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
Assemblies will commence in Week 5.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2016 School Year. Marayong PS is pleased to welcome all our new Kindergarten students and those students who are new to our school this year. I am sure 2016 will prove to be a great year and Marayong PS looks forward to the continued support of our wonderful community.

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.

CLASSES

Please note that the school is still processing student enrolments and transfers and therefore classes have not been finalised at this time. Final class designations will not be confirmed until mid-February.

STAFF CHANGES

Ms Belinda Bourne has accepted a service transfer. Ms Bourne has been a valued member of our Marayong team for many years and we wish her all the best at her new school. Ms Vanderstraaten has accepted a position at Seven Hills North PS. Ms V has been an asset to our K-2 team and we wish her every success at her new school.
Ms Rosemary Curran, School Learning and Support Officer, has accepted a service transfer to The Ponds HS and we thank her for all her work here at Marayong.
Welcome to Ms Jodie Shepherd and Mr Alex Beckington, Mr David Robinson and Ms Tracy Day, 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. We also welcome Miss Tamara Neville, Mr Nathan Betcher, Miss Jaimi-Lee Pisani and Ms Katrina Stobie who will be working with us this year.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Each family will shortly be receiving a letter requesting the payment of a voluntary contribution. This year our school is asking all our families to pay a yearly contribution of $20 per student or $40 per family. These contributions are voluntary.

Funds raised through these voluntary contributions are essential in assisting the school to purchase necessary resources and supplies for everyday use in the classroom, reading and mathematics resources which require constant updating and replenishment, computer software and hardware including Smartboards and iPads, sporting equipment, and resources to support the teaching and learning programs within the school.

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 on Davis Road 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.
**MEET THE TEACHER**

Meet the Teacher has been scheduled for Thursday 25th February. A note with session times and locations will be sent to all families shortly.

**ALLERGY AND HEALTH ALERT**

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 is 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.

**K-2 ASSEMBLIES**

This year K-2 assemblies will be held at 2.00pm every second Monday (odd weeks) in the school hall. We will commence these assemblies in week 5 (Monday 22nd Feb). Parents and family are invited to attend whenever possible. We look forward to seeing you there.

**GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM**

**NORTHMEAD CAPA HIGH SCHOOL**

As part of our Gifted and Talented Student Program, we will be conducting Higher Ability Selection Tests (HASTS) for placement into our year 7 Gifted and Talented class for 2017. The test will be held on Thursday 24th March, 2016 at Northmead CAPA High School in the Library. This test determines the selection into the Gifted and Talented academic stream.

**UNWANTED UNIFORMS**

If your child has grown out of their uniforms and you don’t know what to do with them, we are always happy to accept them for our spare uniform cupboard for students who need emergency uniforms.

Please bring any donations to the office.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

**Homework and How to Help Your Children with Homework**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Marayong Public School would like to invite you to come to our Parent Information Session. The details of the session are as follows:

**DATE:** Monday 15th February 2016  
**TIME:** 1.50 pm - 2.50 pm  
**VENUE:** Library meeting room  
**TOPIC:** Homework and How to Help Your Children at Home with Homework

At the meeting you will have the opportunity to meet other parents to share ideas and concerns.

Please indicate on the slip below if you are interested in participating in the information session and return the slip to the School Office by Friday 12th February 2016.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs D. Bleakley  
Principal

Helen Huynh  
Multicultural Community Liaison Officer

I am interested in attending the Parent Information Session being conducted at Marayong Primary School on Monday 15th February 2016 from 1.50pm to 2.50pm.

Interpreter required [ ] Yes [ ] No

Language: ____________________________________________

Parent/Caregiver's Name: ____________________________________________

Contact phone number:_________________________________________

Child/Children's Name:_________________________________________

Class:______________________
HAS YOUR CHILD LOST ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM?

- Size 16 Marayong zip up jacket
- Size 8 Marayong zip up jacket
- Size 6 Marayong zip up jacket
- Size 7 and 10 green zip up jacket “colossal” brand

Please see Mrs Day regarding the above items

EASTER EGG DONATION

This year Easter falls at the end of March. We are looking for donations of Easter Eggs for our Easter raffle. Easter raffle books will be sent home with coming Messengers. The raffle will be drawn at the P-2 Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March. Please leave your Easter donations at the front office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

FUNDRAISING

This year items will be sold throughout the year. As our school’s voluntary contribution scheme is relatively low, we also encourage parents to support our Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and Christmas Raffles by donating items and purchasing raffle tickets.

This year we will be selling some “Gala Day” type items throughout the year. Items include toys, games, crockery, china, glasses, frames and flower pots etc. When you see a “For Sale” sign on the old canteen fence with items on display, you can purchase whatever is available.

Fragile items will be sold through the office. Some items will be sold as a box for $1.00-$3.00.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to see Mrs Day.

CANTEEN SPECIALS

The following specials are available from the canteen:
- American cheesy dog and 300ml milk $4.50
- Butter chicken and rice and 600ml water $4.50

All chicken products are Halal certified.

BUS PASS CHANGES

School Opal cards have replaced bus passes previously issued to school students. As from 2nd November, 2015, applications for School Opal cards must be done online. To apply for a card, parents/guardians need to complete their application online, print, sign and return to the school to endorse and send off to Transport for NSW.

School Opal cards will automatically be sent to schools for existing pass holders to distribute to students at the start of Term 1, all new applications will be sent directly to the student’s nominated address.

Students currently in Year 2 moving into Year 3 in 2016 who are eligible for a School Opal card will need to submit an online application to receive the card for 2016 travel.

To apply, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.

SKOOL IS KOOL FUNDRAISER

Marayong Public School is registered for the 2016 Skool is Kool Fundraising program. Please encourage any friends or family members to mention our school as they pay for their purchase and we will receive $1.00 for every $50.00 spent at the Good Guys Prospect store. You can also present your receipt to Mrs Day to be photocopied and faxed to the store. This is another way for our school to receive a bonus. Please note that you can still negotiate and receive less for cash. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Day.
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