Principal’s Message

Congratulations to Claudia on her success in qualifying to represent NSW at the EA Nationals which will be in Werribee VIC later this year.

Well done Claudia!

Congratulations also to Chelsea and Orlando who were awarded champions in their age group at the Hawkesbury Small Schools Carnival.

Orlando was further recognised as the Senior Boy Champion from the Hawkesbury District carnival. He has secured his place in the Hawkesbury team who will compete at the regional carnival at Homebush at the end of the month.

Coming Events

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Notes Home

- Chicken Pox Notice
- MultiLit Helpers
- Email contact notes (selected reminders)
**Talk Soon – Talk Often**

For many parents the thought of raising the subject of changing body parts, relationships and sexuality sends shivers down their spine. But help is at hand. **Talk soon. Talk often** is a new publication distributed by Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District’s sexual health promotion team.

The book is free of charge, and is being offered to families in participating primary schools like ours across Blue Mountains, Penrith, Hawkesbury and Lithgow local government areas. We think you will find that Talk soon. Talk often is a supportive tool for families in the development of happy, healthy and confident young people, by helping to establish open and honest communication about personal development and self-esteem from early in childhood.

Talking soon, and talking often, helps parents & carers to avoid the need for that ‘one big talk’; instead, the book provides them with tips on creating easy conversations about bodies, relationships, health and sexuality, as part of routine communication.

Please visit the office for your free copy of this high quality resource to help start ‘the talk’.

**Building Fund**

Did you know that Maraylya PS P&C has a building fund? This fund has been established to allow parents and community members to donate funds towards building improvements for the students at MPS. Our goal is the enclosing of the verandah areas in the lower classrooms to create a technology annexe in each room.

Donations can be made to:

Maraylya Public School P&C Building Fund  
BSB 032-274 A/C 403575

Tax deductible receipts will be issued from donations to this account.

**School Fees**

Please ensure that these accounts are settled as soon as possible. We are currently waiting on handwriting texts from overseas. Kindergarten have been fortunate in receiving their text as the supplier had stock.

**Harmony Day/Anti Bullying 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 bus lines.  
**Weeks 7 and 8 will focus on the ‘Villages’ area of the playground.**  
Posters have been placed in these areas to remind our students the expected behaviour in each area treated.

Thanks to Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Bennett for their continued work on this valued project.
Working Bee
We have organised a working bee to take place on Sunday 3rd April. If you are able to help in any way please let Mr Gaffey know. The following tasks have been identified – it would be great to achieve some of these goals.

- Painting of second brick wall – brushes (Mr Gaffey)
- Tee Pee construction! – star pickets & cable ties (Mr Gaffey) creativity and imagination
- Some green waste removal – trailer (Mr Gaffey)
- Hedging – trimmer needed
- Garden construction and maintenance – soil/ mulch
- Display board in computer room – have materials
- Refurbishment of outside areas of lower classrooms – gurney.

Disco
Our Term 1 disco and movie night are in the planning stage.
K-3 Disco theme – ’What I Want to be When I Grow Up’.
4-6 Movie – TO BE DECIDED…..

If any Year 2 and Year 5 families are able to assist on the night with canteen and supervision it would be greatly appreciated. (Don't worry, those other grades will be asked later in the year.) A separate note will be sent home next week.

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

Jessica Astill, Annabelle Drury, Anneliese Hughes, Claudia Hughes, Lachlan Ible, Sean Ible, Amarni Rodham, Sienna Stanton, Jack Terry-Rich

We all hope you had a wonderful day!
Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been enjoying a variety of activities in Reading Groups, including cutting and pasting magazine letters, ‘Eye Spy’ and using the word wall to write sentences on whiteboards.

In Maths, students were given 5 counters and asked how many ways they could make a total of 5. They found there were 3 ways to make a total of 5... 0+5, 1+4, 2+3. VERY clever Kindy!!!

We are all looking forward to our excursion to Elizabeth Farm on Monday. Please send your child with a small backpack with their recess and lunch.

Yr1

This fortnight Year 1 started looking at information reports. After reading a report on owls, the children brainstormed the important information in the report and then co-wrote their own class version. We have already heard some great information reports on Australian animals. Thankyou for helping your child with their research. To tie in with our History topic, Family Life Past and Present, please remember to send in old photos of you or a relative showing how life was different in the past, eg: black and white TV, playing monopoly, old style roller skates etc! The children have been using tally marks to record numbers of items, such as favourite fruit, popular birth months and reading and making simple graphs.

Yr2

During English Year 2 has been learning about ‘Visualisation’. This is the picture you see in your head when you listen to a story. We listened to the story, ‘Grandad Marches on Anzac Day’ and we draw what we visualised during the story. In Maths we have been working on place value, we have played lots of games to help us remember such as ‘memory’. In ‘memory’ we had to find the same number 3 different ways - 32, thirty two and three tens, 2 ones.

3/4

Throughout the past two weeks, 3/4 has continued their science unit of Feathers, Fur or Leaves. Last week students enjoyed collecting living and non-living things within their school environment, sparking discussions if a picked flower is living or non-living. During our ANZAC English unit, students have been captivated by animals during WW1, deciphering text such as Midnight, The ANZAC Puppy and Simpson and his Donkey. Students are building on their understanding that the texts are secondary sources, however authors gain their material through various primary sources. Additionally, students examine point of view from first person and third person to gain deeper beliefs. In Maths, 3/4 are building number strategies, as a class we commence maths with a warm up. We time our speed to complete the game, we started completing this mental game in 9 minutes and thirty seconds, as a class we have already progressed, beating our time which is now down to 7 minutes. A big thank you to parents who have kindly donated seedlings to add to our vegetable patch. Our ‘Vegelantes’ are so excited as we have growth from our cucumber, basil, carrot, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage seedlings.
5/6 have been working on their science unit focusing on microorganisms. They have worked in co-operative groups to see what reactions yeast have with different substances. Yesterday they concluded that the reaction was based not only on the degree of moisture available but the temperature of the water.

Our English unit of work on 'Boy Overboard' continues to engage the class as we find out how an Afghani family have come to make their way to Australia to make a better life.

We have completed our artworks for the Hawkesbury Show that are based on our perspective drawing unit in visual arts. They look amazing!

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.
This year’s Mother’s Day stall will be held on 2/5/2016.

Children will be able to purchase a variety of gifts ranging from $1 - $10. Gift cards will also be available.

All children are reminded to bring their own wrapping paper and carry bag or gift bag. Donations of items would be greatly appreciated and can be left in the office.

As well as the stall, we will be running our annual Mother’s Day Raffle. Further information and raffle tickets will be handed out on the first day of Term 2.

If you are able to spare a little time in the morning on the day to help wrap gifts for the children please come along.

For all enquiries please contact Kodie on 0419012679 who is organising the stall.

Thanks

Maraylya Public School
2016 Easter Hat Parade Day Menu

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Cost: $2.50
With Salad: $1.00 (extra)

DRINKS
Milk, Strawberry or Chocolate: $1.30
Peppers: $1.00
Water: $1.00

Pre-order recommended although also available for purchase on the day

HOT CROSS BUNS
Baked at a local bakery
Half Doz. $4.50 1 Dozen $8.00

Pre-order recommended
We will have some available however we cannot guarantee there will be enough

CAKE STALL
While you enjoy a FREE tea or coffee, why not donate to the school and try one of our delicious home baked items?!
We will also have a limited supply of gluten free items on the day.
Great News in Canteen this week!

**WEDNESDAYS ARE CHANGING!**

A while ago we shortened the opening hours of our canteen as a way of saving the canteen. We had only 8 volunteers and couldn’t stretch ourselves any more … Fast-forward to today we have a whopping 23 volunteers! Big Difference.

Our volunteers have agreed to extend the Canteen opening hours on a Wednesday. From the 16th of March we will again be serving hot food in the canteen on a Wednesday.

Wednesdays & Fridays we will now be open for both recess and lunch with our full menu being served.

Please don’t forget to remind your child if they have a yoghurt or ice cream that they need to come back to canteen to collect it.

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 as well as a Cake Stall.

Birthday Buckets – If your child is celebrating their birthday why not order them a birthday bucket from the canteen. This is an easy stress-free option, ice creams will be delivered to the classrooms with your child’s favourite flavour or mixed selection. Please contact Rachel or myself to arrange this.

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

Many Thanks
Linda Constantine 0404868110
Rachel Smith 0417 216514
Maraylya.canteen@gmail.com

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

Many Thanks
Linda Constantine & Rachel Smith
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**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 maraylyapandcunforms@gmail.com

Thank you.

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**Next P & C Meeting**

Tuesday 26th April

(We acknowledge this is not the regular second Tuesday of the month – this date chosen to assist member attendance and lack of April meeting. The following meeting will be on Tue 14th June)

7.00pm – 9.00pm

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**Spiteri & Associates**

8/41 Bells Line of Road

North Richmond NSW 2754
02 4571 1348

For their donation of financial auditing for P&C!
### Canteen Roster 2016

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Kerri Vella                                    | 18th                                   
Kylie Hall  
Sharon Azmi                                        |
| 23rd    | Rachel Stanton  
Shay (Training)                                | 25th                                   
Closed  
Good Friday                                          |
| 30th    | Catherine Sultana  
Vanessa Needs                                    |                                         |

* Term runs till the 1st July*

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Connie Latter  
Emma Bright                                          |
| 6th     | Linda Constantine  
Shay                                            | 8th                                    
Leanne Abela  
Monica Ponturo                                         |
| 13th    | Holidays                                       | 15th                                   
Holidays                                              |
| 20th    | Holidays                                       | 22nd                                   
Holidays                                              |
| 27th    | Rachel Smith  
Jayne Parker                                    | 29th                                   
Catherine Sultana  
Kylie Maroun                                          |

### Canteen Roster 2016

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Leanne Abela  
Monica Ponturo                                         |
| 18th    | Vanessa Needs  
Jayne Parker                                    | 20th                                   
Kylie Maroun  
Kylie Hall                                             |
| 25th    | Shay                                            | 27nd                                   
Sharon Azmi  
Karen Dwyer                                             |
| 1st     | Catherine Sultana  
Vanessa Needs                                    | 3rd                                    |

* Term runs till the 1st July*
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](http://www.healthy-kids.com.au)

Our canteen is open **Wednesdays and Fridays ONLY**.

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.


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
YOU’RE INVITED
The Volunteer Members of
Oakville Bush Fire Brigade
Invites You & Your Family

To Your Station Opening

Saturday 9th April 2016
10am till 4.00pm

Official opening 2.00pm

Sausage sizzle all day

Let us thank you for your
Support and generosity

Scheyville National Park
Pitt Town Dural Road MARAYLYA
BETWEEN SCHEYVILLE & PEBBLY HILL RDS

OFF ROAD PARKING AVAILABLE ON THE DAY