



Maraylya Messenger

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Term 3, Week 10

20th September, 2013

Principal's Message

After a very successful and busy term, we now look forward to our two week break.

Congratulations to our 3/4 Campers who spent two days at Vision Valley. Miss Wynn reported that all students were excellent ambassadors for our school, participating in a range of team building and personal achievement and goal setting activities. Thanks to Mrs Born Mrs Clancy and Mr Hopkins for accompanying the campers.



Congratulations to Giselle Azmi for her participation in the Windsor North Spelling Bee.

Giselle is the champion Year 2 speller for Stage 1!

Congratulations to Jayden Colgan, Kimberly Carpenter, Emily Schaffarzyck, Max Born and Jonah Beer who accompanied Giselle to the spelling bee. They had all improved on their last level of achievement from the Premier's Spelling Bee. Thanks to Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Azmi and Mr Beer for helping with transport to Maroota PS.

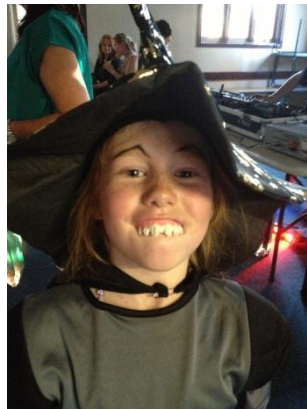
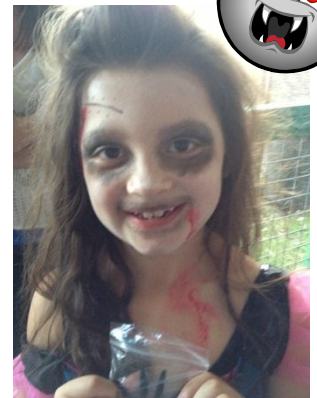
Diary	Dates
Students return For Term 4	Tue 8 th Oct
P & C meeting	Tue 8 th Oct 7.30pm
Xmas Festival Meeting Billy's Bistro	Wed 9 th Oct 7.30pm
Bushfire Safety Day and Assembly and + Mufti Day Safety colours	Thu 10 th Oct
Swim School	Mon 21 st Oct – Fri 1 st Nov
Digi Ed' Yrs 2-6	Mon 28 th Oct
Kinder Orientation Evening	Wed 13 th Nov
XMAS Festival	Sat 30 th Nov
High School Orientation Day	Wed 4 th Dec
Presentation Night - WHS	Thu 12 th Dec
Year 6 Farewell	Mon 16 th Dec
Party Day (TBC)	Wed 18 th Dec

Uniform It is great to see so many of our students moving into summer uniform during this week. All students should be in summer uniform by the beginning of Week 2 Term 4. Our uniform shop will be open on Thursday morning to assist with any uniform needs.

While we still have some students wearing incorrect footwear, I am glad to see the majority of students wearing correct uniform. Don't forget that we have random uniform prize draws – if your name is drawn and you are not in uniform – no prize!

Kindergarten Enrolments 2014 Our kindergarten invitations have been sent out to families last Friday. Please contact the office if you have not received your letter. Our Kindergarten Orientation evening will take place on 13th November from 6pm – 7pm.

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Thanks to Mrs Sultana and the mums and dads who helped on the night, raising just under \$900.00. Some of which will assist our Year 6 fundraising for farewell.



Hawkesbury Dance Festival Our students from Years 1 and 5/6 will be performing at the Hawkesbury Dance Festival on Wednesday 16th October at Windsor Function Centre. Our rehearsal day will be on the same day, earlier in the morning. Thank you to those students who have returned permission slips. The same costuming from our shopping centre performance will be used. Extra costuming needs will be supplied by either Mrs Vallis or myself. Good luck boys and girls!



Longneck Lagoon Stage 2 Enrichment Day Congratulations to our Stage 2 students who were selected to take part in the enrichment day at Longneck Lagoon. Students joined others from Castlereagh PS and Seven Hills North PS on a quest to find out the environmental question – “Who killed Kermit?” No doubt Ezra Freeman, Max Born and Jorja Wiesemes would be able to enlighten you. Well done kids!

Road Safety We are currently looking at ways in which we can make the road area at the front of our school more safe for our families. One of our parent representatives is approaching the council about solutions to our parking issues in Neich Rd. We are also discussing the idea of a “Kiss and Drop” zone out the front to ease congestion in the afternoons. Stay tuned for more information once we know what we are able to achieve. Parents as rate payers are also welcome to contact Hawkesbury Council or the RMS to have input into a solution for the safety of our students.

Could you please model and expect safe movement of students whilst walking to cars in the afternoon. This is a busy and therefore dangerous time of day and your help is vitally important.

Audit Yesterday the school was part of the DEC’s cyclical audit process. I am pleased to say the our method of operation in finance and Work Health and Safety was deemed successful by the auditor. We await further training and information regarding our impending involvement in LMBR (Learning Management and Business Reform) program which will drastically streamline our methods of money handling, record keeping and school management.

Garden competition Last Monday our school was judged in the Hawkesbury Garden Competition. I was able to escort our judges Charlie and Murray through the school, pointing out the improvements to our students’ playground environment, entrance to the school and the vegetable garden. We eagerly await the results.

Vegetables Our ‘Vegetables’ spent this afternoon preparing and planting the vegetable garden with a range of vegetables for the coming season. Thanks to the Stanton family for donating the many seedlings which will now hopefully take off in the warmer weather. The students planted beans, squash, pumpkin, capsicum, zucchini and rock melon. Keep up the watering kids!

Shed We are in need of volunteers to put together our garden shed once the concrete slab has been formed and poured. The shed is in kit form and would need to be assembled by Week 3 next term. Please contact the office if you can spare some time on either the weekend or another time if suitable. If we have a few of us, it should go together quickly. The shed will house the 20 x BMX bikes we have been granted through the Active After School Communities program to complement our BMX program for next term.

Catholic Scripture The parish of St Matthew’s Church Windsor is **still** in great need of a generous volunteer to teach catholic scripture to Years 5/6 or Kindergarten. Full support will be given to you. No experience is necessary. If you have a child or grandchild at Maraylya and would like to assist in this important ministry please contact Deloris Vella (Catacus Coordinator) Ph:4579 6160

Digi Ed’ Many of our older students will have the opportunity to take part in the Digi Ed’ program on Monday the 28th October. This is a whole day digital media workshop in which students devise and create claymation characters and an accompanying storyline to create an animated short film. Details will be sent home in the first week back. There are 24 places only for students 2-6 and the cost is \$35 for the entire day. Students receive a copy of their film to take home and share with their families.

Stewart Gaffey

Principal – MPS

Class News



Kindergarten

Kindergarten has missed Mrs Mackey this week. While we have had wonderful relief teachers and the children have been well taken care of, she received some very big hugs when she returned today.

Year 1

The students have been working hard this term and have all made improvements in their reading, writing and understanding of maths concepts. Please keep up their reading over the holidays and focus on their fluency when reading as well as their understanding of what they have read. Next term we will be reading a novel together and looking at the Super Six Comprehension Strategies.



Have a restful and safe holiday break. Don't forget the interviews on the first Tuesday and Wednesday when we return.

Year 2

Unbelievably it's the end of Term 3. Wow! Only 1 term left. In the last fortnight Year 2 have finalised their transport study and have invented some interesting new modes of transport. During reading everyone is really trying their best and is making progress. Next term we are looking forward to hosting a student teacher Mrs Matthews, who has been visiting us for the last 3 Monday and Fridays to help her prepare for her teaching practicum. Mrs Bennett and I hope you all have a relaxing holiday and we will see you back on Tuesday, 8th October.

Anyone interested in helping with reading groups it would be greatly appreciated. Reading groups run on Monday – Wednesdays from 9am – 9:30am. Year 2 love having helpers!



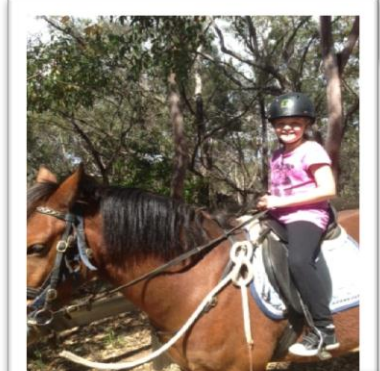
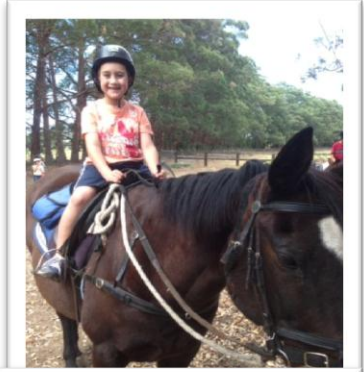
Year 3/4

3/4 Vision Valley Camp 2013

Last week 3/4 went along to Vision Valley and enjoyed an adventurous outdoor experience. We would like to thank Mrs Clancy, Mrs Born and Mr Hopkins for coming along and

making sure we had a safe and enjoyable time.

We were involved in horse riding, high rope gliding, canoeing, team building and bush cooking.



Year 5/6

5/6 have been completing their units of work for the term. We have been working on coordinates in mathematics activities and completing revision tasks to check what we have remembered from the term.

We have been making election posters for our own political parties. We discussed political platforms and agendas and thought about what we would want to achieve if in politics. The important issues of greater sporting opportunities, environmental concerns, animal welfare and education were represented (as were the need for more pie shops, greater access to gaming equipment!!!)

These drafts will be further published and, you never know, we might see them entering the senate in a few years' time.



Happy Birthday to
Emily Schaffarczyk, Gabrielle Daniels,
Aaron Carr, Jayden Colgan, ,



who celebrate their birthdays in late September.

Congratulations!

We hope you have a great day!

President – Kylie Hall
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CANTEEN ROSTER	OCT 2013
WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
2ND	4TH
CLOSED	CLOSED
9TH FIRST DAY BACK TERM 4 CATHERINE SULTANA VANESSA NEEDS	11TH JENNY BORN LETICHA CLANCY
16TH BRONWYN SNOWDEN GLENDA CARPENTER	18TH TAMMY IBLE JOCELYN SCHULZ
23RD SYLIVA HOPKINS TRACEY Mc DERMOTT	25TH SUE SULTANA LEANNA LUZAR
30TH RACHAEL STANTON CATHERINE SULTANA	

P & C Corner

We have had another successful fund raising month with the Father's Day Stall and Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall.

Many thanks to Terese Horne for all her work on making the Father's Day Stall a success, and all those who volunteered their time on the day, raising approximately \$600!

A big thank you to all those who helped out on the Election Day BBQ and those who donated to the cake stall, our efforts raised \$871! We also managed to make a big start on our Christmas Raffle & getting the word out to the broader community about the Festival. The Christmas Festival Committee is working incredibly hard to make this event a success, we appreciate the school really getting behind this event!

The new canteen menu is out this week, with the addition of chicken wraps for summer lunches. Many thanks to all on the roster who support Catherine & Vanessa.

A special mention and HUGE thank to Leticia Clancy! Leticia has stepped down from her role running the uniform shop, and we thank Brooke & Tammy for stepping in to fill Leticia's shoes. This is a big commitment to be available every week, and Leticia has done a fabulous job over the years she has run this. A very big thank you Leticia!

Our next meeting will be the first Tuesday back from the holidays, Tuesday October 8, 7.30 pm.

We very much appreciate all the support we have received so far for the year, and welcome all to come along to our meetings where we talk too much but still manage to achieve, and bring your ideas for our school!

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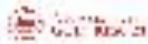
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