Principal’s Message
This will be the last newsletter for the year. I would like to sincerely thank all members of our school community for your support of our school and our beautiful students. It has been a wonderful year. I look forward to another great year in 2015 and many more after that!

World Teacher’s Day
I would like to give heartfelt thanks to Simone Dring, Michaela Martin, Heba Bassine and our P&C for acknowledging the great job our teachers do here at Marayong South for World Teacher’s Day, which was officially 31st October but celebrated here at MSPS week 3 of this term. Our staff had a special (and incredible) lunch, special messages of appreciation (and other goodies) left in the staff and on doors throughout the school, a special award and a lovely gift. We all felt very much appreciated. It was just wonderful.

Three Year School Plan – 2015-2017
All parents were given the opportunity to have their say through a school survey. We have lots of data and feedback from students, staff and parents that will assist us in formulating a plan which meets the needs of our students and whole school community. The plan will have a vision statement, school context and an outline of the planning processes that have taken place this year. It will have 3 strategic directions. Each strategic direction will have the following aligned to it – purpose, people, processes, product and practices. Each strategic direction will be translated into actions, programs or initiatives that are data driven. Targets will be set for each of these. Targets will be monitored every 5 weeks to 10 weeks.

School Security at Night
We have had a number of break ins at the school recently. Other schools in the area have also had problems. I am working closely with School Security and Blacktown Police to stop these crimes from occurring again. I am also working closely with the DEC to have the CCR room repaired and damaged equipment and resources replaced. The damage done was extensive and it will be extremely costly to repair and replace what has been damaged. Unfortunately, this means that we won’t be able to use the CCR room until well into next year which has impacted every child as this room and the resources in it were used for lessons K-6 every day. This room was also used by Productive Parents, P&C parents and staff. Please report any suspicious behaviour in
the school grounds on weekends or week nights to Blacktown Police (96719199) and School Security (1300 880 021). Please contact the police if you have any information that will help them. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Public Speakers
Congratulations to all our public speakers who competed in the Blacktown and Mt Druitt Public Speaking Competitions this term. We are proud of your efforts and achievements. You all represented our school beautifully, thank you.

Chickenpox
We have had a few cases of Chicken Pox at Marayong South Public School. This is a viral illness that usually causes a relatively mild illness in children and is very common.

Please go to the link below to access lots of very valuable information on childhood illnesses:


This information has also been posted on the official school Facebook page.

Fact sheets are available to download and print through this link. We are happy to print this information to parents on request.

Please see the Principal if you have any concerns or questions.

End of Year Events
We are really looking forward to all of the special end-of-year events that are coming up. I am referring to our PBL Reward Day, our Endeavours Morning Tea, the Principal’s Morning Tea, our special Presentation Days, Party Days, Parent Helpers Morning Tea and our Year 6 Farewell, just to name a few. It is a very busy time of year with many events to organise and run, however it is also a very rewarding time when we acknowledge and celebrate another wonderful, productive and happy year for our beautiful students, families and staff here at Marayong South Public school – the best school in Blacktown and beyond!

Warmest regards
Mrs Mandy Hollis
Principal
ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015
If you know of any friends or neighbours that have a child turning 5 before the 31 July 2015 please ask at the administration office for an enrolment form.

Important information:
Last SmartStart
Thursday 27th November
First Day of school - Monday, 2nd February 2015

What’s Coming Up…

November
- Mon 24 Canteen closed Mondays
- Wed 26 K-6 Whole School Assembly 11.30am
- Thurs 27 Last Smart Start Day
- Fri 28 An ‘End of Year Activities’ information for parents

December
- Mon 1 Canteen closed Mondays
- Wed 3 No Assemblies
- Thurs 4 Principal’s Morning Tea with K-2 students
- Fri 5 Principal’s Morning Tea with Years 3-6 students
- Mon 8 Canteen closed Mondays
- Tues 9 Parent Helpers Morning Tea Service Assembly
- Wed 10 Presentation Day K-2 9.15am 3-6 11.30am
- Thurs 11 Year 6 Farewell
- Fri 12 Party Day
- Mon 15 Canteen closed all week
- Tues 16 Moving day
- Wed 17 Last day for 2014 Talent Quest
- No Assemblies

2015 TERM DATES
Staff Development day
Tuesday, 27th January

Students in Years 1-6 return Wednesday, 28th January 2015

Students in Kinder 2015 start Monday, 2nd February 2015.

Term 1 ends Thursday, 2nd April

Term 2
Staff Development day
Monday, 20th April
All Students return from vacation Tuesday, 21st April
Term ends Friday, 26th June

Term 3
Staff Development day
Monday, 13th July
All Students return from vacation Tuesday, 14th July
Term ends Friday, 18th September

Term 4
All Staff and Students return from vacation Tuesday, 6th October
Term ends Wednesday, 16th December

P&C Christmas Raffle
The P&C Committee will be holding their annual Christmas raffle again this year.

We are looking for donations for our Christmas Hampers.

If you have any non perishable food, or anything appropriate for our Christmas Hampers you would like to donate, all donations will be gratefully accepted. A basket has been placed in every classroom and every child who donates will receive a ticket in the annual Christmas Raffle.

Many thanks in your continued support for our school.

P & C Committee

What K-2 students will need for 2015
- Paint shirt
- Library bag
- Hat
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 Hand sanitizer
- 1 Paper towel roll

What Years 3-6 students will need for 2015
- Lead pencils (3&4)
- Blue, red & black pens (5&6)
- Years 3-6
- Wooden ruler only
- Eraser
- Textas
- Coloured pencils
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Paint shirt
- Library bag
- Hat
- 1 box of tissues