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 4:**
- **Week 6:**
  - 13th November: PSSA Grand final
- **Week 7:**
  - 16th November: High School weeks starts
  - 17th November: Preschool Grandparents Day
- **Week 8:**
  - 24th November: Preschool excursion Nurragingy
  - 25th November: Year 6 Farewell
  - 26th November: High School finishes
  - Preschool Nurragingy excursion
- **Week 9:**
  - 30th November: Year 6 Luna Park excursion
  - 1st December: Preschool graduation
  - 2nd December: Parent helper morning tea
  - 4th December: P-2 Christmas concert 12-1pm
- **Week 10:**
  - 8th December: Preschool Christmas Picnic
  - 3-6 Movie Day
  - K-2 party day
- 9th December: Presentation Day
- 10th December: Preschool Christmas Picnic
- **Week 11:**
  - 16th December: Last day for students

**EMU AWARDS**

This week the following students have/will be awarded the Silver/Gold Award:


**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

It was great to see so many Nans and Pops, Grandmas and Grandpas at MPS for Grandparents Day. I hope they enjoyed their visits to the classroom, the wonderful concert, their Devonshire Tea and our amazing art display. Like I said in my speech, grandparents are very precious and we really appreciate all that you do! Thank you to all staff for this great event.

Mrs Willett
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.

2016 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

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.

IMPORTANCE OF READING OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Whilst we love our children to have a safe and restful holiday, unfortunately the amount of time off over Christmas often has a detrimental effect to children’s reading levels. This year teachers worked very hard for several weeks to get children back to their reading levels from the previous year. We would encourage you to read as often as possible over the break. The Max Webber Library at Blacktown has a Summer Reading Program to help encourage holiday reading. The Library has lots of levelled readers and easy reading texts. They also have all the Premier’s Reading Challenge books marked.

It would be great to see as many of our students as possible join in this program. It starts in November and goes until the end of January 2016. The Mayor of Blacktown presents lots of prizes at the end!

Thanks for encouraging your child’s love of reading,

Instructional Leader
Gretl Willett

SCHOOL CARPARK

In the interests of safety please remember:

THE STAFF CARPARK IS NOT TO BE USED BY PARENTS.

When dropping your child/children at school please do not enter and use the staff carpark.

- The access to the school between 9am and 2.45pm will be the main gate on Davis Rd.
- The preschool should only be accessed by the pedestrian gate on Davis Rd.
- No parent or student should be walking through the car park or the driveway gate on Richmond Rd to access the preschool or the school.
- If the other gates are closed, please use Davis Road gate.

The students and staff appreciate your cooperation.

P-2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Friday 4th December we are holding our annual P-2 Christmas Concert. The Concert will begin at 12pm and be held in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and help celebrate the festive season.
**QUAKERS COURT SCHOOL COMPETITION**

Quakers Court has organised a Christmas art competition for local schools. Students are to paint or draw their impression of Christmas on paper that is no bigger than A3 in size. There are three categories in which the art will be judged:

1. Kindergarten and Year 1
2. Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4
3. Year 5 and Year 6

Prizes: Quakers Court will donate $250 worth of Rebel Sport vouchers to our school to buy much needed sporting equipment. The winner of each category will also personally win a $100 Woolworths Group voucher.

All entries need to be submitted to Quakers Court by Friday 20th November, 2015 and will be displayed in the shopping centre from the 23rd November until the 24th December, 2015. The competition will be judged by Mr and Mrs Claus. The winners will be announced at Quakers Court on Saturday 12th December, 2015 at midday.

**REPORTS**

Teachers are currently in the process of writing Semester 2 student reports, which will be sent home to parents/carers at the end of this term. We are also updating our school information regarding duplicate reports. A number of our students require the school to provide them with duplicate reports for parents/carers not living with them. If this applies to your family, could you please complete the tear off slip below (even if you have already notified the school with this information in previous years) and return it to the school office by Friday 27th November, 2015 so that we can ensure our records are current and that duplicate copies are available and distributed to those parents/carers entitled to receive them.

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**MPS Duplicate Report Request** - please provide a duplicate report for my child/ren:
Student name/s and class/es:

Please circle ONE: send duplicate report home with child **OR** please post duplicate report to ________________________________
(name and address)
Parent: ________________________________

Signature ________________________________

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**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Marayong Public School has been selected to host an afternoon sporting program run by the AFL. This compliments the Auskick program offered in Term 2. Students have the opportunity to participate in a safe, fun, action-packed 4 week program of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 4-12 for only $40. Places in the program are not limited.

Where: Marayong Public School, primary back paddock

Dates: Tuesday 17th, 24th of November and Tuesday 1st and 8th December, 2015 (4 weeks)

Time: 3.10 pm - 4.10 pm. There will be supervision from 2.50pm provided by the AFL

Parents will be required to pick up students from the primary back paddock at 4.10pm.

Register in two ways:
1. visit www.AFLAUSKICK.com.au and enter your school or postcode then click on "Marayong PS AFL Auskick Centre - After School" OR
2. register in person at the first session. Payment via cash or cheque is accepted.

For more information contact:
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