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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3:
Week 5:
11th August ICAS Maths Competition

Week 6:
18th August P-2 Athletics Carnival
19th August Author Visit
20th August Mufti Day fundraiser

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Silver Emu recipients: Karar AliShafar, Moses Leveni, Ryan Ferguson and Pavneet Singh.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

The school is currently in the process of establishing an online payment facility for parents. This facility will be available as of Wednesday 12th August 2015. As of this date, any note coming home requiring a payment will have a reference which will be required in order to pay online. An information sheet giving details of how to use this facility is attached with this messenger. Cash payments will still be accepted at the office.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Education Week

Our open day and assembly on Tuesday 28th July, followed by our picnic on the grass, were a huge success. The students and staff were absolutely thrilled to see so many parents and friends attending on the day. The assembly was wonderful, with excellent behaviour from all our students and fabulous performances from our junior and senior choir and dance groups. The morning tea on the grass had a great feel and the weather was certainly very kind to us. Thank you to all who visited our extraordinary school. It was our great pleasure to have you join us.

Westpoint Performance

As part of Education Week our Junior Choir and Junior Dance group performed at Westpoint Blacktown on Wednesday 29th July. Again, we had a terrific crowd of our parents and supporters cheering our performers on. The performances were exceptional. Well done to our junior singers and dancers and to their wonderful, hardworking teachers.
This year our Fundraising Committee will be holding a Father’s Day Raffle. Early next week each family will receive a book of 6 raffle tickets priced at 50c each, a total of $3 per book. More raffle ticket books will be available from the office if you would like to buy more. First prize is a gift pack containing a Remington Hyperflex Golfer Wet/Dry electric razor, Outback Steakhouse vouchers and a photo frame. There are 9 prizes in total containing some great Dad gifts, including: toiletries, chocolates, cooler bags and vouchers. Raffle prizes will be displayed in the office from next week until the raffle draw on Friday 4th September at the K-2 Assembly.

Our thanks to the following businesses for their much appreciated donations of gift vouchers: Michel’s Patisserie Quakers Hill, Outback Steakhouse Parklea, the Minchinbury Fruit Market and the Marathon Meathouse in Minchinbury. We thank you for your ongoing support with fundraising for our school.

The Father’s Day stall will be on Friday 4th September for Preschool to Year 6 students to purchase a gift. The stall will also visit the Preschool on Tuesday 1st September for purchasing. Further information will be included in the next Messenger.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

A meeting for all interested parents and caregivers will be held tomorrow, Friday 7th August at 3.15pm in the staffroom. Please come along if you would like to join in and help. Some roles within the committee need to be adjusted due to other commitments, so please come along if you are able to. Many hands make light work!

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE AND STALL

NRMA SCIENCE AND ROAD SAFETY DAY

Today our students hosted an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day where they learned about pedestrian, bike and passenger safety. Why not ask them to tell you about:
- What happened to the egg when he wasn’t wearing his seatbelt?
- Which door is the safety door and why they must use it to enter and exit the car?
- How do you fit your bike helmet correctly so it doesn’t fall off your head if you have a crash?
- Why sitting in the front seat of the car is dangerous until you are 12 or in high school?

CHANGES TO BELL TIMES IN TERM 4

As part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) process, our school has been in ongoing discussions with the Department of Education’s PBL consultants in order to provide the best learning environment possible for our students.

As part of this process we will be changing our internal bell times at the commencement of Term 4, 2015 and will trial an ‘eating time’ at the end of each break, rather than at the beginning. Research indicates that students who eat recess or lunch at the start of a scheduled break, then burn off that energy boost during play. They then often return to class depleted of energy and struggle to concentrate on learning. Research supports students playing first, and then eating before classes start again. By doing this they actually eat more as the excitement of play has passed and they are hungry. An additional benefit is that both eating times will be supervised in the classroom setting. A number of schools throughout the state have already made this change very successfully and have seen the benefits to student engagement and learning.

Please note the canteen will be open for both recess and lunch times for purchases, with canteen lunch orders to be sent to classes at the end of lunch.

Crunch and Sip remains a focus for our school and will continue in all classrooms.

Our school start and finish times will remain the same.

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be a Learner

The expectation for this fortnight is:
**Be a Learner:** Be an active listener and follow teachers instructions.

Students demonstrating how to be a Learner in the classroom and the playground may be awarded an Emu Award which they can then use towards a Bronze Award. Silver and Gold Emu Awards are still presented each fortnight at K-2 and 3-6 assemblies. Students will participate in a series of lessons which demonstrate the expectation that will remain the focus this fortnight.

Kind Regards,
The Marayong Public School PBL Committee

CANTEEN NEWS

Lucky winners of Week 3 were:
Leua Elekana 5/6G
Xaiver Huata 3/6W
Roanld Mikas 3/6W
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND SCIENCE ICAS COMPETITION

Results for the Digital Technologies and Science ICAS Competitions have recently been sent to our school. Congratulations to the following students:

Digital Technologies Competition

Participation:
Thiza Arulmozhi; Rocco Galluzzo; Ethan Xia; Khye Ramos; Jada Attard
Credit:
Grace Xia

Science Competition

Participation:
Daniel Wallis; Lakshya Saini; Hardi Patel; Lachlan Myers; James Lin; Joshua Guilfoyle; Karanveer Brar; Zainab Abbas; Tomas Abarca Silva; Akash Venkatraman; Rocco Galluzzo; Thiza Arulmozhi; Elle Czipri; Jason Lin
Credit:
Ethan Xia
Distinction:
Grace Xia

Mrs L. Feneley (ICAS Competition Coordinator)

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Every year, day one of Terms 1, 2 and 3, and the last two days of Term 4 are designated as School Development Days. On these days, all government schools are required to provide staff with professional learning that develops and enhances classroom practice.

In lieu of the School Development Day scheduled for Friday 18th December, staff will undertake this training and development on Wednesday 5th August 3 - 6.30pm and Wednesday 2nd September 3 - 6.30pm. During these two sessions, staff will be developing their knowledge and understanding of the new Australian History Curriculum. With this knowledge, teachers will then use Term 4 2015 to plan and write units of work ready for the commencement of the 2016 school year.

The school will be open on both Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December however, please note that the last day of attendance for our students is Wednesday 16th December, 2016.

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.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes next week on Friday 14th August, at Marayong P.S. Please ensure you have returned all signed PRC blue slips and records to the Library by Friday 14th August. This is the last day that blue slips and teacher records will be accepted.

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

There are now 131 students who have completed the Challenge. This is fantastic!

These students have also completed the PRC this year: Maha Ibrahim, Tanisha Prasad, Pia Temu, Utkarsh Jain, Ellie Treloar, Inayat Mander, Sarah Anderson, Rivan Sharma, Dipsika Shandari, Maryam Abdelaziz, Arpanvir Aulakh, Shadi Berjawi, Dhanvi Bhamhahi, Lakshya Saini, Dylan Prasad, Bikramjeet Brewal, Vansh Panirwala, Greshma Bhandari, Moses Leveni, Tjai Moore, Jaydeep Sandhu, Prabhsimran Singh, Reuben Owen, Zannatul Zaisha, Mackenzie Ballard-Mancktelo, DJ Amuna, Samakash Kamboj, Braedon Monterio.