ALLERGY ALERT

In the interest of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut muesli bars.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

School assemblies will be held fortnightly in the school hall. Commencing Week 2 of each term.

Kindergarten - Year 2 - Friday 10.00am to 10.50am
Years 3-6 - Monday 2.00pm -2.50pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1:
Week 10:
3rd April   Good Friday

Term 2:
Week 1:
20th April School Development Day
21st April Students return (Tuesday)
22nd April Anzac Day Service

Week 2:
1st May Longneck Lagoon Leadership Day

Week 3:
6th May AFL K-6
8th May PSSA round 1

Week 4:
12th May NAPLAN Testing for years 3 & 5
13th May NAPLAN Testing for years 3 & 5
14th May NAPLAN Testing for years 3 & 5

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Silver Emu recipients:
Joel Browne K/1B   Patrick Chapman 1L
Gideon Lai 1L   Amber Willis 2M

PBL Awards
Beyza Ozcan 2D   Charlotte Sutton 2D
Theodorous Sutton K/1B   Salina Giannone X 2 1T

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We have reached the end of term one 2015 and it has been a highly successful term. I would like to congratulate the students for settling so quickly into school routines and working so diligently on their classroom programs.

Our staff has worked tirelessly to ensure our students have made a successful start to the school year. I wish all our teachers, School Learning Support Officers, Office staff and General Assistant a safe and relaxing break.

I wish all our students and our families a happy and safe Easter break and we look forward to seeing all of you back with us next term.

STATE ELECTION FUNDRAISING

Our sincere thanks to our Parent Fundraising Committee, in particular, Jennifer Cornwall and Kelly Guilfoyle who worked tirelessly on the BBQ on Election Day to raise money to support our students. I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of Mrs Leonie Day and her husband for their work on the white elephant stall. Together these stalls raised over $700 - a terrific effort. There were a number of staff and parent helpers on the day including Mrs Veasey, Ms Tracy Day, Mrs Cassar, Mrs Manukau, Mrs Jean Harris, Mrs Nagat Boktor, Sally Pistiolis, Maree & Ray Forrest, and Mark Bonello.

Thankyou to all of these wonderful people for giving up their own time to help our school and our students.
**2015 - 2017 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Marayong Public School’s Strategic Plan has now been finalised and is on the school’s website. This plan sets the school’s directions and priorities for the next three years. Our school’s directions stem from our vision of quality teaching and learning for all.

Our three strategic directions are:

1. **Engagement and Achievement**
   To provide students with high quality, engaging and meaningful learning opportunities that empower them to become competent, active and successful lifelong learners.

2. **Teaching and Learning**
   To build teachers’ capacity to implement quality, innovative teaching practices. To enable students to become successful 21st Century learners.

3. **Culture and Values**
   To engage all stakeholders as partners in the education and development of every student. To build stronger relationships as an educational community by inspiring a culture of inclusion.

**GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK**

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Linda Colless who has retired from our Preschool after over 30 years of dedicated service. Mrs Colless has been a positive influence on thousands of children over her career here at Marayong. She will always be remembered for her constant smile and her positive attitude in everything she did. We wish her health and happiness for the future. Ms Tracy Day will continue in this role for Term 2.

**A MESSAGE OF THANKS AND GOODBYE FROM MRS LINDA COLLESS**

Preschool Teacher and Coordinator - 1981 to 2013

Dear Parents, children and members of our school community,

I will retire at the end of the school holidays and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the great pleasure of getting to know many of you and of caring for and educating your children. It has been very rewarding working with you helping the children reach their potential. I’ve enjoyed watching them grow and ‘blossom’. In my 33 years, I’ve seen thousands of children - all special and unique - move from Preschool to Year 6 and beyond. Teaching at Marayong has been a cherished part of my life which I will always remember fondly. I have valued the friendships and associations that I have made and hope that I may ‘cross paths with many of you again in the future’. I wish you and your family every happiness, success and the best of health.

Kind Regards,

Linda Colless

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

Next term the Fundraising Committee will be holding a Mother’s Day stall and a Mother’s Day raffle.

A note containing more details will be sent home in the first week of Term 2.

Raffle prizes include:
A Royal Albert Tea set, a slow cooker, a convection oven and jewellery.