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.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2
Week 2
1st May Longneck Lagoon Leadership Day

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

Week 4
12th May NAPLAN years 3 and 5
13th May NAPLAN years 3 and 5
14th May NAPLAN years 3 and 5
15th May PSSA round 2

Week 5
19th May Zone Cross Country
ICAS Competition 3-6

20th May Stage 2 Fundraiser

22nd May PSSA round 3

Week 6
27th May AFL years 3-6

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING


Focus this week: Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 2. The school has come through remarkably well following the severe weather New South Wales has recently experienced. Students have returned to school eager to learn and have settled well into their class routines.

Our students commemorated the 100 year anniversary of the Australian landing at Gallipoli, with a deeply moving service on Wednesday 22nd April. Our thanks go to Mrs Leonie Day who, with the assistance of her husband Mr Bruce Day, organised and coordinated an outstanding and truly memorable service. A full report and photos are included in this newsletter.

As the weather is becoming cooler this is a timely reminder for all parents to ensure your child’s belongings are clearly marked with their full name (initials are not sufficient to ensure the return of lost items).

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Mrs Katie Webb will be leaving us at the end of this week to commence her maternity leave. We wish her all the best for the impending birth of her child. Mrs Maryanne Botrous will have responsibility for Mrs Webb’s class. Mrs Botrous has been working at Marayong Public School for a number of years and we know her skills and experience will be well utilised with the students of 3/6W.

Mrs Marlene Vella, who has worked in a number of temporary and casual positions throughout the school for many years, will be taking a temporary position at Tregear Public School for the rest of the year. We thank Mrs Vella for her work with and commitment to Marayong PS and wish her every success and happiness in her new position.
ANZAC CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 22nd April, the wettest day in Sydney for 17 years, Marayong commemorated the centenary of Anzac with a special assembly. Guests included Chief Benjamin Ijumi, the Mayor of Kokoda and the son of a Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel, The Hon Mr Ed Husic, Federal Member for Chifley, Mr John Robertson, State Member for Blacktown, our guest speaker Warrant Officer Class 2 Matthew Latimore from Townsville, Mr David Payten OAM, aged 94, a veteran of several wars, Mr John O'Brien, the secretary of Blacktown Sub-Branch, Senior Constable John Bolard, the Youth Liaison Officer for Quakers Hill Police, Mrs Jean Harris our school cleaner for 43 years, Mr Russell Hawkins, Mrs Lee Sibir and the 2015 school leaders of Granville South Public School.

Our piper, Mr James Coombs led the official party into the hall and our stage 3 students marked the occasion by presenting an alphabetical tribute to our fallen Diggers. A total of 26 red ceramic poppies were laid in a synthetic garden bed with the number 100.

Our school choir led by Mrs Marsh and Mr Lowndes sang a moving song about Anzac Day experiences. Granville South and Marayong Public School leaders laid wooden crosses to remember the 41 Australian soldiers who lost their lives in Afghanistan during Operation Slipper.

Our bugler, Mr Greg Englent played the last post and the Reveille while Jaxon Savage raised and lowered the flag on an indoor flag pole made by Mr Jones and Mr Roberts. All our official guests laid wreaths on our stage while Ms Tracy Day sang the National Anthem.

After the assembly each class had a photo taken with Chief Benjamin and official guests at the poppy garden.

The students were extremely well behaved and it was indeed a privilege to experience such a wonderful service dedicated to all who have served us in the times of conflict.

"Lest We Forget"

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Marayong Public School's 2014 Annual School Report has now been finalised and is on the school's website. This report highlights some of the many wonderful programs and achievements of our school and our students over the course of the 2014 school year.

2015 - 2017 STRATEGIC PLAN

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. Marayong Public School's Strategic Plan has now been finalised and is on the school's website.

STEWART HOUSE

Families have received an envelope for donations to Stewart House. Stewart House is holding a donation drive to assist disadvantaged children. Place a gold coin in the envelope provided and return it to the money collection box by Wednesday 15th May, so you can be in the running to win a fantastic family holiday of your choice worth $4000.

Thank you for your kind support.
PBL

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning is now well established in our school. Emu awards are now used to recognise students following our school expectations of:

Be Safe Be Responsible Be a Learner

Please note that emu tokens will not be used from Term 2 onwards.

MOTHER’S DAY FUNDRAISER

This year our Fundraising Committee will be conducting a Mother’s Day Raffle and a Mother’s Day Stall.

Our raffle tickets are 50cents each and will be drawn on Thursday 7th May.

1st prize Royal Albert Tea Set
2nd prize Convection oven
3rd prize Slow cooker
4th prize Hair tongs and a matching coloured pearl necklace, bracelet and earrings

The dates for our Mother’s Day Stall are:

- Tuesday 5th May - Preschool
- Friday 8th May - All K-6 and Preschool

Our stall offers a wide variety of gifts including jewellery, note pads, candles, trinkets and frames. Prices range from $1.00 to $5.00 and each student is able to purchase two gifts.

We thank you for your support in fundraising for our school.

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

We raised a total of $808.25 from our Easter Raffle.

The winners from our Easter Raffle are:

1st prize Ashton Arudselvam 5/6C
2nd prize Adrianna Barjil
3rd prize Agam Thind 1D
4th prize Cody Bernhardt 3/4M
5th prize Madison Brown 3/4L
6th prize Amber 3/4V
7th prize Jouliana Tawil
8th prize Mandie Thearle 5/6L
9th prize Heath Neri
10th prize Kaitlyn Flinders-Furner 3/4M
11th prize Gurleen 2K
12th prize Sumona Preschool
13th prize Jouliana Tawil
14th prize Shannon Day
15th prize Brodie Critchell 1/2P
16th prize Aliyah Walters 3/4B
17th prize Lara Saint Julian 3/4L
18th prize P. Browne
19th prize Jaden Kereopa1R
20th prize John Mackie
21st prize Xaidee Newton Preschool