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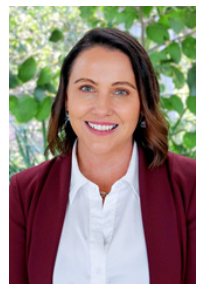
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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Written by Olivia Parry



Important Reminder for Our Parent Community

As part of my ongoing commitment to fostering a positive and respectful school environment, I would like to remind all parents about the importance of addressing any concerns or issues directly with the school.

Raise Concerns Through the School:

If you have any questions or issues regarding your child's experience at school, please bring them to my attention or to the attention of our staff. I am dedicated to resolving any concerns and ensuring the wellbeing of all students. Open communication is vital, and I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher or the school administration.

Respectful Interactions:

I kindly ask that parents do not approach other children or adults in an attempt to address concerns. This helps maintain a safe and respectful environment for all members of our school community. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

School Community Charter:

Please remember to abide by the principles outlined in our School Community Charter. This charter emphasises the importance of mutual respect, understanding, and support among parents, staff, and students. By adhering to these values, we can create a nurturing atmosphere where every child can thrive. Thank you for your continued support and for being an integral part of our school community. Together, let's work towards ensuring a positive experience for all our students.



School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with Our Plan for NSW Public Education.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school



We create collaborative learning environments

We all play our part

We work in partnership to promote student learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students.

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.

Walk Safely to School Day

I am excited to announce that our school will be participating in Walk Safely to School Day on Friday, 16th May! This special day encourages students to walk to school safely and promotes healthy habits while reducing traffic congestion around our school.

This year, we are very fortunate to have received generous donations from our community to make this day even more special. Harris Farm has kindly donated fresh fruit for the first 300 students who walk safely to school. Additionally, the City of Sydney Council has provided shoe laces for our students as a fun reminder of the importance of walking safely. Make sure you turn up to school early so you don't miss out!

I encourage all families to take part in this initiative. Walking to school not only helps keep our environment clean and reduces traffic but also promotes physical fitness and wellbeing among our students.

Let's make the most of this opportunity to foster safe walking habits and enjoy some delicious fruit together!

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to seeing many of you walking to school on the 16th of May!



Upcoming Art Show – 21st May 2025

Our annual Art Show will be held on the 21st of May 2025!

This exciting event showcases the incredible creativity and talent of our students, and everyone is welcome to attend. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of the arts within our school community.

This year, we are thrilled to introduce a special art fundraiser in partnership with Crazy Camel. This initiative will not only highlight our students' artistic abilities but also provide an opportunity for families and friends to support our school. The fundraiser will feature unique art products created by our students, making for perfect gifts or keepsakes. Information about how to order will be available soon!

I encourage all families to come along, enjoy the artwork, and participate in the fundraiser. It's a great way to support our young artists and contribute to our school community.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you all at the Art Show!



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Aspire Achieve Amaze

Ultimo Public School Art Show

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2025

Wednesday 21st May

4:30pm – 6pm

Crazy Camel – School Fundraiser

Students have created beautiful artworks that can be turned into keepsakes like calendars, cards, and art diaries.

It's a fun way to celebrate your child's creativity while supporting our school. Orders will be available soon - don't miss out!

Visit from the HSLO – Attendance Update

This week, we had a visit from the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO), who provided valuable insights into our school’s attendance rates. I am pleased to report that overall, our school’s attendance rate is good; however, it was noted that there are still many families who do not provide a reason for their child's absence.

Particularly concerning are the absence rates in Kindergarten and Year 1, which are higher than in other grades. Regular attendance is crucial for our students' academic success and overall development.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the commitment shown by families who ensure their children attend school each day. Your support makes a significant difference in your child's education and helps foster a positive learning environment.

If your child is absent, please remember to provide a reason to the school as soon as possible. This not only helps us keep accurate records but also allows us to support our students effectively.

Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting regular attendance. Together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive at school.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



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Important Reminder About Safe Pick-Up and Drop-Off Procedures

As we strive to maintain a safe environment for all our students, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of following safe pick-up and drop-off procedures at our school. I have received concerns from community members about how our families are picking up and dropping off their children. Ensuring the safety of our students during these busy times is a shared responsibility, and your cooperation is crucial.

Here are some important safety tips for drivers using the drop-off and pick-up zones:

1. **Use Designated Zones:** Always drop off or pick up your child from the designated drop-off and pick-up zones to ensure the safety of all students and to avoid blocking access for emergency vehicles. Do not allow your child to enter or leave your car if you have not pulled over to the curb.
2. **Stay Alert:** Be aware of your surroundings, watching out for pedestrians and other vehicles, especially during peak times.
3. **Follow Guidelines:** Adhere to the school's guidelines and any traffic signs or signals in place to help manage road safety effectively.
4. **Do Not Obstruct Traffic:** Ensure that you are not parked in a way that obstructs the flow of traffic or creates a hazard for others.
5. **Encourage Safe Routes:** Talk to your child about using the safest route possible when entering or exiting the school.

By following these guidelines, we can work together to create a safer environment for everyone during drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

School Cross Country

Last Friday's Cross Country event was a fantastic success! Our students gave it their all, showing determination, resilience and great sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to Kindy for their very first carnival! A big thank you to our wonderful parent community for their ongoing support, and to all staff for their flexibility with the wet weather arrangements. Special thanks to the staff who helped organise the event. Your hard work made the day run smoothly and ensured it was an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.



From The Library

Ms Barbagallo

National Simultaneous Storytime- Wednesday 21st May at 12pm

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 25th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

This year NSS takes place on Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 12:00pm. All students from K-6 will participate in the session with their buddy class.

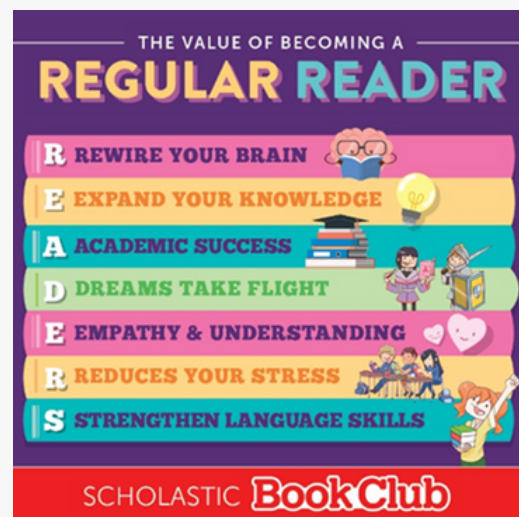


P&C Reading Corner Fundraiser

Thank you to all members of the P&C and especially Mr Michael Shreeve and Ms Tessa Goodman for organising a fundraising drive, at the Harris Street Festival earlier this year. The reading corner raised \$1000 to contribute to improving the junior non-fiction collection of our school library. A special assembly was held on Monday where we received a huge cheque! I will be showcasing the books purchased at an upcoming assembly. We are very grateful to have a supportive school community who values reading!

Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 – orders closing soon!

Book Club issue 3 is closing on **Monday 19th May at 3pm**. Families will also receive a \$5 promo code when they place any LOOP order this Issue, which they can use on Issue 4*. Families can purchase books at a discounted rate through scholastic book club. The best part is 15% of your order value is given back to our school. It is easy to order. Just go to scholastic.com.au/loop or by using the LOOP app which you can download from the App Store or Google Play. Once you select your books, use the drop-down menu to find your class and the books will be delivered to your child's classroom. Please note the school does not take cash for Book Club orders.



Breakfast Reading Club: Commences Thursday 5th June

Thank you to all our Year 4,5 & 6 students who have offered their time to read to our K-2 students. All permissions will be sent out by the end of Week 4 to participants and mentors. Please ensure you sign and return the permission slip via school bytes before this date.

Mother's Day

Raffle

Congratulations to all our Winners of our **Mother's Day Raffle**!

A HUGE **Thank you** to each and every one of you who took part in the Mothers Day Raffle 2025 event. Because of your generosity and school spirit, we raised an **incredible \$1,965** to support our school programs. That's an amazing achievement, and we should all be so proud.

We had 150 orders placed - that's 150 families who came together and purchased a total of 1,326 raffle tickets. What an amazing effort! We have been blown away by the support from our local businesses, who together have donated a total of 45 fantastic prizes. These generous contributions amount to an unbelievable \$6,813 in value! Our Winners were:

CLASS	STUDENT	PRIZE	DONATED BY
5/6 Wifi	Ava R	Restaurant voucher \$100	Gallon
5/6 Wifi	Lewis W	Free pizza voucher	Dominoes
5/6 Protons	Sofia P	2 weeks unlimited gym training and 1 on 1 consult worth \$400	BFT Gym
5/6 Particles	Stella H	Food voucher \$50	Quarrymans Hotel
5/6 Lightspeed	Talia P	Monopoly Game	P&C
5/6 Lightspeed	Ridhi R	Family Portrait Photography Session \$109	Verve Photography
3/4 Titanium	Hayden N	Hairdresser voucher \$30	Salon 27
3/4 Titanium	Ellie M	Restaurant voucher \$100	Gallon
3/4 Titanium	Aaryan N	10 group Gym sessions valued at \$198	Rise Health and Fitness
3/4 Neutrons	Taylor D	2 weeks unlimited gym training and 1 on 1 consult worth \$400	BFT Gym
3/4 Neutrons	Miwako W	2 weeks unlimited gym training and 1 on 1 consult worth \$400	BFT Gym
3/4 Neutrons	Mina N	Free pizza voucher	Dominoes
3/4 Neutrons	Alice L	Hairdresser voucher \$30	Salon 27
3/4 Neutrons	Tyler D	Massage voucher	Qhali Kay, Wellness and Beauty Tambo
3/4 Cosmos	Chloe K	Meal Kit Voucher voucher \$180	QuiteLike
3/4 Cosmos	Magnus B	Golf voucher for 2 people \$90	Holey Moley
3/4 Betatron	Alua K	2 weeks unlimited gym training and 1 on 1 consult worth \$400	BFT Gym
3/4 Betatron	Axel B	Massage voucher	Qhali Kay, Wellness and Beauty Tamb
3/4 Betatron	Andy D	Family Photography session	Walters Macri
2 Ripple	Antia A	Hairdresser voucher \$30	Salon 27
2 Ripple	Nicole P	Mani and Pedi voucher	Island Sea Nails
2 Positrons	Alice O	Family Portrait Photography Session \$650	Verve Photography
2 Positrons	Leah L	Free pizza voucher	Dominoes
2 Positrons	Jensen G	Puzzle	Australian Jigsaw Puzzle Association
2 Positrons	Don H	Restaurant \$80 voucher	Souks Mediterranean
2 Atom Accelerators	Inthawah P	Fish Cooking Book \$50	Fish Markets
2 Atom Accelerators	Michael N	Dry Cleaning voucher \$50	Pyrmont Dry Cleaning
2 Atom Accelerators	Angela G	Massage voucher	Qhali Kay, Wellness and Beauty Tambo
2 Atom Accelerators	Mishka S	Monopoly Game	P&C
1 Rocket	Annabelle C	Bakery Voucher \$25	Pioik Bakery
1 Rocket	Finn S	Puzzle	Australian Jigsaw Puzzle Association
1 Kinetic	Thara	2 weeks unlimited gym training and 1 on 1 consult worth \$400	BFT Gym
1 Delta	Jeremy B	Fish Cooking Book \$50	Fish Markets
1 Delta	Sebastien A	Hairdresser voucher \$30	Salon 27
1 Beams	Bianca D	Massage voucher	Qhali Kay, Wellness and Beauty Tambo
K Robots	Alice P	Nutrition session with Dietitian \$250	Nourish with Ai
K Robots	Evie M	Puzzle	Australian Jigsaw Puzzle Association
K Robots	Olivia K	Massage voucher	Qhali Kay, Wellness and Beauty Tambo
K Rainbows	Chloe D	Free pizza voucher	Dominoes
K Rainbows	Akira W	Meal Kit Voucher voucher \$180	QuiteLike
K Rainbows	Michelle H	Hairdresser voucher \$30	Salon 27
K Rainbows	Dexter R	Free pizza voucher	Dominoes
K Nova	Sofia S	Food voucher \$50	Quarrymans Hotel
K Galaxy	Liam H	Meal Kit Voucher voucher \$180	QuiteLike
K Galaxy	Paloma B	Café voucher \$50	Quarry St Café

Congratulations to all our winners.



Exciting External Opportunities for High Potential and Gifted Students

We are thrilled to announce an incredible external opportunity for our High Potential and Gifted Students in Years 1 to 6! **MindQuest** is a fast-paced, academic program offering 35 exciting courses specifically designed to enrich and extend children's learning beyond the standard curriculum.

The program is crafted to provide a broad range of experiences that challenge students academically, often exploring concepts that are one or two years beyond their current year level. These highly successful, fun-filled weekends not only aim to stimulate intellectual curiosity but also allow students to connect with peers who share similar interests and abilities.

Some of the available courses include: Young Writers Workshop, Young Scientist, Astronomy for Beginners, Chemistry That's Gooey, Bubbly and Mysterious, Adventures in Art, Crime Stoppers Junior, Journey to Musical Island, Dynamic Debating

We encourage you to consider enrolling your child in this fantastic program to help unlock their potential and foster a love for learning through engaging and interactive courses.

To learn more and to enrol, please [click here](#).

Primary Drama Skills Development Workshops for interested students K-6

Come and explore a day of drama with our skills development workshops for primary students, hosted by The drama team at The Arts Unit

Open to all students from Years K–6 from NSW public schools, these workshops will aim to build confidence and knowledge in drama by working collaboratively with a group of students and an expert tutor. Please see the workshop options below for the different workshop topics available.

For dates and booking information please [click here](#).

Applications close: Tuesday 20 May 2025



School Leader Update

Written by Bener, Myka, Tom, Kiah

Welcome to the Leaders' Report for Week 3!

Firstly, this Monday morning assembly, the Cross Country Carnival Ribbons were handed out. Also, a huge congratulations to all of the students who made it to zone. Last Friday, as well as Cross Country, some year sixes completed their Academic Enrichment Program Test at Balmain SSC. Good luck to all who participated. We also had school photos last Wednesday, that's always fun!

See you next week!

Lunchtime Art Club

Students have been working creatively during lunchtimes this year to produce animal artworks inspired by Dean Russo, a mixed media artist from Brooklyn. They each selected the animal they wanted to represent and used watercolours to paint it in vibrant colours. Next they designed a background for their animal and painted these in a more realistic style using acrylics. Everyone was very proud of their finished work!



Grow Your Mind



This fortnight we have been focusing on growing a **fairness**.

Fairness is giving everyone a chance. It means you treat people how you would like to be treated. If you are growing fairness, you might try putting yourself in somebody else's shoes when having an argument. If you are fair, you are not bothered by the colour of someone's skin, their religion or ethnic background. When you are fair you can accept being wrong.



You use your Wise Owl to make good decisions.



Fairness in the **classroom** looks like:

- When we make a mistake we can admit it
- We treat our classmates and teacher with respect



Fairness in the **playground** looks like:

- We don't let others decide what we think of people
- We try and include people in our games as much as possible



PBL Focus: Wentworth Park

Respect

Responsible

Learner

This week for PBL, we are focusing on being respectful, responsible learners at Wentworth Park.

General Expectations

Respect	Responsible	Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care for yourself and othersTreat others fairly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Keep hands, feet and objects to yourselfTake care of belongings and equipmentWear a hat outdoors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Listen and follow all staff instructionsRight place, right time

Wentworth Park Expectations

Respect	Responsible	Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Share the equipmentWalk on your left	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wait for the teacher before playingStay in a supervised area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Help others



CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

2025 Young Archie Finalist Artwork

Huge congratulations to our UPS student, Makysym V, for his fantastic Young Archie painting, 'My Grandad from Ukraine'!

Out of over 3200 entries in the 5-8 year old category, Makysym was one of only 20 finalists, making this a truly exciting achievement for him and our school. We also had two other students shortlisted – a wonderful result!

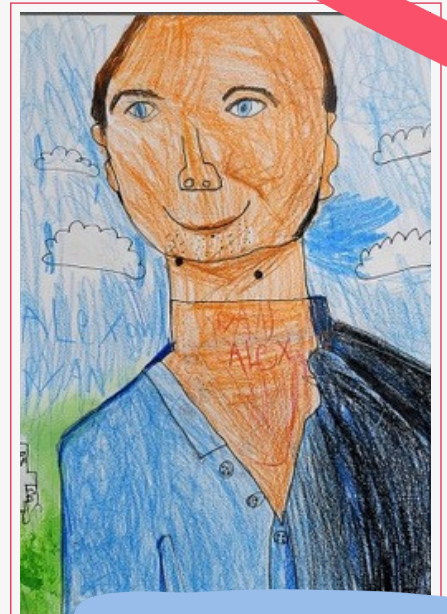


Makysym - 'My Grandad from Ukraine'



Ryan C - 'My Daddy'

Congratulations to
our Young Archie
Shortlist's



Danial S - 'Sister'



**Pyrmont Peninsula
Public Transport Forum**

Improved Public Transport in Pyrmont & Ultimo

Early Community Engagement Session with TfNSW

- **501 bus route changes**
- **New bus service -
Fish Market, Glebe,
Broadway, RPA**



Come and have your say!

Thursday 15TH May 6:00pm

Pyrmont Community Centre, 79A John St, Pyrmont

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SCHOOL ZONE

Road
Safety



Welcome to the Term 2 School Zone road safety newsletter. This term we're promoting **National Walk Safely to School Day** on Friday 16 May.

This day is a great opportunity for families to walk to school together and have conversations about being a safe road user.

Top tips to help make walking to school a regular part of your routine:

Plan your route: Take time to consider the safest way to walk to school. Try to always use pedestrian crossings and signalised crossings.

Set a schedule: Decide on the days and times you'll walk to school each week. Consistency is key to forming a new habit.



Woman walking with her kids to school.
Photo: Katherine Griffiths/City of Sydney





Family walking in Alexandria.
Photo: Katherine Griffiths/City of Sydney

Safety first: Always hold your child's hand when on a footpath, crossing the road or in a car park until they're at least 8 years old. Closely supervise them until they are at least 10 years old.

Teach your child about walking safely: This includes watching out for driveways and to always Stop, Look, Listen, Think every time you cross the road.

Make it fun: Keep the walks enjoyable by talking about what you see and your day. This can help make the time go quickly and make walking to and from school an activity your child looks forward to.

Join forces: Coordinate with other families in your neighbourhood to walk to school together. Not only does this make it more fun for the kids, but it also provides additional safety in numbers.

For further information visit the **National Walk Safely to School Day** website.



Celebrate achievements along the way to keep motivation high. Whether it's reaching a certain number of walks or noticing improvements in fitness, acknowledging progress can help reinforce the habit.

Congratulations

to our **Young Archie** Finalists & Shortlistees!



Young Archie Finalist
Maksym Vasylenko, Age 7
My Grandad from Ukraine



Young Archie Finalist
Scout Savage, Age 7
Mummy, My Best Friend



Young Archie Shortlist
Danial Sarbassov, Age 6
Sister



Young Archie Shortlist
Ryan Clarke, Age 6
My Daddy



Young Archie Shortlist
Ian Van Doorn, Age 10
Possibility of Everything



Young Archie Shortlist
Elissar Sabih, Age 15
My Beautiful Mother



Sydney Visual Arts Academy

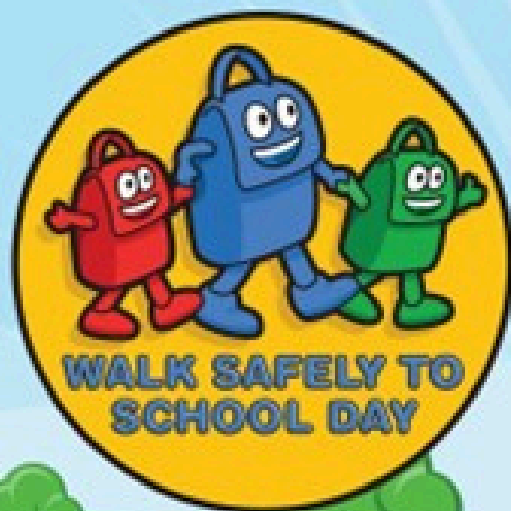


More details can be found at:
www.sydneyvisualartsacademy.com



Sydney Visual Arts Academy





ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

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FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025



YOUR LOCAL JUST GOT CLOSER

**OPENS 22ND MAY
AT WICKS PLACE
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MARRICKVILLE**