

NEWSLETTER TERM 1 - 28th February 2020

KEY DATES

Term 1 2020

March 2

Halogen Young Leaders
Day

March 3

Ridges Swimming
Premier's Debating Practice

March 4

Yellow Mufti Day for
Fire Fighters
Gold Coin Donation

March 5

P & C Meeting 6pm
AFL Yr 1-6

March 6

Summer PSSA
RunWest Coaches

March 9

Longneck Lagoon
Leadership Day

March 10

Tour de Cure School Visit
Premier's Debating Practice

March 12

Selective HS Test
AFL Yr 1-6

March 13

3-6 Assembly
Summer PSSA
RunWest Coaches

March 17

Premier's Debating Practice

March 19

School Photo Day

March 20

Summer PSSA
RunWest Coaches
Harmony Day

March 23

Naplan Online Practice

March 24

Premier's Debating Practice

March 27

K—2 Assembly
Summer PSSA
RunWest Coaches

March 28

P & C Bunnings BBQ



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

THE BEGINNING OF TERM 1

Well what a busy term we have had so far and students have settled into the new year well. We have welcomed many new students and staff to Marsden Park PS this year. Below is a list of the wonderful staff here at Marsden Park PS. If you have not already done so, please follow the Marsden Park PS Facebook page. Each week we will post student photos related to their classroom or sporting achievements and updates for when notes and money for excursions are due. Please also upload the Skoolbag App as many notifications are also sent through to this App. Thank you to Miss Mifsud for her outstanding organisation of our school swimming carnival that was run at Riverstone Pool in conjunction with the staff at Riverstone PS. We wish the 6 students traveling to Zone next week the very best of luck. Congratulations to all of the leaders who were presented with their badges. We have 4 senior leaders, 2 captains for each sporting house and 2 SRC representatives from each class.

MEET THE TEACHER

The first opportunity to meet with your child's new teacher was Tuesday last week. This was a more informal meeting outlining events for the coming terms. Please call to make a suitable appointment time to meet with your child's teacher if you have any concerns or information you would like to share with them.

CAPITAL WORKS

We have taken possession of the 10 new demountable classrooms, staff annex, student toilets, staff toilets and the school hall / canteen. There are a few finishing touches happening to ensure that all buildings comply to DoE standards. A tender process has begun where we have invited outside agencies to tender for the use of our canteen facilities to run a canteen here at MPPS. We will let you know the outcome after the process has been completed.

PARENT PICK UP

Please remember that if you are entering the school to pick up your child/ren, please wait under the covered area on the COLA. The teachers will bring your children up to the COLA at 3pm.

CAR PARKING SAFETY

Just a friendly reminder:

- Parking in no stopping/no parking zones in a school zone can result in up to 5 demerit points and up to \$527 fine. This includes the kiss and drop zone.
- During pickup and drop off times (8am-9:30am and 3:30pm-4pm) "Kiss and Drop" is 2 minute parking only and you must remain within 3m of your car – so you cannot park your car there and come into the school. This causes congestion and an unsafe environment. Fines apply during these times.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parking in the service station must be in the marked car spaces. Parking in front of the petrol bowzers, near the ice machine and in the middle of the concrete area are not acceptable and dangerous. These areas are for large trucks to pass through and cars have been damaged this week as a result of not parking in the correct area.

There is space for hundreds of cars across the road on the grass section. P&C parents and staff members have mowed this space to make parking easier. If you are parking in the grass section there is a pedestrian crossing directly across to the school. This area is much safer than parking in the service station, or parking illegally.

If you park in the grass area – please remember to park in rows away from the entrance way to allow all parents to access the area.

Please be considerate of all our surrounding neighbours, other parents and the staff of the school. So many parents are being considerate and parking in the correct area, therefore we must make sure that we all are. Everyone is in the same situation.

Blacktown Council have advised us that a parking ranger will be attending our school unannounced.

If we all work together, we can make the parking situation safer, easier and less congested.

PRINCIPALS' INDUCTION CONFERENCE

Evidence around the world shows that investing in leadership at all phases of a school leader's career will make a substantial difference to the quality of teaching and therefore the quality of student learning in our school. From the 19-21 February I had the pleasure of attending the Principal Induction Conference in Sydney delivered by the Department of Education School Leadership Institute. This conference provided engaging, relevant and significant professional learning. This included leading high quality teaching and learning across the school, enhancing student wellbeing strategies, and ensuring that in our school community every child is known, valued and cared for.

I was reminded of the importance of modelling lifelong learning to my staff and students. Conferences of this nature enable me to focus on quality teaching and leadership practices that have the greatest impact on teacher learning and therefore the outcomes of our students.

Kind regards

Mrs Christine Calder

Principal

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Kindergarten News

In **KD** we are having an excellent start to our schooling year! We have been engaging in many new learning experiences. During class discussions we are learning facts about one another as we make connections between our learning and our personal experiences. We are forming many new friendships and are learning to be safe, respectful learners at Marsden Park Public School. We are having a fantastic time in KD and have been working hard to refine our fine motor skills as active participants in our learning! KD have established a strong sense of belonging at our school.

In **KG** we come to school each day with a big smile and are ready to learn! We sing our welcome song every morning and have made lots of new friends. KG are learning to use builds ups and to treat each other with kindness and respect. We love learning our letter sounds and making craft. In literacy, KG have been learning how to sequence a sentence. We have also been learning to how to find out sight words on the butterfly card. In reading, we have been learning to point to each word as we say it with 'our crisp finger pointing'. KG love learning through games, songs and art. Learning is lots of fun at Marsden Park Public School! Ms Grice is very proud of how settled we are each day.

KM have had a fantastic start to Kindergarten making new friends everyday and learning the routines of school. We have enjoyed learning our sight words and playing games within our classroom. We have been very busy making lots of beautiful artworks about all the letter sounds we have learnt about so far.

KB have had an absolutely wonderful time settling in to school! They have been making friends, learning lots of new sounds and have been working hard on many beautiful artworks! They are fabulous learners and I am so proud of how well they have all started their Kindergarten journey.

KS has been settling well into kindergarten and are super excited for our first homework. We've been trying to read books and working hard to use our pointy fingers. We cannot wait to show off our reading skills to our parents and other members of the family. Our favourite time of the day is 'circle time' when we share something about ourselves with our friends in the class. We have been creating a lot of crafts using our fine motor skills and we are very proud of ourselves.



News

Year 1 - 2 News

Stage 1 classes have all settled in well. We are busy working on our Term 1 teaching and learning activities.

Students attended their first assembly of the year on Friday in our new hall and many were presented with certificates of achievement from their class teachers.

It was lovely to meet so many of our parents at 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon and look forward to seeing you at future school events.

Students are enjoying the sessions with AFL instructors every Thursday. They have been learning how to play and improve their throwing, catching and kicking skills

Students and teachers in Stage 1 participated in 'Clean up Australia Day' on Friday, February 28, by cleaning up our school. We are now looking forward to our visit from the fire brigade on Wednesday, March 4 as part of 'Yellow Mufti Day'.

Mrs Gayle McLister
Stage 1 Assistant Principal



Years 3 - 6 News

We have had a jam packed start to Term 1 this year with lots of new faces and events. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our recent Meet the Teacher afternoon. If you would like any further information on your child's progress, please feel free to make an appointment with their teacher.

Year 6 have commenced their transition to high school activities with a visit to Riverstone High School. During this visit they had the opportunity to take part in mini lessons and were particularly enthusiastic for Science! We will be continuing with our transition to high school activities throughout the year.

Our PSSA season has finally kicked off with Miss Mifsud and Mr Palladino. Students going to PSSA are reminded that they will need to be at school ready to leave by 8:45am on Friday mornings for the duration of the term.

You may have noticed some students wearing their new leadership badges. Developing leadership skills in our students is an important priority at Marsden Park Public School. Over the coming weeks we will be spending time developing students' leadership skills and responsibilities and will soon be holding the first session of our school representative Parliament.

Sports Report

Our combined swimming carnival with Riverstone PS was very successful and as a result 6 of our swimmers made the qualifying requirements to compete at the Ridges swimming zone carnival on the 3rd of March. Ribbons will be handed out in the week 6 assembly.

Our swimmers representing MPPS at Ridges are Emily, Adelaide, Albury, Chris, Samantha and Jessica. Best of luck to these swimmers, swim hard and fast!



Term one for Years 1-6 also saw the arrival of the AFL Sporting Schools program to assist the students in learning some AFL skills. This is being held on a Thursday and the classes have really enjoyed learning some new skills such as teddy bear and superman catching, along with learning how to pass an AFL correctly.



Stage 2 and 3 are participating in RunWest as part of Home Sport, while our PSSA teams go and participate in the Ridges competition. Unfortunately Round One was washed out by the much needed rain, so stay tuned for further results.

RunWest is a fun, games-based physical activity fitness program developed by Athletics Australia. Programs are led by an experienced Athletics Australia accredited coach and run for 50 minutes each week over 8 sessions, with a 9th optional session as a participant of the NAB RunWest event on Sunday 29th March, 2020. Parents are encouraged to complete a short online survey, which can be found at <http://runfit.runthewest.com.au/>. Completing this survey helps the school go into the chance to win a \$1,000 sports equipment pack. The survey produces non-identifiable data that will be used to help evaluate the usefulness of the program.

Miss Kristie Mifsud
Sports Coordinator

Library News

From the Circulation Desk!

Welcome to another fabulous year of reading! Each week students will be provided with the opportunity to visit our school library and borrow a book to take home for the week. In order to borrow, students require a bag to place library books in to keep them safe and clean. They are then required to return the book the following week on their scheduled library day.

Monday classes: 3/4I, 3/4M, KB, KM, KS

Tuesday classes: 3/4P, 3/4R, KG, KD, KL

Wednesday classes: 1E, 1F, 1/2M, 5/6M

Thursday classes: 5/6P, 5/6H, 2L, 2B

Friday classes: 2D, 1W

There are still a few overdue library books that were not returned at the end of last year. Overdue notices will be sent out shortly for these books. Please return these as soon as possible or a replacement fee will occur.

Approximately twice a term book club catalogues will be set home. If you would like to make a purchase from these catalogues you are required to download the LOOP app or view this online. All ordering and payments are completed online. No orders or money come to the school. We will keep you updated when each book club LOOP will close through the Skoolbag app.

Happy reading!

Julie-Anne Gauci

Library Teacher



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P & C News

Welcome back to school for 2020! The P&C have already had our first meeting for the year and have lots of exciting things planned. For those who do not know – the P&C is a group of parents who organise fundraising events, stalls for the students etc. All money we raise goes back to the school. Last year we purchased almost \$10,000 worth of resources for the school – so it's a great cause! Each month – on the First Thursday of the month the P&C meet in the school Library at 6:30pm. We would LOVE to have some new members on board so please join us for our next meeting next Thursday 5th March.

Bunnings BBQ

Our first major fundraiser for the year is our Bunnings BBQ. This is to be held at the Marsden Park Bunnings on Saturday 28th March. This is typically one of our biggest revenue raisers and we need helpers! We ask for helpers in two hour time slots, and you can do any job you wish. Serve customers, cook the BBQ, collect drinks, prepare bread etc. A note will go home requesting helpers for all the time slots. The more parent helpers we have – the easier it will be to cover the entire day. We know Saturdays are not always the easiest day with family and sporting commitments – but if you can find 2 hours to assist it would be greatly appreciated. Keep an eye out for the note home, or contact the office with times you can help out!



Krispy Kreme Drive

The second fundraiser we have organised for 2020 is our first ever Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. It's a simple one – order and pay for the doughnuts through the "EventBrite" website (search Marsden Park Public School), doughnuts will be delivered to the school on Thursday 9th April (last day of term) and they can be collected from 2:30-3:00pm. If you

are unable to collect them, we can send them home with your child. Each box of Krispy Kreme doughnuts sold gives \$5 back to the school. Perfect treat for Easter.



Easter Raffle



Our annual Easter Raffle is about to commence.

Raffle tickets will go home with each student and we ask that you sell these to your family and friends. We usually have a HUGE amount of prizes to give away!

If you can assist us with donating some items for the Easter hampers we would be VERY appreciative. Next time you are at the supermarket add a few Easter Eggs or blocks of chocolate to your trolley and drop them off to the office! We appreciate your generosity!!

Easter Guessing Competition

We will be running our annual Easter Guessing Competition from next week. Guesses are \$1 Each. The prize is a large jar of yummy treats! Details of where and when you can have a guess will be announced next week.

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Outdoor Cinema

Our first ever "Outdoor Cinema" event is set to be BIG! On Saturday 4th April our school field will turn into an outdoor cinema showing the new "The Lion King" movie. There will be stalls including BBQ, popcorn, fairy floss, slushies or you can bring your own picnic (strictly no alcohol). Bring a chair and picnic rug to sit on. Tickets are Adults \$10 and Kids \$5 or \$25 per family. Tickets are available on the "EventBrite" website. Tickets are strictly limited due to limited parking around the school – so if you are interested grab yours before they sell out! More info will be sent home in the coming weeks. |



School Banking Information Session

Marsden Park PS is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2020 are:

- Terry Denton's Activity Book
- Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)
- Treetop Stationary Set
- Treetop Handball
- Tomato Seed Kit
- Magic Mist Drink Bottle
- Emoji Wallet
- Snakes & Ladders Game



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

School Banking day is **Friday**, each week you need to **hand it the coordinator before school**.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 8.30-9.30am

Date: Monday 2nd March

Location: In the playground

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to explain how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

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MARSDEN PARK PUBLIC P&C'S
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FAMILY: \$25
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Bus Services

Marsden Park Public School

Commencing Monday 2nd March 2020 the following school bus services will be implemented for Marsden Park Public School

Morning Services

Route 757 – servicing Plumpton, Marsden Park & Elara Estate

Departs Plumpton Marketplace at **7:42am** via Jersey Rd (L)Rooty Hill Rd North (L)Richmond Rd (L)Hollinsworth Rd to the end **7:54am**, turns around & returns Hollinsworth Rd (L)Harris Av (R)Hawthorne Av (L)Richmond Rd (L)Elara Blvd to John Black Dr roundabout **8:08am**, turns around & returns Elara Blvd (R)Northbourne Dr to Frontier Av roundabout, turns around & returns Northbourne Dr (R)Elara Blvd (R)Richmond Rd (L)Garfield Rd West (R)Local Access Rd to School arriving at **8:19am**.

Route 747 – servicing Elara Estate

Departs Elara Blvd & John Black Dr at **8:40am** via Elara Blvd (R)Richmond Rd (L)Garfield Rd West (R)Local access Rd to School arriving at **8:45am**.

Route 747 – servicing Riverstone

Departs Riverstone Station **8:46am** via Riverstone Pde (R)Garfield Rd West (L)Local Access Rd to School arriving at **8:51am**.

School Bus 5013 – servicing Windsor Downs

Departs Sanctuary Dr & Barkly Dr at **8:20am** via Barkly Dr (L)Willeroo Dr (L)Sanctuary Dr (L)Richmond Rd, then express to School arriving at **8:35am**.

Afternoon Services

Route 757 – servicing Elara Estate, Marsden Park & Plumpton

Departs School at **3:32pm** via (L)Garfield Rd West (R)Richmond Rd (L)Elara Blvd to John Black Dr roundabout **3:44pm**, turns around and returns Elara Blvd (R)Richmond Rd (R)Hawthorne Av (L)Harris Av (R)Hollinsworth Rd to the end **3:57pm**, turns around and returns Hollinsworth Rd (R)Richmond Rd (R)Rooty Hill Rd North (R)Jersey Rd to Plumpton Marketplace **4:12pm**.

Route 747 – servicing Elara Estate

Departs School at **3:30pm** via (L)Garfield Rd West (R)Richmond Rd (L)Elara Blvd to John Black Dr **3:42pm**.

School Bus 6533 – servicing Riverstone

Departs School at **3:30pm** via (R)Garfield Rd West (L)Robert St (L)Walker Pde (R)Park Rd, Farm Rd, Cleveland Rd (L)Walker Pde (R)Cemetery Rd (L)Garfield Rd West (L)Riverstone Pde to Riverstone Station **3:38pm**, continues Riverstone Pde (R)Crown St (R)Hamilton St (R)Garfield Rd East (L)McCulloch St to St John's Primary School **3:46pm**, continues McCulloch St (R)Elizabeth St (L)Piccadilly St (L)Riverstone Rd (R)Clarke St, Guntawong Rd to Tallawong Rd **3:51pm**.

For further information please Email Busways using info@busways.com.au or contacting Busways Customer Service on **1300 69 2929**. Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

School Travel



As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare.

Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear under utilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go online to www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

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