# Marton Public School Marton Mailbag



### Term 3 Week 4 15/8/2025

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Nagangbi

We the students and teachers at Marton Public School acknowledge the Dharawal Speaking people and we will **Strive To Do Our Best** with any of the challenges we may face.

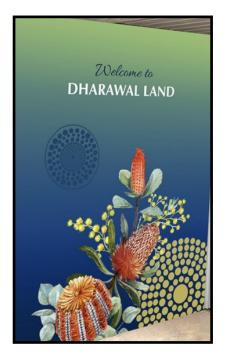
We honour and pay our respects to the Aboriginal Elders of the past, present and future who will furthermore look over and after us.

We respect them for nurturing and looking after the land, the dreaming stories and the spiritual connections to country.

We will continue to care for the **RED** sunrise, The **BLUE** calm and free waves and the **GREEN** mother nature. They showed **Respect**, **Honesty**, **Kindness**, **Pride** and **Team Work** for thousands of years.

The pictures on our school logo represent the southern stars that are from the dreaming stories beside the Banksia and Boronias representing the native flowers on the Dharawal land.

I would like to thank mother earth and grandfather sun and the Dharawal people for protecting them.







Please always know that my door is always open. Whether you have questions, concerns, or simply want to share feedback, I am here to listen and support you in any way I can. Your involvement is so important to the success of our students and school community, and I truly value the partnership we share. Please don't hesitate to reach out whenever you need. Together, we can continue to make this a positive and thriving environment for all our students.

#### **Expression of Interest: 2025 NAPLAN Information Session**

What a year for our school's NAPLAN results, our growth has been phenomenal! The improvement across the board is a true testament to the hard work, passion, and expertise of the incredible teaching staff at Marton PS. This outstanding achievement reflects what's possible when a whole school works together with purpose and heart to ensure there is consistent programming, planning across the grades.

A massive thank you to our dedicated teams of teachers, every single one of them has played a part in this success. What a great school!

We will be hosting a NAPLAN forum later this year to share and discuss the 2025 results, explore trend data, and highlight key focus areas.

If this is something you would be interested in attending, please indicate your interest below.

The forum would likely be held either at the end of this term or early term 4.

Please click here to register your interest so we can plan accordingly: NAPLAN forum 2025

#### **Education Week**

Education Week is an annual opportunity for NSW public schools to open our doors, inviting families and communities to witness the rich learning experiences happening every day, from early learning right through to Year 12. It's a time to celebrate the people and programs that make a difference in our students' lives and to shine a light on the commitment, creativity, and collaboration within public education.

This year, the theme *Ignite your potential*, allowed us to celebrate how our schools nurture diverse strengths, foster curiosity, and support every student to grow and thrive. This year's Education Week was a truly uplifting showcase of our community's spirit as we celebrated the amazing talents of students across artistic, academic and creative endeavours, proudly displaying their wonderful work. The smiles, enthusiasm, and sense of connection we saw in classrooms, hallways, and performances made it clear just how vibrant and supportive our school community truly is, and we thank every one of our students, families, staff, and community members for coming together to make this a week to remember.



































A Friendly Reminder About Parking Around School.

We kindly remind all parents and carers to please observe the 'No Parking' zone in front of the school and the 'Bus Zone' across the road.

Unfortunately, on Wednesday morning, parking rangers visited and issued fines to several families who either stopped in the bus zone to let students out or left their cars unattended in the no parking area.

We understand mornings can be rushed, but please help keep our students safe, and avoid a costly fine, by following the signage and parking regulations. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Info on the signs can be found here:

#### 'No parking' signs



You must not park on a road or in an area where there's a 'No parking' sign. This may be all the time or at certain times, as shown on the sign.

You can stop for less than 2 minutes if you stay within 3m of your vehicle, if you're:

- -dropping off or picking up passengers
- -loading or unloading items

#### Bus zone



You must not stop in the direction of the arrow or arrows on the sign, unless you're driving a public bus.





#### Car pick up changes in the afternoon

As this area is quite restricted (and busy) we have changed one of our afternoon procedures for car pick up. This has been discussed with students since last week and they have managed to understand and follow the rules.

At the end of the school day, students have been exiting classrooms at different times, which has led to some gathering in the playground area with the car pick-up group. This is causing delays for other students trying to reach the car line, especially when parents have already been waiting.

To improve the flow and ensure a smoother process, all students being collected by car will now meet the car pick-up teacher at the pedestrian gate located at the start of the car line. From there, they will be directed safely to their vehicles.

Please remind students to walk along the internal path within the school grounds to reach the far pedestrian gate, rather than using the external footpath, to help reduce congestion and ensure everyone's safety.

#### **Athletics Carnival Ribbon Assembly**

We held our Athletics Carnival Ribbon Assembly, where we proudly congratulated all students who received ribbons for their efforts and achievements, as well as those who set new school records. It was wonderful to recognise and celebrate the dedication, skill, and sportsmanship shown by our athletes. A big thank you to our family members for attending to celebrate with us and to Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Burgess for their excellent organisation and leadership in running the assembly so smoothly, ensuring the occasion was both memorable and enjoyable for all.

Congratulations to our students who received ribbons at our Athletics Carnival assembly. A special shout out to all of our students who broke records.















































































































#### Thank you Mr McMaster

We would like to sincerely thank Mr McMaster, Manager of Woolworths, for his generous donation towards our Education Week BBQ. His support meant that the school did not incur a large expense, allowing us to make a wonderful profit that will go back into supporting our year 6 students. We are so grateful for this kindness and community spirit.

Kind Regards,

Jody MacDonald Principal



































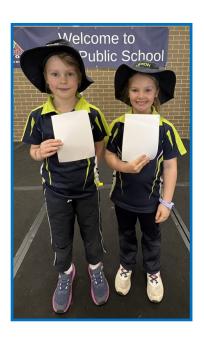




























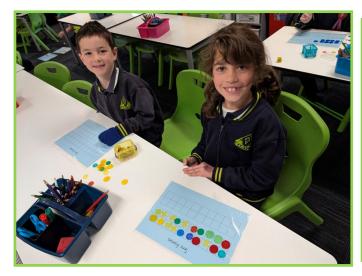








## Celebration of Learning













### **Beanie Day Success!**

Thank you to everyone who supported Beanie Day! It was a wonderful day filled with colourful beanies and generous hearts. We're thrilled to announce that we raised \$6,215.00 for the Mark Hughes Foundation to support brain cancer research. Your donations make a real difference! Well done everyone!











### Marton Public School - Kindergarten 2026

#### **Group Tour Dates**

(no RSVP required. All commencing at 10am. All family members invited)

Thurs 27th March 2025 Thurs 22nd May 2025 Wed 18th June 2025 Mon 11th August 2025



5.00pm - 6.00pm (in the Kindy rooms. No RSVP required)



Thursday 20th November 2025 2.00pm - 3.00pm



## Kindy Orientation Visit 1

Thursday 13th November 2025 2.00pm - 3.00pm

### **Kindy Orientation Visit 3**

Thursday 27th November 2025 2.00pm - 3.00pm





#### **Kindy Orientation Graduation**

Thursday 4th December 2025 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Call 9520 6261 for more information or a private tour with the Principal



## **Enrol Now**

Do you have a child starting school next year, enrol now for Kindy 2026.





























































→ TERM 3 -	2025 · DON'T
Dance Concert—Dance Extravaganza @ 7.30pm	Friday 15 August
ICAS Spelling Bee	Monday 18 August
PSSA Trials start	Monday 18 August
ICAS Science @ 2pm	Tuesday 20 August
EHS Transition Day	Wednesday 20 August
SSSMF full day rehearsal junior choir	Wednesday 20 August
SSSMF Junior Choir Concert @ 7pm	Thursday 21 August
ICAS Maths @ 2pm	Tuesday 26 August
SSSMF Senior full day choir rehearsal	Thursday 28 August
SSSMF Senior Choir Concert @ 7pm	Friday 29 August
High Potential Gifted Education (HPGE) Group (Select Students)	Tuesday 9 September
Visit Waterfall Public School	
Book Swap Day (gold coin donation)	Wednesday 10 September
Swim Scheme starts (all week)	Monday 15 September - Friday 19 September
Regional Athletics Day	Wednesday 17 September
Extra Curricular Photos taken	Thursday 18 September
Woronora River Zone Public Speaking Finals	Tuesday 23 September
Science Day Incursion - K-6	Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 26 September
- Peek into learning (in classrooms)	
- Afternoon tea with family members	
- Gold Awards & Banner Assembly @ 2pm	



<b>☆ TERM 4 - 2025 ☆</b>	
Staff return—Staff Development Day	Monday 13 October  Treader 14 October
Students return	Tuesday 14 October
Dance Curriculum this week	
P & C Meeting @ 7pm	Monday 20 October
Dance Curriculum this week	
Dance curriculum with the community- whole school dance	Friday 24 October
Grandfriend's Day	Thursday 30 October
Halloween Day Disco	Friday 31 October
Remembrance Day	Tuesday 11 November
First Nations Student Council (Select Students)	Tuesday 11 November
@ Tharawal Public School	
Kindy Orientation #1	Thursday 13 November
Christmas Night Markets from 5pm	Friday 14 November
P & C Meeting @ 7pm in the Library	Monday 17 November
Walk for Respectful Relationships	Wednesday 19 November
P & C Colour Run	Wednesday 19 November
Kindy Orientation # 2	Thursday 20 November
Kindy Orientation # 3	Thursday 27 November
Kindy Orientation Graduation	Thursday 4 December
Peek into learning (in classrooms)	Friday 5 December
Afternoon tea with family members	
Gold Awards & Banner assembly & Recognition Certificates	
Year 6 Farewell	Monday 8 December
Last Chess Club lesson	Thursday 11 December
K-2 Presentation Day @ 9.30am	
3-6 Presentation Day @ 11.30am	
Last day of School & Year 6 Graduation Assembly & Clap Out	Friday 19 December



## WHERE FUN MEETS LEARNING. YOUR OOSH TERM 2 HIGHLIGHTS!





Our recent Vacation Care saw Children enjoying a variety of activities that supported their development and curiosity, including slime-making for sensory learning, Diamond Dot projects to build focus, and cupcake baking to encourage teamwork and independence. Highlights also included a Junior Architects incursion fostering collaboration and imagination, and NAIDOC Week celebrations at Hurstville Public School, where children engaged in cultural activities and community connection. With exciting excursions like robotics, a Silent Disco, Timezone, outdoor play at Lantana Park, and Carnival Day, the program delivered fun, learning, and meaningful growth.

### **WE ARE HIRING!**

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

APPLY TODAY!







#### Around 3Bridges -Aged Care Support

Do you have senior's in your community needing extra support at home?

Reach out to our 3Bridges Engagement Team for more information and support.

Email the team at

MyAgedCare@3Bridges.org.au or dial the number below.

1300 327 434



www.3bridgesafterschool.org.au

### OOSH SPRING REWARDS -FREE FRIDAY AND VACATION CARE GIVEAWAY 3BRIDGES



#### Free Friday - No-Cost Trial for New Families

To support families who may be curious about OSHC but haven't yet tried it, we're offering a Free Friday session for new families. It's a simple, no-obligation way to experience our programs in a low-pressure setting.



#### **Spring Vacation Care Giveaway**

To celebrate the end of winter and welcome spring, we're running a small giveaway for families who already attend our services. Families currently attending five days a week will be entered into a draw to win a week of free Vacation Care, a small thank you for their ongoing support.

These initiatives are part of our broader efforts to keep care accessible and responsive to the needs of local families.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like more detail or have any questions.

#### Educationengagement@3Bridges.org.au

3Bridges NAIDOC Celebration

During the recent school holidays, 3Bridges proudly hosted our annual NAIDOC celebration, uniting children from all our vacation care sites along with families and community members for a day of cultural connection and celebration.

Here is a glimpse of the day!



1300 327 434

www.3bridges.org.au



LOOKING FOR A MESSY SENSORY ADVENTURE



**1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH** 

10.15am - 11.15 am

1034-1036 Old Princes Hwy Engadine

\$15..00 PER FAMILY **PER VISIT** 

> **REGISTER AT** ecs.org.au

Or call 9520 7022



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# JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER







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Fast Paced



THE REC CLUB



W: recclub.com.au A: 8/2-4 Kumulla Road, Miranda P: 02 9525 5499

# Sydney Technical High School



# **OPEN DAY**

for Year 7, 2027

### **TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**

9am - 11:30am

- Explore our Academic Junior Acceleration Program
- Interactive Lesson Tasters for students
- Meet our Principal and Leadership Team
- Guided School Tours

# REGISTER VIA OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Website: sydneytech-h.schools.nsw.gov.au Google Form Link: https://shorturl.at/7n1Xk

Contact Us 8566 2600



686 Forest Road Bexley NSW 2207





### E-bikes: Advice for families

An e-bike is a bicycle that is powered with rechargeable batteries, providing electric assistance while pedalling.

# Is my child permitted to ride an e-bike?

Your child can ride a privately owned e-bike, if it meets the requirements outlined below. Shared (hired) e-bikes usually have a minimum age requirement. Always check the minimum age requirements before allowing your child to ride a shared e-bike.

### What are the requirements for e-bikes?

There are two types of e-bikes permitted in NSW.

#### Electrically power-assisted cycle requirements

An electrically power-assisted bicycle has a maximum continued rated power of up to 500 watts. This power output must be:

 progressively reduced as the bicycle's speed increases beyond 6km/h

- cut off when:
  - the bicycle reaches a speed of 25km/h
  - the rider stops pedalling and the speed exceeds 6km/h.

#### Power-assisted pedal cycle requirements

- has one or more motors attached with a combined maximum power output of up to 200 watts
- can't be propelled only by the motor/s
- must weigh less than 50kg (including batteries)
- have a height-adjustable seat.

It is important to carefully check the manufacturer's details on any bike you are buying for your child.

Any powered bicycle that does not meet the above requirements is illegal to use on roads or road related areas.







Become a Foster Carer in the Sutherland Shire.

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is urgently seeking potential foster carers in the Sutherland Shire. We need people who can provide care for children, young people, or siblings, aged 0-18 years-old, for a few days, to a few months and beyond.

Foster carers support families by caring for children who are unable to remain at home. Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. Carers can be single, partnered and be with or without children of their own. Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Foster carers receive initial and ongoing training and support from a dedicated foster care caseworker. There are financial support packages available to foster carers to support a child's education, medical needs, food costs and other daily living costs.

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team: <a href="mailto:CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au">CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au</a>

# Do you need legal advice?

### We can help you.

Walk into one of our upcoming Legal Clinics:

### **Hopefield Community Hub**

6 Gosport Street, Cronulla First Tuesday every month 1pm - 4pm

For more details, please contact us at (02) 9545 0299 or mlc.clinic@hopefield.org.au









### SCHOOL CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Please remember that when you are volunteering/working in the Canteen to use the QR Code located in the Canteen to check in so that we know you are on site in case of an emergency. Also, a reminder that only parents are allowed in the Canteen, no toddlers, babies or students please.





# **Every Day Matters**



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as 1 day per fortnight, they will miss 4 weeks of school per year, which adds up to over 1 year missed over their school life.



Scan the QR code to learn more Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening friendships



Build skills through fun

# THE MARTON MUNCH HUT

We are extremely fortunate at Marton to have a wonderful canteen.

To new families who may not know, this is run by the amazing Nicole who is employed by the P&C as our very own Canteen Manager.

As with many businesses there have been increased pressures with increasing stock prices, pay roll and super costs as well as ongoing repair + maintenance costs.

Price increases are sadly unavoidable however will remain as low as possible.

During Covid a reduction in parents being in the school grounds and many families departing after Year 6 also means there is a shortage of

# VOLUNTEERS

These are crucial to keep the canteen viable and open 4 days a week.

If you are a parent, carer, grandparent or friend of Marton, can you spare any time on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday?

It does not have to be a whole morning or lunch time.

### Even half an hour or 1-2 hours is a huge help

It is also a fantastic opportunity for new Marton parents to meet other people in the school community and connect with the kids.

You do not need to be an expert in catering, just come with a smile and a fun attitude.

Tasks can include

processing orders, labelling bags, prepping, and cooking food, clearing dishes, packing orders and serving the children.

If you can help, contact Nicole via the Marton Munch Hut Facebook page.

It is a rewarding way to give back to our school community.

Many thanks,

Marton P&C & Marton Munch Hut





### Come teach ethics at Marton Public School!

We are building an ethics program at Marton Public School with lessons delivered by Primary Ethics volunteers. Ethics classes are held as an option during the Scripture timeslot. In ethics, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to listen closely to each other, to disagree without putdowns and to think carefully as they form their opinions.

We want to give parents the option of choosing Ethics for their child. To do that we need more parent and community volunteers to teach.

You can teach ethics if:

- You're interested in what children think and you have an interest in learning
- You're willing to learn how to use our lesson scripts to ask children ethical questions
- You can remain neutral and give the children space to think
- You're available each school week on Tuesdays at either 10.30am or 11.30am for 30 mins – you'll need about an hour each week to prepare and give the scripted lesson
- You complete our free training and pass background checks.

You don't need to be a trained teacher! Primary Ethics provides free, comprehensive training with online self-paced learning plus trainer-led workshops (by Zoom or face-to-face). You'll develop new skills yourself – facilitation skills, plus skills in communication and active listening.

Curious? Visit <u>www.primaryethics.com.au</u>
Or contact Emma Doran on <u>emma.doran@primaryethics.com.au</u> or 0403047698

### **FACT SHEET**

# ROAD SAFETY FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Do you have children starting kindergarten next year? Starting school is very exciting for your child. They may not be thinking much about safety, but you should.

Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. They will need your help to spot the dangers around traffic.

Sutherland Shire Council wants all children to be safe going to and from school - and that depends on you. Act safely when driving or walking around schools so our children will learn to be safe too.

#### DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint in the car that is fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit and keep a sharp lookout in school zones as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Up until the age of eight, always hold your child's hand whenever cars and other vehicles could be around. Park your car and walk them to the school gate.
- Drop older kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area.

- Avoid calling out to children from across the road because they may run to you without checking traffic.
- It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road, away from passing traffic.
- If walking to school, plan your trip so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

### STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK

Every time children cross the road, remind them to:

- · Stop one step back from the kerb
- Look for traffic to your right, left and right again
- Listen for the sounds of approaching traffic
- Think whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and use them when they are old enough to travel alone.

This brochure has been developed from the Transport NSW Centre for Road Safety website http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

Find out more about Australian Road Rules at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

### SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND SCHOOL



#### NO PARKING

What does it mean? You CAN stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.



To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.



# NO STOPPING SIGNS & CONTINUOUS YELLOW EDGE LINES

What do they mean? You CANNOT stop in these areas FOR ANY REASON

Why are they there?

To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes.



#### **BUS ZONE**

What does it mean? You must NOT stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of 'their' safety zone.

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