Message from our Principal

Dear parents/caregivers,

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through term 1! What a fantastic start it has been to the year; we had very little movement of students in terms of classes. From the feedback that I received from parents and teachers, we can conclude that putting students in their tentative classes from day 1 has worked well. Students have settled in well, especially our kindergarten students. Congratulations to each one of them and their parents and teachers for a job well done. For many, the daily routine of getting up early, coming to school, missing out on an afternoon nap must have been a big change, but they have transitioned quite remarkably and have adapted to the new routine.

Meet the Staff Night

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the “Meet the Staff” night. We had over 200 parents and carers and this was quite remarkable. It demonstrates that, as a community, we believe in working together and ensuring that our children get a solid educational and social foundation to be productive adults. If you were unable to attend or meet your child's classroom teacher, and would like to meet the teacher, please contact the office to organise a meeting.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT CONTINUED

Teaching and Learning Programs
All our programs have begun and students are now engaged in the curriculum as well as additional curricular activities. Schools are busy places and there are a number of events that happen throughout the year. We have already bookmarked events for this term; please check with your child for notes. It is also important to check our school app that is regularly updated with event information.

Late arrivals
A number of students continue to arrive late to school. While this is a concern, there is also the additional concern that many of these late arriving students walk to school unsupervised. Please note that if your child is late to school, you must accompany him/her to the office.

Swim Scheme
This year we have heavily subsidised the cost for year 2 students for the Swim Scheme. I encourage you to take advantage of this subsidised cost and please enrol your child if he or she is in year 2 and is a poor or non swimmer. The scheme will help you child develop basic skills required to be a swimmer which is increasingly becoming a necessary skill.

Manisha Gazula
Principal

TOILETING ACCIDENTS
If your child has had an accident at school and we have provided your child with a change of clothes, can you please wash these and return them as soon as possible.

Can we please ask that children in the junior school carry a change of clothes including underwear, labelled with their name on it in case an accident may occur.

Thank you,
Front Office
CATCH THE READING WAVE

There will be a variety of books on display and for sale in the Library during Term 1 Week 6 (4th March – 8th March 2019).

Cash and EFTPOS facilities available.

Students from each stage who purchase books from the Book Fair will enter the “Lucky Purchase Draw” to receive a “Star Reader Pack”.

Please browse and purchase books during the following times:

**Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March 2019**

Before school 8:15 – 8:45am
After school 3:00 – 3:30pm

Miss Jones
Teacher Librarian
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last week we had a small group of swimmers who attended the swimming carnival and did our school proud.

The following students have made it through to the Liverpool Zone swimming carnival:

Aidan 4D
Brydon 4S
Andrej 5A
Goran 4E
Daniela 5A
Max 5E
Luke 6V
Luka 6S
Nicolas 6S

We wish you all the best of luck for the zone carnival on Thursday.

PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Please remember to adhere to the NSW road rules when parking and using the kiss and drop zone in the morning and afternoon.

NSW Police and local council rangers regularly patrol our school zone.

This is for the safety of our students, parents and community members.

Thank you for your co-operation.
PSSA SUMMER VENUES

PSSA has started back again and we would like to wish all of our players all the best of luck.

Should any parents wish to watch the students play, here is a list of the venues:

- Oz Tag: Woodward Park (Near the Whitlam Centre) - Liverpool
- Newcomeball: Homestead Park—Chipping Norton
- Softball: Jacqui Osmond Reserve—Warwick Farm
- Tee Ball: Jacqui Osmond Reserve—Warwick Farm

Games will commence approx. 9.45am

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Monday 11th March at 9am we will be holding an Annual General Meeting for the Marsden Road PS P&C. This meeting is to elect our office bearers for the year. All parents and carers are welcome to attend, nominate and/or run for any of the positions. We would also love to see any parents or carers who would like to be a part of the P&C to help run events such as the mothers’ day stall and run BBQs for school events.

We will be meeting in the school hall straight after the 8:55 am bell with the intention to start at 9am.

SCHOOL GATE FOR ASSEMBLY

On even weeks when our K-2 assembly is on, please kindly note that the main gate will not be opened until after 2pm.

The main gate will be opened for parents to come in and then will be locked again. After the gate has been locked you will be required to gain access via the office.

Thank you for your co-operation
LOST PROPERTY

There is a growing amount of lost property that has been left in the school. This includes clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes.

All lost property is put into a silver box and a tub beside the old stage in front of Kindergarten.

If you have lost any property, can we please ask that you check here as soon as possible as all items will be cleaned out on the 8th March and donated.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

After school sport has now commenced for Term 1

If your child had enrolled for this the times are as follows:-

Kindy to Year 2    Mondays  3.00pm—4.15pm
Year 3 to 6        Tuesdays  3.00pm— 4.15pm

If you missed out, enrolment will open again for Term 2

UPDATING INFORMATION

If you have changed your phone number or have moved since you enrolled your child at school can you please urgently visit our office to update your information.

It is important that all your details are correct and up to date in the event of an emergency.

Emergency contact details are also important in the event that we can not contact the primary carers.

Thank you for your co-operation
Office Staff
MARSDEN ROAD ROADWORKS

Roadworks at the intersection of Marsden Rd and Elizabeth Drive.

The Roads and Maritime Services have informed us that they are going to begin work upgrading the intersection of Marsden Rd and Elizabeth Drive. You may have already seen some civil engineers doing measurements and gathering data for the project. Below is an explanation of their plans and anticipated timeline.

![Map of Marsden Road and Elizabeth Drive](image)

Project is scheduled to be completed by end of 2019.

Up to 4.5 hours saved per year per road user in AM peak

The proposal includes:
- Providing an additional dedicated left turn lane on Marsden Road
- Widening to the west and east side of Marsden Road
- Adjusting the stormwater drainage on the northern side of Elizabeth Drive
- Relocating traffic lights and utilities to suit the new configuration.

We will be on site for 65 night shifts and 80 day shifts between Monday 14 January and Monday 15 April 2019, weather permitting.

The main thing to be careful of is the pedestrian access which may move around as various sections are upgraded. Please be careful when walking along Marsden Rd and, as the footpaths may be blocked in some sections at different times.

All work will be taking place between 9pm and 5am so should not disrupt the normal functioning of our school.
SKOOLBAG APP DOWNLOADS

If you have not downloaded the new Skoolbag app, please follow the instructions below. Important information, notes and newsletters can be found on our Skoolbag app for your ease.

![Android and Apple app store icons]

For English only:

‘Skoolbag’

OR

For other languages:

‘SKB: Multi-language’

Then add:

‘Marsden Road Public School’

5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed

1. Download SkoolBag
   Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:
   SkoolBag: School Communication

2. Create an Account
   Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

3. Add your School
   Type your school’s name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.

4. Allow Notifications
   Ensure you allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.

5. Subscribe to Groups
   Select Your Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.

PAPER NEWSLETTERS

I would like to receive a paper copy of the Marsden Road Public School Newsletter:

Student Name: _______________________________________

Student Class: _______________________________________

Parent Signature: _______________________________________
IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 27th February .......... High School Information Night at 5.30pm in school hall

Thursday 28th February .......... Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 29th February .......... PSSA

Monday 4th March .......... Book Fair
Swim Scheme

Tuesday 5th March .......... Book Fair
Swim Scheme

Wednesday 6th March .......... Book Fair
Swim Scheme

Thursday 7th March .......... Book Fair
Swim Scheme

Friday 8th March .......... Book Fair
Swim Scheme
PSSA

Monday 11th March .......... Swim Scheme

Tuesday 12th March .......... Swim Scheme

Wednesday 13th March .......... Swim Scheme

Thursday 14th March .......... Swim Scheme

Friday 15th March .......... Swim Scheme

Monday 18th March .......... PSSA

Thursday 21st March .......... Harmony Day

Friday 22nd March .......... PSSA

Wednesday 27th March .......... PSSA

Thursday 28th March .......... PSSA

Friday 29th March .......... PSSA

Monday 4th April .......... Multicultural day
PSSA

Friday 5th April .......... PSSA

Friday 12th April .......... PSSA

Last day of school

Tuesday 30th April .......... School returns—Term 2