MPS Matters Newsletter

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We acknowledge the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is built.

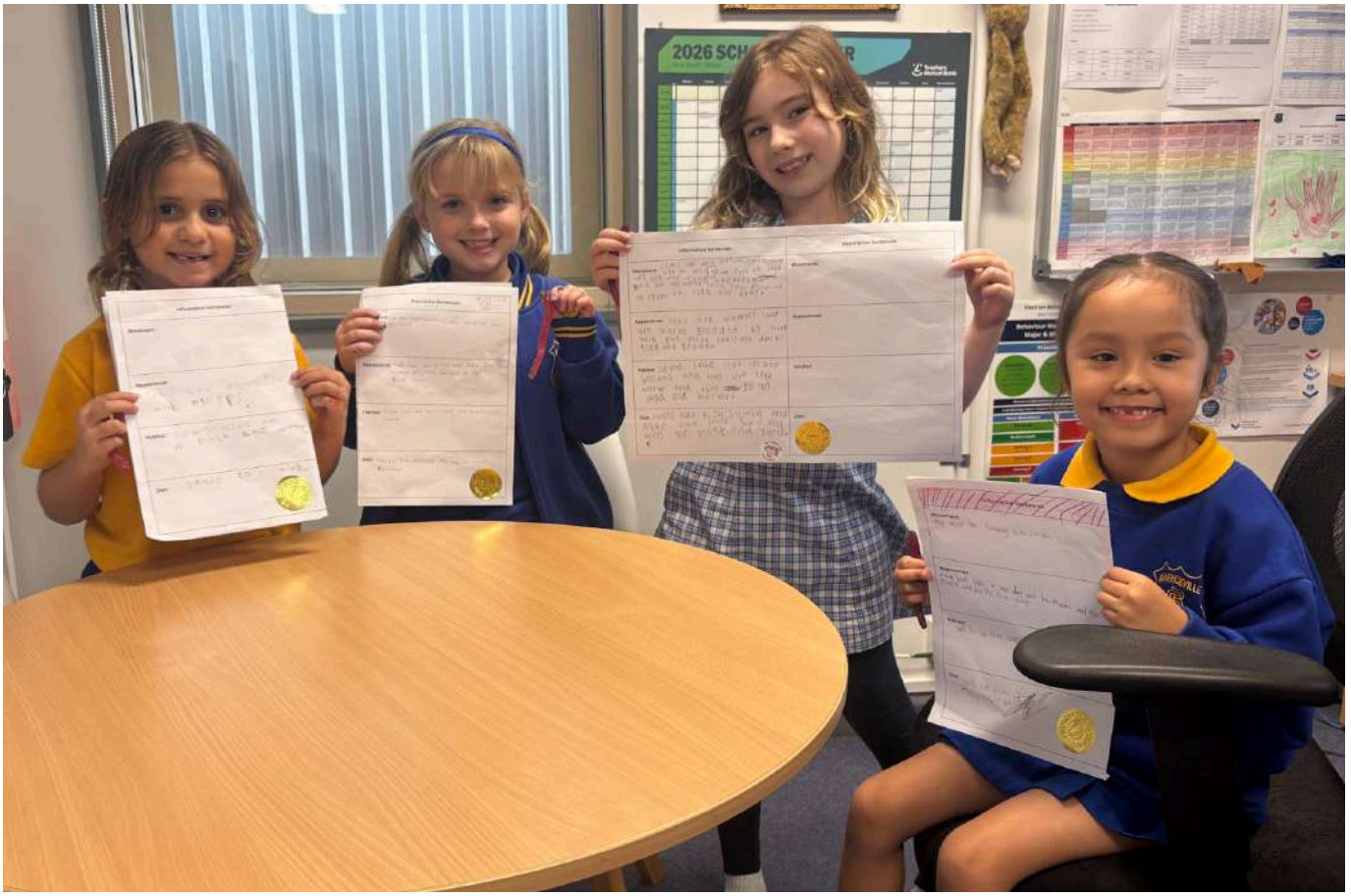
Upcoming Events

Term 2 Week 5	
Thursday 21 May	Explore Kindergarten Parent Information Sessions
Friday 22 May	Walk Safely to School Day
Term 2 Week 6	
Tuesday 26 May	National Sorry Day
Tuesday 26 May	Stage 3 NSW Parliament online session
Wednesday 27 May	Simultaneous Storytime
Thursday 28 May	K-6 Assembly 2.45pm hosted by 5/6C
Term 2 Week 7	
Thursday 4 June	Djamu First Nations Art excursion
Friday 5 June	School Tour - 9.30am. Please meet at school office
Term 2 Week 8	
Monday 8 June	Public Holiday - King's Birthday
Wednesday 10 June	Year 3-6 (plus 8 years) Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 10 June	K-2 Fun Day
Thursday 11 June	K-6 Assembly 2.45pm hosted by 3/4S
Thursday 11 June	Djamu First Nations Art excursion
Friday 12 June	Premier's Spelling Bee School Final

From the Principal

Our school debating teams competed against Erskineville PS this week in Round 1 of the Premier's Debating Competition. The Marrickville Gold team (Henry, Amelie, Joel and Brooklyn) debated for the negative side on the topic "Schools should change to a 4-day school week." After great rebuttals and thorough unpacking of ideas, we were declared the winners! Marrickville Blue (Jude, Minh, Jude and Avalee), took the affirmative side for the debate "All school projects and assignments should be group work." The team did a great job and spoke clearly and fluently, however we were not declared the winners this time. Congratulations to all debaters, many of whom were participating in their first debate. Special thanks to Mr Harding for all his hard work preparing students for this competition.

On Monday it was great to receive a visit from students in 1/2W. Mayarna, Callie, Azalija and Summer proudly showed me the great writing they had completed in class with Ms Wiggins.



Teachers are currently writing Semester 1 reports for students. We plan for these to be available for parents/carers at the end of Week 10 (25 June). You will be able to access your child's report via the Schoolbytes Parent Portal. We recommend that all parents/carers save your child/ren's report so that you can access it in the future.

This year we have expanded the range of enrichment opportunities for students at MPS. For the first time, we have entered a Boys and Girls team in the State Knockout Hockey Competition. Today, the vast majority of our boys team played their first ever game of competitive hockey against Oran Park PS, a school that has over 1400 students enrolled. Our students acquitted themselves well, eventually going down 1-0 in an evenly balanced contest. Special thanks to Ms Wiggins for coaching the team and Ms Lee for accompanying the team to the game.

Tomorrow we begin the transition to kindergarten 2027 for parents and carers of students starting school next year. The first session will be held in the library, beginning at 10am for parents/carers and children (the children will have the opportunity to spend time in a kindergarten classroom), followed by an evening online information presentation, beginning at 7pm. If you have a child starting school next year, you can make a booking to attend here

In Term 2, we are inviting parents and carers to participate in the NSW Public Schools Parent Survey. The survey gives you the opportunity to share your experience at our school, including communication, inclusion, wellbeing and how your child's learning is supported.

Hearing directly from our parents and carers will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made. Participation in the survey is optional, your responses are anonymous, and it takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete. You can access at the survey at: NSW Public Schools Parent Survey

Congratulations to one of our promising footballers. Eddie C has been selected to attend the Sydney East Football trials on Monday 22 June at Kareela Oval. This is a great achievement and we are confident he will represent our school with distinction during these trials.

Our year 3-6 Enrichment groups provide students with a wide range of engaging experiences each Friday. Ms Sherry's cooking group has been cooking up a storm this term!

Parent Ambassadors - Expression of Interest!

We are looking to create a group of enthusiastic Parent Ambassadors to help welcome and connect with new and prospective families at selected school events throughout the year.

Parent Ambassadors will be invited to attend events such as school tours, community gatherings and special occasions to chat with new families, share their experiences, and help showcase the wonderful community spirit of our school.

There is no ongoing commitment and attendance at events is completely flexible. If you are available and would like to help, we would love to have you involved.

If you are interested in being part of our group of Parent Ambassadors, please contact the school office or complete the short Expression of Interest form.

Testimonial Videos

We're also keen to hear from parents who are happy to share their experiences of MPS in short testimonial videos for our school social media pages. Nothing formal or scripted - just real conversations and honest stories about what makes our school such a great place to learn and grow. It's a wonderful way to help other families get a feel for our school community.

If you are comfortable popping in front of the camera and helping us celebrate all the great things happening at our school, please complete the Expression of Interest form.

Some example topics include:

- Why your family chose MPS
- Your experience at MPS
- Sense of community and belonging
- Teachers and learning support
- Opportunities and extracurricular activities
- Diversity and inclusiveness

2027 Enrolments

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2027. If your child turns 5 before July 31, 2027 they are eligible to start school next year. To help with our planning, it will be greatly appreciated if you can submit your application as soon as possible.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If however you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available from the front office or you can download from the Department's site: Online Enrolment Application

K-6 Assembly

Next week's assembly will be held from 2.45pm onwards in the hall. The amazing students in 5/6C will be hosting the assembly. During this assembly the following students will be presented with awards:

T2 W6			
Class	**Student First Name and Initial**		**Teacher Comment**
KB	Manuel S	for	his increased concentration in class and trying his best to improve his writing.
KB	Rosie W	for	her growing literacy skills and enthusiasm towards learning, especially with her reading. Well done!
KR	Oscar O	for	reading with great fluency and expression.
KR	Rosie W	for	consistently trying her best with handwriting and being a great role model to peers during class discussions.
1/2K	Lucy B	for	increased focus and noticeable improvement in story writing
1/2K	Lilith F	for	being a good role model and persevering even when things are difficult
1/2S	Bonnie B	for	her creative and descriptive writing about seals and contributing positively to the classroom.
1/2S	Alasdair B	for	his improved effort to complete all of his set tasks and making great choices for his learning.
1/2W	Callie G	for	her increased participation in classroom activities and taking on feedback to improve.
1/2W	May May V	for	her focus and effort in reading and her writing about sharks.
3/4J	Leo H	for	always coming to school ready to learn and try his best
3/4J	Clare H	for	her willingness to share her knowledge with her classmates
3/4S	Lucas G	for	taking on challenging learning tasks and seeking help when needed.

3/4S	Jean M	for	bringing a positive attitude to our classroom and contributing to class discussions.		
3/4B	Frank D	for	his maturing nature and outstanding effort towards meeting his learning goals, including handwriting and participation in sports.		
3/4B	Lilly M	for	developing a positive attitude towards learning and demonstrating growing responsibility and honesty in her interactions.		
5/6C	Rafferty W	for	improved focus in class during the morning session as well as reflecting on how to bump up his handwriting.		
5/6C	Suzy N	for	her willingness to take responsibility for her learning and be in the right place at the right time during mathematics sessions.		
5/6H	Avalee H	for	her energetic and thoughtful participation during the recent Brolga Dance workshop.		
5/6H	Minh L	for	presenting his arguments clearly and informatively during the debate against Erskineville PS.		
ICT/STEM	Annalise D	for	demonstrating resilience and critical thinking to code a waste sorting robot made from Lego.		
ICT/STEM	Rufus H	for	using creativity and following instructions to code a sunset scene using the Scratch Jr app.		
Library	Hayley R	for	consistently being a respectful learner and borrowing every week.		
Library	Dexter S	for	regular borrowing and diligently completing all tasks in library lessons.		
CLOTE	Nathan H	in	5/6C	for	his good effort and improvement in writing in Vietnamese.
PSSA	Emeliana L	in	Netball	for	great participation and sportsmanship in PSSA sport.
PSSA	Jude G	in	Soccer	for	great participation and sportsmanship in PSSA sport.
PSSA	Jude HB	in	Hockey	for	showing bravery and volunteering for a daunting goalie role.

Safer journeys to and from our schools – Inner West feedback open

Inner West Council is inviting feedback on **safer school journeys**, with a focus on pedestrian and traffic safety around **all schools in the Inner West**. The consultation is seeking input from students, parents, carers and staff about safety issues experienced when travelling to and from school, to help inform future improvements to footpaths, crossings and roads.

Creating safer, more walkable and rideable school environments supports children's health, wellbeing and active travel.

If appropriate, we encourage you to share this opportunity with your school community.

How to provide feedback

- Online: **yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au**
- Phone: **(02) 9335 2002**
- Email: **school.safety@innerwest.nsw.gov.au**

Feedback closes: 5 July 2026

Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 22 May

Our SRC is promoting Active Kids are Healthy Kids by encouraging all MPS families to walk to school with a parent or carer on Friday 22 May. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the morning together and talk about how to be a safe road user.

To support safe walking habits, remember:
🚶 Plan a safe route with crossings and footpaths
✋ Always hold your child's hand until they're at least 8
👀 Supervise them closely until they're at least 10
🤝 Hold hands on footpaths, at crossings, and in car parks

SRC will be handing out free tattoos to students who walk safely to school!

Run Club with Mr Sherry

Mr Sherry's Run Club continues to grow with 54 students registered in this initiative.

In the house competition this week's placings were:

1st - Kookaburras (209 laps)

2nd - Lorikeets (201 laps)

3rd - Rosellas (163 laps)

This week Year 3 students led the way completing 163 laps, followed by Year 4 (150 laps).

Overall, Tiago K remains the top runner, completing 52 laps, followed by Kiran K (49 laps), Jed (43 laps) and Phoenix (39 laps). Over the past four weeks students at our school have run 222 kilometres - a great achievement!

You can still register your child for this activity. Please see the posters (below) for further information. Click here to view the QR code link.

School Uniform

A friendly reminder to please send your child to school in their full school uniform every day.

Why does this matter?

School uniforms promote a sense of unity and pride among students. When everyone is wearing their school uniform, it reduces distractions and fosters a sense of belonging. Uniforms also help level the playing field by reducing socioeconomic differences among students. Every child is equal in their school attire.

Please make an effort to ensure your child comes to school each day wearing the complete school uniform. This includes the school shirt, shorts/pants or dress, as well as school hat and

jumper. **PSSA or Zone jumpers are not part of our school uniform.** Let's work together to set a positive example for our students.

Need something? Shop at Pickles Schoolwear or email our P&C for quality second-hand items at uniforms@mpspandc.org

Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled so items can be returned to students if misplaced.

Contact us:
E: secretary@mpspandc.org
F:/marrickvillepublicschoolpandc
Instagram

P&C meeting 18 May - the P&C meeting was held on Monday evening in the school library. Thank you to those that attended. Items covered in the meeting included:

THANKING the small yet mighty crew that turned up for the working bee on Sunday

Principal's update - Mr Roberts shared the long list of activities that are underway this term - including representative sport, HPGE, preparing for kindergarten 2027

Upgrade to the sound and lighting in the school hall Upcoming social and fundraising activities, Rainbow Run, Comedy night, Trivia night and fundraising for end of year 6 celebrations.

Ms Bassam and Miss Rhule's plans for promotion of MPS on social media - if any parents are interested in spending 5 minutes sharing your ideas on 'film' please reach out.

Grant writing: if there are any parents who are interested in supporting the P&C by writing grant applications please let us know using secretary@mpspandc.org.

The next P&C meeting will be held on 15 June at 7pm online.

MPS P&C is excited to announce that we are partnering with Newtown Jets to provide parking on game days. The P&C are looking for volunteers to assist for two hours on a Saturday. If you are available on May 30, June 6 or July 11 or 18 please CLICK here to nominate a time slot that you can assist with.

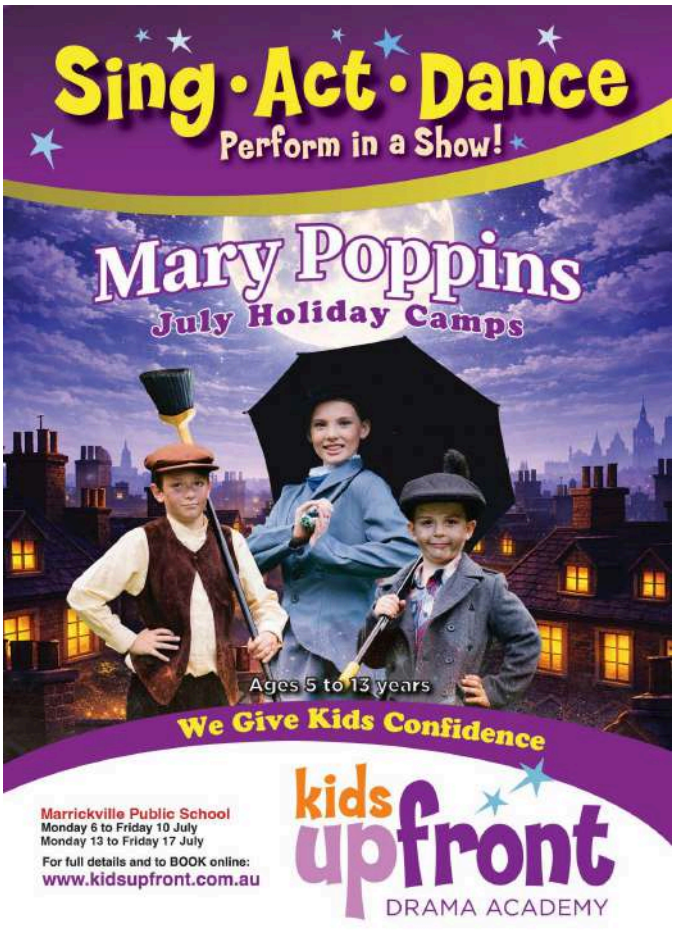
Term 2 GARDENERS of the GALAXY will be getting together every FRIDAY after school from 3:15 - 4:15.

If you haven't already joined the MPS P&C facebook page now is the time as Betty is doing a fantastic job of keeping it updated with both P&C activity and also what's on at school - /marrickvillepublicschoolpandc

Extra-Curricular Activities

Did you know that we have the following activities happening at MPS? Email the office or click on the links if you would like to enrol your child.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday
Before School	Junior Strings In music room	Senior Recorder 8am in Music Room with Ms Hutchinson Run Club with Mr Sherry 8.45am	School Band In the hall	Primary Proms In LST Hub	Cantabile Rehearsals (in 1/2S room Stage 3)	PSSA Soccer & Netball training with Mr Jones & Ms Bassam
Lunch Time	Chess Club In EALD room Stage 3 Book Club With Ms Mann Senior Strings In music room		Junior Choir with Ms Mann		Rock Band with Mr Duker	SRC Meetings with Ms Hutchinson Rookie Recorders with Mr Harding
After School	Band Tuition In the hall	Minecraft Engineers 3.30-4.45pm			Inner West Drama 3.15pm-5.15pm In the hall	Gemini Dance (starting Term 2 in the Hall)



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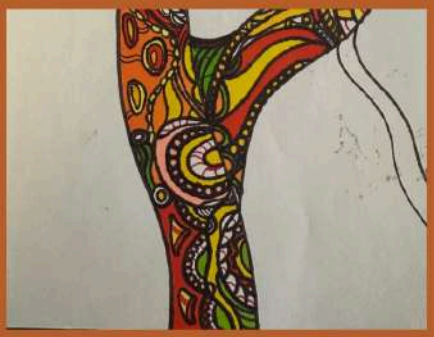


Artwork By Caligan Coe

All Welcome

Tuesday 26th May 2026

Dulwich Hill Public School- Hall

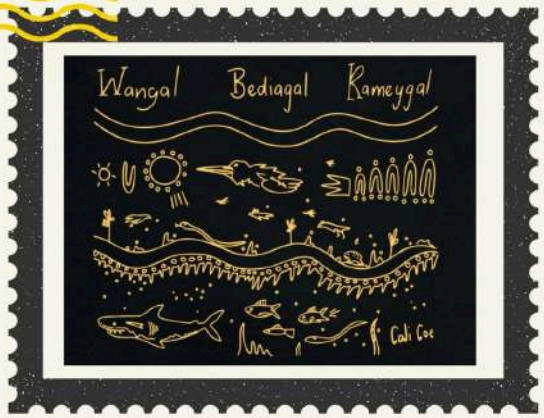
4:30 PM
5:30 PM

Host

Facilitated by KACHS

RSVP

MAY 26, 2026



WEAVE N YARN

Dulwich Hill Public School 9:15-11:15

Facilitated by

Peta-Joy Williams

Hosted by

RSVP