Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 1 Week 7, everyone. All classes are very settled and focused on learning as we head towards the end of the first term of this school year. We have many events to look forward to before the end of term. These include the induction of our SRC members and Library Monitors, Harmony Day activities, parent/teacher interviews, our P&C Easter raffle draw and our cross country carnival.

P&C Donation to the School
I would like to sincerely thank our wonderful P&C for their very generous donation to our school. Through their various fundraising events as well as the operation of our school canteen and uniform shop, they have donated $17,500. We are so very grateful for this wonderful gift to the school. We will use this money to buy a new sound system for the hall and a keyboard for our school choir and it will also be used to contribute towards reading and technology resources for our students. The P&C work very hard and are very focused on supporting our students and our school. Their next meeting is Friday 15th March at 9:15am in the CCR room. We strongly encourage and warmly welcome all parents to join our P&C.

Teacher/Parent Interviews
Parent/teacher interview notes to parents who have more than one child attending Marayong South PS were sent out on Wednesday 6th March. All other parents will receive their notes on Monday 18th March. This enables me to schedule consecutive interviews for families with more than one student at our school. Our interviews will take place on Wednesday 3rd April. All parents will receive confirmation of their interview time when it has been scheduled. We hope to see all parents taking the opportunity to speak with their child’s teacher.

School Website
Our school website has been updated. Please take the time to navigate through it, as there is a lot of valuable information there including student notes, school policies, newsletters, ‘What’s On’ publications and links to valuable websites about education.

Some Interesting Reading for everyone……

Reading with your child at home
When your children see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your children with reading.

Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they are not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your children of head lice and nits.

When children are bullied
We send our children off to school each day to learn. In between lessons they go outside to play – but the learning doesn't stop. The playground can help prepare them for some of the social challenges they will face throughout their lifetime. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/bullying-advice-for-parents1/what-can-i-do-to-help-my-child](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/bullying-advice-for-parents1/what-can-i-do-to-help-my-child)

Warmest regards
Mrs Mandy Hollis
Principal
School Website: www.marayongs-p.school.nsw.edu.au
ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2014

If you know of any friends or neighbours that have a child turning 5 before the 31 July 2014, please ask at the administration office for an enrolment form.

Message from DTHS: Doonside Technology High School P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26 March at 3.30pm in their staff room for any parents who would like to attend.

PLEASE NOTE
THE DRIVEWAY IS CLOSED FROM 8AM – 4PM TO TRAFFIC FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN

SCHOOL ACTIVITY LEVY
Term 1 School Activity Levy of $40 is overdue. Please forward payment to the Administration Office as soon as possible.
As always, if you have difficulty paying the levy, especially large families, please see the office for assistance.

CANTEEN NEWS: Our Canteen
Please be advised that the canteen staff are not permitted to reheat student lunches in the canteen due to the current NSW Food Authority Food Safety Standards legislation. Reheating food that is sent from home is considered to present a high risk of illness to our students. We are also not able to add boiling water to noodles as this is dangerous to your child and those around them. We recommend that parents place an ice brick in their child's lunch box to ensure that their food is kept at an appropriate temperature throughout the day, particularly in summer. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Mandy Hollis & Barbara Dwyer

The Canteen will remain closed on Mondays until the end of Term 1 until further notice.

Easter Meal Deal will only be available for one day – Harmony & Market Day, Thursday 28 March. Orders to canteen by Wed 27 March.

The Canteen will be CLOSED for cleaning and stocktake on the last day of Term 1, Friday 12 April.
Barbara Dwyer Manager

Last chance to order University Competitions: Closing date is this Friday 22 March.
The Australian Schools English, Mathematics, Computer and Spelling Studies competitions were given out on Friday to Years 3-6 students. There is a cost of $8 each for English, Mathematics and Computer and $11 for Spelling. All students will receive certificates and a full analysis of their results.

Computer Skills
Tuesday 21 May
Spelling Comp
Tuesday 18 June
English Comp
Wednesday 31 July
Maths Comp
Tuesday 13 August

These competitions are not compulsory. If you wish your child to participate, please send the note below to the office with the money no later than the closing date of Friday 22 March, as paperwork must be processed.

SCHOOL TERMS FOR 2013

Term 2
Wed 1 May to Fri 28 June
Term 3
Tues 15 July to Fri 20 Sept
Term 4
Mon 7 Oct to Wed 18 Dec

Congratulations to the following students who represented MSPS at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 7 March:

Hannah Duncan
Blake Dwyer-Hall
Kamran Gundes
Boston Stewart
Samuel Salazar-Vasquez
Luke Vella
Tayla Atkins
Annalise Ahmad
Clayton Bonello
Nicholas Morgan
Zach Hornby
Fleur Coolen
Talia Stewart
Kaila Anderson
Natalie Jones
Haleigh Clarke-Stoddart
Kayleb Begnell

Congratulations to the following students who will represent our District at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 19 March:

Tayla Atkins
Hannah Duncan
Natalie Jones
Fleur Coolen
Haleigh Clarke-Stoddart

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as their class representative for the SRC (Student Rep Council):
1/2C Stephanie Ishac and Abby Johnson
2K Rowen McKinder and Ramzy Alame
3P Jorja O'Riley and Maddison Heggen
3/4N Daan Coolen and Zoe Pedrosa
4B Rylea Conlon and Anav Prasad
5N Talon Pepper and Reece Godfrey
5/6G Christina Tabone and Mia Brewer
6P Gemma O'Riley and Nicholas Perez

BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER
Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as Library Monitors for 2013:
Natalie Wong
Vanshna Singh
Wura Olayiwola
Natalie Jones
Kaila Anderson
Taisha Taukamo
Hazel Redjeb
Abby Gravina
Ariana Arcilla
Thrissha Canaverger
Rhea Prasad

ATTENTION PARENTS
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
THURSDAY
23 MAY - INDIVIDUAL
STUDENT ENVELOPES
WILL BE SENT HOME EARLY TERM 2.

MARKET DAY / HARMONY DAY
Thursday 28 March
Every year the teachers hold a Market Day to raise money for their classrooms. Parents are most welcome to attend and stay for the fun of Market Day. This year we will be celebrating Harmony Day as well. Then fun of Market Day will commence at 12.30 and finish around 2.30pm.

MUFTI DAY: Students may wear some form of orange accessory or clothing in exchange for a gold coin donation towards Stewart House. This may be socks, hat, headbands, wristbands, bandanas, hair ties, etc. Orange is the colour that has become associated with Harmony Day.

NO thongs or singlet tops are to be worn.

TOKENS: Tokens will have a 50 cent value and will be able to be used at all games and stalls on the day. Tokens can be pre-purchased, starting today, Monday 18th March, from SRC students at the hall. Sales will take place morning and recess. Tokens will also be available on Market Day at the Token Stall.

P&C
Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10 April (week 11) at 6pm. Everyone Welcome.

White Elephant Stall
Please bring along used, unwanted items in good condition to donate to 3P’s White Elephant Stall for Market Day by Thursday 28 March.

Toys Games Books
Sporting Goods
Kitchenware Electrical
Appliances Homewares
Bric-a-Brac CDs DVDs
Stationery etc.

All donations are greatly appreciated and will help raise money for our school.
Donations can be dropped off at 3P’s room every morning before school.

Miss Patterson
Classroom teacher

What’s Coming Up…

March
• Mon 18 Newsletter home
  Book Club orders due today
• Tues 19 Regional Swimming Carnival
• Wed 20 K-6 Assembly 11.30am Induction of SRC & Library monitors.
  • Thurs 21 CBA Start Smart for Years 3-6
• Fri 22 PSSA
• Mon 25 Canteen closed
• Tues 26 Scripture SMOOSH AGM
• Wed 27 K-2 Assembly 11.30am host 1M. Yrs3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm host 4B
• Thurs 28 Harmony & Market Day Easter Meal Deal only today
  What’s On Home today
• Good Friday Public Holiday

April
• Mon 1 Easter Monday Public Holiday
• Tues 2 Longneck Lagoon Leadership Day
• Wed 3 K-2 Assembly 11.30am host 2K. Yrs3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm host 3/4N
  Parent Teacher interviews
• Fri 5 PSSA
• Mon 8 Canteen closed
• Sydney West Dance Festival Audition 10am
• Wed 10 K-2 Assembly 11.30am host 1/2C. Yrs3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm host 3P
  P&C meeting 6pm
• Thurs 11 School Cross Country
• Fri 12 What’s On home
  End of Term 1 School Holidays

Term 2
• Two Staff Development Days
  Mon 29 & Tues 30 April

May
• Wed 1 Students return
  K-6 Assembly Anzac Day Ceremony 11.30am
  What’s on home today
• Mon 6 Canteen closed
• Wed 8 K-2 Assembly 11.30am host 1M. Yrs3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm host 6P
• Mon 13 Canteen closed
  Newsletter home
• Tues 14 NAPLAN
• Wed 15 NAPLAN
  No Assemblies
• Thurs 16 NAPLAN
• Fri 17 What’s On home today

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