

EMU EXPRESS

Marayong Heights Public School
Term 4, Week 10

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Upcoming Events

Term 4

Week 11

Thursday 16 December	Last day of the year for students
Friday 17 December	School Development Day – staff only

Term 1 2022

Week 1

Friday 28 January	School Development Day – Staff Only
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Week 2

Monday 31 January	School Development Day – Staff Only
Tuesday 1 February	Years 1-6 return to school
Thursday 3 February	Kindergarten Orientation session 1:30pm

Week 3

Monday 7 February	Kindergarten start school
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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone in our school community for being supportive, understanding and remaining positive as we have navigated a year like no other. I am very proud of how the Marayong Heights PS community has been able to adapt to the ever-changing landscape that exists currently in the wider community. Together we have been able to ensure our students were supported with their learning and wellbeing. Please stay safe over the coming holidays and have a restful break. Please note the calendar above which indicates our return to school dates in the new year.

Semester 2 Reports

All students should have taken home their Semester 2 report last week. These reports look very different to our usual reports, only reflecting student effort and the learning opportunities they received. The reports were written in line with the Department of Education guidelines and did not include an A-E grade or corresponding comment.

Presentation Day

Last week we held our virtual presentation day to celebrate the achievements of our amazing students. Congratulations to all our students who received an award!

Thank you to our 2021 school leaders who did an outstanding job of leading our school body under very difficult circumstances.

I would also like to congratulate our new school leaders for 2022.



School Captains: Bronte and Patrick

Vice Captains: Courtney and Mayumi

Prefects: Hayley, Phoebe, Kaylee and Katarah

Staffing News

As always, at the end of the year we have some staff members who will be leaving Marayong Heights Public School and we not only thank them for their hard work and commitment to our school but also wish them all the best for the future.

Mrs Leotta and Miss Hansra are both moving on to Northbourne Public School in the new year. Both were successful at merit selection, Mrs Leotta has accepted an Assistant Principal role and Miss Hansra has received a permanent classroom teacher position. We wish them all the very best; Northbourne PS is extremely lucky! Mrs Leotta's Assistant Principal position will be advertised to be filled at merit selection early in the new year. We also say farewell to Miss Lindo and Mrs Chowdhry, who were both on leave this year, as they received service transfers and will be joining new schools in the new year.

Sadly, Mrs Bates and Mrs Grady will be taking leave next year. We wish them all the very best as they explore new opportunities in 2022. We will welcome them both back in 2023.

Mrs Hayes will be on maternity leave next year; she is due to have her baby in January. We wish the Hayes family all the very best as they prepare to welcome their new baby and look forward to sharing their exciting news when the baby arrives.

Congratulations, once again, to Mrs Julius who is celebrating her retirement. Our school held a small virtual assembly in her honour last week and presented her with gifts from our community. We wish her well, lots of good health and happiness as she heads off to enjoy the next stage of her life.

In saying farewell, we get to say 'welcome' to new members of staff. Next year we welcome Mrs Plowman in her role as Principal, we are sure she will be an excellent fit for our little school. We will also be welcoming a new permanent teacher, Miss Bauer, who is replacing Miss Lindo as a result of her transfer to Rosemeadow PS.

COVID 19 Restrictions in 2022

At this stage, the Department of Education are planning on releasing information to Principal's and the community prior to our return to school in January. We will keep you all posted about any relevant changes that may impact the start of our school year. Please ensure you keep an eye on Facebook and, if you haven't done so already, turn your push notifications on for the parent portal on Sentral to ensure you don't miss any updates.



Farewell Year 6

I would like to wish our Year 6 class of 2021 all the very best as they head off to high school in the new year. We hope you enjoy your next adventure! They are an amazing group of kids. Thank you to Mr Paris who created an amazing photo booth back drop for our Year 6 Formal which was held at school last Monday night. The students seemed to have an excellent time celebrating this rite of passage with their friends. Thank you also to our wonderful P&C for their generous donations to support the event.



Have a safe and relaxing break. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Mrs Alison Jeremijczyk

From the Deputy Principal

Farewell Mrs Julius!

On Friday 3rd December, we farewelled Mrs Julius with a retirement assembly via Zoom. Mrs Julius has reached a milestone of 50 years of teaching! What an achievement!! Our school leaders, Lucas and Layla presented gifts on behalf of the students. The gifts were purchased from the money raised during a mufti day on behalf of Mrs Julius. Lucas and Layla made the final decision on a beautiful gold bangle and a bunch of flowers was also purchased from the students.

Farewell

It is with sadness to say that I will not be continuing my journey with MHPS next year. I have accepted a position at Northbourne Public School next year. I would sincerely like to thank our beautiful families who have shown me kindness and support during my time here at MHPS. A smile and a 'how are you?' goes a long way.

I am lucky to have built relationships with many of the students at MHPS and I will miss them greatly. The greetings I receive each day as they enter the gate bring a smile to my face and often lots of giggles when students share stories about the weekend, their mornings and what the day will look like for them. It is always lovely to walk through the playground and have students wanting to chat and share information about themselves.

I will also sorely miss the staff and teachers at MHPS, the students at MHPS are lucky to have them. I encourage the teachers to always be curious about education and use that curiosity to drive their passion as teachers. Passionate teachers are excellent teachers!

I wish the MHPS community a wonderful, safe and happy Christmas and all the best for the new year.

Fun Day

Our annual end of year Fun Day was a huge success. Mr Rodas did a wonderful job in organising such an exciting day for students. I believe even some of our teachers enjoyed the jumping castles! See the photos below to see the exciting activities students had the opportunity to participate in.

Mrs Leotta



Creative Kids Corner



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
FROM LILAC.







Merry Christmas!

From the naughty elves in Tangerine x





SAPPHIRE!
WE HAVE CREATED
'ELFIES' IN
SAPPHIRE! IT'S BEEN
A CRAZY YEAR BUT
WE HAVE MADE IT
THROUGH!





Christmas In Indigo

This year, we Elfed Ourselves! Check out how creative and cheeky we made ourselves! We were all really proud of our artwork.



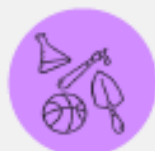
Community News

**Your
OSHC.**

Bookings are now open for 2022

What is OSHC and why is it right for your family?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care. OSHC provides enrichment and care for primary school-age children outside school hours.



Showcase experiences

Featured activities that engage children and help them grow.



Dedicated zones

Every session offers children the choice between diverse experiences.



Experienced educators

Our educators are passionate about inspiring children and helping them grow.



Hassle free

Conveniently located with extended operating hours. Industry leading Parent Portal app.

What's coming up in 2022 in Your OSHC?



The BIG Art & Expression Competition returns in 2022, giving all children the chance to showcase their creative expression.



Back by popular demand, the Handball Championships are coming back to services next year. Get ready to bounce!

FREE to Register

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our [Parent Portal](#)

CCS available

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. If you're unsure about your eligibility contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Book from your smartphone

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