Principal’s Message

Congratulations to our amazing swimmers at the small schools carnival for their efforts in achieving the title of “Champion School” of the carnival. Our talented swimmers have been at the district carnival today and we look forward to hearing about their accomplishments next week.

Congratulations to Ben Stanton for securing a place in the...
CPR Help
A reminder that students will again take part in the CPR Help program on either 29th February and 1st March. Students should wear their sports uniform on their allocated day.

Mon 29th – 3/4 and K
Tue 1st – 5/6, 1 and 2

School Fees
Please ensure that these accounts are settled as soon as possible.

School Photos
While the school has been given a copy of student photos for administration purposes, the school photos should coming home in several weeks’ time. Any parents wishing to buy photos of Whole School, School Captains, House Captains, Library Monitors, Year 6 and Muck-up will be able to do so separately once the examples have been sent to us and displayed in the office.

Play Project
Students from Years 1-6 had a worthwhile experience today within the Play Project, designed to build skills in recognising the need for daily vigorous activity to keep us healthy. Students were involved in creating their own games in small spaces without technology – so parents, there’s no excuse for them being bored at home or needing a device to have fun.

(Sorry kids – we saw how much fun you had today!)

Harmony Day/Anti Bulling Day
Once again students will take part in specific lessons aimed at further developing student understandings around tolerance of others. This day will take place on Monday the 21 March. Students will be asked to wear orange on this day.

Wellbeing and PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)
PBL will involve the further teaching of explicit lessons on expected behaviour in various locations around the school. These lessons will guide students to identify what safe, respectful and responsible behaviour ‘looks like’ in various contexts.

Last fortnight the focus was the bathroom areas. Weeks 5 and 6 will focus on the bus lines area.

Posters will then be placed in these areas to remind our students the expected behaviour in each area treated.

Thanks to Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Bennett for their work on this valued project.

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Happy Birthday to the following students for the month of February...

Giselle Azmi, Jonah Beer, Hugo Hyatt, Elena Levano, Harry McNally, Riley Mills, Amarah Suazo, Charlotte Ward, Sianna Wiesemes

We all hope you had a wonderful day!

Meet the Teacher and Welcome BBQ
Thanks to all who helped to make the welcome barbecue a success. It was great to spend time with each other amongst such a close and friendly community.

Thanks to our teachers who took time away from their families to better inform our families about 2016 programs and routines.

We can achieve great things when we all work together.
Kindergarten is off to a flying start! We read *Possum goes to School* and then created our own possums using paint, tissue paper and texta. We would love for you to come and take a look at our classroom display! Students are practising writing simple sight words and writing the initial sound they can hear at the beginning of a word. We walked around the school and took photos of different areas. As a class, we then made a map of the school.

Kindy students are learning how to be safe, respectful and responsible. Could I please ask parents to keep lunchboxes nut free? We have several students in the school with nut allergies and this is the best way to keep them safe.

Thank you to our parent helpers who started this week! I really appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to help our students learn.

**Yr1** Thank you to all the parents who came to meet the teacher on Friday. It was good to meet you and explain what Year 1 will be doing this term. The children have already made great progress with preparing and presenting their speeches. You can help by assisting them to write, draw or print pictures of their topic and by listening to them rehearse. We have been focusing on writing descriptions about insects which ties in with our Science topic, Schoolyard Safari. As part of our History topic, Families Past and Present, the children will be asking you and Grandma and Grandpa about how things were different when you were growing up. It would be great if you could send in a photo from this time to create a photo wall.
Yr2

Year 2 have been working hard to remember how numbers are made up, example; 22 is 2 tens and 2 units. We have also been learning how to gather information to use in making a picture graph. We have continued our study on Past and Present and we are looking forward to our excursion in a few weeks. Start Smart (an initiative from the Commonwealth Bank), visited us on Tuesday where we revised how to be a ‘saver’ and to “Speed to our needs and wait for our wants”. CPR will be next week.

3/4

During the past two weeks, 3/4 has commenced their webpage for their history unit; celebrations and commemorations. This week students have been allocated in pairs researching National Sorry Day. If you would like to see 3/4’s webpage and browse students’ posts on their blog please visit historyedss.weebly.com

This week during our word of the day, students have been investigating prefixes, working collaboratively during a speed session to collect as many prefixes as they can find. Students are working creatively on Wednesday afternoons to have their Hawkesbury Show entries in by early March. The majority of students are busy painting or drawing their art entries, whilst a handful of students are courageously machine sewing craft items. A big thank you to the mothers and grandparents who are donating their time, equipment and materials to give students this opportunity.

5/6

A great fortnight in 5/6!

Students have been working through their English work centring on Afghani life under the Taliban rule. We have found out that life can be very difficult for children, particularly girls. We have contrasted the life of Australian and Afghani girls and found out some interesting facts. Only 21% of girls attend school. Under the Taliban, they were not allowed to laugh out loud, ride bikes or go outside unaccompanied by an adult. The burqa is a full body covering that is not law for girls but is considered taboo to be dressed in anything less outside the home. According to our novel, ‘Boy Overboard’, girls may not play soccer either. There are many dangers due to unexploded landmines that were used during the wars in this country. We are beginning to truly understand why someone may make the dangerous journey to Australia to seek a better life.
Farewell Mr Daniels

After more than 15 years at Maraylya PS, our General Assistant, Mr Neil Daniels has decided to hang up his lawn mower keys and retire from our school. Mr Daniels has had the mammoth job of keeping our school looking its best each Tuesday by mowing lawns, doing edges, repairing, assisting staff and getting the odd handball out of the gutters for grateful students.

We thank him for his efforts over these years and wish him the very best for a more relaxed Tuesday – spent doing whatever he enjoys most. Tuesday 1st March will be Mr Daniel’s last day at Maraylya PS, but as a grandparent to some of our students, we are sure to see him from time to time. All the best Mr Daniels!!!

Equestrian News

Any families wishing their child to take part in representative equestrian events in 2016 should have their names recorded at the front office with Mrs Carrington or Mrs May. Representation in these events, like any other sporting representation, must be at the discretion of the school. We look forward to another successful year in these important events.

Thanks to Saddleworld Dural for their continuing support of our equestrian team!

Konnective

Are you Konnected?
To join our information feeds........
Families connect themselves - download the app, register and then login. Then search for ‘Maraylya Public School’ within the app and request to be added to the ‘Feeds’ that are relevant to your child.

We have 66 current members receiving this service. Every family should be Konnected. In the event of an emergency, we will use this service to inform families of any urgent information if necessary.
Canteen News!

Canteen Update 26.02.16

While we settle into the routine of canteen I just wanted to share how our canteen days are run.

Wednesdays we are only open for the Wednesday menu (sandwiches and wraps) and recess ONLY. We are not open for lunch or for ice blocks. However, you can order drinks or snacks to be delivered to your child at lunch.

Fridays we are open for both recess and lunch with our full menu being served. This is a crazy busy day with the Ladies getting quite frantic with packing lunch orders. Ice creams are served on Fridays, only at lunch.

On both of these days drinks will be packed in the lunch basket for the designated class but NOT ice blocks, jelly or yoghurts. We ask that the children come back to canteen with their lunch bag and we will give them their items listed.

There has been some confusion over this in the last few weeks and it is not our intention that anyone misses out on his or her items.

Do you know what our canteen looks like when we are open?

It looks as though we may have enough volunteers to open on a Monday. At this stage it will only be for our “Wednesday Menu”. Once this is finalized we will let you know our start date.

Our first Meal Deal of the year is being held on the Easter Hat Parade day. We will be holding a sausage sizzle for all to enjoy. We will also have our Hot Cross Buns for sale. More details to come.

If volunteering is an option for you please email Rachel or myself at Maraylya.canteen@gmail.com

Many Thanks
Linda Constantine & Rachel Smith

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open the same hours,
Mondays 2:15 – 3.00 pm
Please continue to drop any orders and correct money at the office. These orders will then be filled and sent home with your child or collected from the office. Orders may also be sent to maraylyapandcuniforms@gmail.com

Thank you.

Next P & C Meeting

Tuesday 8th March
7.00pm – 9.00pm

Thanks to ….

Spiteri & Associates
8/41 Bells Line of Road
North Richmond NSW 2754
02 4571 1348

For their donation of financial auditing for P&C!
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MPS Canteen
– Just in case you didn’t know……

Our school canteen is operated by our school ensuring all profits go to the P&C and are available to be used by the school for various projects.

The canteen is managed by Rachel Smith and Linda Constantine and staffed by a dedicated team of volunteers who assist on a roster basis. New volunteers are always needed so if you can spare any time please contact us through the school. Volunteering is a great way to help your school. Mums, Dads and Grandparents are very welcome!

Our school menu consists of Green and Amber foods with Red foods sold twice a term. In accordance with DEC policy, our school is a Healthy Food Canteen. More information is available at www.healthy-kids.com.au

Our canteen is open Wednesdays and Fridays ONLY

Wednesdays - we are open for lunch orders only with the canteen being open for a full menu on Fridays.

Break times during the day are:
**Recess: 10.50am**
**Lunch: 12.30pm**

**Lunch Orders:** All lunch orders need to be handed in at school, before 10am. Orders are to be written on paper bags (with money inside) or in a Stickybeaks Bags indicating child's name, class and purchase requests. Please ensure that sufficient money is enclosed with orders, preferably the exact amount.


Our menu is listed here **Wednesday Menu or Friday Menu**

Any changes are noted in the school newsletter along with other details regarding rosters/meal deals/canteen changes due to special days.

If your child has a food allergy, we can accommodate this; just fill in the appropriate forms at the front office.

Many thanks