was delivered. This is a very rewarding experience for our senior students and a very valuable part of our second strategic direction based on Living Positively. Peer Support Overview

This year's module for Peer Support is 'Living Positively' which focuses on optimism. This module supports all students to develop skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to identify their individual strengths and maintain a positive outlook on life. 'Living Positively' focuses on: resilience, coping, critical thinking and planning.

Class 6/5 students will be leading a small group of students from K-4 throughout the school on a Tuesday afternoon through eight lessons based on 'Living Positively'. Classroom teachers will be actively supervising their classroom and helping the leaders and group members work through each activity.

Library News— On Wednesday 22nd May our school participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) by reading Alpaca's with Maracas, by Matt Cosgrove. NSS is an event that is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools and many other places around Australia and New Zealand. We are promoting the value of reading and literacy and the value and fun of books. This year over 1 085 587 students were involved in this event.

Many students are forgetting their library bag each week and are unable to borrow on library day. For these students, Mr Gauci opens the library later in the week so they can borrow, however, not many students are availing themselves of this opportunity. Parents and carers are asked to remind their child of library day and ensure they have their library bag in their school bag. Library borrowing is an integral part of our school literacy programs and school report. Borrowing from the library allows the student to practice their reading skills including fluency with a book of their own choice and also allows the student to share their reading experiences with family members. Parents of younger students could you please ensure your child/children have their library bags with them on their Library day. The school has ensured there are relevant and exciting books including the classics for all of our students to read. Many of the books are new releases in both fiction and non-fiction so there are no excuses for not borrowing. The school will be ordering the 2019 Australian Book Council Short listed books as part of our Book Week celebrations in term three.

Bus Travel - This term will see Busways Inspectors checking to ensure students are using their Opal cards when boarding the school bus. Students that do not present a valid Opal card will be asked to pay a fare. Failure to produce a valid Opal card or bus fare will result in the Inspector recording the student's name. After the school inspection the names that were recorded will be emailed to the school, with a request for the school to follow-up with the students and parents/guardians concerned. To all families, students and parents involved, an Opal card is important because it is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't have an Opal card to tap on and off, the service will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers. Teachers from the school, will be asking all bus students to have their opal card ready when boarding. Any issues with the student's Opal card, the teacher will liaise with the bus driver to ensure the student is able to get home. Opal website: www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

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Assembly Awards – Congratulations to the following students who received the following rewards at last week's assembly.

2019 Assemblies Term 2- Week 3

Awards 3-6	3 Pink	4 Green	5 Blue	6 Gold
Values– Trustworthi-ness	Emma Mortley	Belmin Halilovic	Amina Afraz	Arliah Gutierrez
Values– Commitment	Zachary Trevarthen	Antara Mondal	Muhammad Faizan	Modit Upadhyaya
Class Awards	Khubaib Atif- For determination to improve during NAPLAN practice. Mannat Dhanju- For improved classroom attitude.	Slok Patel: for settling in well at Marsden Park Public School with a positive attitude to learning. Hamiora Hema: for his responsible and helpful contributions during Peer Support.	Tauseef Shahid: his commitment to his learning Anjli Rana: Being a respectful and independent learner	Danny Sin: Consistently demonstrating Marsden Park values. Courtney Ussher: Showing enthusiasm in her learning
Book Work Awards	Viha Dhameliya Charvi Patel	Krystel Saini Taaliah Khan	Zainab Haywari Manvir Singh	Arya Chaudhari Celine Ren
Bronze Awards	Erin O'Neill Jessica Witherspoon Khubaib Atif Mikayla Richards Zachary Trevarthen Mannat Dhanju	Maryam Ahmad Jasper Cooper Mahi Gajjar Hamiora Hema Taaliah Khan Christopher Ovchinnikoff Agamnoor Sandhu Lavanya Shriram Gurjaap Singh Angel Ussher		
Silver Awards	Natasha Kumar			
Gold Awards				
Star Awards	Darshan Sentillatiben -Yellow			
Library Award		4 Green (W1) 4Green (W2)		

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2019 Assemblies Term 2- Week 4

Awards K-2	K Red	K Ruby	K Cherry	1 Yellow	2 Orange	1/2 Peach
Values– Trustworthiness	Jasmine Johnson	Barish Klair	Shashwat Jayaraman	Rhys Jasmin	Madison Bujewicz	Afraz Adil
Values- Commitment	Sanjith Yellamraju	Vivaan Patel-	Pratham Prajapati	Dhanvi Bhatt	Khadijah Ahmed	Ashaz Moinuddin
Class Awards	Seerat Gill-for showing excellent self-control and initiative in class Kriva Patel-trying her best with building friendships with others	Hasini Thilivaran-for showing excellent self-control and initiative in class Ellie Nowland-Judge- trying her best with building friendships with others.	Vivaan Soni For an amazing improvement in his writing Pratham Prajapati For always trying his best in class	Mahina Hema – for always offering assistance and being helpful in the classroom Brayden Abassi – for improvement in his behaviour and work ethic	James Ovchinnikoff For being a trustworthy student Rafael Knezevic For his best effort in Maths	Quade Clarke – for making positive choices in the classroom Sophie Sin – for demonstrating confidence when contributing to class discussions
Book Work Awards	Arnav Darji Vedanth Bhagavathi	Hamza Said Maanya Upadhyaya	Kris Saini Nevan Johnson	Taylor Ren Harviraaz Gill	Harjot Singh Peter Musico	Falak Patel Luvya Patel
Bronze Awards				Alexander Abassi Hallie Steer Havana Flanagan Lilly Combe Mahina Hema Patrick Dawson Mahmoud Fui-Mua	Hitesh Tatikonda Khizar Khan Rihaana Patel Dhyaana Umara-niya Rishith Yellamraju Brahmjot Singh Pranav Panth Varshika Krishnan	Jordan Long Saif Hossain Prabhsimar Dhillon Sophie Sin Afraz Adil
Silver Awards				Charlie Schultz		
Gold Awards						
Star Awards						
Library Award					2 Orange (wk2) 2 Orange (wk3)	

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CATTAI MOVIE NIGHT

All members of the community are invited to join us to watch
INSIDE OUT

6.00pm DINNER
6.30pm SHOWTIME

★ Friday 24th May
★ 2019

★ South Maroota
★ Hall

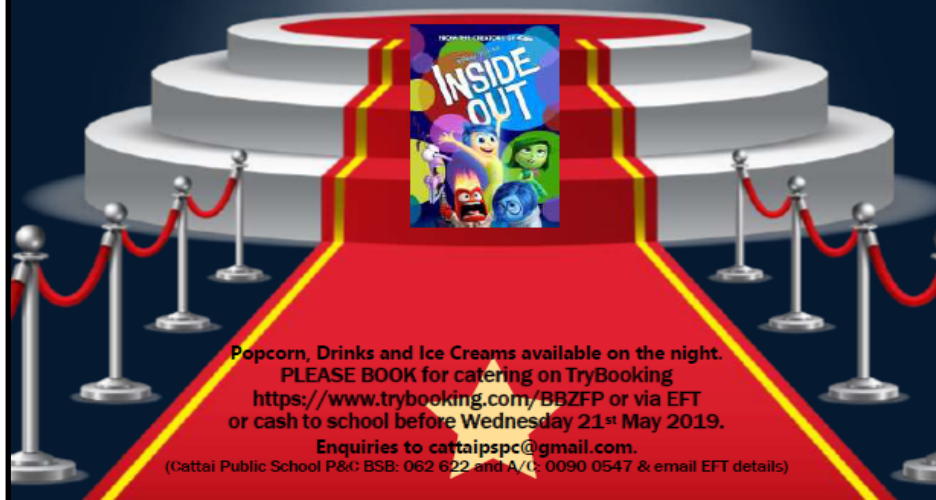
We are holding a fun night for the kids.

All welcome - every child to be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets cost \$15 pp or \$45 per Family (up to 5 people incl. minimum of 1 adult),
which includes a roast beef roll and a drink.

(Vegetarian option available on request).

Bring a beanbag or a cosy pillow.



Popcorn, Drinks and Ice Creams available on the night.

PLEASE BOOK for catering on TryBooking
<https://www.trybooking.com/BBZFP> or via EFT
or cash to school before Wednesday 21st May 2019.

Enquiries to cattai@pspc@gmail.com.

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