

# EMU EXPRESS

Marayong Heights Public School

Term 2, Week 4



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## Upcoming Events

Term 2	
WEEK 5	
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Stage 2- Zoosnooz Camp – Day 1
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Stage 2- Zoosnooz Camp – Day 2
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Whole School Assembly
WEEK 6	
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Australian Early Development Census starts
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	National Sorry Day Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts Rehearsal
Week 7	
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Stage 3 Police Talk (see note)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 6 Fundraiser Crazy Hat and Sock Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Synergy Dance Performance
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Australian Early Development Census ends
Week 8	
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Sydney West Cross Country Carnival
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	P&C Disco
Week 9	
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Debating- MHPS v's LPPS
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Assembly
Week 10	
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June	NAIDOC Day Whole School Assembly Reports Home

## Principal's Report

### Dear Families,

As you're all aware Mrs Littlejohn will be retiring at the end of this term. She is very much looking forward to spending time with her family, especially now she has a little grandchild on the way! From all of us here at Marayong Heights PS, I would like to thank Mrs Littlejohn for everything she has done for our students and our staff during her time here. She will be missed. We will be organising a farewell assembly for Mrs Littlejohn later in the term, we will keep you all informed once our plans have been finalised.

### Mother's Day Stall

Our P&C put together an amazing Mother's Day Stall last Friday and our students were extremely excited to go shopping, even though the decision making was tough! We had three lucky students win prizes in the raffle and they took home a big basket of goodies for their Mums. We hope that all of our Mums and female Carers had a wonderful Mother's Day.

## Playground Revamp

With the support of our P&C, we are hoping to revamp our sad and sorry play equipment on the bottom oval. We are aiming to create an amazing outdoor learning space where teachers can bring their students to do lots of messy, hands-on learning. We are aiming to include seating in addition to tubs and basins for measuring and conducting experiments. We are in the very early planning stages. I will be meeting with our school leaders to gain their input into possible designs and to gather ideas. There is so much potential held by this particular part of our playground and I am excited to see what we can create as a school community.

## Breakfast Club

Mr Rodas is working hard to initiate the opening of the MHPS Breakfast Club. We are very excited at the possibility of having the resources, which will be kindly donated by Foodbank, to offer a healthy breakfast to our students. Our breakfast club will run three days per week. For this program to run, we will need support from our community. If you are available for half an hour between 8:15-8:45am and would like to volunteer please contact the office or return the note that was previously sent home.

*Mrs Alison Jeremijczyk*



## From the Deputy Principal

### NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 sat the annual NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) this week. All students in these year levels are encouraged to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians have the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community. NAPLAN results will be provided to schools from mid-August to mid-September.

### Eid Celebrations

Students at Marayong Heights celebrated Eid, a widely celebrated Muslim festival. Students learnt that Eid al-Fitr is commemorated after the end of the Holy month of Ramadan when Muslims fast from sunrise till sunset, thus, Eid al-Fitr is also known as the 'Festival of Breaking Fast.' Some classes discussed how people observe the festival by visiting friends and family, exchanging gifts, and making special food and sweets that are synonymous with the festival itself. Classes participated in some art and craft activities in celebration of the event. Check out your child's Seesaw account for photos of their work.

### Zoosnooz

The Stage 2, overnight excursion to Zoosnooz, Taronga Zoo is coming up next week. Students depart at approximately 3:30pm on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May and return by 3pm on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May. Students and teachers are looking forward to a fun and memorable experience.

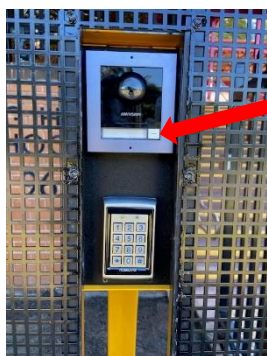
## Checking in on your child's day

Do you often feel that your response to the question, 'What did you do at school today?' results in the answer, 'Nothing'? Well you are probably not alone and all the teachers at Marayong Heights Public School can assure you that we are absolutely not doing 'nothing'. There are some tips below on how rephrasing your question may allow you to have more insight into your child's day at school.

WHAT TO ASK KIDS INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"		
<b>Instead of:</b> How was your day?	<b>Try this:</b> → What's one thing that made you laugh today?	You can learn a lot about your child's sense of humor, friends, and get them smiling by asking them to recount things that made them laugh.
<b>Instead of:</b> Did you eat your lunch?	<b>Try this:</b> → Who did you sit by at lunch today?	Allowing your child to discuss friends they may have a hard time getting along with, opens opportunities to discuss how others make them feel.
<b>Instead of:</b> Did you have a good day?	<b>Try this:</b> → What did you do that made someone smile today?	Show your kids that school isn't just about academics. Kindness matters.
<b>Instead of:</b> What did you learn at school?	<b>Try this:</b> → Did you enjoy art or science more today? Why?	When questions are broad, it's easy for a child to feel unsure of how to answer. Being specific facilitates a detailed response and opens the door for further discussion.
<b>Instead of:</b> What did you do today?	<b>Try this:</b> → I love hearing about your day.	Sometimes questions are overwhelming. Just letting your child know that you're interested, gives them permission to share when they are ready.
<b>Instead of:</b> How was your day?	<b>Try this:</b> → What was easier today than yesterday?	Encouraging your kids to notice that their practice is making a difference helps instill a positive self-image and a growth mindset.

### New Pedestrian Gate

A new electronic pedestrian gate has been installed at the front of our school on Guerie Street to ensure the safety of our school community. This gate will automatically close at 9:10am each morning and again at 3:15pm. Students and visitors arriving between these times, will need to press the buzzer to receive entry into the school. If you are outside of the school gate, an intercom will call in the office, allowing our office ladies to open the gate from their desk. There is also a buzzer inside the gate on the brick wall at the bottom of the stairs that will need to be pressed to allow the gate to open for exit from the school grounds.



Press  
buzzer

Outside the gate



Press  
buzzer

Inside the gate

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 keep our hands and feet to ourselves'. In Weeks 5 and 6, 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

# Learning in Lavender

### Writing -

We have been exploring the structure of a persuasive text and have been discussing our opinions with the class. We use the term "OREO" to help us write a persuasive text using the correct structure.

In these photos, students wrote about the topic "cats or dogs as pets."

I think dogs are better than cats.  
First, I think dogs are better because they are better than cats.  
Finally, dogs are better than cats.  
FREE OF FIVE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I definitely believe that dogs are better than cats. Firstly, they can bark at strangers and keep them away. Secondly, dogs can wake you up in the

morning to get to school. Thirdly, dogs can take you on trips. Lastly, there are lots of types of dogs. These training dogs can take the cat's mind off their noses. I don't like cats.



### Mathematics -

We have been learning about halves. We identified and showed what half is using pictures, papers, and drawings. We even made a pizza, showing equal number of toppings on either side to show half.

"We had to put slices of pepperoni, cheese, capsicum and tomatoes on a pizza. We had to make it show half. We had to put the same amount of toppings on each side. I then had to name my pizza. It was called 'Colt's pepperoni pizza'" - Colt



### Science -

We are learning about living things and their features. We have explored features of animals and some plants around the school. Last week, students worked in small groups to design their own zoo. They were super creative and made sure they included each group of animals. For example, birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, and fish.

"Our zoo had a bridge going to the other aquarium. Then the aquarium had fishes, sharks and whales. We also had a safari area with tigers and lions. We had shops and a road. We also had birds and mammals such as dolphins and dogs. The amphibians like frogs were hiding and jumping in water. We also used playdough and animals to put on our map." Nazahah, Melody and Sarabjot

# We are persuasive in Lime!

In Lime, we have been learning to express our point of view and working on our persuasive writing. Amelia has chosen to show her writing of why she thinks she'd be a great Easter Bunny. She persuaded us!

Why I would make the best  
Easter bunny  
If I was a ~~best~~ Easter bunny,  
I would be ~~as~~ a superstar and  
be a real good bunny that will win  
any challenge <sup>to have a good</sup> to be a good Easter bunny.  
I would ~~be~~ <sup>have</sup> a light, sparkley shirt  
and all around will have will have a nice  
candy eggs all around the hole  
shirt. My skirt would be a shiny, ~~see~~  
colorful, metallic skirt that will  
make any anyone's eyes hurt. My face  
will have 24K gold glasses that will  
light up the hole sky. I will have a beautiful  
bow that will say happy easter. My  
make up will be a colorful lipstick.  
My shoes would have bright, pointy  
high heels, on the side of the high heels  
will say "bunny" in golden writing.

if when I look for easter eggs  
I would look for ~~see~~ <sup>see</sup> sassy and  
rich. I would say my skirt all around  
the park. I will flick my wavy hair.

all around the city my car would be a  
Lamborghini, ~~and that~~ <sup>and that</sup> I drive it any where I  
want. My sport shoes will be a Easter bunny  
shoes it will have dark chocolate all around  
the shoes. My ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> sleeping shoes slippers will be  
a soft bunny bunny slippers, it will make anyone  
comfy.



## Something Special

### Zone Cross Country

On Friday Week 2, 29 students from Stage 1 to Stage 3 represented Marayong Heights at the Zone Cross Country Carnival. After finishing in the top 4 at our School Cross Country last term, students competed against other schools in our region with the hopes of qualifying for the South West Cross

Country. 8, 9 and 10-year old students had to run 2000 metres, while our 11 and 12-year old students had to run 3000 metres.



Every single student gave their best and showed great school pride when cheering for their peers. Congratulations to the following students for doing a great job in representing Marayong Heights: Fraser, Adam, Marshall, Thomas, Dakota, Reet, Chenaya, Vansh, Jensen, William (Mint), Jaycob, Kyra-Lee, Tanahlia, Chelsea (Mint), Taikiri, William (Tangerine), Ben, Lucas, Bronte, Larissa, Emma, Katarah, Raphael, Jack, Theodore, Olivia, Chelsea (Apricot), Anastasia, Ayesha

An additional congratulations to Bronte who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in her race, qualifying for South West Cross Country; as well as to Adam who finished 9<sup>th</sup> in his race.











## P&C Update

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.

Hi Everyone,

Just a quick update on what's happened within the past 2 weeks, and what's to come:

**FUNDRAISING:** Co-Ordinators: Kirsty McSpadden and Janita Latta



### ***Mother's Day Stall***

What a hit! I hope all the Mothers, Grandmothers and Carers had a wonderful day on Sunday, we certainly had some very excited children come to the stall and tell us what they had planned for you. For those of you who received a keyring of lips....it did contain mints when we gave it to your child....he he he

Thank you to those parents who were able to help on the day and to those who worked behind the scenes to make the day such a success.

### **DISCO**

COVID-19 permitting, Friday 11th June 2021 is the date...Lock it in!! Details to come shortly.



### **COLOUR-RUN**

***Term 2*** – Planning us begun

Stay tuned for more exciting events to come this year.....



### **SCHOOL BANKING:**

This happens every Friday morning before school starts at 9am. We are set up in front of the Uniform shop between 8.30 – 9.00am

Children drop their CBA dollar mite books into the box, once it is processed, the books are returned to children in class later that day.

Open an account today, and help your child understand the value of saving.....

As always, the P&C is a completely volunteer run organization. If you would like to help in any way, please drop us a message via email – mhpspandc21@gmail.com, or the P&C box in the office.



**P&C MEETING:** May meeting 7pm. Date TBA (All welcome)

Thanks,  
Louise