



MPS Matters Newsletter

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WEEK 8

2019

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Term 4 Week 9 Assemblies

Tues 10 Nov

9.15 - 10.00am

K-2 Recognition Assembly

10.15 - 11.00am

3-5 Recognition Assembly

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE CADIGAL PEOPLE OF THE EORA NATION WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND ON WHICH OUR SCHOOL IS BUILT.

Teachers' Federation Stop Work Meeting - Thursday 5 Dec

The NSW Teachers Federation has called a Stop Work Meeting for teachers to discuss the latest round of wage negotiations for teachers in NSW. The site for teachers in the Marrickville area has yet to be determined. The disruption to schools and families is acknowledged and the union has said the meeting will be as quick as possible. It is scheduled to begin at 8:30 and conclude around 9:45 when staff will make their way back to school.

At Marrickville Public School we will be able to provide only limited supervision this Thursday Dec 5 from 8:40 until 10.30am. Where possible, can we ask you to please keep your children home until that time? Regular classes will commence as soon as all staff attending return.

P&C AGM

This Wednesday evening, the P&C will hold their AGM and all positions will be declared vacant. Marrickville Public School staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the P&C executive for stepping into these roles of responsibility. We would especially like to thank Sebastian Welsh and Kate Berry, and wish them well in their new school adventures.

Air quality at MPS

Sydney's air quality problems are continuing due to severe bushfire activity.

The school has been managing this situation through modified play times for all students K-6. This includes closing some playground spaces during lunch and recess, opening the school hall as a quiet play area, and restricting students to non-running games and activities. We also provide daily reminders to students about managing their health, with a focus on reporting to teachers immediately if they or any other student feel unwell. We remind any students with asthma to carry their puffer at all times and to make sure they access the hall during play times when available.

We will continue to monitor the situation in the coming weeks, taking advice from the Department of Education. We advise families to contact the school if you have concerns.

Canteen Renovations - Monday 9 Dec onwards

Wil's is getting a facelift! Don't worry - same Wil, same t-shirts. But the canteen is being renovated from Mon 9 December, for the last two weeks of the year. Wil will be serving his deliciousness from our community kitchen.

Coming up:

A reminder that you can always see what's coming up by going directly to [The MPS Sentral Calendar](#). But with busy times ahead, here's a quick summary for Week 7 and 8

This week - Week 8

- Mon-Fri K-2 Swim Scheme
Wil's Canteen in Community Kitchen during renovations
- Mon 2 Dec Library Stocktake commences - please return all books
- Tues 3 Dec Designated High School Orientation Day
Volunteer Thank You Afternoon Tea 2.00 - 2.30pm
Premier's Reading Challenge Assembly 2.30pm
- Wed 4 Dec Last SRE and SEE classes for 2019
Homework Survey Presentation 6.30pm Library
P&C AGM 7.00pm Library
- Thurs 5 Dec **NSW Teachers Federation Stop Work Meeting - minimal supervision until 10.30am.**
School Server Upgrade from 1pm phones may be affected (see newsletter)
- Fri 6 Dec *Student Leader Speeches from 9.30am*

Next week - Week 9

- Mon-Fri Wil's Canteen in Community Kitchen during renovations
- Mon 9 Dec Mufti Day - Bush Fire relief gold coin donation
- Tue 10 Dec K-2 Recognition Assembly - 9.15am - 10.00am
3-5 Recognition Assembly - 10.15am - 11.00am
- Wed 11 Dec Big Night Out -from 5.30pm
- Thurs 12 Dec Hour of Code Years 4 - 6
- Fri 13 Dec 3-6 Swim Skills day
Student reports go home

Final week - Week 10

- Mon-Fri Wil's Canteen in Community Kitchen during renovations
- Mon 16 Dec Picnic Day !
Early Stage One - Hoyts Cinema
Stage One - Hoyts Cinema
Stage Two - details being finalised
Stage Three - School Party and Colour Run
- Tue 17 Dec Year 6 Graduation Assembly - 10.00 - 11.00am - all welcome
Year 6 Farewell - 5.30 - 8pm. Invite only.
- Wed 18 Dec Last day for students and staff.

2020 - Week 1

- Tues 29 Jan Staff return for Staff Development Day. Office open
- Wed 30 Jan Students in Years 1 - 6 return (Holding Classes)
Kindergarten Best Start assessments commence



SCHOOL EVENTS AND NEWS

To see upcoming events, visit [The MPS Sentral Calendar](#)

Newsletter: If you are reading this as a paper copy and would like to receive the newsletter or notes electronically you just need to download the School ENews app and sign up for emails from the [Newsletter page](#) of our website <https://marrickvil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/newsletter.html>

PBL Spotlight Week



Road and Pedestrian Safety

The summer fun is on it's way!

This fortnight's spotlight is on **Being safe when walking around Marrickville.**
Expectations are:

- Walk on the left
- Cross roads at pedestrian crossings
- Obey road and safety signs

Premier's Reading Challenge Assembly

Thank you Mr Keene, Ms Kellie and our Library monitors for hosting the Premier's Reading Challenge Assembly. Students who have successfully completed the challenge will receive certificates. Due to Swimming Scheme, students in 2H, 2M and 2D will have their certificates presented in class on Wednesday.

Student Leader Speeches - moved to Friday 6 Dec

Our Year 5 students will speak to K-6 peers on Friday 6 December. All students and staff will then be asked to vote for 8 Student Leaders for 2020. Our new Student Leaders will be announced at the 3-5 Recognition Assembly the following Tuesday.

Muffi Day - SRC Bush Fire Appeal - Monday 9 Dec

The SRC are running a fundraiser to support our Rural Fire Service on Monday, week 9. All students are invited to wear muffi on the day and to bring a gold coin. The money will be collected in class by SRC representatives and donated to support the volunteer firefighters who are working to save homes and wildlife around the state.



Big Night Out 2019 - Wednesday 11 Dec

Marrickville Public School's annual end of year performance night is coming up and everyone is invited! Come and be inspired by your child's creativity. Our Big Night Out will start at 5:30pm. *This event is free for all families and friends.*

The show will include performances by the Concert Band, Senior and Junior Choirs, Strings and Recorder Ensemble and items from each class, to name but most!

Year 3 - 6 Water Skills and Safety Day - Friday 13 Dec

This year, students in Years 3 – 6 will participate in a Swim Skills and Safety day. This is being trialled as an alternate to an intensive swim scheme program. Students will receive coaching to improve their swimming strokes and will learn practical skills about being safe around water. This note has been sent by SchoolEnews and as a hardcopy. Please return asap.

Picnic Day - Monday 16 Dec

Thank you to all our safe, respectful learners! Staff have been busy organising a fun-filled day for each Stage. Notes are going home and a quick summary is below. Please note, there will be no supervision for students who have not returned permission and payment for this day. All teaching and support staff will be at their corresponding Picnics.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1: Movies at Hoyts Cinema Broadway to see Shaun the Sheep: Farmageddon. Then coming back to school for iceblocks.

Stage 2: *Final details being confirmed.*

Stage 3: **Party day with Colour Run!** We will remain at school for a multicultural feast - please bring a plate - and then a team building challenge with our first ever colour run. Please ensure older clothes are worn for the middle session, and a change of clothes is available for after the challenge.

REPEAT: Homework Review - a presentation - Wednesday 4 Dec

Thank you to our staff, students and families for completing the Homework review survey. Data from the surveys and the school's where-to-next will be shared prior to the next P&C meeting at 6:30pm Wednesday December 4 2019. All parents are warmly invited to join Ms Hutchinson in the Library for the presentation.

REPEAT: Secured Internet Edge, MPS Internet and Phones - Thursday 5 Dec

On Thursday 5 December MPS is scheduled for the installation of Secured Internet Edge. This service aims to deliver faster and more secure internet to the school. It will also have greater scalability to support evolving IT-enabled learning initiatives, along with increased network capacity for accessing DoE applications and services.

It will require a server outage of up to 3 hours. During this time our school internet access will be down and there may be intermittent disruptions to the phones. School staff will check emails via alternate devices and will have their mobile phones on hand in case of emergency. Please be assured that many schools have already undergone this process and school staff will be following up on any messages left during interrupted service.

REPEAT: Music Ensembles Expression of Interest for 2020 - notes due

Thank you Mr Murphy for organisation the showcase of the many musical opportunities available for students at Marrickville Public School. Notes have been sent out via SchoolEnews, and are available from the office.

REPEAT: Library Stocktake 2019

From Mon 2 Dec until the end of the year, our library staff will commence a full stocktake. This means that library borrowing will conclude this week, and that all library books need to be returned as soon as possible next week. During Week 8, library notices will be issued for outstanding items and your help in locating them will be much appreciated. Teachers and students will still have access to library computers. We thank Mr Keene and Ms Yianna for taking on this important job.

REPEAT: MPS Learning and Support Presentation

Last Wednesday evening Ms Jess Gatt, our Learning and Support teacher, presented an overview of learning support at MPS. The community members who attended have requested we share this presentation more widely. Before the end of the year we intend to have the complete presentation available on the school website. In the meantime, Ms Gatt provided some key links to DoE information and services regarding learning and support in primary schools:

[Student Wellbeing](#)

[Disability, Learning and Support Programs and Services](#)

[Integration Funding Support](#)

[Counselling and Psychology Services](#)

[Resources, Support Organisations and External Providers](#)

Further information was also requested about Department policy and procedures regarding NDIS and approved providers. This information is available on the website above, along with this [External Providers Fact Sheet for Parents and Carers](#)

REPEAT: Changes to MPS Sentral and SchoolEnews in 2020

In 2020 Marrickville Public School is moving to Sentral 'Cloud'.

This will enable us to maintain current systems such as Reports and attendance, but will give us greater flexibility in parent communication options. This may include: changes to how we deliver the newsletter; the possibility to send sms messages regarding daily attendance, sick bay alerts etc; digital forms for excursions approval; smartphone parent app for the parent portal with handy access to the school calendar, and more.

This is an additional cost to the school, but we understand our communities call for a more streamlined approach to our communication. We will begin to phase out our use of SchoolEnews for Newsletter and note delivery in Term 1 2020.

How you can help

As Sentral is a third party app, we need to load your contact details from the DoE systems into Sentral. Late 2019 or early 2020 you will be asked to confirm your contact details such as preferred email, preferred mobile phone, emergency numbers etc. Your prompt return of this information will be appreciated.

What won't change

To make an appointment with MPS staff, you will still be asked to contact the school via the office, phone or email.

To make online payments, the DoE approved Payment system can still be reached through our school website <https://marrickvil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Stay tuned to the Marrickville Matters newsletter for updates.

REPEAT: 2020 Class Placement Clarification

As we are planning for next year we will like to know if your child/ren have experienced any positive or negative situations with other students in 2019. This helps us when we plan our 2020 class placements.

We cannot take general 'requests' regarding

- who your child will be in class with
- which teacher your child will have
- straight or composite class placement

These decisions are made by teaching staff in consultation with the school executive.

REPEAT: Notification for extended holiday or leaving in 2020

If you are taking an extended holiday after Term 1 2020 starts or you are leaving our school permanently, please complete the appropriate note further in the newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible. As we have started planning for 2020 this information is very important for us to know.

UNIFORMS

Old Stock Available at the front office. Please see Ms Kim if you are interested in purchasing any of these sizes/ranges:

- T.Shirts- \$9.00
 - Sizes 4 , 8, 10 and 12
- Polo Shirts short sleeve -\$12.00
 - Sizes 12, 14, 16 and large
- Shorts- Rugby -\$10.00
 - Sizes-4, 6
- Skorts -\$15.00
 - Sizes 4, 10, 12 ,14 and 16
- Netball Skirts -\$10.00
 - Sizes 10, 12, 14, and 16
- Adult Jackets -\$5.00
 - Sizes M, L. XL.XXL

Notification of Extended Holiday

My child/ren, named below, will be going on holidays and will be returning to Marrickville Public School in 2020 but will not be back until after the term starts.

Parent/Carer name:

Phone:

Child's Name:

Class:

Child's Name:

Class:

Child's Name:

Class:

My child/ren will be returning on (Date)

Signed:

Date:

Notification of Student Leaving

My child/ren, named below, will NOT be returning to Marrickville Public School in 2020.

Parent/Carer name:

Phone:

Child's Name:

Class:

Child's Name:

Class:

Child's Name:

Class:

My child/ren will be attending School in 2020.

Signed:

Date:

Please return this note to the school office as soon as possible.

We thank you for your support of MPS and wish you well on your holiday or in your new home.

P+C UPDATE NOVEMBER 26, 2019

MPS P&C AGM & End Of Year Celebrations



Wed Dec 4th- 7pm School Library - followed by Henson Pub

Join us for the AGM and End of Year Celebration

From helping to open the kitchen, new garden beds, chrome books, music shirts, gardening classes and more it's been a mega effort in 2019 and well worth celebrating! Come along, everyone is welcome and it'll be nice to chat without the pressure of having to flip a sausage, sell a raffle ticket or bake a cake! All the MUST KNOW details of the AGM are available [here](#).

Thanks to Kate and her helper Anne for running their first ever 2nd hand stall this term! We are super grateful.

Take care

The P&C Team

Stay in touch [Email](#) or [Facebook](#)



Notice of AGM

Wed Dec 4th 2019

7pm - School Library

Followed by end of year celebrations at the Henson...

Marrickville Public School P&C Annual General Meeting will be held:

Wednesday December 4th, 2019
7pm
Marrickville Public School Library

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Minutes from prior AGM
3. President Report
4. Treasurer Report
5. Declare all positions vacant*
6. Election for positions
7. Any other business

At the end of the meeting, the P&C will have an end of year celebration at the Henson Pub to mark all the achievements of the P&C and the community this year.

Please note

- that people are welcome to become Members by making a gold coin donation at the meeting
- financial P&C members are eligible to stand and be elected to a position, plus are eligible to vote
- any Member can nominate for a position, and this occurs at the AGM. Members can be new or might be long serving Members of the P&C
- along with the P&C executive, other sub-committees are formed as required to work on priority areas which may include events, fundraising, communication and so forth
- all contributions to the P&C are welcome and it is a rewarding way to be involved in your child's school.

***P&C positions that will become vacant at the AGM.**

If you would like to know more:

Email us at mpspanc2204@gmail.com

Or organise to have a chat to current or past executives.

President

The president is responsible for the overseeing of the P&C and the associated committees, presiding and running the P&C meetings and liaises with the NSW P&C Association and the Principal over any P&C and school matters. The president is responsible for:

- The successful functioning of the P&C.
- Fostering participation of all members.
- Welcoming new members & supporting volunteers.
- Chairing Meetings.
- Signatory on bank accounts.
- Acting as the P&C spokesperson.
- The President is automatically a member on sub-committees.

Vice President (2 x positions)

The vice president presides over the meeting. The Vice President supports the role of the President and may be required to:

- Chair meetings or parts of meetings under the direction of the President.
- Chair meetings in the absence of the President Signatory on bank accounts.
- Take on the responsibility of supporting / leading sub-committees.
- Represent the President if the President is not available.

Secretary

The Secretary shall attend meetings and keep a record of all business conducted, collect and receipt any mail received, and then hand the mail onto the appropriate sub-committees. The Secretary is responsible for: Taking minutes at meetings.

- Writing outgoing correspondence.
- Maintaining records.
- Signatory on bank accounts.
- Receive and table incoming correspondence.
- Give notice of meetings.
- Maintain official records.

Treasurer

The Treasurer receives and deposits all monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts to each meeting, and presents all records for auditing each year. The Treasurer is responsible for:

- Receives and deposits money.
- Maintains records.
- Draws cheques and presents accounts.
- Signatory on bank accounts.
- Must ensure books are kept up to date.
- Audit – organising and coordinating audit of books.
- Reporting of all transaction and a bank reconciliation at P&C meeting, an annual report to be presented at P&C AGM.

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