MPS Matters Newsletter

TERM 1 WEEK 7 2026

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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.

Term 1 Upcoming Events

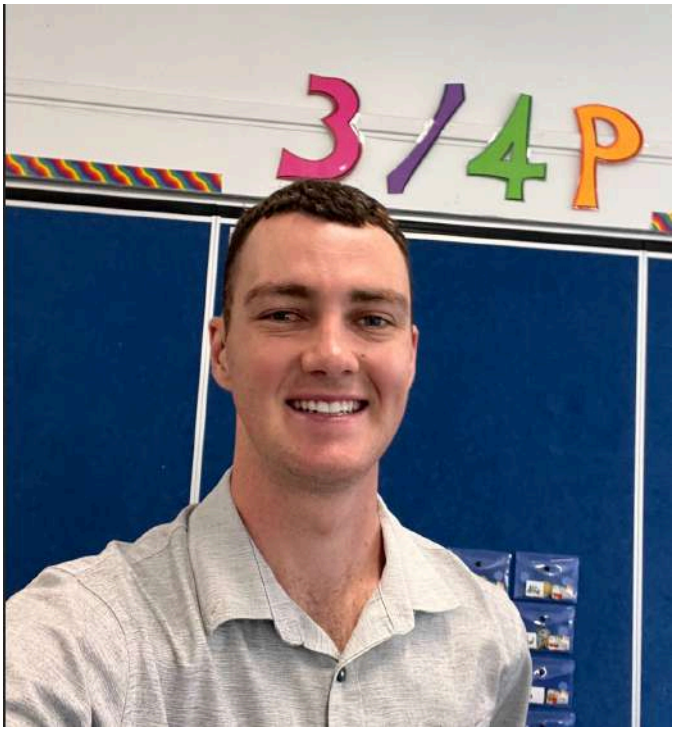
Week 7	
Thursday 12 March	NAPLAN Reading Assessment (Years 3 & 5)
Thursday 12 March	K-6 Assembly in the hall 2.45pm - hosted by Student Leaders
Week 8	
Monday 16 March	GATEWAYS Science Enrichment Program - Years 4-6
Monday 16 March	NAPLAN Conventions of Language Assessment (Years 3 & 5)
Monday 16 March	P&C Meeting (online 7pm-8pm) **March P&C Meeting link**
Monday 16 March & Tuesday 17 March	5/6C 3-way interviews with Mr Crawley
Tuesday 17 March	NAPLAN Numeracy Assessment (Years 3 & 5)
Wednesday 18 March	Pulse Alive First Nations Dance - Sydney Olympic Park
Thursday 19 & Friday 20 March	NAPLAN Catch-up Assessments
Friday 20 March	Harmony Day @ MPS
Week 9	
Thursday 26 March	Game Changer Challenge - Day 1 with Mr Duker
Thursday 26 March	Reconciliation Week filming - ‘Message Stick’ with Blak Douglas
Thursday 26 March	K-6 Assembly hosted by 5/6H in the hall 2.45pm

Week 10	
Monday 30 March	Student Leaders Conference
Tuesday 31 March & Wednesday 1 April	3-way interviews for all classes except 5/6C
Thursday 2 April	Fancy Hat Parade 2.30pm Last day of Term 1

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 7. NAPLAN for students in Years 3 & 5 began today with all students completing the Writing Assessment. Over the next week students will also undertake Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy assessments. NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and teachers the opportunity to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time - individually, as part of their school community and against national standards.

In staffing news Mr Thomas Sherry will be teaching the fabulous students in 3/4P for the remainder of the year. Ms Bassam will continue in her role as Relieving Assistant Principal, supervising Years 3-6 for the remainder of 2026. As well, Mr Crawley will be taking leave for the final nine days of the term. Mr Matthew Johnstone will teach 5/6C while he is absent.



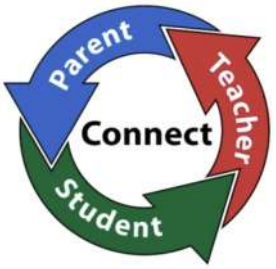
Cross Country Carnival

Yesterday's Cross Country was a fantastic event, with students giving it their all and showing great perseverance. Everyone who had a go tried their best and should be incredibly proud of themselves. Well done to all our runners!

Special thanks to Ms Cai, Ms Wiggins and Mr Crawley for coordinating this event.

	8/9 yrs		10yrs		11yrs		12/13yrs	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1st	Lucca	Tobey	Jean	Darcy	Tiffany	Maxim	Grace	Finn
2nd	Sofia	Alasdair	Vivian	Orbison	Sandra	Eddie L	Louella	Henry
3rd	Ilka	Stanley	Molly	Jack O	Charlotte	Samuel	Elouise	Edward C
4th	Hannah	Theo	Aerin	Leif	Emily	Levi	Amelie	Eamon
5th	Annabel	Joshua	Aria	Eden	Denisha	Jack T		Jude HB
6th	Mercy	Joseph	Medina	Tiago	Zahra	Charlie		Nathan

Term 1 Three-Way Interviews



Three-way interviews (parent-teacher-student) will be held in **Week 10 on Tuesday, 31 March, and Wednesday, 1 April**. Booking times will open this week. 5/6C interviews will be held next Monday 16 March and Tuesday 17 March.

This year, interviews will take place at school from 3:30pm–7:00pm on Tuesday and 3:30pm–7.00pm on Wednesday. Parents and carers can choose between a face-to-face meeting (preferred) or a phone/Google Meet.

During the interview, students will set three learning goals—one for literacy, one for numeracy, and one personal goal. These goals will be included in the Semester One reports, which will be sent home later in Term 2.

Please note that supervision will not be available during the interviews. If you need to bring children along, they will need to sit outside the classroom, so please ensure they have something to keep them occupied.

Please ensure you have registered to the Parents Portal on School Bytes as soon as possible so you can book your interview time. Interview bookings will open this week. ***You will receive an email notification when bookings are open.***

Here's how parents can set up their account:

- Visit the parent portal link: https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login
- Click on the "Create a new account" link
- Enter your first and last name as they appear on your student's school profile
- Use the email address you use for school communication
- Create and confirm a password
- Click "Create account"

You'll then receive a verification email to confirm your email address. Once verified, log in to link your account to your children.

Reconciliation Week Message Stick Filming

The NSW Parliament Education team is working in partnership with the Museums of History to deliver a reconciliation Week event (27 May - 3 June) targeted at primary schools across NSW. They will be filming a webinar on Thursday 26 March that features our school's First Nation students and a chosen buddy working with renowned artist, Blak Douglas. Blak will be speaking briefly about Aboriginal Art and then guiding students through a Message Stick activity, highlighting the significance of the Message Stick that was presented to Parliament during the final reading of Aboriginal Languages Act 2017.

Week 7 K-6 Assembly

Tomorrow we will be holding our K-6 assembly. 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. During this assembly class awards will be presented to the following students:

Class	Student First Name and Initial		Teacher Comment
KB	Lyra C	for	always displaying positive and kind behaviour to peers and teachers.
KB	Julian D	for	giving his best during learning activities even when something is tricky.
KR	Ayomi B	for	always making positive choices and being a respectful role model in our classroom.
KR	Zane D	for	showing resilience and striving to improve each day.
1/2K	Aarohi.F	for	for using expressive words that bring her stories to life.
1/2K	Lu. F	for	embracing every maths challenge with enthusiasm and sharing his brilliant smile with everyone.
1/2S	Emily O	for	being a role model to her peers and pushing herself to complete challenges.
1/2S	Henry P	for	his respectful attitude and using feedback to achieve learning goals.
1/2W	Hannah E	for	consistently completing tasks and applying feedback to improve.
1/2W	Isabella K	for	displaying role model behaviour and her thoughtful contributions to discussions.
3/4J	Annabel S	for	always demonstrating a positive attitude to learning.
3/4J	Danish T	for	setting an example for his peers to follow.
3/4P	Jed P	for	always listening to instructions attentively and ready to learn.
3/4P	Kiran K	for	actively participating in class discussions and staying focused during independent tasks.
3/4B	Elliot W	for	making positive choices in the classroom that reflect his eagerness to learn and growing respect towards his learning.
3/4B	Felicity S	for	writing an exceptionally engaging orientation that demonstrated remarkable creativity and a true writer's skill.
5/6C	Amelie A	for	being the first person to tackle the Giant Swing.
5/6C	Joel D	for	being a good sport and taking on the many challenges of camp.
5/6H	Emily B	for	fearlessly attacking the mud run at camp.
5/6H	Maxim B	for	rising to meet the challenge of each activity at camp.
ICT/ STEM	Zahra M	5/6C	for acting as a responsible and engaged peer mentor to assist younger students in the STEM Lab.
ICT /STEM	May May V	1/2W	for working hard to learn new tech skills and explore the features of the Canva app.
Library	Coral M	1/2S	for always being an engaged and respectful learner in library.
Library	Frank D	3/4B	for his regular borrowing and contributions to discussions about exploration and mapping.
CLOTE	Mercy LN	3/4B	for good listening skills and great participation during Vietnamese lessons.

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

Wed 11/3	Thurs 12/3	Fri 13/3	Mon 16/3	Tue 17/3	Thurs 19/3	Fri 20/3
Writing	Reading	*Reading catch up*	Language Conventions	Numeracy	*Language Catch up*	
					Numeracy Catch up	

2026 Library Borrowing Days (Term 1)

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

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	School Band In the hall	Primary Proms In LST Hub		
Lunch Time	Chess Club In EALD room	First Nations Pulse Alive Dance with Ms Wiggins in the hall	Junior Choir with Ms Mann		Rock Band with Mr Duker	SRC Meetings with Ms Hutchinson
	Stage 3 Book Club With Ms Mann		Senior Choir with Ms Cai			Rookie Recorders with Mr Harding
	Senior Strings In music room					
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 soon in the Hall)

Harmony Day

Next Friday, March 20, our SRC students are leading Harmony Day celebrations! Students are encouraged to wear orange or cultural dress to celebrate our school's diversity. It's a great opportunity to reflect on inclusivity, respect, and belonging at MPS. We look forward to a fantastic day!

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.

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 at 7pm. The meeting link is: https://meet.google.com/tkf-hsob-voc

Anyone interested in being involved in fundraising is invited to join via the meeting link at 6.30pm for planning and discussion before the meeting proper commences at 7pm.

All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

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.

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.

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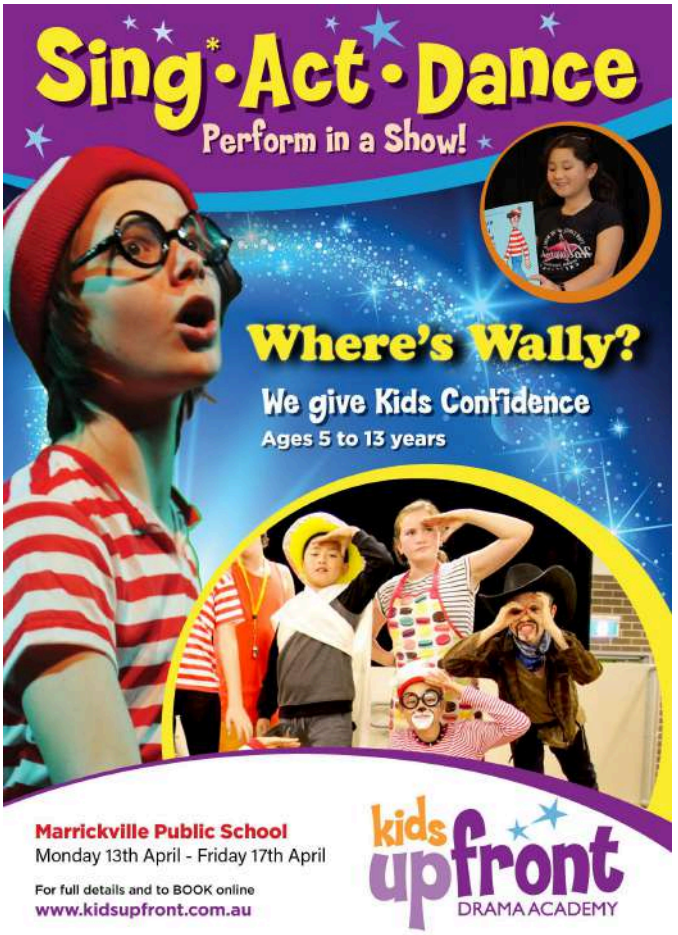
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Speech and communication skills such as articulation, lisps, stuttering, following instructions, and expressive language development
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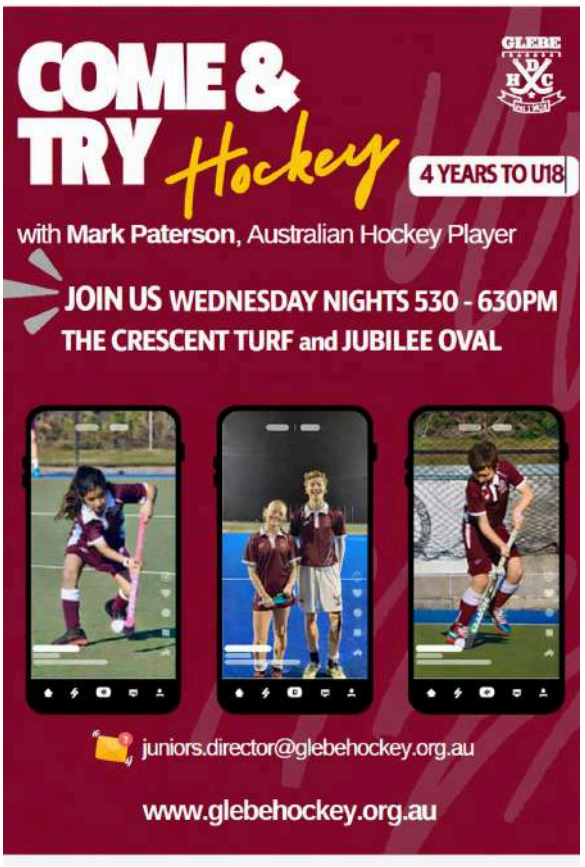
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