Principal’s Message
Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely Mother’s Day yesterday. The students and staff have come back refreshed and ready for a busy and positive term ahead.

Harmony Day, Hat Parade and Cross Country
Towards the end of last term we had some special events at the school that were very successful and enjoyable. Thank you to Mrs Putica and Miss Kelly for their organisation of Harmony Day. Well done to all the students who participated in the Hat Parade it was a lovely afternoon, thank you Miss Nix for your hard work organising the event. Thanks also to Mrs Parsons for her organisation of our Cross Country carnival. Congratulations to all our cross country participants and to those students who will be representing Marayong South at the zone carnival this term.

Teacher/Parent Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews took place at the end of last term and we had record numbers of parents take the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher. Thank you to those parents who were able to take the time to meet with us. It is a valuable and important process for all concerned. As always, the education and welfare of our students is our highest priority.

NAPLAN
This is an exciting week for our Year 3 and Year 5 students who will be sitting NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy). NAPLAN will run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. It is important that all students are at school on time for these exams.

Mrs Hollis Returns
Mrs Hollis will be returning to school next Monday of Week 4. I am sure she has missed us all and is keen to hit the ground running. I look forward to filling her in on everything that has been happening.

Mathletics
This year we have been fortunate enough to be involved with Mathletics. Mathletics is an online program which aims to switch students onto maths. It’s fun, supportive and effective for students of all ages and abilities, helping students achieve more across Kindergarten to Year 6.

School Safety Issues
We currently have a serious problem that is causing potential risk to our students and we need support from parents with regards to these issues to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children. Please do not drive into the school car park to drop off or collect your children in the morning or afternoon. This is dangerous for our students.

*Parents should not be driving into the school at any time for any reason.*
Parents who arrive early in the morning sometimes stay outside the office area with their children until the bell goes. These children are playing in an unsupervised area during school hours. We ask that, if parents would like to bring their children to school and stay until 9am or later, they go to the COLA area near the canteen where there is staff supervision. Unfortunately, when parents are outside the office area in the morning with their children, the area becomes congested and other students decide to join
them. We need all students to be in fully supervised areas at all times. The COLA area is supervised from 8:30am every day. Thank you for your support and cooperation. The safety of our students is our highest priority.

The 2013 Annual School Report is now on the school website. Hard copies are available from the front office on request.

The school website has been updated. All notes to students including the What's On and the school newsletter are now in the process of being uploaded to the website.

We would like to sincerely thank all the wonderful mums who gave up their time to organise and run the Mother’s Day stall last week. Your smiles, time and energy was greatly appreciated by students, staff and our families here at Marayong South, thank you all so much!

Warm regards
Ms Monique Levis
Relieving Principal

PLEASE NOTE
THE DRIVEWAY IS CLOSED FROM 8AM – 4PM TO TRAFFIC FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN
STAFF & DELIVERIES ONLY
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.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY ENROLLED………..
To keep you informed about what’s happening for your child’s transition to ‘big school’, please find some important information and dates set out below.

Smart Start:
This program aims to help your child become familiar with the school environment and routines, and to develop their pre-skills in literacy and numeracy. Smart Start will run each Thursday from 9.15am to 10.45am, commencing in Term 3. The program will run for a total of 12 weeks and finish late in Term 4. There is a limited waiting list of 25-30 children. Letters will be sent out in late July for those interested parents.
Teddy Bear’s Picnic:
Date to be decided, to be held in September.

Kindergarten Interviews will be conducted during October in Term 4. Special appointments will be made for those parents who cannot attend at the appointed time. Letters will be sent late in Term 3. Interviews are very informal and a great opportunity for us to meet both the parent and child.

Kindergarten Orientation:
Days are held in Term 4 and will be confirmed in a letter sent home in September.

Parent Information Night:
This presentation is held late November/early December and will be confirmed in a letter sent home in September.

SNAIL TRAIL YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER THURSDAY 5 JUNE
We will be having a Snail Trail to raise funds for the Year 6 departing gift to the school. Each class will be building a snail trail of small coins (no old 1 or 2 cent coins or foreign coins) to make the longest trail. There will be one winning class from K-2 and one from Years 3-6. To make sure it’s fair, the winning class will be the longest trail per person in the class. The two classes will have an ice cream party to celebrate. Please start collecting your coins now!

Mrs Parsons
Assistant Principal

CAPA AFTERNOONS
Each Tuesday afternoon from 2-3, students will participate in Performing Arts Groups. Students were given the choice of groups and have been placed in interest based
activities. Students will be working on a performance item that they will present during education week in mid Term 3. More information regarding the Performing Arts Festival will be provided later. K. Patterson - coordinator

PBL
The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Team has implemented a change to the way the Rule of the Week is presented at Monday morning’s assembly.

As of Term 2, the Student Representative Council will present the Rule of the Week in order to emphasise its importance.

We hope this small change will make a big difference to our school.

PBL Team

What does it mean to be a KidsMatter Primary school?

We know that mental health and wellbeing is very important for children’s learning and development. Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with their families, friends and school staff. KidsMatter Primary helps schools to support children’s mental health and wellbeing by bringing together the important people in a child’s life: their family, their school and the wider school community. KidsMatter Primary recognises that the members of a child’s family are the most important people in their life, so the initiative provides information for families and encourages schools to involve families in planning and activities and provide opportunities for them to get to know each other.

What does KidsMatter Primary look like at school?
The way that KidsMatter Primary works varies from school to school. KidsMatter Primary is not a program that schools work through from beginning to end. It’s more about developing a positive school community and culture where support for children’s mental health is promoted and the whole school community is involved in planning and strategies to support children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Marayong South PS is in the early stages of implementing the Kids Matter framework. The Kids Matter action team will guide the school through the development of the schools KidsMatter action plan.

Thank you for helping us by completing the family survey. This has given us information about what is important to you in support of your child’s mental health and wellbeing at MSPS.

Congratulations to Ramya Krishnan’s family for winning the $50 Coles voucher. Please watch this space for continued information.

M. Parsons
Assistant Principal

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) The Premier’s Reading Challenge is continuing this term with some students having already completed the challenge and many others hot on their heels. Well done to all Marayong South students and families. Please keep reading these books with your children (K -2) or encouraging your children to read these books (3 – 6). Reading is not only important for our children’s future but is also FUN!!!

I would like to thank the amazing parent helpers who assisted with the organising of the PRC books at the beginning of term one. I would also like to give a huge thank you to those parents who keep coming in each week and inputting the books the students have read onto the system. Thanks for your continued support.

Most of all a big congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge:

   K – 2
   * Eliza Farrell
   * Tony Lim
   * Claire Whitelaw
   * Adem Numan
   * Connie Lim
   * Cooper Crane
   * Timothy Vassallo

   3 – 4
   * Alyssa Arcilla
   * Joshua Cinco
   * Thomas Formosa
   * Eniola Olayiwola
   * Henry Branson
   * Kalib Christiansen
   * Maddison Heggen
   * Pukhrajeep Kaur
   * Kaylem Martin
   * Jorgia O’Riley
   * Abheek Rana
   * Ryan Vella
   * May Stonham

   5 - 6
   There are a few 5 -6 students very close to finishing, so please watch this space!

Joanne Whitford
Librarian