

EMU EXPRESS

Marayong Heights Public School

Term 2, Week 10



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Upcoming Events

Term 2	
Week 10	
Friday, 25 th June	Term 2 -100% Attendance Morning Tea Whole School Assembly Reports Home
Term 3	
Week 1	
Monday, 12 th July	School Development Day – Staff Only Attend
Tuesday, 13 th July	Students return to school
Thursday, 15 th July	Athletics Carnival @ Charlie Bali Reserve, Doonside
Friday, 16 th July	Mrs Littlejohn's Farewell Assembly 2:15pm
Week 2	
Monday, 19 th July	Stage 1 Excursion – Final Payment Due
Wednesday, 21 st July	Opportunity Class Placement Test
Thursday, 22 nd July	Stage 3 Camp Parent / Carer information Night Debating- MHPS vs NPS
Thursday, 22 nd July	Kindergarten Excursion – Final Payment Due
Week 3	
Monday, 26 th July – Friday, 30 th July	Education Week
Tuesday, 27 th July	Blacktown Westpoint Shopping Centre Performances
Week 4	
Tuesday, 3 rd August	Stage 1 Excursion – Rouse Hill House & Farm
Thursday, 5 th August	Kindergarten Excursion – Calmsley Hill Farm

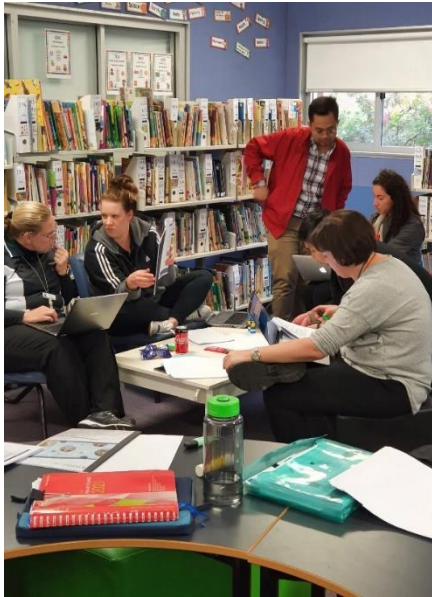
Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a busy Term 2 we have had! It has been a rewarding term in that we have been able to do things with our school community coming in through the gates to join us. We've been able to have face to face interviews, a cross country carnival, excursions, opened our breakfast club and lots, lots more. I feel we have achieved a great deal with the support of our community. Thank you!

What have our teachers been learning?

To drive the strategic directions in our School Improvement Plan, our teachers are working extremely hard to be the best teachers they can be. Of late we have had teachers engaging in Department of Education professional learning in small teams in the areas of Numeracy and Reading. These teachers are bringing their learning back to the whole team during our professional learning afternoons and sharing their expertise. This way increased teacher knowledge and understanding impacts all students across the school.



Mrs Leotta and I have also had the privilege of engaging in Quality Teacher Rounds training. 'Rounds' will enable us to work in teams to observe practice and to provide feedback to teacher about what we do well and what we could do better. It provides a safe scaffold for feedback, is based on research and the data from other schools shows huge gains in student results as a direct result. There is always something new to learn!



Congratulations Mrs Leotta!

Mrs Leotta received her 20 Years of Service to the Department of Education certificate this week. Over the last 20 years she has proven to be a high quality educator whom I have had the privilege of working closely with since her arrival at Marayong Heights. She has taught hundreds of students, mentored many teachers and has left an impact at all the schools she has taught at. Congratulations Mrs Leotta!



100% Attendance Morning Tea for Term 2

This morning Mrs Leotta and I had the privilege of having morning tea with a delightful bunch of children who have been at school each and every day this term, with no late arrivals or early departures. That is quite an achievement! That is a full 50 days of learning in Term 2 for all of them and as we know, everyday counts!





COVID-19 Updates

Obviously, we will need to keep a close on eye on the media over the holidays as COVID-19 is lurking nearby once again. If there are changing implications for our school community, I will keep you all updated on Seesaw, Facebook and on Sentral.

Please stay safe, have a relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.



Mrs Alison Jeremijczyk

From the Deputy Principal

Attendance

Check out Week 9's overall school attendance data for each grade, with Year 2 and Year 6 students taking the overall lead in committing to being at school every day.

We are seeing a downturn in student attendance. Letters will be going home today to students who have either fallen below or are at risk of falling below the 90% target set by the Department of Education. The Education Act 1990 (Education Act 1990) requires children to attend school each day that instruction is provided unless prevented from doing so by sickness or other good reason. The Act requires parents to explain their child's absences within seven days of their occurrence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded. So please do not forget to contact the office or use the Sentral Parent Portal to explain an absence.

School Year	Boys	Girls	Overall
K	79%	93%	87%
1	88%	95%	91%
2	94%	89%	92%
3	91%	89%	90%
4	90%	86%	88%
5	86%	90%	88%
6	93%	91%	92%

Sentral Parent Portal & Semester One Reports

Have you connected with our Sentral Parent Portal? It is now up and running. We are strongly encouraging all parents to register using the letter that went home in Week 7. ***Please remember to link your child/ren to your account by using the unique access key printed on each letter.***

Parents will be able to access their child's Semester One report by visiting the Parent Portal App or website. This semester, we will be sending home a paper copy of your child's report.



School Holidays

Students and teachers will be on holidays from the end of this week and will return after a two-week break. Teachers will return on Monday 12th July for a School Development Day, while all students will return to classes on Tuesday 13th July. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Communication with our School Community

In the majority of our dealings with the school community, we are happy to report that our dealings are positive and respectful. Please find below, snippets of the School Community Charter as set out by the Department of Education, along with a display, outlining the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities. To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- *Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.*
- *Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.*
- *Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.*
- *Inappropriate and time wasting communication.*

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.



School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**



We work in partnership to promote student learning.



We treat each other with respect and fairness.



We communicate in a positive and constructive manner.



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We all play a part



School Community Charter

education.nsw.gov.au

Mrs Leotta

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Fortnightly Focus

At Marayong Heights, we have been explicitly teaching our students strategies that support positive behaviours in the classroom and playground. We do this by making expectations clear, teaching children how to meet them and reinforcing children's appropriate behaviour.

This past fortnight, students at MHPS reviewed the expectation of, '**We wear our school uniform with pride**'. In Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3, the focus for the fortnight will be looking at the expectation of, '**We listen to and follow instructions.**'

At Marayong Heights Public School,



WE LISTEN TO AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

Creative Kids Corner

Living Things with Violet

This term Violet has been learning about Living Things in Science. Students have learnt to describe how Living Things grow and change by observing seeds.



They have also learnt about how certain Living Things need to live in certain environments. Check out the awesome dioramas that students made at home!



SCIENCE In APRICOT

By Jordan and Lachlan

This fortnight in Science we have been learning about plants and how they have to adapt to change and live. Adaptation is when a creature or other living things change to survive in its environment.



Some examples of this are:

- Cacti leaves - They have spikes on them to protect them from animals that want the water.
- Strangler fig - It's a type of vine that takes over another plant, takes all of its food, then eventually kills it.



We continued exploring changes to living things as we went on a walk and gathered leaves. The aim of this activity was to see how the leaves change over time and if they survive.

So far, some of the changes we have noticed are some leaves have turned yellow, brown or darker. We will continue observing the changes to the leaves next term.



Digital Photography Sports & Clubs

THIS WEEK IN DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY...

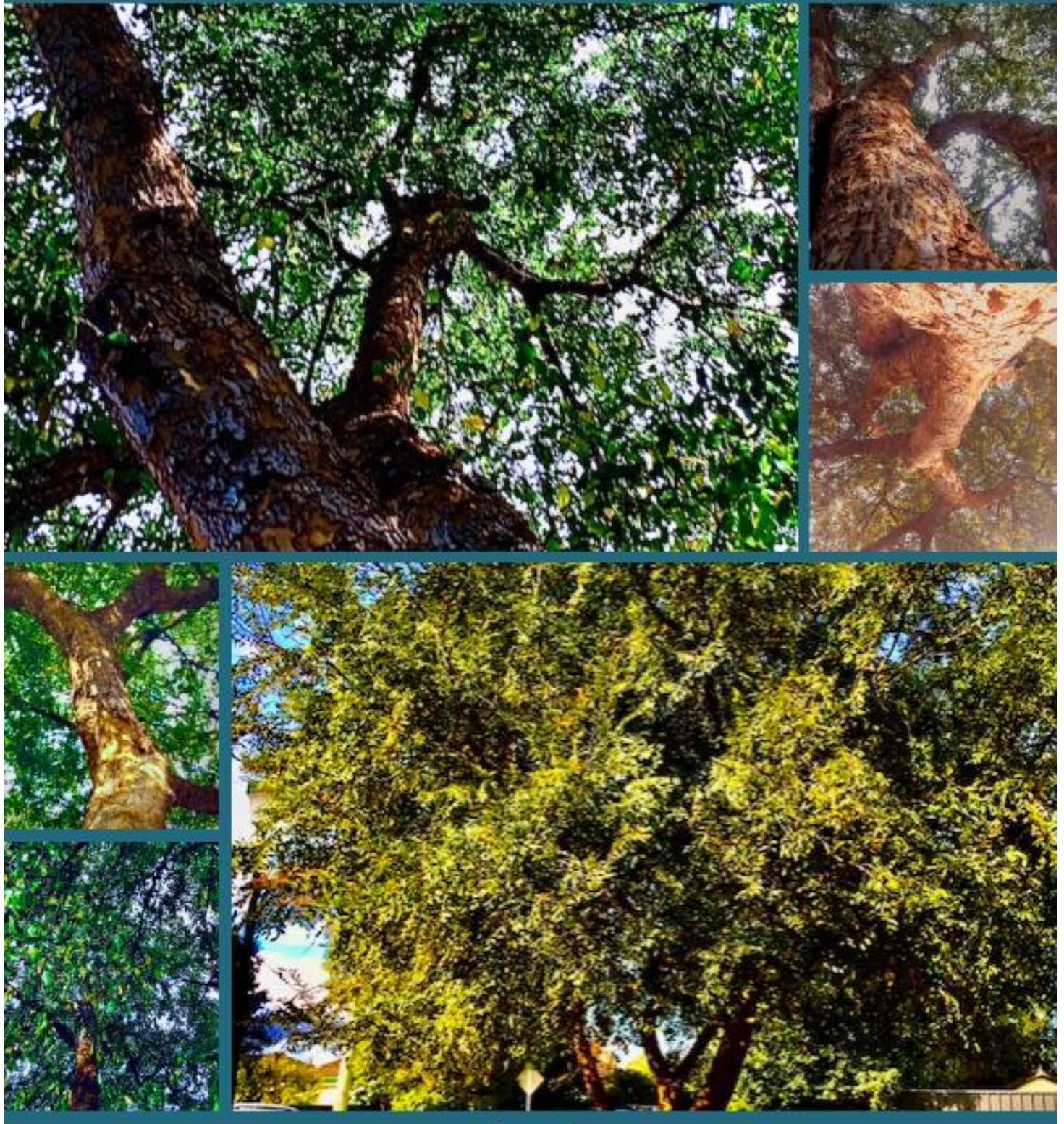
We learnt how to edit photos so they are black and white.

We also learnt how particular colours present themselves once changed to black and white.









Sports and Clubs Digital Photography Class

This fortnight in our Digital Photography class, Miss Dunford taught us how different angles can make one object look very different. We also learnt how to change the exposure and edit the highlights and shadows to add more detail to our object. The pictures here are of one tree in our main COLA!

Something Special

NAIDOC DAY

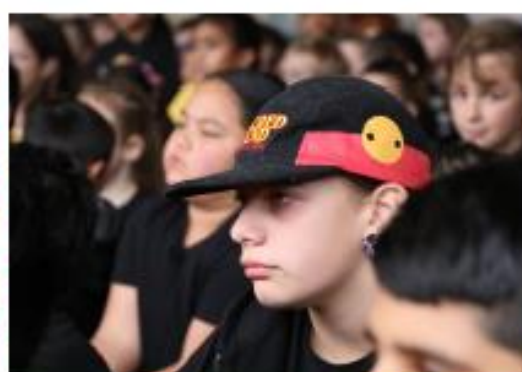
HEAL COUNTRY

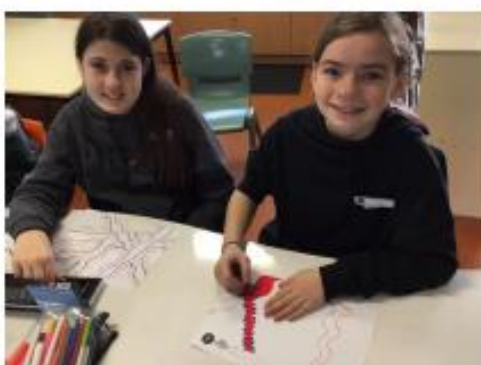
Marayong Heights Public School celebrated the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through their NAIDOC Day celebration. Students had the opportunity to watch an exciting performance 'Kadul' performed by Ryka Ali! Students participated in a range of Aboriginal activities such as dot art, yarning circles and indigenous games. The school leaders planted native trees in the school's bush tucker garden as a step towards 'Healing Country'.



NAIDOC DAY

2021





Blacktown Zone PSSA Softball Team



Well done to both Harrison and Lucas who were selected as part of the Blacktown Zone PSSA softball team. The boys played in the Sydney West Zone Softball Carnival on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at Surveyors Creek Softball Facility. Lucas said, "It was great playing with friends from other schools at the representative level." Harrison said, "It was fun playing with my friends from other schools and from other teams." The boys both played well and represented Marayong Heights Public School with pride!

Sydney West Open Rugby League Team

NSW State Champions



A massive congratulations to our very own Jack who was part of the championship winning Sydney West Open Rugby League team that played at the NSW PSSA Rugby League Opens Championship tournament in Tamworth. The Sydney West team had an amazing run winning all their preliminary games. Jack scored 2 tries throughout the series and said, "Thanks to my coach for helping me and giving me feedback on my performance throughout the games." Sydney West played a strong Sydney South West team in the finals and came out victorious defeating Sydney South West 20 – 12, "It feels great to be part of the championship winning team," said Jack.

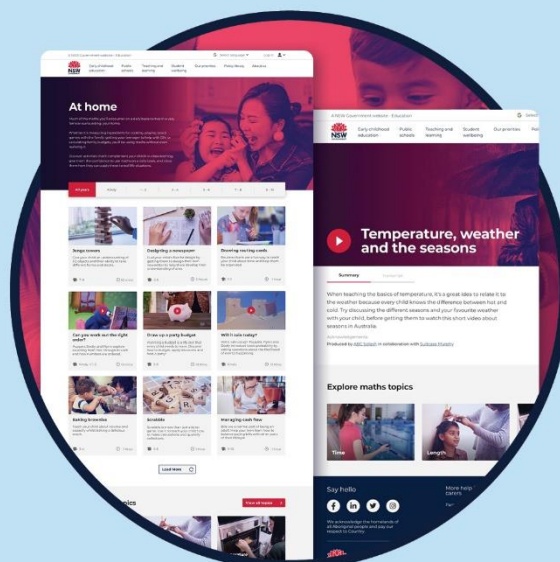
Mrs Littlejohn's Retirement Assembly

Sadly Mrs Littlejohn is hanging up her teaching hat and retiring! Please join us for a Farewell Assembly in the Hall **Friday 16th July, at 2:15pm**. Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing will apply, guidelines will be shared closer to the event.



Explore the
Everyday Maths Hub >

education.nsw.gov.au/everyday-maths



P&C Update

Marayong Heights Public School - Parents & Citizens Association -Term 2, Week 10 – 2021

Email: mhpspandc21@gmail.com

President: Louise Ironside Vice President: Sarah Lambert

Treasurer: Nicole Strachan Secretary: Vesna Zailac

Goal of the P&C: - Our ultimate goal is to raise funds that can be donated to the school to contribute towards purchases that have been identified as important and beneficial to the students learning experience.

We are raising money for a SENSORY GARDEN:



Currently what it looks like



What it could look like.
(Not actual Design)



Wow, Term 2 has certainly flown by..... Here's a re-cap on what the P & C have been up to so far:

Term 1: First Popup canteen for X-Cross, Easter Raffle

Term 2: Mother's Day Stall, School Disco, Popup BBQ

Huge shoutout to all our P & C members, Parents and Teachers who have been willing to lend a hand with setup, selling, advertising, BBQing etc in their own time to make all the above possible. You are awesome!! I would like to give a special shout out to Patrick from Outback Steakhouse, who on Monday not only supplied us with the food for our Popup BBQ, but also his time in cooking the food. If you happen to visit the restaurant in the holidays, be sure to look out for Patrick and say hi. Outback Steakhouse Parklea, 4/1190 Old Windsor Rd, Glenwood NSW 2768

FUNDRAISING: Co-Ordinators: Kirsty McSpadden and Janita Latta - Email: mhpspandc1@gmail.com

We have some great things organised for Term 3, so stay tuned.....

COLOUR-RUN – Term 4 November 26th Tentative date.

SCHOOL BANKING:

Volunteer/s, needed to help with school banking every Friday morning during term. If you think you can spare an hour, come say hi to Louise and have a chat. Every Friday morning before school. We are set up in front of the Uniform shop between 8.30 – 9.00am

Our Facebook page is going great guns. Come check us out at :Marayong Heights Public School P&C Communications

The purpose of this group is to provide updated information to Parents and Carers on upcoming P&C run events.



P&C Communications

P&C MEETING

Tuesday 20th July 2021. 7pm – School Library

Thanks Louise

Community News

Would you like to join
Cool Kids Music Co.
lessons at school

Keyboard, Guitar & Drums Tuition

Available for students in years 1-6



Perfect for beginners



Instrument provided for lesson



30 minute lessons, once a week



Maximum 8 students per class



From \$13.50 per lesson prepaid
at the beginning of the term



\$20.00 once off book fee

**Enrol
now!**



What makes CKMC so COOL?

Music Olympics held once a Term!



Encouragement, Awesomeness, Completion
and Certificate of Participation Awards



Lessons held in the convenience of your own
school with friends!



Weekly homework charts and
Semester Reports provided



Prizes for remembering
your book!



If you wish to enrol please visit
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For more information please call or email our friendly staff on:
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Our office is open 10:00am to 4:00pm school days

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