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 4:
Week 4:
30th October Earlybird session PSSA
Week 5:
6th November Earlybird session PSSA semi finals
Week 6:
10th November Human Sexuality Parent Information evening 5pm to 6pm
11th November Grandparents Day 9am to 11am
13th November PSSA Grand final

Week 7:
16th November High School weeks starts
Week 8:
26th November High School finishes Preschool Nurragingy excursion

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

GALA DAY

Congratulations to all our Year 6 students and their teachers on their organisation of an excellent Gala Day. The day was a huge success and we were delighted to see so many of our parents in attendance. The Year 6 students can be very proud of the great day they put on. Well done to all of our students for their excellent behaviour and good manners. Thank you to all who visited and participated in this special event. It was our great pleasure to have you join us.

EARLY BIRD SESSIONS

The first of our three Early Bird Sessions for our 2016 Kindergarten students was held last Friday. It was a hugely successful morning for our new students, their parents and staff. A further two sessions are planned for 30th October and 6th November. We encourage all our 2016 Kinder students and their parents to attend.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

This week the following students have/will be awarded the Principal’s Award:
Tomas Abarca Silva 2K
Joshua Guilfoyle 2M
Ivan Golub 5/6L
Angel Cole 5/6K
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!

Attached is a poster with a form to fill out. Just take it to the Library where they will sign you up!

Thanks for encouraging your child’s love of reading,

Instructional Leader
Gretl Willett

GRANDPARENTS DAY

On the 11th November, 2016 we will be celebrating Grandparent’s Day. We warmly invite all grandparents to attend a fun-filled morning, consisting of a classroom visit, an exciting concert and art display and a lovely Devonshire morning tea. An invitation from your grandchild and a note explaining details will follow soon. In the meantime, please put 11th November, from 9am to 11am on your calendar. You don’t want to miss this fantastic event!

Gretl Willett and ‘the special events’ organising committee.

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 3rd 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.

WHOOPING COUGH FOR SCHOOLS INFORMATION

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING UPDATE

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be a Learner

This week the PBL focus is learning how to be a safe, responsible learner in both the K-2 and 3-6 grass areas. The expectation this fortnight is ‘I know how to behave in the grass area’. Students are taught how to relate well to others in play situations and identify ways in which they communicate, cooperate and care for others.

The Marayong Public School PBL Committee