



# MPS Matters Newsletter

TERM 4

WEEK 6

2025

Marrickville PS  
Cadigal Country  
116 Chapel Street  
Marrickville 2204  
02 9560 2208



[marrickvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:marrickvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



[marrickvil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://marrickvil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)



[facebook.com/marrickvillepublicschool](https://facebook.com/marrickvillepublicschool)

*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

Week 6	
Thursday 20 November	PJ Day (SRC Fundraiser for RPA Hospital School)
Thursday 20 November	K-6 Assembly hosted by SRC 2:45pm
Thursday 20 November	Transition Taster Session 1 11:55-1:55pm
Week 7	
Tuesday 25 November	Kindergarten Orientation 3 9.30am - 11am
Tuesday 25 November	Stage 3 Interrelate Program
Wednesday 26 November	Emergency Evacuation & Lockdown Drill
Week 8	
Tuesday 2 December	Year 6 High School Orientation Day
Tuesday 2 December	Instructional Rounds for Teachers
Thursday 4 December	K-2 Incursion - Mad About Science
Sunday 7 December	Rock Band Gig - Factory Theatre Courtyard
Week 9	
Thursday 11 December	Semester 2 Student Reports available to families
Week 10	
Tuesday 16 December	K-2 Presentation Day Assembly 9.30am-10.30am Year 3-5 Presentation Day Assembly 11.15am - 12.15pm
Tuesday 16 December	Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea 10.30am-11.00am
Wednesday 17 December	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 10.00am
Wednesday 17 December	Year 6 Farewell 6pm-8pm
Thursday 18 December	<b>School Fun Day</b>
Friday 19 December	Last day of 2025 School Year

## Principal Report

It has been wonderful welcoming our 2026 kindergarten students and their families to our school over the past two weeks. Our teachers have been extremely impressed with how settled the children were exploring the activities in the classrooms. Our Year 6 student leaders also did a fantastic job taking new families on a guided tour of the school. Congratulations and thank you to Harry, Henrietta, Ruby, Alex, Bella, Evie, Will and Deakin. Next Tuesday is our third and final Orientation Day, with new families treated to a morning tea hosted by our fabulous P&C as well as a performance from our Strings group.

In construction news, it is great that our Stage 1 classes have been able to move back into their original rooms. Next week, these classrooms will be carpeted, meaning each class may be relocated for one day. 1/2S will be carpeted on Tuesday, 1/2K on Thursday and 1/2H on Friday. The library and EALD room will get new carpet during the school holidays. New library furniture also arrived at school today. I will also be meeting with the team that will be completing the A Block student bathrooms on Wednesday to set a timetable for when this work can be undertaken.

In staffing news, today we held interviews for the School Administrative Officer position at school. I am hopeful of being able to provide you with further information next week.

## 2026 Transition Taster Session

Tomorrow we will be holding our first Transition Taster Session for students. During this time, staff will be trialling draft class groupings for 2026 to see how students work together and to ensure classes are balanced to best support everyone's learning and wellbeing needs.

Please note that staffing for 2026 has not yet been finalised, so this session is not about which teacher students will have next year, but rather an opportunity for us to consider how class dynamics work in preparation for final class placements.

## PJ Day for a Great Cause!



Our Student Representative Council (SRC) has organised a PJ Day fundraiser **tomorrow, 20 November!** Students are encouraged to come to school in their comfiest pyjamas, and all funds raised will go directly to support the Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital School. SRC students will be collecting any donations on the day.

The RPA Hospital School provides individualised education for K-12 students during hospital stays, helping them continue learning even while receiving medical care. This year, RPA Hospital School staff and students are doing a 20km Walkathon through the Inner West to raise funds for their expanded services, including support in Emergency and Outpatient departments.

Please consider contributing to this wonderful cause. Funds raised will also go towards Student Learning Packs, encouraging a love of learning and reading for young patients. For more details about the initiative, please visit their website. Let's get cosy in our PJs and make a difference together!

The RPA team anticipate passing our school at approximately 10:02am on Friday, 28 November.

## Rock Band Gig

The MPS Rock Band is excited to announce that they will be performing as part of a free Christmas-themed gig at The Factory Theatre Courtyard on Sunday, 7th December.

Spaghetti Confetti - Mr Duker's children's music band is also playing along with amazing family entertainers Emily Who and The Lex Man.

The MPS Rock Band will be playing a 20-minute set from 3.30pm. This will be the last external performance for our long-time band members Ruby and Alex before they graduate to high school. Everyone is invited to attend, and you can [reserve free tickets by clicking here](#).



## Staff Gifts

As we approach the end of the school year, some families like to give small gifts to their teachers. While it is a generous and thoughtful gesture, it is not expected. Please be advised that NSW Department of Education staff members are unable to accept gifts with a value greater than \$50 (unless it is a combined class gift valued at less than this amount per contributor). Staff members are obliged to declare and then politely decline gifts greater than this value.

## Library Stocktake

Time to search under those beds! Towards the end of this term the Library will be undergoing a stocktake. The last week for borrowing is Week 6 to allow for all books to be returned by the end of Week 7. Please feel free to contact the Office with any queries about loans or overdue notices sent home.

## Selective High School & Opportunity Classes

Applications for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2027 will be open from 6 November 2025 to 20 February 2026. Applications can be made: [Apply here](#)

For opportunity class placement, parents and carers need to apply when their child is in Year 3 (or when their child is in year 4 up until the end of Week 3, Term 1).

For selective high school placement, parents and carers need to apply when their child is in Year 5 (or when their child is in year 6 up until the end of Week 3, Term 1).

The placement tests will be computer-based and are held in May. Most test centres will be local high schools. Some primary schools may be required to act as test centres. Only one test is held on each test day. A student will only be required to sit the placement test on one day.

## 2026 test dates

### Test dates

Test	Date
Selective High School Placement Test	Friday 1 May and Saturday 2 May 2026
Opportunity Class Placement Test	Friday 8 May and Saturday 9 May 2026
Make-up test (SHS and OC)	Friday 22 May 2026

## Enrol Now for 2026!

The Y NSW OSHC provides a safe, fun, and engaging environment for children before and after school. Spaces for 2026 are filling fast — secure your child's place today!

<https://www.ymcansw.org.au/childrens-services/before-after-school-care/>



## K-6 Assembly

Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by the 2025 SRC in the hall at **2:45pm**. During this assembly, the following students will be presented with awards.

Term 4 Week 6			
Class	First Name	Teacher Comment	
KZ	Henry P	for applying great effort during phonics which has helped improve his reading skills!	
KZ	Franky H	for fantastic reading in all areas and effective self-editing during writing tasks.	
KB	Kaia N	for great dedication towards sounding out and blending new words. Well done!	
KB	Manushree O	for always having a cheerful attitude at school and displaying great enthusiasm in her learning	
1/2H	Millie H	for defining and using Tier 3 words expertly in our vocabulary lessons.	
1/2H	Jesse S	for her careful attention to detail in her writing, ensuring she meets the success criteria every time.	
1/2K	Charlie. R	for his positive 'can do' attitude and his increased focus during writing.	
1/2K	Max. B	for his increased focus during gymnastics.	
1/2S	Ivy A	for always being a helpful peer and giving her best effort in everything she does.	
1/2S	Penelope M	for her attention to detail in her story writing, artworks and designs for projects.	
3/4DM	Iggy R	for making such enormous improvements in all areas of learning!	
3/4DM	Coen	for striving to always do his best, his creative writing and his kind and thoughtful nature.	
3/4W	Willem F	for his enthusiasm in all aspects of school.	
3/4W	Joshua H	for his focus in writing and engagement in all learning areas.	
5/6C	Anneliese D	for always giving her best effort as well as continuing to improve her informative writing in class.	
5/6C	Lucy W	for continuing to improve her handwriting, spelling and being a good friend to others.	
5/6P	Harrison L	For his high energy and drive to improve his skills during Friday Sport sessions.	
5/6P	Denisha T	For consistent application and commitment to doing her best at all times and in all activities.	
ICT/STEM	Quinn J	3/4DM	for creating an engaging short film filled with humour, advanced film techniques and a range of camera angles.
ICT/STEM	Andrea D	5/6P	for using creativity and technical skill to design a piggy bank using 3D modelling software.
Library	Lachlan P	1/2K	for borrowing regularly and for making thoughtful contributions in shared reading.
Library	Maliyah S	5/6P	for being a diligent library monitor who puts care and attention into her duties.



### Contact us:

E: [secretary@mpspandc.org](mailto:secretary@mpspandc.org)

F: [/marrickvillepublicschoolpandc](https://marrickvillepublicschoolpandc.org)

### Instagram

## P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 1st December at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the school library. We will then head up to the Henson Hotel to celebrate the end of the year. All are welcome - students included.

## Second-hand Uniforms

The P&C uniform room will be open on Mondays while the Gardening Club is on each week. The room will be open, then find Naomi, and she will facilitate payment.

## Gardening Club

On Monday afternoons at 3:15 for an hour or so. Join Naomi and Kara to help look after our school gardens.

## BENNELONG MUSIC NEWS

We've had a fantastic year of music and are now taking enrolments for 2026. We teach all instruments (on site, after school hours) from beginner through to advanced levels as well as offering tuition and preparation for AMEB examinations. If you would like your child/ren to begin music lessons and/or band next year, please download and complete the [enrolment form](#) and email it to [info@bennelongmusic.com.au](mailto:info@bennelongmusic.com.au) before the end of December or check out our website at [www.bennelongmusic.com.au](http://www.bennelongmusic.com.au) for more information on what we offer.







# Supporting children to learn with confidence.

Every child learns differently – and every parent wants to help their child feel confident.

At Learning Links, our experienced team provides practical, caring support for children with ADHD, literacy and numeracy difficulties, speech and language delays, and emotional wellbeing needs. We help children celebrate their strengths and build self-belief, while giving parents the tools and confidence to support learning at home.

We provide:

## **Assessments**

To understand learning strengths and challenges, and provide clarity for the best step forward.

## **Support Services**

To help children build skills and confidence, using personalised, evidence-based strategies.

## **Practical Resources**

To guide parents to build their knowledge and support learning at home.



 [learninglinks.org.au](https://learninglinks.org.au)







**\$245 for 3  
days! 30%  
Offer ends  
November  
23rd!**

#### PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 01** 9-3pm each day
- 02** Basketball, Cricket, Netball and Soccer on offer
- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs



**It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants**



## THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

#### LOCATIONS

- UNSW Fitness & Aquatic Centre, Kensington - 19, 20, 21 January 2026
- University of NSW, Daceyville - 12, 13, 14 January 2026
- Heffron Park, Maroubra - 15, 16, 17 December 2025
- Heffron Centre, Maroubra - 15, 16, 17 December 2025 & 12, 13, 14 January 2026
- Concord Recreation Centre, Concord - 17, 18, 19 December 2025
- Five Dock Leisure Centre, Five Dock - 19, 20, 21 January 2026

#### Contact Us:

1300 914 368

[admin@australiansportscamps.com.au](mailto:admin@australiansportscamps.com.au)

#### More Information:

[australiansportscamps.com.au](http://australiansportscamps.com.au)



**Unlock Piano**

# DISCOVER THE JOY OF PLAYING PIANO

Start learning even if you don't have a piano. We provide one for you to keep at home



← Your included  
digital piano



Our passionate, qualified piano teachers make learning the piano fun and engaging



1 on 1 lessons in the comfort of your home



Learn piano with our structured curriculum - tailored for young learners



Scan below to  
Secure Your Spot!



← Get your first  
lesson free!

0481 184 552

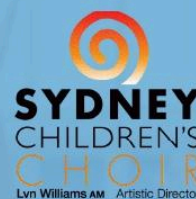
UNLOCKPIANO.COM.AU

HELLO@UNLOCKPIANO.COM.AU



# Join the Sydney Children's Choir!

We're located in the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct, just a 5-minute walk from Barangaroo Metro!



Enrol your child (from age 5) now to:

- Experience our world-renowned training program
- Rehearse with leading Australian choral conductors and pianists
- Tour nationally and internationally
- Sing with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra
- Perform at City Recital Hall and the Sydney Opera House
- Make new friends and be part of a fun, supportive community
- Boost brain and emotional development, memory, confidence and attention

## For kids who love to sing!

*To learn more, contact our friendly team at:*

scc@gondwana.org.au

(02) 8274 7001

www.gondwana.org.au

Or scan below to enrol now

