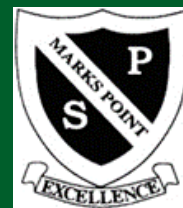




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Term 3, Week 2

29 July 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

~ Term 3 ~

Week 3

Education Week

2 Aug - P&C Pizza Day Fundraiser

3 Aug - Galgabba Public Speaking

3 Aug - Preschool Visit

4 Aug - Debating at Cave Beach PS

4 Aug, 5.30pm - P&C Meeting

5 Aug - Interrelate, Year 5 & 6

5 Aug, 12 noon - Assembly

Week 4

Winter Walk to School Week

8 Aug - Zone Public Speaking, Stage 2

8 Aug - Leadership Day, Stage 3

9 Aug - Zone Public Speaking, Stage 1

10 Aug - Zone Public Speaking, Stage 3

10 Aug - Zone Athletics Carnival

10 Aug - Swansea High School Numeracy Session

11 Aug - Zone Public Speaking, Early Stage 1

12 Aug - Interrelate, Year 5 & 6

Week 5

National Science Week

17 Aug - Preschool Visit

19 Aug - P&C Crazy Hair & Sock Day

19 Aug - Interrelate, Year 5 & 6

19 Aug, 12 noon - Assembly



We acknowledge the traditional lands of the Awabakal people we teach and learn on and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging. Marks Point Public School is a proud member of the Galgabba Community of Schools.

Message from Miss McGuigan

Welcome back for Term 3, 2022. It was lovely to see students return to school and get back into their learning and extra-curricular activities.

On Thursday last week, we had a wonderful day, celebrating NAIDOC Day. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and share this special day with us, as well as to the staff who organised and facilitated the activities on the day. For more information and photos, please see Class Dojo and Facebook.

We have some exciting events this Term, including a special Education Week and Book Week event on 25 August, which parents/carers, family members and community members are welcome to attend. Work on our Yarning circle is about to start and we are looking forward to using this incredible space when it is completed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Crockford for her time as relieving School Administrative Manager (SAM) at Marks Point Public School. Unfortunately Mrs Crockford needs to return to her position at Whitebridge High School. Thank you for all that you have done to support the students, staff, parents/carers and community members whilst you have been at MPPS, we will miss your smiling face.

We welcome Mrs Robertson (Mrs Robbo) to the office, who will be relieving in this position until Mrs Wright returns.



Notes/Information sent home recently

- Zone Athletics Carnival 2022 - Take 2
- Zone and Galgabba Public Speaking Competitions
- Interrelate Year 5 & 6 Permission Notes



COVID Safe Measurements - Close Contacts

These Guidelines apply to household contacts (someone who lives with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19) and close contacts (someone who has been formally notified by NSW Health that they are a close contact). If you are not a household or close contact, but have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please refer to the Information for people exposed to COVID-19 factsheet (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/people-exposed-to-covid>).

- If you do not have any symptoms (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/symptoms#toc-symptoms-of-covid-19>), you do not need to self-isolate, but you should be aware that you are at increased risk of COVID-19 and need to take steps to protect people around you. You must follow these Guidelines for 7 days from the last time someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19, or as otherwise directed by NSW Health if you are a close contact.
- Where practicable, you should keep your child at home to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Before your child returns to school, it is strongly recommended that they have a COVID-19 test. NSW Health and the Department of Education would like to remind all parents/carers and the school community that now is the best time to protect your children against viral illnesses such as the flu and COVID-19 by staying home if unwell and getting vaccinated. They urge all parents and carers to keep children at home if they are unwell.

Remember to use a rapid antigen test if your child is experiencing even mild COVID-19 symptoms (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/symptoms>) and keep them home until they are well and free of any symptoms, even if their result is negative.

Please note RAT tests were sent home last week. If you need additional tests, please contact the office.

If your child's RAT result is positive, it must be reported through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/register-positive-rat-test-result>). Please also inform us at the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19. For information on managing COVID-19 and isolating at home refer to the NSW Government's testing positive to COVID-19 fact sheet (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/advice-for-confirmed>).

From the Office

Payments - When sending in money with your child, please ensure it is enclosed i.e. in an envelope for it to be placed into the notes box without it getting lost or mixed up with other payments.

ClassDojo - Are you connected to our ClassDojo app? Facebook and ClassDojo our main methods of communication between the school and our community. Please continue to monitor the ClassDojo app and Facebook for important messages and updates.

Absences - If your child is absent, it is important to let the school know. To notify the school of your child's absence, please either phone/email the school or reply to the SMS.

Educational Resource Fee - K-6 Educational resource fee is for specific books and learning tools for students to complete their class work. Each student is provided with the equipment needed to participate in curriculum learning. It would be appreciated if this fee could be paid in full at the Office. If you do not think this is possible please contact the school on 4945 4433.

Voluntary Contribution Fee - NSW Public Schools ask for voluntary contributions in order to purchase additional equipment. These voluntary contributions will help us purchase additional IT resources. Thank you to all those families who have paid the voluntary contribution fee.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held during Week 6. Each teacher will have a day where they will be available, between 8:30am and 3:30pm, as well as all teachers being available on the Wednesday afternoon from 3:00pm until 4:30pm (primarily for families with more than one student attending the school). We will be using the School Interviews online platform for parents/carers to book interviews. More information will be forwarded to parents in the coming week.

Awabakal Word of the Week

Please see our Facebook page to hear our students tell you about Awabakal words.

Week 2

The Awabakal word for *stand* is
ngurakila



Week 3

The Awabakal word for *walk/go* is
bibayila



Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents/carers to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents/carers ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with NESAs, Teaching and Educational Standards for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.



P&C News

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the school holidays. We have a few exciting activities planned for Term 3.

P&C Fundraising in Term 3

Pizza Day is Tuesday, 2 August

Students can pre-order pizza and a juice for lunch. Order forms are available from the school office. Order forms must be returned to the office by Friday 29th July.



Crazy Hair Day is Friday, 19 August

Students can go wild, styling their hair into weird and wonderful crazy creations or adorn their luscious locks with fun head pieces or crazy hats. All styling is to be done at home and each student is asked to bring a gold coin donation.



Father's Day Stall

The P&C are planning a Father's Day stall to be held on Friday 2nd September. Gifts will range from 50c to \$10. Students can purchase gifts on the day to take home. Cash sales only.

A Father's Day BBQ breakfast will be held on the same day. We are pleased to announce that OOSH have generously offered to donate all the food for the BBQ breakfast.

FATHER'S DAY STALL



P&C News Continued...

NAIDOC Celebrations

Our school celebrated NAIDOC Week with a special all day event. Parents and carers were invited to spend the day with their children, participating in a variety of activities. The P&C were able to provide \$500 to support the celebrations.

Kenton Proctor from Bahtabah Local Aboriginal Land Council presented an extremely informative and hands on artefact workshop. Natasha Davies and Melissa Davies kindly cooked 170 lemon myrtle and wattle seed muffins for the bush tucker feast. Teachers and staff took charge of the BBQ and provided a delicious sausage sizzle lunch for everyone. Aunty Michelle taught weaving, with each student making their very own raffia bracelet.

Swansea High School Dance and Didge group performed live on stage. The highlight of the performance was the crab dance when all students were invited to get up and join the performance.



P&C News Continued...

Canteen Opening Wednesdays and Fridays

The canteen will be opening on Fridays in August. The Winter Friday Fun Day menu will include chicken burgers and taco boats. Both options are exclusive to the Friday menu. Orders can be placed online at www.quickcliq.com.au or at school using the canteen letterbox.

We have delayed the opening by 1 week, due to limited volunteers. Volunteers are needed for Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are interested please contact Alexia on 0477 276 876 or alexia.wurz@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

An order of green and yellow polos is due in approximately two weeks (currently out of size 12). Thank you to those parents sending in their uniforms for the second-hand uniform component of the shop.

Uniform orders can be placed via quickcliq.com.au or contact Jenny directly on 0403 944 793. Please contact Jenny to make an appointment if your child needs to try on sizes, etc.

The Uniform Shop account is:

Acc Name: MPPS Uniform Shop

BSB: 032 510

Acc No: 244992

Meet Our Members

Member: Cassie Taylor, member since 2022

I joined the P&C because I was new to the area and thought with 3 kids newly enrolled at Marks Point Public School it would be good to do what I could for the school.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the P&C. It has been a wonderful place for me to form friendships and connections with the school community. I have gained an understanding into how the P&C works to support our school, teachers, families and kids. I love being a part of such a great team.

I recommend joining the P&C so you can help make a difference for our kids, make fantastic friends and support our school.



Next P&C Meeting

Term 3, Week 3: Thursday, 4 August @ 5:30pm

Term 3, Week 8: Thursday, 8 September @ 5.30pm

Hope to see you there!



Good for kids good for life

Screen time and physical play

Movement and play are important for kids development



Choose small screen games and Apps that reduce kids sitting time and encourage physical activity.

- 📱 Choose videos, games or Apps that get your kids moving e.g. dancing, sports, yoga. Join in using the App or game with your kids
- 📱 Plan a walk using a digital map. Take photos of interesting things along the way
- 📱 Video your kids learning a new skill e.g. hopping, a new skateboard trick. Replay the video to track their progress over time
- 📱 Be a role model! Show your kids how to track their physical activity. Talk about how being active is fun & feels great! Show them how far you walked or swam last week!

Source: Screen time & physical activity; kids|Raising Children Network <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-see/play-media-technology/screen-time-healthy-screen-use/screen-time-physical-activity>



HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Developed by Hunter New England LHD



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Sunsmart Snippet

Create good sun protection habits.
Use a checklist to help incorporate sun protection into your morning routine!

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wash my face					
Brush my teeth					
Get dressed					
Pack my school bag					
Wear my SunSmart hat					
Apply SPF30 or higher sunscreen					

- Wash my face.
- Brush my teeth.
- Get dressed.
- Pack my school bag.
- Wear my SunSmart hat.
- Apply SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.

Tip: Download and print the morning checklist from the SunSmart website and stick it on your fridge.

sunsmartnsw.com.au





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FROM FIRST-KICK TO FIRST GRADE

**WE ARE NOW COMPLETING
THE PATHWAY TO JDL WITH
UNDER 6 / UNDER 7 / UNDER 8
TEAMS FOR SEASON 2023**

Lake Macquarie City Football Club are now calling for expressions of interest from players of all ages who want to have fun playing football, but also want to have access to the best coaching and learning environment in the Northern NSW region. We offer all of this and more with the lowest registration fees in the competition.

Every team will play additional mid week games and every player will have access to additional learning, training, coaching and information to assist them to reach their full potential.

You want to play football?
It is time to join City!

**TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
THEN PLEASE EMAIL US AT:**

ADMIN@LMCFC.COM.AU



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LET'S PLAY BOWLS™



PRESENTS



School Principal Parents Teachers Years 5 & 6
LAWN BOWLS for Stage 3 STUDENTS



WELCOME

to

LAWN BOWLS

\$8,000.00

PRIZE POOL



1st \$5,000 ... 2nd \$1,000 ... 3rd \$1,000 ... 4th \$1,000

School Draw - Jnr 'Jack Attack Kit' (Cash prizes awarded to schools to improve sporting resources)

An invitation is extended to all Year 5 & 6 boys and girls in all schools
throughout Newcastle and wider Districts

Government, Independent & Catholic Primary Schools

Contact your local Bowling Club to arrange: school sport and /or 'after-school' training.

Teams x 3 players ... any Gender and Year combination — **unlimited entries**

\$30.00 per team payable with team entry - **ONLY** via www.letsplaybowls.com **SCHOOL ENTRIES / PRIMARY**

ENTRIES CLOSE ... 1st October 2022 ... (see Rules attached)

Terms 3 & 4 preparing teams at their local bowling club

November - 'Play-offs' - the best 8 teams enter the: **Final Series**

Quarters / Semis / Final ... venue: Raymond Terrace Bowling Club

Sunday 4th December - Quarter - finals 9:30am ... Semi - finals 11:30am

FINAL 1:30pm

All correspondence to coordinator Warren Boyd email: letsplaybowls@gmail.com





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Scouts is for everyone!

Scouting is a worldwide movement that has shaped the development of children and young adults for over 100 years. With over 18,000 youth and adult members from various cultural and religious backgrounds and with varying abilities, Scouts is one of the largest and most successful youth organisations in New South Wales!

Today's Scouts can take part in an extraordinary variety of outdoor activities, from 'traditional Scouting skills' such as camping and bush craft, through to more extreme challenges such as abseiling, overnight hiking, rafting, canyoning, rock climbing, sailing and even flying! Scouts also have the opportunity to become involved in performing arts, leadership development, community service, amateur radio operation, environmental projects and large-scale events.

scoutreach.org.au

To find your closest Hunter and Coastal Scout Group contact: **1300 858 464**



- Joey Scouts (ages 5-8*)
- Cub Scouts (ages 8-11)
- Scouts (ages 11-14)
- Venturer Scouts (ages 14-17)
- Rovers (ages 18-25)
- Leaders (ages 18+)

*A young person can join the Joey Section at any time after their 5th birthday provided they are attending school full time.



SCAN ME

