



Marks Point Public School Newsletter

"Working Together"



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Term 3 Week 2

Wednesday 1 August 2018

Welcome to Term 3!

I hope you enjoyed your holiday. We are looking forward to this term with some very exciting events happening. We have plenty of Zone competitions with the athletics and public speaking being held and three exciting Galgabba events – the public speaking, spelling bee and STEM Expo. Plus, students will be engaged in fantastic learning experiences every day in class.

Staff Changes:

Our new Principal has been appointed; Mrs Sharne Turpin. Mrs Turpin will begin next Monday, August 6 and is looking forward to joining our community. An introductory note from Mrs Turpin is in the newsletter. I would like to personally thank the wonderful Marks Point community for your positive support during my time as Relieving Principal.

Mr Swadling has been offered an amazing opportunity in trampolining to train in the UK in pursuit of attending the next Olympics; he has also secured a teaching position in the UK. Mr Swadling will begin his new adventure in week 3. Although he will be missed at MPPS we are very happy and excited for him. I am sure he will have many Marks Point community followers and supporters during his competitions across Europe. Ms Michelle Spence will take over the PDHPE component of Mr Swadling's role, Ms Spence has experience in teaching all units of PDHPE including gymnastics and trampolining. Mrs Banks will continue with the GATS and social skills programs that Mr Swadling was running. We also welcome Mr Tyce Fitzgerald who is an intern from the University of Newcastle. Mr Fitzgerald will be working with 5/6DY this term.

Student Success:

Good luck Remy, who is representing the Hunter at the NSW netball championships held at Homebush this week, this is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of you!

NAIDOC Week:

NAIDOC celebrations held in week 10 were excellent. Our Aboriginal students enjoyed the activities at Swansea High and everyone was very impressed with our students that performed "head shoulders knees and toes" in Awabakal.

Students across the school have been learning an Awabakal word a week.

Congratulations to Ayla Dates who won the East Lakes got talent contest performing the song at Pelican NAIDOC celebrations. Our students also had fun learning and appreciating at the Awabakal Education Centre excursion.

This whole school excursion was funded by the school as part of our NAIDOC week celebrations. We would like to thank Dominic Dates, Melissa Davies and Natasha Davies for their assistance with NAIDOC activities at school



Respect, Responsibility and Excellence

Batabah Oztag GALA Day:

Marks Point Oztag champions! Well done to our junior and senior teams that participated in the Batabah Oztag GALA day. All students gave Marks Point effort and displayed Marks Point pride. Congratulations to our senior team winning the grand final receiving the perpetual trophy and a \$100 gift voucher to Rebel Sport.



Rewards Day:

Our students that consistently displayed Respect Responsibility and Excellence throughout Term 2 had a fantastic day at the rewards activity day. We would like to thank Sheryle Deen and Megan Lettice for ordering and delivering the sausages and bread for the sausage sizzle and the wonderful parents that helped cook the BBQ.



This term we have booked inflatable "ObstAcool" course for our rewards day. All students that have a minimum of 16 positive behaviour ticks and are not on a monitoring card will be invited to attend the rewards day.



Public Speaking:

Congratulations to our students speaking at the Galgamba Public speaking competition on Thursday.

Leadership program:

On Wednesday 5/6DY will attend Belmont Court House for a Junior Justice program and on Friday our Year 5 and Year 6 students will attend a Learning to Lead day at Caves Beach Surf Club. Thank you to Marks Point Bowling Club who has donated their mini bus for transport.

GOT IT (Getting On Track On Time) Program:

This is an early intervention program run by health professionals from the local Health District in collaboration with Education. Our K—2 teachers participated in training on SDD and our K—2 parents would have received a questionnaire to fill out this week. The GOT IT team will be available Thursday 2nd of August in the COLA at 2.30 pm for questions.



Getting On Track In Time (Got It!)

Marks Point Public School has the opportunity to participate in an exciting program for children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 in Term 2, 2018. *Getting On Track In Time (Got It!)* is an early intervention program run by local health professionals from the Local Health District in collaboration with Education.

Got It! aims to teach children emotional resilience and further the development of their social skills to help them better manage their behaviours at school and at home, assisting them to learn to their full potential and maximise their life opportunities. The program will be fun and supportive for students and will also be practical for parents and teachers.

Soon parents of children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive a quick questionnaire to fill out for their child to assist in identifying which part of the program will best benefit their child.

The *Got It!* Health Workers will be available on

**Thursday 2nd of August at 2.30pm
In the Cola**

to provide information & answer any questions.

Drop in and meet the Local *Got It!* Health Team



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Focus:**RESPECT**

- Be polite, use your manners
- Speak appropriately
- Be a good sport and play fairly
- follow instructions
- allow my teacher to teach without interruption
- care for property equipment and the environment
- value the right of others to learn
- be honest, be kind
- Move around the school quietly
- Wear correct school uniform

RESPONSIBILITY

- Own your actions
- Right place, right time
- Be prepared and ready to learn
- Walk quietly and keep left on paths
- Play and work safe
- Move on the bell
- Hats on heads
- Line up and wait your turn
- Participate, cooperate
- Break time is toilet time

EXCELLENCE

- 5L's
- Be an active listener
- Know and follow the rules
- Line up promptly and properly
- Follow instructions
- Be organised, be on time
- Positive attitude, give it a go
- Be willing to challenge ourselves
- Congratulate success
- Sit to eat

Raquel Davis
Relieving Principal

Incoming Principal's Message...

I hope students, staff, parents and community members have had a fun and relaxing holiday. I trust everyone is well rested for the exciting term ahead. I know there are a variety of fantastic opportunities awaiting students at Marks Point Public School this term and look forward to seeing every student shine.

It is with great pride and excitement that I write my first letter to the school community as the newly appointed Principal of Marks Point Public School. I feel so fortunate to have the privilege to lead a school with such dedicated staff, amazing students and supportive families. I look forward to meeting and fostering positive relationships with you and working with the Marks Point staff to support them in providing a nurturing and engaging learning experience for every child. The variety of quality school programs such as Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), Powerful Learning, Accountable Teaching (PLAT) and all the extra-curricular activities are a few programs that I am personally looking forward to developing further.

As the new Principal of Marks Point Public School, I am thrilled that the school's values align with my own personal values, including the importance of trust, manners, respect, innovation and a sense of community. I know that the clear focus on the PBL program is providing everyone at Marks Point PS with the skills to be safe, respectful learners everywhere in our school at every opportunity.

A little bit about me....

Over the past 25 years, I have had the pleasure of experiencing a number of school contexts. I have been Principal at GS Kidd memorial School for the past 7 years in Gunnedah NSW. Prior to this, I was an Assistant Principal, itinerant support teacher support (secondary), a classroom teacher in support settings and regular settings in Sydney where I grew up and for 10 years in the New England Region (K - 12). All of these fantastic experiences have provided me with a great insight into how kids learn best.

Being a School Principal is a profession I thoroughly enjoy and to which I have a strong commitment. I feel truly privileged to have the opportunity to be the Principal of Marks Point Public School. Together with students, parents, staff, community organisations and the Marks Point community, I hope to instil in each of our students, with the assistance of school staff, a true love of lifelong learning that makes schooling not only study but a discovery and adventure. It is my hope through the spirit of respect, good manners and friendship, that families and the wider community will successfully work together to advantage our students and school community as a whole, will feel welcome to visit and participate in our fantastic school.

Mrs Sharne Turpin

Congratulations to 5/6DY who have won the lining up award this term.



BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!

8-15 JULY 2018

Last term, during week 10, we celebrated NAIDOC week with a number of events.

Bahtabah Oztag – Students in years 3-6 took part in the Bahtabah Oztag day, competing against many schools from our area. All students represented our school with pride. Congratulations to our senior team who won the grand final! Thank you to Mr Littlewood for your organisation and to those who were able to assist with transport on the day.

Galgabba NAIDOC —Students from our school visited Swansea High School for a joint celebration day with schools from our community. Students tasted bush tucker sausages, made a joint hand print mural and participated in other cultural activities. Our students had been practicing 'Heads and Shoulders' in Awabakal and performed this on the day.

MPPS NAIDOC celebration —Our students spent half a day at the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre at Dudley. Activities included learning about Aboriginal tools, and local plants and bush tucker. Students also enjoyed activities at school. Our thanks to the Davies family for their assistance on the day. We would also like to thank Dominic Dates for sharing his time and knowledge with our students.

Mrs Gibson

P & C CONNECT



Our P & C is always looking for more involvement, feedback and support as we come together each month to discuss news and plan upcoming fundraising, canteen, uniform shop and dance group events.

Here are a few ways you can be involved in our School P & C:

- ♥ Come along to our meetings – Next meeting is on Thursday 16 August at 5.30 pm in the school library
- ♥ Provide feedback to our P & C via P & C box in school office – any feedback received can be anonymous and will be read and addressed at meetings
- ♥ Volunteer in our canteen or at the events organised by P & C
- ♥ Support our fundraising activities

Absences:

A reminder that school attendance is compulsory for all school aged children. Parents must ensure:

1. Their children of compulsory school age are enrolled in a government or registered non-government school or, registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) for Home Schooling.
2. Their children who are enrolled at school attend every day the school is open for instruction.
3. they provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence through means such as telephone call, written note, text message or email. The 7 day timeframe for explaining absences is a requirement of the Education Act (1990).
4. They work in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school. This includes communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement with school. (*Student Attendance in Government Schools: Procedures 2015*).

Weekly Program

Classes Begin: 9:00 am and finish 3:00 pm

Tuesday - CAPA Groups 2:15 pm

Friday - Assembly (fortnightly)

Scripture, Breakfast Club 8:30 am - 9:00 am,
Sport

Canteen - Open every day

Uniform Shop - Mon 8.30 am to 9.00 am &
Thurs 8.30 am to 9.00 am
(Thurs by appointment only)

Upcoming Events

Galgabba Public Speaking 2 August

Zone Athletics 1 & 2 August

Leadership Day 3 August

Waste Wrappers Show 13 August

Zone Public Speaking 13 - 17 August

Good for Kids good for life**RECIPE: HONEY SOY CHICKEN STIR-FRY**

INGREDIENTS	QUANTITY
Chicken breast, cut into strips	500g
Soy sauce	1/4 cup
Honey	2 Tbs
Garlic, minced	2tsp
Carrot cut into strips	2
Onion cut into wedges	1
Capsicum cut into thin strips	1/2
Udon noodles	2 x 200g

**METHOD**

1. Combine chicken with soy sauce, honey and garlic. Set aside for 5 minutes to marinate.
2. Heat oil in wok or frying pan over high heat. Drain chicken from marinade and stir fry in batches until just cooked through. Remove from wok and set aside.
3. Add vegetables to wok and cook lightly, stirring constantly.
4. Return chicken and reserved marinade to wok with noodles and toss until heated through.

Tips: You can add as many vegetables as you like including: green beans, snow peas, mushrooms, zucchini, bok choy etc.

Source: Kidspot



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Cancer Council
NSW

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to help your family eat well.

At Cancer Council NSW we're passionate about helping families eat well!

Sign up to one of our **FREE** Fruit & Veg Sense workshops for parents at your local school.



In our free 60-minute sessions, you will learn:

- How to save money.
- How much is a 'serve' of fruit and veg and how many serves do we need?
- How to save time with easy, family-friendly recipe ideas.
- Strategies to manage fussy eaters.
- How to improve the long-term health of your family... and much, much more!

Register at eatittobeatit.com.au – if there aren't any sessions scheduled at or around your school, put your name on the waiting list and we can schedule one.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Eat It To Beat It



During education week our senior students who have been participating in a learning to lead program will be running a whole school peer support program on Friday the 10th of August. As part of our celebrations for education week we will be holding a book parade and book fair. Due to the zone athletics carnival on Wednesday and Thursday of week 3 our book parade will be held on Wednesday the 22nd of August.

CANTEEN NEWS!!

The canteen staff want to say a big thank you to all the children who have made to choice to eat healthy. We have had such a huge week, instead of shopping once a week for fruit—we have increased our shopping to three times a week. From the 31 July we will have veg sticks with French onion dip. On Friday 27 July we had to call in an extra volunteer to make up all the lunch orders. From the 6 August we will have another healthy choice campaign with fruit and veg choices to eat. There are great prizes to be won!! We wish all our children good luck! There is a sign on the front door of the office with all the prizes listed. If anyone is interested in helping out as a volunteer in the canteen, please see myself or Megan. You can help out daily, weekly, fortnightly or monthly—any help is always appreciated.

We would like to thank Woolworths for their donations of a watermelon and a box of mixed fruit each week. Our children really appreciate it.

Shez Deen
P & C President

Caves Beach SLSC

Caves Beach Surf Lifesaving Club Registration dates are on 5 and 19 August—10 am until 2 pm each day

ARE YOU HAPPY WITH YOUR SWIM SCHOOL?

How about trying us?

Term 3 2018 SPECIAL

2 Group Lessons for \$20

We would love for you to try our warm pool, our friendly teachers and our swim program.

Give us a GO!!

Phone to BOOK or find us on

FACEBOOK "Jamie's Swim SCHOOL"

MENTION THIS SPECIAL WHEN BOOKING



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*No obligation to stay after the two lessons
but you are very welcome and we'd love to have you*

CAVES BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C PRESENTS



THINK HIPPIY

CAVES BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
TRIVIA NIGHT

AUGUST

4th

6:30pm

CAVES COASTAL BAR AND BUNGALOWS




- Raffles, Auctions, Games & Prizes
- Limited Table Tickets Available
- Fancy Dress Hippy Theme

Limited table tickets will go on sale Monday 25th June 2018 at the school office.

For enquiries and offers please email our events team at cavespandc@gmail.com

\$280for a table of
10 peopleincludes entry,
drink on arrival
& nibbles platter
for each table**psyb.org****f /Caves-Beach-Public-School**

Term 3 Calendar 2018

Term 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	23 July SDD	24 July Students Return	25 July Swansea High Enrichment Test	26 July	27 July NSW Cross Country	28/29 July
2	30 July	31 July	1 August Junior Justice 5/6DY	2 August Galgabba Public Speaking	3 August Year 6 Leaders Day	4/5 Aug
3	6 August	7 August	8 August Zone Athletics 	9 August Zone Athletics 	10 August	11/12 Aug
4	13 August Waste Wrappers Show (Ship O'Fools) Zone Public Speaking Stage 3	14 August Zone Public - Speaking Stage 2 	15 August Crazy Hair Day	16 August Zone Public Speaking – Early Stage 1 	17 August Zone Public Speaking – Stage 1 	18/19 Aug
5	20 August	21 August STEM Expo at Swansea High	22 August New/Perm Maths Test Years 5&6	23 August	24 August	25/26 Aug National Aerobics
6	27 August	28 August	29 August Milo Cricket	30 August	31 August Hunter Athletics Father's Day Stall	1/2 Sept
7	3 September	4 September	5 September Kindergarten Orientation parent info session 	6 September Hunter Boys Cricket 	7 September	8/9 Sept
8	10 September AECG Stem Camp	11 September AECG Stem Camp	12 September AECG Stem Camp	13 September	14 September	15/16 Sept
9	17 September PBL Reward Day	18 September	19 September Touch Gala Day	20 September	21 September	22/23 Sept
10	24 September	25 September	26 September	27 September	28 September Last Day of Term	29/1 Sept/Oct