



MPS Matters Newsletter

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WEEK 8

2025

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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

Week 8

Thursday 4 December	K-2 Incursion - Mad About Science
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Sunday 7 December	Rock Band Gig - Factory Theatre Courtyard
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Week 9

Thursday 11 December	Semester 2 Student Reports available to families
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Week 10

Tuesday 16 December	K-2 Presentation Day Assembly 9.30am-10.30am Year 3-5 Presentation Day Assembly 11.15am - 12.15pm
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Tuesday 16 December	Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea 10.30am-11.00am
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Wednesday 17 December	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 10.00am
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Wednesday 17 December	Year 6 Farewell 6pm-8pm
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Thursday 18 December	School Fun Day
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Friday 19 December	Last day of 2025 School Year
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2026 - Term 1

Tuesday 27 January	Staff return to school
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Monday 2 February	All students return to school
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Principal Report

On Monday evening, we held our final P&C meeting for the year. This small group of dedicated volunteers has worked tirelessly throughout the year to support our school. Julia Hume, our 2025 President has been a fantastic contributor to our school, leading the team in a number of fundraisers and events that have delivered much needed resources for our school. During the meeting we thanked Fergus and Carly Cumming for the enormous contribution they have made to the school through their leading roles in the P&C for many years. On behalf of our school I'd like to thank them for the incredible amount of hard work they have invested in our school. Thank you as well to every single person that has volunteered to support our school in 2025 - your efforts are greatly appreciated and a large reason why we are known for being such a caring, inclusive community. As a small token of our appreciation, I'd love for you to join us at a special 'Thank You' morning tea on Tuesday 16 December at 10.30am.

In staffing news, Ms Emily Connell's final day at school before commencing maternity leave will be tomorrow. She has done an amazing job in her role as Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction, working collaboratively with staff, students and the community to develop, implement and monitor teaching and learning plans to improve outcomes for all students. We look forward to hearing exciting news in the coming weeks. At this point Ms Connell will be on leave for the duration of 2026.

In construction news, the Stage 1 classrooms all now have new carpet and look amazing. The library is now scheduled to receive new carpet during the final week of term. Work on the A Block student bathrooms will also commence this weekend and we are very excited to see the transformation of this area of the school.

Our chickens have arrived and set up camp next to the Pride Mural in the top playground. Thank you to the families that indicated they would be willing to lend a hand and care for our three fabulous chooks. It was wonderful to see interested families sign up for a shift when the booking sheet was released yesterday.



School Posters

Yesterday I was privileged to spend the morning working with the fabulous students in 5/6C. We discussed the key attractions of our school before the students created their own posters promoting reasons why parents and carers should enrol their students at our school.



Marrickville Public School Truth And Service

MPS has a variety of cool, fun, sporty, kind and creative bunch of students!

Over the years MPS has participated in Balmain cross country, Zone swimming and Zone athletics and a variety of other fun and creative learning activities .

MPS have many students who have their own unique talents from Sport all the way to English.

We would all love for some more amazing kindy friends:)

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you”

MPS
Truth And Service
The benefits of enrolling your child here are

- Service: at MPS our teachers will help your child and their parents with what ever they need
- Extra curricular Activities: MPS has activities for every type of child from kids who like fantasy to kids who like sport there isn't something your kid won't like here
- Kindergarten: as a kid who went to kindergarten at MPS it was a great experience for me the simple sound waves and books really boosted my English, Reading, and Maths.

Some reasons to enrol your child

- This school teaches your children to build their social skills and make friends
- Enrolling your child at this school puts them on the right track for life!
- There are many extra curricular activities

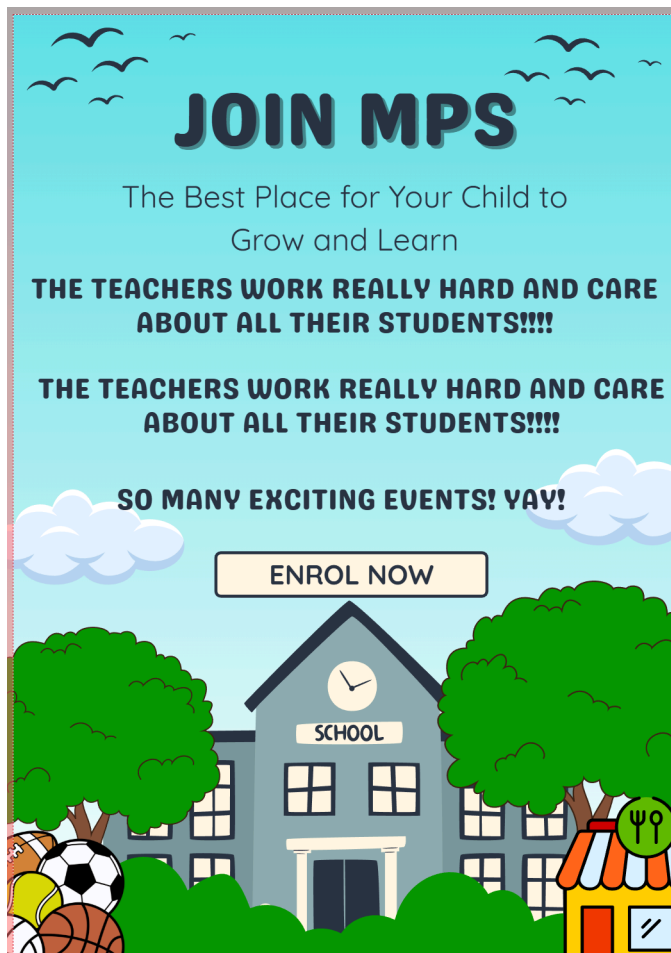
Student Quotes

Coming here has built my social skills.(Felix C, Student Representative Council.

This School's staff goes out of their way to help with extra activities, and they will continue to teach us until we understand (Henry S, Trusted and approachable student

We have a playground just for our kindergarten students





JOIN MPS

The Best Place for Your Child to
Grow and Learn

**THE TEACHERS WORK REALLY HARD AND CARE
ABOUT ALL THEIR STUDENTS!!!!**

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SO MANY EXCITING EVENTS! YAY!

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SCHOOL



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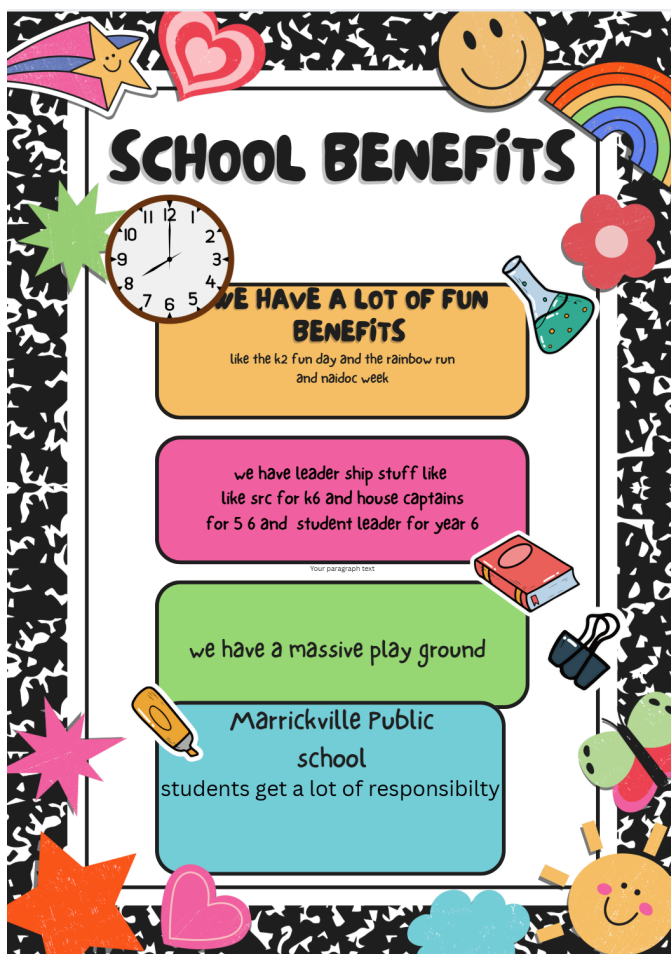
MPS offers many extracurricular activities from Kindy to Year 6. There are many activities like PSSA and enrichment groups like graphic design and Cooking.

Our staff at MPS are very nice and care about everyone.

All students at our school are inclusive. We even have kindy buddies so your children won't be lonely when they start school.

Enrol now!!!

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PUBLIC SCHOOL
TRUTH AND SERVICE**



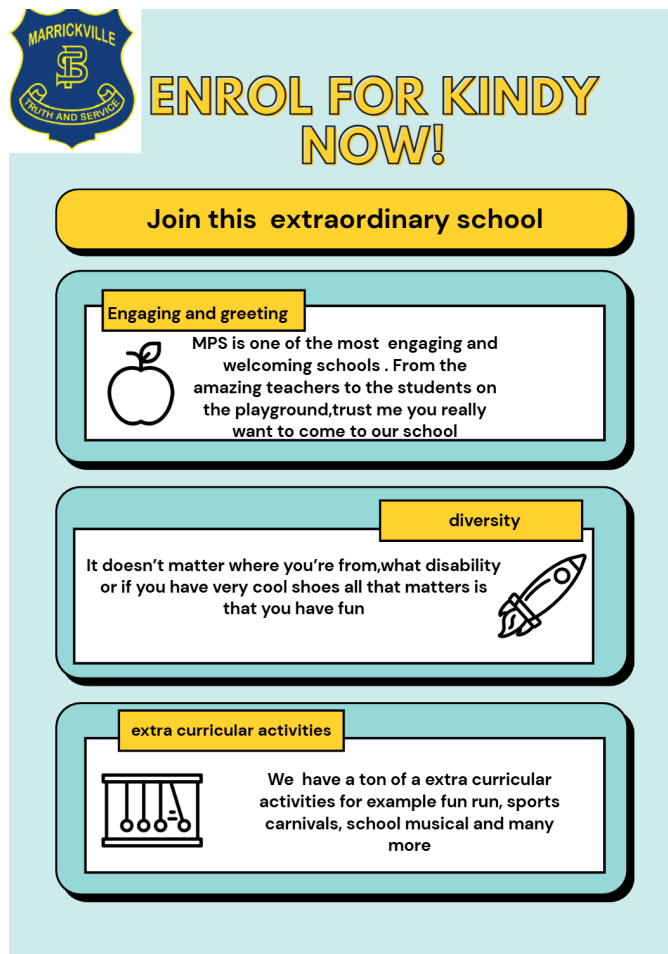
SCHOOL BENEFITS

WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN BENEFITS
like the k2 fun day and the rainbow run and naïdoc week

we have leader ship stuff like like src for k6 and house captains for 5 6 and student leader for year 6

we have a massive play ground

Marrickville Public school
students get a lot of responsibilty



ENROL FOR KINDY NOW!

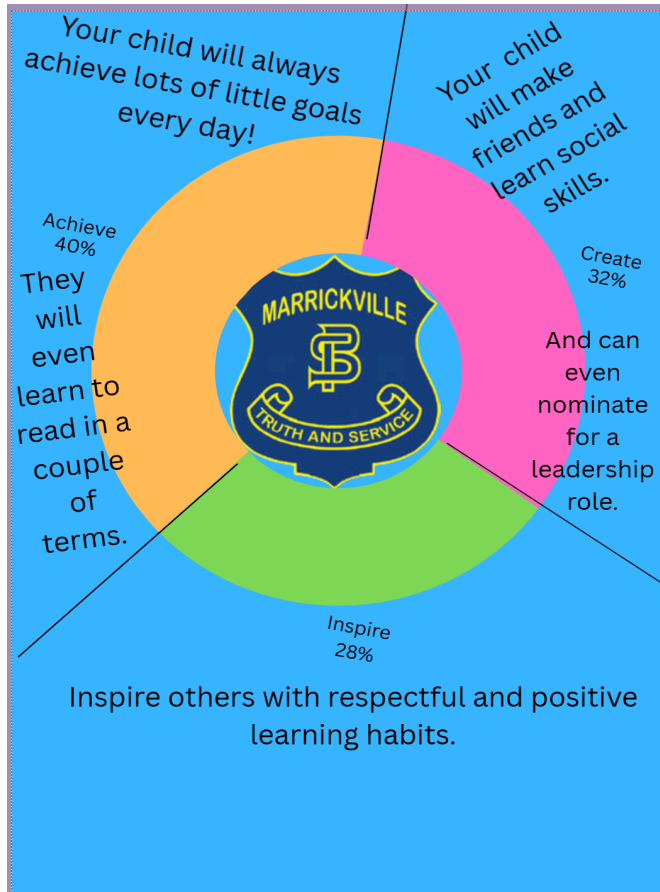
Join this extraordinary school

Engaging and greeting
MPS is one of the most engaging and welcoming schools. From the amazing teachers to the students on the playground, trust me you really want to come to our school

diversity
It doesn't matter where you're from, what disability or if you have very cool shoes all that matters is that you have fun

extra curricular activities
We have a ton of extra curricular activities for example fun run, sports carnivals, school musical and many more

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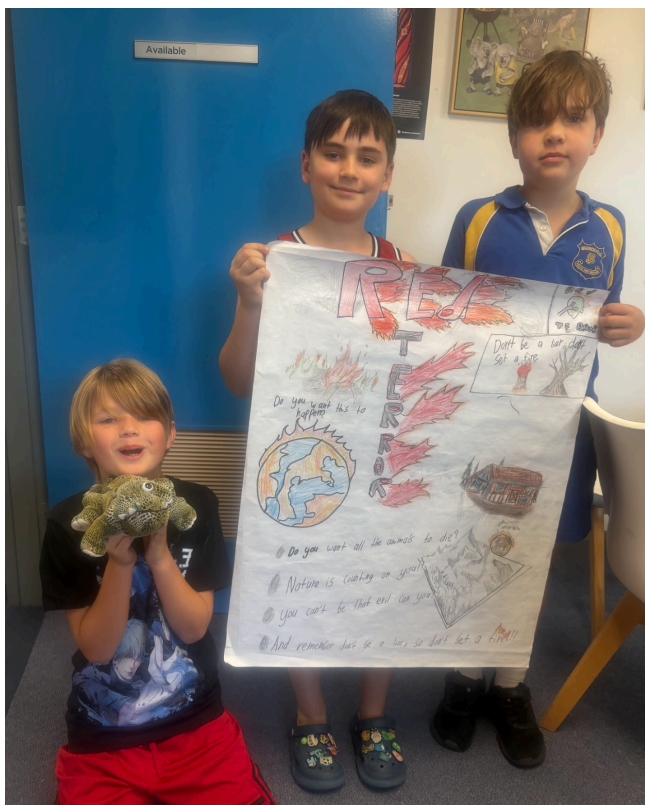
- Good role models**
Kids in older years get leadership and every kindly gets a buddy to look up to.
- Teacher support**
As we don't have as many students, we have lots of space for kids and teachers can give your child more attention and support.
- extra curricular activities**
Kids get lots of extra curricular activities including:
 - Rock band
 - Junior choir
 - Rookie recorder
 - Sisa gymnastics
 - Swimming

There's a musical every year that your child will be able to participate in.

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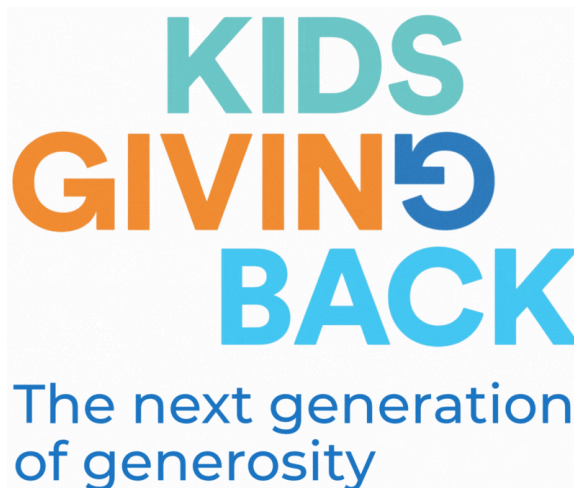
Great Student Work

It's always nice to receive visits from students keen to show me the fantastic work they are completing in class. This morning Iggy, Bailey, Coen, Aria, Charlotte and Sandy from 3/4DM brought down their great group projects.



Student Volunteer

It's always fantastic hearing about students making a great contribution to the community. This morning, I received an email from an organisation called 'Kids Giving Back' letting me know that Mia S (1/2H) was one of 1000 young changemakers who prepared and delivered more than 5700 meals, snack packs and care packages, along with heartfelt notes of encouragement for those in need. 12 Sydney charities benefited from Mia's efforts! We are super-proud of you, Mia!



Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 student reports will be available on the Schoolbytes parent Portal from Thursday 11 December.

Parents/Carers should download their child/ren's report, together with any other reports for your records. This is particularly important for students in Year 6 - please be reminded that the school charges an administration fee to provide parents with documents after their child/ren have left the school.

Fun Day - Thursday 18 December

MPS will be celebrating the end of the year on Thursday 18 December with a big fun day featuring wet inflatables (jumping castles and rides with water). Students can wear casual clothes to school but must wear their swimmers underneath their clothes. They should also bring a plastic bag with a towel, underwear and thongs / crocs. Please ensure you apply sunscreen before students leave home.

After the water activities, children will be enjoying a picnic lunch before watching a G or PG movie with their class. Can you please notify the school if you do not give permission for your child to watch a PG movie. Please check your emails to complete permission for this event.

Library Stocktake

Time to search under those beds! Towards the end of this term, the Library will be undergoing a stocktake. All books need to be returned by the end of this week. Please feel free to contact the Office with any queries about loans or overdue notices sent home.



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. Please note, in 2026 the yellow polo and t-shirt will no longer be part of our uniform following surveys conducted in 2021 and discussions held with Pickles.

Need something? Shop at [Pickles Schoolwear](https://www.pickles.schoolwear.com.au) or email our P&C for quality second-hand items at uniforms@mpspandc.org

Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea

This year our staff would like to thank all parents, carers and volunteers for the support and positivity sent our way. We invite you to attend a special morning tea on Tuesday 16 December between 10.30am and 11.00am. We have scheduled the event to fit between our K-2 Presentation Day assembly and our Year 3-5 Presentation Day Assembly. It will be fantastic if you are able to join us on this day to celebrate all we have collectively achieved in 2025! Please RSVP via email marrickvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Rock Band Gig - This Sunday!

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](#).



Stage 2 Film and Drama Showcase - Next Tuesday!

The students from 3/4DM and 3/4W would like to invite you to the Stage 2 Film and Drama Showcase next **Tuesday 9th December at 1pm in the school hall**. Stage 2 will be presenting the short films and drama performances they have been working on this semester.

Special guests will help select one short film from each class to enter into the Film By Online competition.



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STAGE 2 FILM AND DRAMA SHOWCASE

Join us for a celebration of student creativity!

View short films produced in the STEM Lab this semester.

Be amazed by drama performances from
★ workshops with Shiny Heart Productions and
Inner West Drama.

TUE 9 DEC
1.00 - 3.15PM
MPS HALL
FAMILIES
WELCOME

Social Media Age Restrictions

From 10 December 2025, many social media platforms will be required to prevent Australians under 16 from creating or maintaining accounts on certain age-restricted services. The changes aim to protect children from pressures and risks they can be exposed to while logged in to social media accounts.

The eSafety Commissioner is leading the implementation of the law. They are responsible for identifying platforms and supporting the community with information and resources.

Under-16s will still be able to see publicly available social media content that doesn't require logging into an account. There are no penalties for young people who use age-restricted platforms or for their parents and carers as the responsibility is with the platforms.

We encourage you to access eSafety's resources and support for families on their website and register for one of the upcoming [webinars](#)

School student travel pass information for parents and students

Applications are now open for 2026 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their School Opal card at their nominated postal address from mid-January 2026.



Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible. In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

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/>





Contact us:

E: secretary@mpspandc.org

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

[Instagram](#)

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 before the end of December or check out our website at www.bennelongmusic.com.au for more information on what we offer.



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+ Community BBQ**
At Marrickville Town Hall, 3 Dec

Filmable Short Film Festival
At Marrickville Library
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Inclusion Festival Art & Craft Fair
At Marrickville Library
and Pavilion, 6 Dec

Hydro Disco Pool Party
At Annette Kellerman
Aquatic Centre, 12 Dec



Inclusive Multi-Sport Day
At PCYC Marrickville, 13 Dec

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Centre**

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Free entry all day



STATE SOCCER HOLIDAY CAMP

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January 13 (Tue) - January 15 (Thur), 2026

January 20 (Tue) - January 22 (Thur), 2026

January 27 (Tue) - January 29 (Thur), 2026

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Inner Child Craft Christmas Workshop

Sunday 7th December
4-6pm
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Marrickville

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FOR KIDS AGED 5-12 YRS WITH JUNKYARD BEATS MUSICAL ENTERTAINERS!




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PARENTS MUST ATTEND WITH THEIR CHILDREN

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For Kids: Turn recyclable materials into unique musical instruments and help create a fun group concert!

For Parents: Take part in morning parenting sessions with our friends at  then enjoy quality time with your child in the afternoon! ☀️

DATE: Thursday January 22nd, 2026

TIME: 10am-3pm

LOCATION: St George Community
Housing community room
438 Illawarra Road, Marrickville
(venue is in the garden area down
the ramp).

Bus stop is right outside + street
parking is available.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Vicky Lim-Howe
vicky.lim-howe@metroassist.org.au or call
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Monday 19 to Friday 23 January 2026

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PADDINGTON

Helping Hands. 9:30-3:30pm (8-14yrs)

16, 17 & 18 December

6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22 & 23 January

Little Helpers. 10am-12pm (5-7 yrs + adult)

Wednesday 7 & 21 January

PARRAMATTA

Helping Hands 9:30-2:30pm (8-14yrs)

22 & 23 January

MANLY

Helping Hands. 9:30-2:30pm (8-14yrs)

8, 12, 13, 19 & 20 January



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