

NEWSLETTER TERM 3 - 29 July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

KEY DATES

<u>Term 3</u>

August 2 3-6 Assembly

August 5-9 Education Week

August 9 K-2 assembly

August 15 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

August 16 3-6 Assembly

August 18 Bunnings BBQ

August 23 K-2 Assembly

August 29 Father's Day Stall

August 30 3-6 Assembly

September 6 K-2 Assembly

September 12 Crazy Hair/Sock Day & Pizza Day

September 13 3-6 Assembly

September 20 K-2 Assembly

September 27 3-6 Assembly



Welcome to Term 3 – After ten years at Marsden Park Public School, it is time for me to move on and start another exciting chapter of my career. I will be working in State Office as a School Planning and Performance Advisor. I love Marsden Park Public School. It is a fabulous school where every child is given every chance every day. I am very proud of what we as a collective positive community have achieved for the benefit of all of the students. I appreciate and am very grateful, and I say thank you for the wonderful support given to me and to the school by the P & C executive, the parents and the wider community. I leave the school knowing we have created a positive unique educational environment. This is not goodbye but....'hoo roo'. As I look forward, I will always remember fondly my time at Marsden Park Public School. My last day will be Thursday, 15th August. How appropriate, School Photo Day!

All students have had an excellent start to the term and have settled in quickly by commencing Term 3 work straight away. .

We welcome our new families and students to our wonderful school. We also welcome our new Assistant Principals, Mrs Glenda Marks and Ms Roschelle Morwood to our school. Mrs Marks will be non-teaching & looking after Years 3-6. Ms Morwood will be taking the new 3/2 class and looking after K-2. Both ladies come highly recommended and are very experienced. Their skills and expertise match our school plan, programs and initiatives. Both Mrs Marks and Ms Morwood will be with us until the end of the year.

As you would be aware, there have been many changes happening over the holidays with additional classrooms, new roofs, upgraded toilet facilities, painting, solar power & concrete paths. Year 3 have moved into their new classroom with Miss Mifsud who has been appointed to our school as a permanent teacher. Year 5 & Year 6 have moved into their new classrooms on the northern boundary. Class 3/2 are in the first brown demountable behind Kinder Cherry. Technology has been purchased & over the coming days will be placed in each new classroom. Thank you to Rob Mc Ivena, our project manager for completing this project on time for us.

Marsden Park OOSH—a survey will be coming home with the newsletter. Please complete & return asap as we are now trying to have an OOSH (before & after school facility) set up for our community at MPPS. The survey is the first step in this process but the most vital. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Every child, Every chance, Every day

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Assembly - At this time due to student numbers & available space we are conducting a K-2 & 3-6 assembly on consecutive Fridays. Miss Barker has kindly offered to play the piano during these times for us & Ms Morwood working with all teachers to arrange the assembly program. There has been a request made for notification of awards to parents so they can attend to see their child receive their award. We will look into this request & let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

Scripture - Mrs Marks is looking into scripture classes for our Muslim & Sikh students. We will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

Fitness will continue to go ahead on Mondays through to Thursday for fifteen to twenty minutes and will cover moderate to vigorous activities such as relays, minor running games, aerobics/dance & cross country.

For the students who require a personal learning plan as per the Department of Education guidelines, these will be completed as soon as possible. Parents, students & teachers must be involved in this process.

Education Week – Our school will be celebrating Education Week in Week 10. The theme of this week is 'EVERY STUDENT, EVERY VOICE'. The school will be opened with students participating in Student Led Reporting, a student fundraising event and assembly. This special event will also incorporate Grandparents Day and all grandparents and carers or special friends are invited to attend. More details to follow.

Book Week – The theme this year is 'READING IS MY SECRET POWER'. Students are asked to make a costume & participate in the parade. Costumes are to be made from recycled material already at home i.e. no bought or hired costumes. Students must also have a copy of the book that has their character in it. More details to follow.

Child Protection – Lessons will commence this term and run on consecutive Wednesday afternoons for the whole term. These lessons are invaluable to all students to keep them safe, to recognise the difference between positive and negative behaviours and how to be assertive. Please speak to your child's teacher regarding this mandatory program and its content. If you do not wish your child to participate, please let your child's teacher know in writing.

Information in regard to PDH/PE and its components are attached to this newsletter.

Mark Fisher-Hoad Principal

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School Athletics Carnival – Small Schools Field (Tuesday 6th) and Track Events (Friday 9th) will be held in Week 3, at McMahon Park, Kurrajong.

Sporting Schools – This term, the school has applied for a federally funded sporting grant from Sporting Schools. Our application has been granted. All classes will rotate through the sporting skill lessons of Soccer. Soccer will be held on Mondays. This activity will run for six weeks.

School Banking – School banking takes place on Fridays. If any child wishes to open a school banking account through the Commonwealth Bank please see the office staff for the information. All bank books are to be given to the class teacher on Friday morning. School banking will be completed by the school office with bank books returned to each student either on Friday afternoon or Monday morning.

Father's Day Stall – This fundraising event will be held on the morning of Thursday 29th August. Donations can be handed in to the office from any time now. P & C have ordered an array of gifts that each child should find worthy of giving to Dad, Grandpa, Pop or a special friend on this day.

Bunnings BBQ – Will take place at the Marsden Park store on Sunday 18th August. Volunteers required. Please see the school office to put your name down.

Premier's Spelling Bee — Students have taken home lists of words for the Premier's Spelling Bee to study. Each class will be staging its own round to select representatives for each grade. Please see your class teacher if you require additional lists. Student reps will be selected at assemblies.

Car park— Please be mindful that the school car park is not to be used unless permission from the Principal has been given. If you need to park please use the service station parking. If you need to do a U -Turn please use the round about to do so. This is very important for the children's safety.

School Photo Day — Reminder - Will be held on Thursday 15th August.

Chocolate Day Reminder - Last day, Friday 2nd August to hand in your expression of interest notes to take home a box of chocolates.

Uniform Shop - Hours of operation attached.

