MPS Matters Newsletter

TERM 1 WEEK 5 2026

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

marrickvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
marrickvil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
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.

Term 1 Upcoming Events

Week 5	
Thursday 26 February	IEP/PLP Meetings in the library. 3/4T & 3/4P meetings to be rescheduled.
Thursday 26 February	K-6 Assembly in the hall 2.45pm - hosted by Student Leaders
Friday 27 February	Pulse Alive First Nations Dance Preliminary Rehearsal
Week 6	
Monday 2 - Wednesday 4 March	Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Tuesday 3 - Thursday 5 March	Sydney University Reading Program begins and continues each week until the end of term
Thursday 5 March	Social Media Parent Workshop 5.30pm @ Dulwich Hill PS
Friday 6 March	School Tour for new families - meet 9.30am at the office
Week 7	
Monday 9 March	GATEWAYS Science Enrichment Program - Years 1-3
Tuesday 10 March	School Cross Country Carnival
Wednesday 11 March	NAPLAN Writing Assessment (Years 3 & 5)
Thursday 12 March	NAPLAN Reading Assessment (Years 3 & 5)
Thursday 12 March	K-6 Assembly in the hall 2.45pm - hosted by Student Leaders
Friday 13 March	P&C Bingo Event in the hall 7pm

From the Principal

The Big Hello was a fabulous evening. It was wonderful seeing so many families in attendance. There was a really positive atmosphere and it was brilliant seeing our community come together and enjoy the evening. Special thanks to Nathan Player for feeding us all delicious Cheezy Duz it pizzas on the night!

Our P&C has planned a great social event for Friday 13 March from 7pm in the School Hall - The Rocky Horror Musical Bingo Night. If you've ever secretly believed you're the Bad Guy when it comes to music trivia, love a night that makes you want to go toLevitating-level dance in your seat, or you're ready to channel your inner Killa, this night is for you. Expect a playlist packed with big hits – from Kill Bill attitude to a touch of Vampire drama – and plenty of laughs along the way.

These social events are a fantastic way for our school community to come together, relax, and enjoy a well-earned night out (no uniforms, no lunchboxes, just good music and good company! while also helping to raise money for school projects.

Pocket Rocketz will be on site serving their famous jaffles and tasty treats, and the bar will be open with local beer, wine and soft drinks. Grab your friends, book a table, and join us for a Friday night that's a little spooky, a lot of fun, and guaranteed to hit all the right notes. Tickets are on sale for $30 and can be purchased here: MPS Musical Bingo Tickets

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as SRC representatives for their class this year:

KB - Mabel & Kai

KR - Annie & Oscar

1/2K - Lennox & Enzo

1/2S - Rafael & Rita

1/2W - Edie & Rory

3/4J - Elka & Harvey

3/4P - Beatrix & Phoenix

3/4T - Margot & Willem

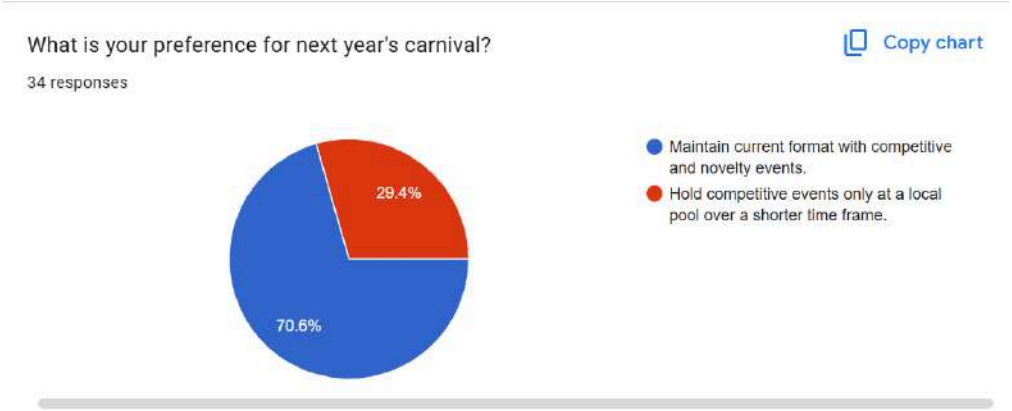
5/6C - Augie & Felix

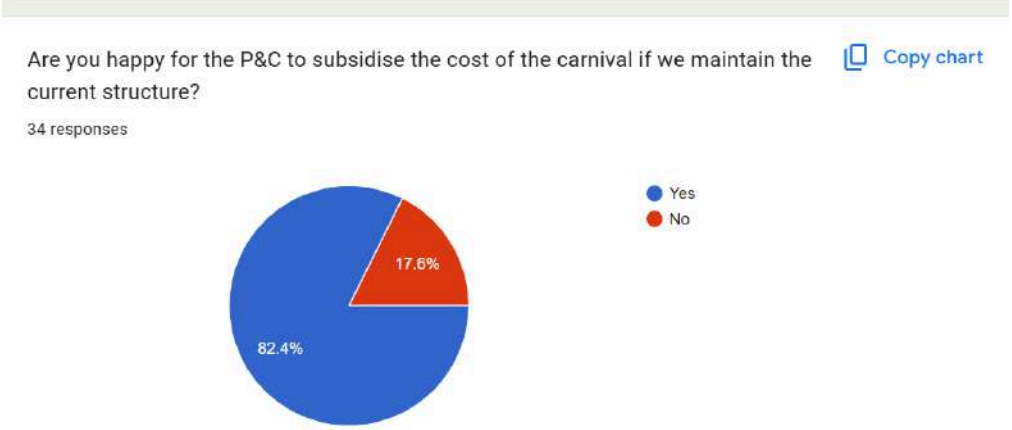
5/6H - Robbie & Emeliana

These students will be presented with their badges during Thursday's K-6 Assembly.

School Swimming Carnival Review

Thanks so much to the families that took the time to complete the recent survey about our school swimming carnival. We received 34 responses showing:





We will now explore options to see how the carnival can run next year in a cost-effective manner that allows us to select a team to participate in the Zone carnival while also providing all students with an opportunity to participate in events throughout the day.

On Tuesday our students competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Ashfield Aquatic Centre. The students represented our school with distinction and we are very proud of their efforts. Special thanks to the families that assisted with transporting students to and from the pool and Mr Crawley and Ms Hyman for accompanying the students to the pool.

Marrickville High School Visit

Last Thursday Mr Steve Holz, Principal at Marrickville HS visited our school to speak with our Stage 3 students about high schools. As well as providing valuable information to our students, he was also able to effectively answer all student questions.

MPS NAPLAN Schedule

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

In 2026 NAPLAN will take place from **Wednesday 11 March** to **Monday 23 March**. All schools in NSW undertake NAPLAN online. However, Year 3 students do the writing test on paper. See last week's newsletter for more information or visit the NESA NAPLAN website

MPS Schedule

<table>
<tr><th>Wed 11/3</th><th>Thurs 12/3</th><th>Fri 13/3</th><th>Mon 16/3</th><th>Tue 17/3</th><th>Thurs 19/3Fri 20/3</th></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Writing</td><td rowspan="2">Reading</td><td rowspan="2">Reading catch up</td><td rowspan="2">Language Conventions</td><td rowspan="2">Numeracy</td><td>Language Catch up</td></tr>
<tr><td>Numeracy Catch up</td></tr>
</table>

K-6 Assembly

On Thursday we will be holding our first K-6 assembly for 2026. The assembly will begin in the hall from 2:45pm. The 2026 student leaders will be hosting the assembly and we welcome all parents and carers to attend. ***We will be announcing this year's student representative council at this assembly.*** During this assembly class awards will be presented to the following students:

Class	Student First Name and Initial			Teacher Comment
KB	Archie V	for		always bringing a smile to class and giving his best during learning activities.
KB	Zee W	for		consistently demonstrating excellent behaviour, participation and effort in all aspects of school.
KR	Olivia H	for		always being helpful and responsible in the classroom.
KR	Zayd J	for		always trying his best and showing enthusiasm for learning new things.
1/2K	Arrietthe A	for		her respectful attitude and enthusiasm for learning
1/2K	Harrison K	for		his bright smile, respectful attitude and enthusiastic application to all subject areas
1/2S	Seany Boy C	for		the amazing effort he has been putting into his work and being a welcoming friend.
1/2S	Rafael T	for		applying himself to all subjects and giving thoughtful contributions in class discussions.
1/2W	Archer C	for		his respectful attitude and effort to engage in his learning.
1/2W	Edie D	for		always being a role model and consistently challenging herself in her learning.
3/4J	Maxwell B	for		making a great start to his new school and demonstrating consistent effort
3/4J	Penny M	for		consistent effort across all areas of her learning
3/4P	Medina I	for		helping with all class routines
3/4P	Isaac L	for		consistent effort in all subject areas
3/4T	Warnurra D	for		always and consistently being a helpful and reliable student
3/4T	Antek B	for		making good choices and being focused on his learning.
5/6C	Charlie L	for		his application and focus in all subject areas, especially Mathematics.
5/6C	Brooklyn M	for		her engagement and enthusiasm to improve her handwriting as well as her narrative writing.
5/6H	Ella G	for		her high level of diligence and application in all areas, especially English.
5/6H	Henry S	for		his outstanding results in all of our start of the year assessments.
ICT/STEM	Hazel D	KR	for	her engagement and curiosity when exploring how to code a Bluebot robot.
ICT/STEM	Finn N	3/4T	for	enthusiastically participating in Kahoot quizzes to demonstrate his knowledge about digital citizenship and cyber safety.
Library	Eli D	1/2W	for	responsibly performing his job assisting with borrowing and independently completing his book response slide.
Library	Beatrix F	3/4P	for	starting the year borrowing each week and making insightful contributions about early European sea exploration.
CLOTE	William D	1/2K	for	his consistent effort and enthusiasm during Vietnamese lessons.

High School Enrolment in 2027

Dear Year 6 Families,

The department has digitised the Year 6 to Year 7 transition process.

If you would like your child to attend a government high school in 2027, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) for Year 6 to 7 transition. The expression of interest lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7. After you submit this expression of interest and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a government high school.

It is assumed that students will attend their local high school. You can find your local high school by entering your address on the following page:
https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/

Should you wish to apply for an Out of Area placement, you will need to add further information in your expression of interest. We suggest contacting your preferred school/s and asking for their enrolment policy, to ensure you meet the Out of Area criteria when submitting your application.

Windows open for digital Expressions of Interest (EOI) forms on 3 March 2026. You will submit the expression of interest via the Marrickville PS website:

https://marrickvil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/ and selecting the 'ENROLMENT' tab in the top right hand corner and scrolling down to the heading, 'Moving to High School'. Here you will also find additional information regarding enrolment in selective high schools and non-government high schools.

Digital Expression of Interest (EOI) or Placement Not Required (PNR) forms are due by 27 March 2026.

2026 Library Borrowing Days (Term 1)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5/6H	5/6C	KR	KB
3/4T	1/2W	1/2K	1/2S
3/4J	3/4P		

AFL AusKick Opportunity

We have an exciting opportunity for Marrickville PS.

On Thursday the 26th February at 4:10pm the Sydney Swans vs GWS Giants at Henson Park and we are looking for 40 kids aged 8 - 10 years old to participate in a Half Time Superkick Program.

If you have any kids keen to participate we will need them to click on the link and register https://tradablebits.com/tb_app/542669

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.

<table>
<tr><th></th><th>Monday</th><th>Tuesday</th><th>Wednesday</th><th>Thursday</th><th>Friday</th></tr>
<tr><td>Before School</td><td>Junior Strings
in music room</td><td>Senior Recorders
8am in Music Room with Ms Hutchinson</td><td rowspan="2">School Band
In the hall</td><td rowspan="2"></td><td rowspan="2"></td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Lunch Time</td><td>Chess Club
In EALDroom- click above link to enrol</td><td rowspan="2">First Nations Pulse Alive Dance
with Ms Wiggins in the hall</td><td>Junior Choir
with Ms Mann</td><td rowspan="2">Rock Band with Mr Duker</td><td>SRC Meetings
with Ms Hutchinson</td></tr>
<tr><td>Stage 3 Book Club
With Ms Mann</td><td>Senior Strings
in music room
(starts week 3 14th Feb)
Senior Choir with Ms Cai</td><td>Rookie Recorders
with Mr Harding</td></tr>
<tr><td>After School</td><td>Band Tuition
In the hall</td><td>Minecraft Engineers
3.30-4.45pm</td><td></td><td>Inner West Drama
3.15pm-5.15pm
In the hall</td><td></td></tr>
</table>

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

P&C Meeting: The next P&C Meeting Monday 16 March will be held on line

🎶 🎶 🎶 GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!! Rocky Horror Musical Bingo Night Friday 13 March - 7pm $30 in the Marrickville Public School Hall 🎵 🎵 🎵
It's just a jump to the left…. And a grown-ups night out of music, bingo and prizes. Seating is unreserved so you just need to get your ticket. Tickets on sale https://www.trybooking.com/DJPLB.

Big Hello

Thanks to the school for arranging The Big Hello last week - we hope a good time was had by all. HUGE thank you to the CHEESY DUZ IT team for making all that pizza and selling drinks on P&C behalf.

Second hand uniforms- we continue to accept good quality second hand uniforms - drop them in the basket in the office. Please no yellow t-shirts.
The P&C uniform room will be open on Monday afternoons while Gardening Club is on each week. The room will also be open on Tuesday 10 March from 8 - 9.

Gardening Club - MONDAY afternoons at 3:15 for an hour or so. Join Naomi and Kara to help look after some special parts of our school playground.

Music Bingo tickets can be purchased at: https://www.trybooking.com/DJPLB

Celebrating Hearing Awareness Week 2026

Did you know that 1 in 6 Australians are living with hearing loss?

Bennelong Music

Bennelong Music are now taking enrolments for 2026. If you would like your child/ren to begin music lessons and /or band next term please forward the attached enrolment form 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.

Art Therapy for Children in Earlwood

STRENGTHENING CHILDREN'S COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND SELF CONFIDENCE

Art Therapy supports children to express themselves through art making. This develops their awareness of their thoughts and feelings and their confidence in communicating them.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO PROCESS DIFFICULT EXPERIENCES AND BIG CHANGES

Some children need support during periods of transition (e.g. starting primary or high school, following parent separation or a new baby joining the family). Others may have experienced challenging or traumatic life events (e.g. loss of a loved one, domestic violence, family member being unwell) and need support to express their feelings and make sense of these experiences.

DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING OF FEELINGS AND MANAGING FEELINGS BETTER

Parents may feel concerned about a change in their child. Their child may not be able to communicate what is troubling them. Art Therapy provides a way for the child's fears, worries and upsets to be expressed, better understood and ultimately feel more manageable.

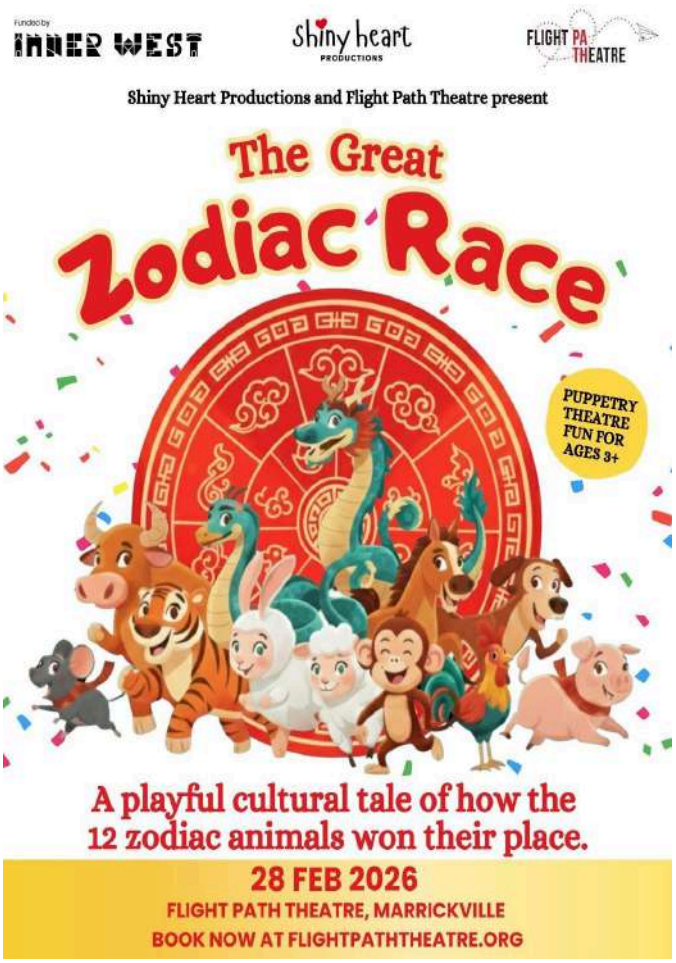
SUPPORTING NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN

Making art and playing in art therapy are engaging and non-threatening ways to strengthen social and communication skills and support anxiety management in children with Autism.

Kerrie Webb is available for referrals of children 4-13years. Kerrie is a Professionally Registered Art Therapist with ANZACATA. She has over 15 years of experience supporting children and families in community, health and education settings.

m) 0424149999	www.childarttherapysydney.com.au

MPS
STRINGS
ARE YOU KEEN ON MUSIC IN 2026?
JUNIOR STRINGS IS ENROLLING FOR 2026. JOIN US AS WE PLAY, LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER
MPS strings ensemble is a safe, creative space, that provides kids who love music with the opportunity to play, develop, and be part of a friendly group.
Ensemble of violin/viola/cello for beginners on Monday mornings before school led by tutor Juliet Lochrin. As kids in Junior Strings progress they will have the opportunity to move into the Senior Strings ensemble depending on their confidence and ability.
The Programme also has string instruments available for hire.
The aims of the program for each student are:
To learn to read music: notation, rhythm, dynamics
To experience a sense of joy from creating music
To build a sense of musical teamwork
To build reward for persistence and enthusiasm
For more information contact:
mpsstrings@gmail.com


Funded by
INNER WEST
Shiny heart PRODUCTIONS
FLIGHT PATH THEATRE
Shiny Heart Productions and Flight Path Theatre present
The Great
Zodiac Race
PUPPETRY THEATRE FUN FOR AGES 3+
A playful cultural tale of how the 12 zodiac animals won their place.
28 FEB 2026
FLIGHT PATH THEATRE, MARRICKVILLE
BOOK NOW AT FLIGHTPATHTHEATRE.ORG

Kids First
THERAPY HUB
APRIL 2026 HOLIDAY GROUPS
Life Skills Lab - Teen
Thursday 9th April
1:00-5:00pm
For teens aged 12-18 years, this group builds confidence, independence, and real-world life skills including shopping, cooking, and social connection.
Handwriting Hub
Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th April
8:30-12:30pm
For children in Kindy to Year 6, this group builds confident handwriting and strong fine motor skills through fun, creative, hands-on learning.
Social Sensory Science
Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th April
1:00-5:00pm
For children aged 5-12 years, this group explores sight, sound, touch, movement, and more through fun sensory activities designed to support regulation, confidence, and social skills.
REGISTER NOW
1300 850 418
info@kidsfirstot.com.au

Kids First
THERAPY HUB
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY & SPEECH PATHOLOGY
SUPPORT THAT FITS YOUR FAMILY
We offer a range of flexible therapy options designed to support kids at every stage of their development.
Clinic, school, and home-based therapy for kids aged 0-18 years
Client-centred approach, working closely with families, educators, and health professionals
Supporting families across Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, Inner West, and Lower North Shore
Certified practising Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists
OUR VALUES
KINDNESS
FAIRNESS
OPTIMISM
TRUST
NDIS registered, with Medicare rebates and Mental Health Care Plan options available
CONTACT US
www.kidsfirstot.com.au
info@kidsfirstot.com.au
1300 850 418
ABOUT US
We offer both Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology services, tailored to each child's unique strengths, challenges, and goals.
Our experienced team assists kids with a wide range of developmental, learning, and communication needs, including:
Neurodevelopment and behavioural differences such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, Global Developmental Delay, ADHD, emotional regulation, and behavioural challenges.
Learning and cognitive areas including dyslexia, literacy and comprehension challenges, and difficulties with attention, memory, and specific learning needs
Motor and sensory development including fine and gross motor skills, coordination, balance, sensory processing, handwriting, pencil grip, and motor planning
Speech and communication skills such as articulation, lisps, stuttering, following instructions, and expressive language development
Daily living skills and wellbeing including self-care (e.g. dressing self, using utensils), reduced endurance or low muscle tone, and mental health (including anxiety)
Other areas such as genetic or neurological conditions impacting development

bonjour écoliers

"A DAY IN FRANCE"

FRENCH HOLIDAY CAMP

At Rozelle Presbyterian Church
9am to 3pm
For children in Kindergarten to Year 3

Beginners
Tue 7th April
or Tue 14th April
Perfect for children new to French or with limited previous exposure. Games, music, movement, stories and craft to spark confidence and curiosity in French

French Speakers
Wed 8th April
or Wed 15th April
Ideal for bilingual or advanced children who understand or speak French. Fun games and creative activities to help them grow confident in their French.

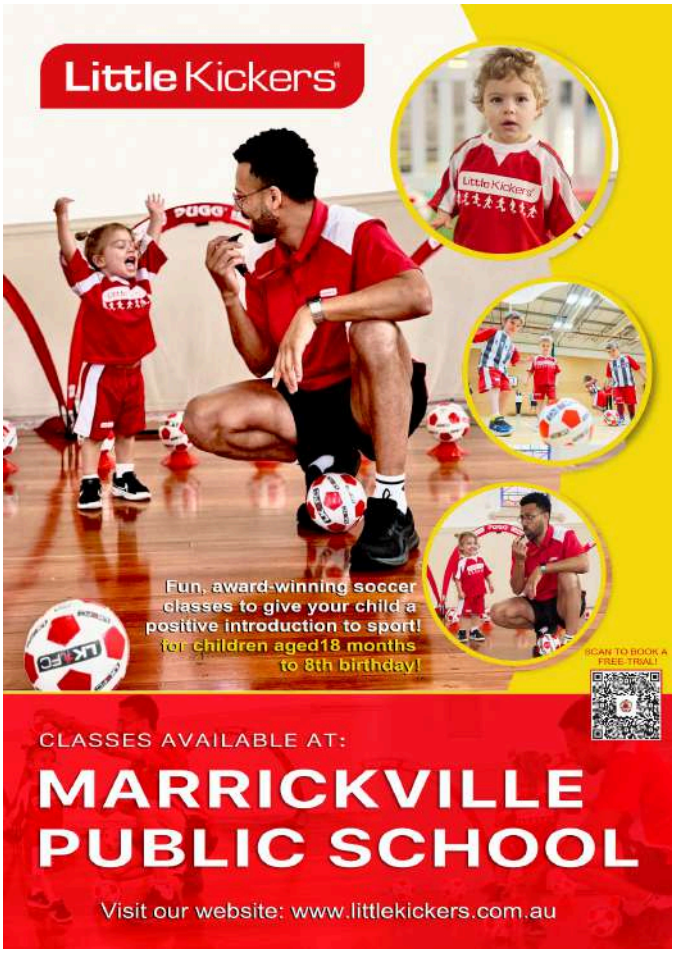
Language is a superpower!

Fully supervised by trained and WWCC-certified French educators
Designed for fun, learning, and confidence in French

Scan to book online
Spots fill fast!

$155/day · Limited spots
0450322092 • info@bonjourbabies.com.au
www.bonjourbabies.com.au

Get 20% off before 24th March with code **EARLY2026**



CLASSES AVAILABLE AT:

MARRICKVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Visit our website: www.littlekickers.com.au

CANTERBURY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT

*Students in years **4, 5 & 6** are welcome*

Tuesday 10 March 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Principal's address at **5:30pm** in the school hall

Tempe High School

Innovation | Opportunity | Excellence

OPEN NIGHT: 10th March 2026

School Hall Presentation
5pm - 5:30pm

Classroom Viewing
5:30pm - 6:30pm

119 Unwins Bridge Rd, Tempe
NSW 2044

9558 2336 | https://tempe-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/ | tempe-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Dulwich High School of Visual Arts & Design

Wednesday
4 March
5-7pm

You are invited to our Open Night

At DHSVAD we guide students to become confident and kind young people, while reaching their potential in readiness to make a positive impact on the world. We look forward to meeting you at our Open Night so you can discover what makes our school a wonderful place to be and to learn for your child.

At our Open Night you will have the opportunity to:

- Hear about our school's approach to learning
- Meet our Principal, staff and teachers
- Explore our classrooms and facilities
- Ask questions about becoming a student at our school

https://dulwich-h.schools.nsw.gov.au