

EMU EXPRESS

Marayong Heights Public School
Term 2, Week 6



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Upcoming Events

Term 2	
Week 7	
Tuesday, 1 st June	Stage 3 Police Talk (see note)
Wednesday 2 nd June	Year 6 Fundraiser Crazy Hat and Sock Day
Thursday 3 rd June	Synergy Dance Performance
Friday 4 th June	Australian Early Development Census ends
Week 8	
Tuesday, 9 th June	Sydney West Cross Country Carnival
Friday 11 th June	P&C Disco
Week 9	
Monday, 14 th June	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
Tuesday, 15 th June	P&C Meeting 7pm in the library
Thursday, 17 th June	Debating- MHPS vs LPPS
Friday 18 th June	Whole School Assembly Stage 3 WSU Virtual Workshop 'What is University?'
Week 10	
Friday, 25 th June	NAIDOC Day Whole School Assembly Reports Home
Term 3	
Week 1	
Monday, 12 th July	School Development Day
Friday, 16 th July	Mrs Littlejohn's Farewell Assembly 2pm

Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Last week we said farewell to Mrs Vatalis for a little while as she heads off on maternity leave. We wish the Vatalis family the very best of luck for the safe arrival of their new baby. In Mrs Vatalis' absence and as I am still relieving Principal until the end of Term 3, we have offered a Relieving Assistant Principal position to Mrs Unasa. While she is in this role, it will mean that she may spend less time in her classroom. At this stage, we are trying to work out what her time off class will look like as we hope to create as minimal disruption as possible to her class. However, we want to use her expertise to support the teachers and students in her 3-6 team. While we understand that disruption to teachers on class is not ideal, it is also an opportunity for students who are heading off to high school soon to build resilience in coping with change.

Kindergarten 2022

Do you know of any little people who will be starting Kindergarten in 2022? It is now time to start enrolling for next year. It is important to make contact with us early, particularly if you have concerns about your child's school readiness or if

they have needs we need to be aware of. Our Get Ready for Kindy program starts early in Term 4. We don't want anyone to miss out.

Please contact the ladies in the office for an enrolment information package or you can start the process using the online enrolment system. The link can be found on our school website. <https://marayonght-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

#ProudPrincipal

Last week our Stage 2 students had the privilege of spending the night at Taronga Zoo. I was lucky enough to hear all of the excited recounts of their adventures on their return to school. I heard about the noisy seals keeping them awake at night, the beautiful view of Sydney Harbour at night, the cute meerkats, the 3 alpacas and so much more. The thing that made me most proud were the teacher's reports on our student's behaviour. From what I hear, your children were amazing! Respectful, safe, well-behaved and great listeners.

Thank you to Mr Malabanan, Mrs Wright, Miss Tyson, Miss Dunford, Mr Rodas and Mrs Leotta who gave up their own time with their families to enable this wonderful experience to occur. I'm sure they enjoyed the comfort of their own beds on their return.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all of our Year 3 and Year 5 students and the staff who were involved in these tests. The positive engagement and great behaviour of the students was exceptional. These tests provide a "snapshot" of how individual students are tracking in their development of their literacy and numeracy skills. The results inform teachers about where support is required to enhance learning, and therefore inform teacher programs. This year is the last time our school will do the test in the written format as in 2022 we will move to online delivery. Parents will receive their child's results when they are delivered to our school in a few months' time.

Drop off and Pick Up

The council parking rangers have been out and about over the last fortnight. Please ensure you are parking in the correct spot when you are dropping off and picking up your children to avoid a fine. I understand that parking can cause frustration at times. However, please remember that your interactions with other parents are being observed by our community and your children.

Shield Street Gates

During the day our Shield Street Gate remains closed. We understand that for some families this may cause issues if you have to collect your child early or are running late. However, our staff cannot leave the office to open the gates as this leaves our phones and the sick bay unattended. In addition, when you collect children from school early they need to be signed out through our computer system. We appreciate your patience and understanding if you are refused entry through the back gate during school hours.

School Uniform

I often talk to the students about having high expectations and how wearing school uniform offers them a sense of belonging. It symbolises that they are part of our amazing little team. Marayong Heights is a great school, full of great kids in a great community. When our students are out in public wearing our school uniform, we want people in the community to know that the kids from MHPS are respectful and take pride in representing our school. I understand that getting clothing dry in the colder months can be an effort at times. However, we do need to work together to build and maintain the image of our school, uniform is a great place to start. I would appreciate your support by reinforcing the importance of your children wearing our school uniform at all times. If you wish to purchase new uniforms from our uniform shop and are struggling to get here, you can do so online at www.exceluniforms.com.au. Login:mhps password:exceluniforms



Congratulations Mrs Wood

Mrs Wood, our School Administration Manager, received her 40 Years of service certificate with the Department of Education this week. What a monumental achievement! Our school would be lost without her. She keeps our office running, tends to hungry and sick children, keeps us teachers in line and makes sure we have all our bills paid and resources purchased. She is greatly appreciated. Congratulations Mrs Wood, you're awesome!

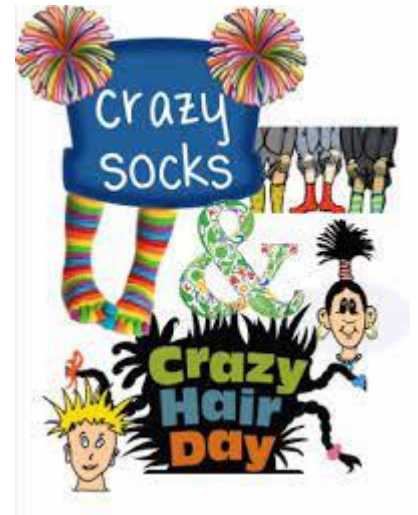


Mrs Alison Jeremijczyk

From the Deputy Principal

Crazy Hair and Sock Mufti Day

On Wednesday, 2nd June, Year 6 will be hosting a Crazy Hair and Sock Mufti Day to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell. We kindly ask that students come to school dressed in mufti clothes along with their craziest hairstyles and socks. Please donate a gold coin to support Year 6 in their fundraising efforts.



Attendance

Check out this week's overall school attendance data for each grade, with Stage 1 classes, Years 1 and 2, taking the lead in committing to being at school every day.

School Year	Boys	Girls	Overall
K	86%	97%	92%
1	97%	96%	96%
2	95%	96%	96%
3	95%	91%	93%
4	89%	94%	92%
5	91%	89%	90%
6	90%	93%	91%

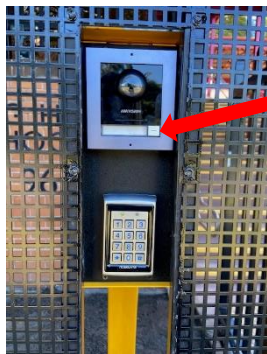
Conversely, well done to all of our students who have been getting up a few minutes earlier and arriving before the 9am bell. It's hard when the mornings are cold and our bed is so nice and warm, but with self-discipline and a bit of help from our parents we can develop better morning routines.

Mrs Leotta



New Pedestrian Gate

In case you missed reading our previous newsletter, 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

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 listen to and follow instructions'. In Weeks 7 and 8, the focus for the fortnight will be looking at the expectation of, 'We play by the rules'.

At Marayong Heights Public School,



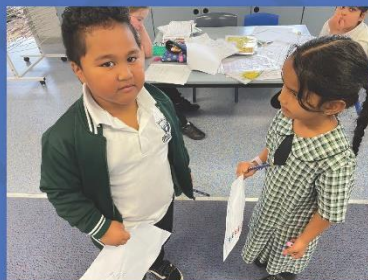
W e P L A Y B Y T H E R U L E S

Creative Kids Corner

Learning in Sapphire

Amazing learning is happening in Sapphire! A few things we have been doing:

- Asking and answering questions.
- Wonderful writing.
- Making 'equal groups' in mathematics.
- Learning our camera words.
- Super star reading!



Something Special

TARONGA ZOOSNOOZ

STAGE 2 REPORT

On Tuesday the 18th and Wednesday the 19th of May, Stage 2 went to Taronga Zoo and participated in ZooSnooz! The first thing we did when we got to Taronga, is learn about a Zoo Sandwich (where the Zoo Keepers were the bread, the teachers were the butter and us students were the filling! This was to help us stay together and keep safe).

Next, we went on a Night Safari Walk! We walked around and saw lots of nocturnal animals. Nocturnal animals are ones that are up at night and sleep during the day like possums and bats. During our walk, we took photos of the Harbour Bridge and the city lights and learnt that Taronga Zoo used to be on the other side of the city!

Then, we set up our tents and sleeping areas and went to the restaurant for dinner. Afterwards, we went back to our sleeping areas and got ready for bed. The boys that were staying in the rooms, got to sleep with glass cases full of insects and spiders! The other students sleeping in the tents heard so many animals at night we couldn't sleep!

In the morning, we got dressed and walked around the Zoo to watch the animals wake up! Then we had breakfast. Next we broke up into groups and a Zookeeper took us into rooms that contained animals. Two groups went into a desert room full of native birds, frogs and huntsman spiders, it was like a giant bird cage! Another group went into a rainforest room and there were monkeys and tortoises!

Afterwards, we met up and ate lunch and then we went into big classrooms where Zookeepers shared information on animals. We met an owl called Griffen and saw him eating mice!

We finished our day with a walk around the Zoo, looking at all the animals and then met the buses to go back to school. We were so exhausted, so many of us fell asleep on the bus ride home!

P&C Update

Marayong Heights Public School - Parents & Citizens Association Term 2, Week 6 – 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.

Just like we tell our kids, the sky's the limit... The P and C have decided to aim high and have set our sights this year to raise money to begin work on a **SENSORY GARDEN** on the bottom oval where the old



NB: Sample picture only. **Not actual Design**

- **SENSORY STIMULATION.** ...
- **PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.** ...
- **PARTICIPATION AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.** ...
- **REDUCING BEHAVIOURS OF AGITATION AND AGGRESSION.** ...
- **PRESENTING COGNITIVE AND PHYSICAL CHALLENGES.** ...

playground used to be. Obviously depending on our fundraising, determines the length of this project. We are hoping to complete this in stages. Updates to follow.



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

DISCO – Term 2

COVID-19 permitting, Friday 11th June 2021 5pm – 6.30pm Drop off from 4.30pm



Unfortunately, parents will not be permitted to stay whilst the DISCO is running. Your child will be marked off on arrival and taken to the hall. See permission note for more details

Pop Up Tuck shop – Term 2

Monday 21st June 2021 – Pre order forms to come.



COLOUR-RUN – Term 4

November 26th Tentative date.

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

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.



FACEBOOK

We have launched a P&C Facebook page to help keep parents/carers up to date with any fundraising events happening at the school. Come and check us out now!!

P&C MEETING

Tuesday 15th June 2021. 7pm

Thanks Louise

Community News

Mission II has been activated

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR ROCKETEERS

Every day is a new adventure with Rocketeers' school holiday programs. Any one day could see your child competing in athletics competitions in *Mission: Takeoff II*, experimenting with food science in *Project: Experimentally Scrumptious* and mastering the art of stealth in *Project: Ninja*.



ROCKETEERS

Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

EXAMPLE OF A DAY AT ROCKETEERS

- 6:30am** **Breakfast**
Flexible Play options: Theatre Sports, Morning Yoga.
- 9:00am** **Active Game**
Athletics Carnival! Get competitive with a round robin of our favourite sports and athletics games.
- 10:15am** **Morning Tea & Briefing**
The crew will brief you on the fun program for the day over some fresh fruit and snacks.
- 10:30am** **Bus time**
Strap in, we're off on an adventure.
- 11:15am** **Adventure: Playland Adventures**
Bounce, jump and play on - the Inflatable Playground awaits!
- 1:00pm** **Lunch**
- 1:30pm** **Group activity**
Put your aprons on, we're making cheesy vegemite scrolls!
- 4:00pm** **Afternoon tea**
- 4:30pm** **Group games**
• Puppet theatre • Board Games
• The Experimentation Lab • Marble Run

Join Mission II and receive your free mission patch and booklet.



Families can book into 4 distinct types of experiences with Rocketeers (but really, there's hundreds!):



OPERATION: X (Base Camp Day)

At Operation: X, children will experience a program tailored around their passions and centred around a special theme.

In our Mission II, experience Operations such as NAIDOC, Wacky Sports, Talent Shows and more.



PROJECT: X (Incursion)

At Project: X, children will be challenged with an exciting experience designed to upgrade their skillsets and enhance their fun!

In our Mission II, experience Projects such as Mission: Takeoff II, Experimentally Scrumptious, Project Ninja and more.



EXPERIENCE TAKEOVER (Incursion)

At the Experience Takeover, we'll be visited by special guests. These experts in their field will be bringing with them an exciting experience for the children to enjoy.

In our Mission II, you'll find Experience Takeovers such as Magic Workshops, Reptile Exhibits, Minecraft Challenges and more.



ADVENTURE: X (Excursion)

At Adventure: X, we'll be embarking on a journey outside Base Camp. Every destination is different, every experience – extraordinary.

In our Mission II, experience Adventures such as Tenpin Bowling, Trampoline Parks, Indoor Playcentres, Mini-Golf, Archery and more.

- Over 250 showcase experiences across 200+ locations
- Enhanced safety and hygiene measures
- Child Care Subsidy available for eligible families

 To attend any of our Rocketeers locations, your child does not need to be a student at the school where we operate. Simply register free with Camp Australia and book into your most convenient Rocketeers location.



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