Term 1 Week 2
5th February, 2015

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.
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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.

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2015 School Year. We are all looking forward to your continued support of Marayong PS through what will undoubtedly be another busy and successful year. The commencement of school year has been very smooth. Students and staff have settled well into the school routines and activities. We have our full complement of staff and programs are commencing.

P & C INFORMATION MEETING

formation session in the School Library at 9am on Tuesday 24th February, 2015. Kirstie is the P & C Delegated for Western Sydney. The purpose of this meeting is for Kirstie to provide us with information about the role of a P&C and it's members, how it can benefit our school and to give us the opportunity to ask questions. Morning tea will be provided. All parents and non school age children are welcome to attend. If you'd like some P&C information prior to the meeting, there is some available from the front office. We will then hold a meeting in March to vote for a P&C Committee, provided we have the numbers to do so.

CLASSES

Please note that the school is still processing student enrolments and transfers and therefore classes will not be finalised at the moment and in a “worst case scenario” we may lose a teacher which would result in the loss of a class. Final class designations will not be confirmed until mid February.

Kirstie Boerst will be hosting an in-

CALENDAR

TERM 1:

WEEK 3:
12th February School Swimming Carnival 9-12pm

WEEK 4:
20th February PSSA Zone Trials

WEEK 5:
24th February P & C meeting 9am
26th February Meet the Teacher
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27th February PSSA Zone Trials

WEEK 6:
5th March Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival
6th March PSSA Round 1
**STAFF CHANGES**

Mr Brian McKeown has officially retired. Mr. McKeown enjoyed a very long and successful career with the Department of Education and Communities (over 50 years) and he is to be commended for his dedication and commitment to his students throughout this time. Of particular note, is his work with the Science curriculum, bringing science alive for our students and staff alike. Mrs Sue Bell has also retired. Her career spans 27 years of service here at Marayong PS where she has taken on a number of different roles with enthusiasm. Mrs Bell is to be commended for her efforts across the school and across the years, particularly with her passion for music and providing our students the opportunity to play musical instruments and participate in many public performances.

I would like to thank both Mr McKeown and Mrs Bell for their outstanding work at Marayong Public School. We wish both of them long, healthy and happy retirements.

Ms Belinda Bourne is taking leave for Term 1 this year. Mr Brendan Hall will have responsibility for her class during this time. His experience and skills will be of great benefit to our students.

Ms Rosemary Unsworth, School Learning and Support Officer, is assigned to another school for the 2015 school year. We welcome Mrs Melissa Savage who will be filling Ms Unsworth’s position.

Welcome to Ms Sarah McGregor and Ms Rachel Lennon who have been appointed in a permanent capacity to Marayong PS. We wish them every happiness and success in their career here with us at Marayong. Welcome to Mrs. Neeva Hurst who has been appointed to our school administration staff and will be working in our office each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**SCHOOL CANTEEEN**

Our new school canteen operators have begun service as of the first day this term. They will be providing a varied and healthy menu at reasonable rates. Their new menu is attached for your information.

**SCHOOL GATES**

The school has had a number of safety issues and concerns around student and parent access to the staff car park with both pedestrians and cars. In order to maintain a safe and secure environment for our students and staff, the car park gate will be closed at 8.30am and reopened at 3.00 pm. Other gates around the school will be closed at 9.00am and opened before 2.50pm each afternoon. The school’s main entrance on Davis Road, will be open throughout the day.

A number of students at our school suffer from allergies which range from mild reactions to bites (bees, wasps) or food items (nuts, eggs etc.), to severe and life threatening reactions i.e. anaphylaxis.

The school, with the support of the P&C, are seeking your assistance in providing a safe environment for all our students. If your child suffers from an allergy or medical condition and you have not informed the school, please do so as soon as possible.

**MEET THE TEACHER**

Meet the Teacher has been scheduled for Thursday 26th February. A note with session times and locations will be sent to all families shortly.
## ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

Do you need help talking on the phone, at the shops, at the doctor, with your neighbours or speaking to your child’s teacher? Marayong Families Connect are holding English conversation classes at our school every Wednesday morning. For more details please phone 9208 7097.

![Image of child reading]

## AFL

In term 2 all classes from years K–6 will have the opportunity to participate in a 6 week NAB AFL School Auskick Program. The NAB AFL Auskick program will be conducted as part of the sport program for Term 2 and will meet PDHPE outcomes. Students will learn a vast range of movement, ball and gross motor skills while participating in the program, as well as playing modified games of AFL against each other.

![Image of football]

## LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost the following school items?

1. Size 6 green zip up jacket with the initials Y.R.
2. Size 10 green jacket with Marayong logo and the initials P.C.
3. Size 8 green jacket with Marayong logo and the name Min.

![Image of lost jacket]

We have 14 prints, tapestries and oil paintings to be sold. All money raised will be donated to our school fundraising. If you are interested in purchasing any paintings please see Mrs Leonie Day. No reasonable offer will be refused.

## CHANGE OF DETAILS

Assistant Principal

Parents/Caregivers,

If your details have changed, such as your phone number, address, in case of emergency contacts please pick up a change of details note from the office, as soon as possible. It is vital that the school office has the correct information.

![Image of hand with phone number]
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I INTRODUCE Ng... Dr. Samer Abedi
MBBS, MRCP, FRACP

Dr. Abedi studied at the University of London and completed his GP training in the UK. His interests include chronic disease management and paediatrics and he also works in our Skin Cancer Clinic.

Dr. Abedi speaks Urdu and Hindi.

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