

# MWPS Newsletter

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Work as One

Term 1, 11th April 2025



## What's happening ....

Public schools across NSW will spend the first Staff Development Day in Term 2, exploring the policy, research and educational theory around High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE).

Teachers at MW will spend the day revisiting the policy and professional resources together, before embarking on a 10 week collaborative learning project designed to ensure every teacher and student is able to benefit from the collective professional expertise across K-6.

### Who are High Potential Students?

High potential students can achieve much more than their classmates in one or more areas:

- **Intellectual:** This means they can think deeply, understand complex ideas, and solve problems well.
- **Creative:** These students often have great imaginations and can invent new things or come up with original ideas.
- **Social-Emotional:** This refers to how well they manage their feelings and how they connect with others. They might show strong leadership or teamwork skills.
- **Physical:** Some students are very skilled in sports or have excellent coordination.

### Creating Supportive Learning Environments

The policy stresses the need for schools to be safe and welcoming places where all students can thrive. Connection with peers and teachers is an important factor in student wellbeing and success.

### Working Together

The policy encourages parents, teachers, and the community to work together. If you notice that your child is excelling in any area, talk to their teacher about how to support their learning.

### How Parents Can Help at Home

Here are some ways you can support your high potential child at home:

- **Encourage Interests:** Let your child explore their hobbies or interests, whether it's in sports, arts, or science.
- **Ask Questions:** Talk to your child about different topics and encourage them to think critically and share their ideas.
- **Find Resources:** Look for activities outside of school that can challenge your child, like clubs, workshops, or competitions.

For more ideas on how to support your child at home, visit: [NSW Department of Education - Supporting Your Child at Home](http://NSW Department of Education - Supporting Your Child at Home).

## Calendar Update 2025

### Term 1

#### Week 11

Thursday 10th April

Honour Assembly  
Intensive Swimming ends

Friday 11th April

Kindy and Buddy Picnic  
Easter Raffle

### Term 2

#### Mondays

Fridays - Starting May 2

Gymnastix K-2  
PSSA - Yr3-6

#### Week 1

Wednesday 30th April

Students Return  
Cross Country-Yr3-6

#### Week 2

Wednesday 7th May

Zone-Cross Country

#### Week 3

Wednesday 14th May  
Thursday 15th May

Aboriginal Dance Workshop  
P&C Meeting

#### Week 5

Wed 28th May - Thurs 29th May

School Photos

#### Week 6

Wed 4th June

Yr3-6 Public Speaking Showcase

#### Week 8

Thu 19th June

P&C Meeting

#### Week 9

Tue 24th June  
Thu 26th June

FOIM-Recorder Rehearsal  
Honour Assembly

#### Week 10

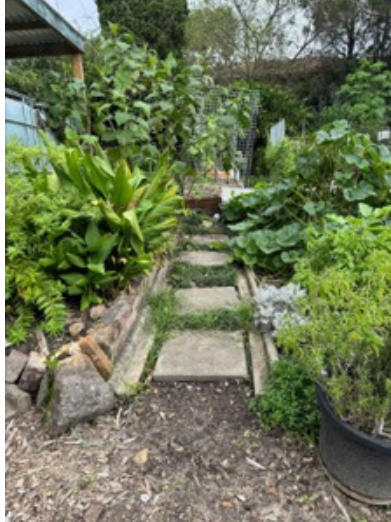
Wed 2nd July-Fri 4th July

Stage 3 Camp-Canberra



# Community Garden

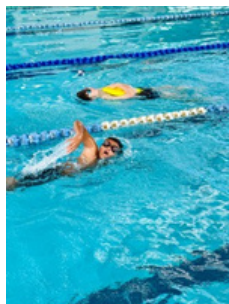
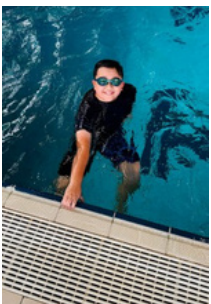
Our school community garden serves as a vibrant hub for students, teachers, and local residents to come together and cultivate plants and vegetables. This green space not only enhances the school environment but also provides hands-on learning opportunities for our students. We welcome visitors to the school community garden, but we request that children are always accompanied by a responsible adult. We also ask all visitors to respect the hard work of our community gardeners by using the pathways, walking carefully, and resisting the temptation to pick any fruits or vegetables.



## Intensive Swimming

Marrickville West Intensive Swimming Program has run in Term 1 for a few years.

Offering a program that provides targeted swimming lessons to improve swimming ability for every student that participates, with a bit of fun thrown in as well.



## Celebrating - Eid

Eid Al-Fitri is a joyous occasion, and the celebration on Friday, April 4th, was a wonderful event that brought together students, parents, and teachers. The community feast was a delightful experience, showcasing a variety of delicious foods.

The stalls and activities, such as Henna art, Eid crafts, and Arabic calligraphy, provided a rich cultural experience for everyone involved. Music by DJ Mr. Kelly added an energetic and festive vibe to the gathering, making it a memorable event for all. Celebrations like these not only honour the spirit of Eid but also strengthen community bonds through shared experiences and cultural appreciation.

