**Term 1 Week 4**

19th February, 2015

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**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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**PRINCIPALS MESSAGE**

It has been exciting to watch Marayong Public School grow and develop since I first arrived back at Marayong in Term 3, 2012. Since that time, staff and students have seen the implementation of the new English and Mathematics curriculum, the Early Action for Success initiative become embedded and staff embracing quality teaching in every classroom. With my permanent appointment as principal here at Marayong Public School in Term 4, 2013, following the Department of Education and Communities Merit Selection Process, I am proud to say that the school has continued to be a place where student learning continues to be the major focus. This year, we will be continuing our focus on quality teaching through our three strategic directions from our Strategic Plan 2015-2017.

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**CLASS RESTRUCTURE**

The school has finalised our student numbers and student classes have been confirmed.

In accordance with the Department of Education and Communities guidelines, our Yr1 and Yr 2 mainstream classes have been reorganised. A great deal of teacher consultation, discussion and evaluation of individual student needs was undertaken in determining this year’s classes. Our focus throughout this process was the best educational outcomes for each student.

Our mainstream classes from Yr 3 to Yr 6 will remain the same.

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**CALENDAR**

**TERM 1:**

**WEEK 4:**
- 20th February  PSSA Zone Trials

**WEEK 5:**
- 26th February  Meet the Teacher

**WEEK 6:**
- 2nd March  High School Information Night
- 3rd March  Blacktown Boys High School K-6 Investiture Assembly
- 4th March  Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival
- 5th March  Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival
- 6th March  PSSA Round 1

**WEEK 7:**
- 10th March  Preschool Vision Screening
- 13th March  Preschool Vision Screening, PSSA Round 2

**WEEK 8:**
- 16th March  Sydney West Swimming Carnival
- 20th March  PSSA Round 3, Longneck Leader Program

**WEEK 9:**
- 24th March  Stage 3 Journey to Antarctica

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Marayong Public School Office hours are 8:25 am - 3:15 pm. Please make all enquiries either in person or by phone between these hours.

Phone: 9622 – 2394     Fax: 9831 – 3795
School email: Marayong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
## 2015 SCHOOL EXECUTIVE TEAM

- Mrs Andrea Bullen – Assistant Principal and coordinator Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2
- Mrs Leonie Day – Assistant Principal and coordinator Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2
- Mrs Kristy Limbrick – Assistant Principal (Relieving) Stage 2
- Ms Taryn Keyte – Assistant Principal Stage 3
- Mrs. Gretl Willet – Instructional Leader Early Action for Success
- Mrs Maxine Manukau – Deputy Principal Support
- Mrs Deborah Bleakley – Principal.

**Our School Administration Staff is:**

- Mrs Harris – School Administration Manager
- Mrs Woodhill & Mrs Hurst – School Administration Officers.

## TALKING WITH TEACHERS

Teachers are always happy to meet with parents to discuss their child’s education or any concerns you may have. It is important to note that you will need to make an appointment. Teachers have a duty of care to uphold. They are not able to leave their students once the morning bell has rung and they are with their class. Before and after school, teachers are involved in a number of activities including training, classroom and program preparation, marking, sport or dance groups etc. If you wish to speak with your child’s teacher, please phone the school and a mutually convenient appointment time can be made.

Parents may also choose to speak with one of the Assistant Principals or Deputy Principal or with the Principal. Again, please make an appointment through the front office.

**Parents Attending the School during School Hours**

Parents wishing to speak with or drop items off for their children between 8.50am and 2.50pm must present to the front office. Where possible the office staff will forward messages or items e.g. lunches etc. on for you. Where this is not possible, parents will be required to sign in at the office and sign out before leaving the school. Parents are not to go directly to classrooms or play areas without attending the office first.

This procedure ensures that our students’ learning is not interrupted unnecessarily and the school remains a safe and secure environment for all.

## PARENT TEA AND TALK SESSIONS

On Monday 2nd March all parents are invited to attend a Tea and Talk Session so that you can meet Helen and ask her any questions and hear about her role in our school.

This information session will be held in our Community Room from 1.50–2.50pm on Monday 2nd March, 2015.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Leonie Day.

This event would be a wonderful opportunity for our new parents to meet other parents from our school.

If you are interested in attending the session on Monday 2nd March please fill out the tear off slip below and place it in the collection box in our front office.

Name of person attending

Name of your student

Class

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Future Tea’n’ Talk Sessions:**

- **Topic:** National Assessment Program
- **Date:** Monday 16th March, 2015
- **Venue:** School Community Room
- **Time:** 1.50pm – 2.50pm

The Investiture Ceremony for our School Leaders will take place on 4th March 2015 at 10am. Invitations will be sent home through your child.

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<td>I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the <em>Tell Them From Me</em> student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <a href="http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents">http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents</a></td>
<td>every household in the Blacktown area. If you would like to donate your allocation of trees to the school, please fill out the permission slip below and return to the school as soon as possible. We can then add your donation to the schools allocation of plants to continue the beautification of the school grounds.</td>
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<td>The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the <em>Tell Them From Me</em> survey to help improve how they do things at school.</td>
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<td>I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9th March and 2nd April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you <strong>do not</strong> want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by <strong>Friday 27th February</strong>. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.</td>
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<td><strong>AFL PROGRAM</strong></td>
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<td>With today’s Messenger your child will receive a permission note and registration form for the AFL program.</td>
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<td>This program will begin in term 2 for all classes from K–6. All lessons will be conducted as part of our sport program for Term 2 and will meet PDHPE outcomes. Students will learn a vast range of movement, ball and gross motor skills, as well as playing modified AFL games against each other. The program normally costs $27.50 per student but AFL have kindly agreed to run the program for $20 per student. All participating students receive a free AFL ball at the completion of the program.</td>
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<td><strong>A separate permission note and registration form must be completed for each student.</strong></td>
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<td>We are hoping to have all notes and money returned by Thursday 2nd April so that groups can be organised in preparation for Term 2.</td>
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<td>If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Day.</td>
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<td><strong>SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES</strong></td>
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<td>will be held fortnightly in the school hall.</td>
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<td>K–2 Friday 10am to 10.50am</td>
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<td><strong>FUNDRAISING</strong></td>
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<td>Fundraiser. Orders and money are due back at the school by Tuesday 17th March. The Hot Cross Buns will be available for pickup from the school on Tuesday 31st March at a time to be advised.</td>
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<td>We will be having an Easter Raffle, ticket books will sent home with the newsletter in two weeks. There will be 6 tickets per book, selling for 50c each. More tickets will be available from the office. If anyone would like to donate any Easter Eggs, please leave them at the school office. Every child that brings in a donation will receive one free raffle ticket.</td>
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Reading Club

Marayong has a Reading Club. Mrs Clarke has selected a range of books both fiction and nonfiction that range from very easy to read to more difficult. Parents and students in K-2 are welcome to come and read together in a pleasant, relaxing area with pillows and chairs. There are even some board books for the very young.

When: Every Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings before school

Where: In the room next to the Before & after School Care program/

Time: 8.25am—8.50am

Why: Reading is fun, relaxing and interesting; So see you there!!

Club 2000 Seven Hils Physie & Dance

Classes start on Monday 16th February 2015
Come along for your first class free!

Weekdays: Every week Public School


Day & Time:

Mon. 8.30—9.30 am

Tues. 8.30—9.30 am

Wed. 8.30—9.30 am

Thurs. 8.30—9.30 am

Fri. 8.30—9.30 am

Group please contact

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