**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.

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**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

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Term 3:**
**Week 2:**

*24th July*  PSSA

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*28th July*  Education Week, Open Day and Assembly
*ICAS English Competition*
*30th July*  NED Show
*31st July*  PSSA

**Week 4:**

*4th August*  Support Hot Dog Day fundraiser
*NSW Touch Football Clinic for Stage 3*
*6th August*  NRMA Road Safety Day

**Week 5:**

*11th August*  ICAS Maths Competition

**Week 6:**

*18th August*  P-2 Athletics Carnival
*19th August*  Author Visit
*20th August*  Mufti Day fundraiser

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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

**Silver Emu recipients:** Rian Dayal - 5/6C

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Welcome back to Term 3. This term is traditionally a very busy term commencing with our Education Week celebrations next week. Our students and staff are looking forward to having our parents and community members join us to celebrate at our open day and assembly on Tuesday 28th July, which will be followed by morning tea in the primary quad.

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**WESTPOINT PERFORMANCE**

As part of Education Week our Junior Choir and Junior Dance group will be performing at Westpoint Blacktown on Wednesday 29th July at 11am. Please come along and cheer on our wonderful singers and dancers.

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**CHILD PROTECTION EDUCATION**

Throughout Term 3 all students will be working through a series of child protection lessons with their class teacher. The aim of these lessons is to teach students ways to protect themselves and keep themselves safe. Students will be encouraged to define their own network of trusted adults and to be aware that there are people and services to help them within their community. Teachers will help students to learn:

- about feeling safe and their right to be safe
- to recognise appropriate and inappropriate behaviours
- that appropriate touching is an important part of positive relationships
- they have the right to say NO to a person who touches them inappropriately or threatens their safety
- that it is important to tell trusted adults about such situations
- that they may have to keep on telling people until they are believed
- that help is available to them within their communities and
• if faced with a situation, they can react quickly and seek protection effectively.

**BUSWAYS TIMETABLE CHANGE**

With this newsletter you will find new school bus times which will commence as of Monday 27th July 2015. If your child catches a bus to or from school please check this new timetable.

**ONLINE PAYMENTS**

The school is currently in the process of establishing an online payment facility for parents. This will enable parents to pay for excursions and school activities etc. from their home computer via the school’s website. More information on how parents can access and use this service will be made available in the coming weeks.

**THE NED SHOW**

On Thursday 30th July K-6 students will be attending The NED Show from 2.00–2.45 in the school hall. This is a free show which aims to encourage students to become champions at school and in life through the adventures of NED. The show is highly interactive and explores important key messages of kindness, setting goals, making good choices, paying attention to teachers and anti-bullying. NED is an acronym for Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. NED merchandise will be available for purchase in the week following the show. A note will go home detailing products and prices closer to the event.

**2015 WOOLWORTHS “EARN AND LEARN” PROGRAM**

We are excited to be taking part in the 2015 Woolworths “Earn and Learn” program. The program started on Wednesday 15th July and will finish on Tuesday 8th September. The program is partnered with Modern Teaching Aids, one of Australia’s largest school resource suppliers. The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of Maths and English resources, Art and Craft material and much more. Simply shop at Woolworths, collect stickers, place on sticker cards provided, and once completed return to school and place in the collection box. You will receive 1 sticker for every $10 spent (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards) so it won’t take long to have a completed card to return! Extra cards are available from the school office or Woolworths stores.

**BUS SAFETY BY BUSWAYS**

Students from our Preschool through to Year 6 were inducted as ‘bus safety heros’ this week when they learnt all about how to be safe around and on buses. Friendly bus driver Dave spoke about road safety, stranger danger and general bus etiquette. Students were able to practice safe bus behaviour in the pretend bus set up in the hall, then on the real bus parked on school grounds. All students received a free library bag with some information and goodies to take home with them. We would like to thank Dave and Busways for these informative sessions and hope to see all students using their bus safety knowledge in the future.

*Andrea Bullen*
Assistant Principal

**PSSA**

PSSA will be played at the following grounds:

- **Netball**  –  International Peace Park  
  (behind Blacktown Pools)  
- **NRL League Tag (formerly OzTag)**  –  Marayong Oval
- **Rugby League**  –  Alwyn Lindfield Reserve  
  (Glenwood Park Drive) or  
  Exeter Farm Reserve (Meurants Lane)
- **Soccer**  –  Hervey Park, Marayong.
2015 EDUCATION WEEK

The theme for our annual celebration of public education this year is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. Every year during Education Week, Marayong Public School showcases the wonderful programs and initiatives happening in our school. We invite parents, guardians, relatives and friends to enjoy the exciting events we have planned.

This year we invited you to attend any or all of the following activities:

**Tuesday 28th July**
- 9.00am - 9.30am Open classrooms.
- 9.45am - 10.30am School assembly, including performances by Junior and Senior Dance Groups and Junior and Senior Choir.
- 10.30am - 11.00am Picnic on the grass. Tasty treats will be provided by our staff and barista made coffee will be available for purchase from the canteen.

**Wednesday 29th July**
Junior Dance Group and Junior Choir will be performing at Westpoint Blacktown at 11am.

We encourage you to be part of this special week at Marayong Public School. For more information refer to the separate note sent home.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

3 Free Lunches to win every week

The Canteen and the school are working together to encourage recycling of the LOL aluminium cans sold through the canteen to students. If your child buys a can of LOL from the canteen and returns the can to the canteen, he/she will go into the draw for a free lunch order to the value of $7.50 on Fridays. The cans must be returned intact. **No squashed cans or broken cans will be accepted.** There are 3 free lunches to win every week.

Lucky winners of Week 2 draw were:
- Edwina Sinclair 5/6L
- Brianna Button 3/4L
- Conner Curtis 3/4V

The draw will take place after recess on Thursday’s and the names of the winning students will be on display outside the canteen by lunchtime.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2015

The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015 will finish at Marayong P.S. on Friday 14th August. This is the last day PRC blue slips and teacher records will be accepted, as student reading data has to be entered on the P.R.C. website.

Please ensure you have returned all signed blue slips and records to the Library by Friday 14th August.

Students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate from the Premier’s Department towards the end of this year.

We have had a wonderful response to the P.R.C. this year with 103 students already completing the Challenge. Congratulations to the students of 2M as they are the first class to have every student finish the Challenge- great reading everyone! Many more students are very close to finishing the Challenge, so keep reading, bring in your blue slips or record your reading in your class record book. Let’s get 150 students finishing this year.

Below is a list of students who have already finished this year:

Congratulations!!! Great reading!!

The Library Staff