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 9:
8th September   Preschool Fancy dress and Library visit Group A
9th September   Sydney West Athletics
10th September  K-2 cake day fundraiser
11th September  Support Unit Dental visits
              Preschool Fancy dress and Library Visit Group B

Week 10:
15th September  SRC Disco Pyjama theme
18th September  Last day of term

Term 4:

Week 1:
5th October   Public Holiday
6th October   Students return

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

KINDER ORIENTATION AND EARLY BIRD PROGRAM

The school is busily planning our Kinder Orientation day and our Early Bird program which will take place in Term 4. If your child is turning 5 years of age before July 31st 2016 and you have not yet registered at the office for Kindergarten next year, then please do so as soon as possible. At the beginning of Term 4, the school will be sending out a Kinder Orientation Invitation which will provide important information regarding Orientation and Early Bird to those families who have registered.

PRESCHOOL PLACES FOR 2016

There are still vacancies in our preschool for 2016. The Preschool is offering a five day per fortnight program. However, places are filling fast. If you are interested in applying for a position for your child for next year, please see the ladies in the main office.
SCHOOL SAS RECOGNITION WEEK

This week is School Administrative Staff (SAS) Recognition Week and I would like to take the opportunity to thank our fantastic office staff including Mrs Harris, School Administration Manager, Ms Hepburn, Mrs Hurst and Mrs Laundry. School Administration Officers, our team of School Learning and Support Officers: Mrs Stiegblauer, Mrs McKenzie, Ms Dowland, Ms McKay, Mrs Burdett, Mrs L. North, Mrs Bowes, Mrs Savage, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Barnwell, Mrs B. North, Mrs Geyeregger, Mrs L. McDonald, Miss Barnwell and our General Assistant Mr Jones. These wonderful people do an outstanding job supporting our students and our staff and help ensure our school runs smoothly. On behalf of our school community, thank you on a job well done.

FATHER’S DAY STALL AND RAFFLE

Thank you to our dedicated parents from our Fundraising Committee who have worked diligently to ensure our students had a terrific range of gifts to purchase for dad. They also put together a fabulous raffle, with some excellent prizes. Thanks and well done to all of them.

FRUIT AND VEG MONTH 2015 – LET’S GO GREEN!

Our school is participating in the fun of Fruit & Veg Month, which runs for the last 4 weeks of this term - Monday 24th August to Friday 18th September. As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities that aim to encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.

Watch this space for updates. Or, better yet, ask your child what activities they have been involved in. Thank you for encouraging your child to eat fruit and vegetables.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

The school’s online payment system is up and operating. Any note coming home requiring a payment will have a POP code number which will be required in order to pay online. In the short term, an information sheet giving details of how to use this facility will be attached to notes coming home. Cash payments will still be accepted at the office.

STAGE ONE EXCURSION TO SUSANNAH PLACE

On Thursday the 27th August 2015, Stage One students, along with 7 teachers and 3 helpers, got up early and excitedly got to school by the early hour of 8 o’clock. Once on the bus, the chatter quickly turned into squeals of delight as soon as the Harbour Bridge was sighted.

We met at First Fleet Park where our adventures began. We separated into our three groups and rotated through three activities. At different times in the day, we made sure we chose the perfect place to stop for a bite to eat, always with the Harbour Bridge in our view.

In one activity, we walked along the water’s edge and learned many facts about the old buildings that once dotted the foreshore. We used iPads to look at photos and drawings of what the buildings looked like 200 years ago. Some had not changed at all!

In another activity, we ventured into The Rocks Discovery Museum. Here we learned more about the local Aboriginal people and were able to see artefacts from 150 years ago that were dug up from the ground. We then meandered through the old cobblestone streets, spotting old buildings from new.

In the third activity, we went to Susannah Place Museum and got to experience what an old terrace house looked like 200 years ago. We were fascinated by the absence of electricity and soon understood the importance of a potty when we saw the location of the toilet. After a game of quoits, we were taken back 120 years to a shop that looked just as it did back then. We got to dress up and pretend to be shopkeepers with one student actually getting to play the piano!

While disappointed that our excursion had to come to an end, our tired bodies enjoyed the rest on the bus. We all had an amazing time!
**PEER SUPPORT**

During Peer Support over the last two weeks students have been learning about strategies to develop resilient behaviours. In Week 5 students were introduced to the ‘Pause, Plan and Proceed’ model as steps to respond to challenging situations. The activities in Week 5 focused on the first step - pausing. During the session in Week 6 students discussed the need to make a plan to help them work through a challenge.

**PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE**

Congratulations to Ethan Xia, Samirali Ami, Katherine Hulme and Khushi Gupta who have been successful in being chosen as our school representatives in the 2015 Premier’s Spelling Bee. These four students will spend the upcoming weeks preparing for the Regional Final, which will be held on the 9th September at Shelley Public School. Marayong Public School staff and students wish them all the best in their preparations and look forward to hearing about their experiences at the Regional Final.

Mrs L Feneley
Spelling Bee Co-ordinator

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Lucky winners of Week 7 draw were:
Cooper Button - 3/6G
Tran Nguyen - 3/4L
Bella Oakes - KM

Lucky winners of Week 8 draw were:
Tyler Guilfoyle 3/4V
Lara Saint Julian 3/4L
Dion Tapu 3/4L

**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.

**GALA DAY REMINDERS**

Gala Day is fast approaching for 2015. This year Gala Day is on Wednesday 28th October (Week 4).

We are seeking people who can assist with baking cakes for the day.
We will provide the cake mixes for you to return the baked and iced cakes, covered with cling wrap.
If you are able to assist with making cakes that can be delivered to the school on the day, please fill out the tear off slip below and return to Mrs Graham.
We thank you for your ongoing and much valued support of our school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see Mrs Graham.

**GALA DAY CAKE MAKING**

Name: ________________________________
Child’s class: __________________________
Contact number: _______________________
How many cake mixes?: __________________