**Presentations**

Today we held our Presentation Day at Marsden High School. It was great to be able to acknowledge some of the students and to see some of our extra-curricular groups perform. Due to the large number of students who the school tries to acknowledge, we have two more presentation assemblies. These will both be held on Thursday, 10th December – one focussing on Years 3-6 and the other on K-2. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Term 4 Week 9**

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**Term 4 Week 10**

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**Stage News**

**Kindy**

Welcome to Week 9! Our sounds of the week are ‘oi’ and ‘ue’ and for the next 2 weeks we will be revising all our sight words. For News, it's Celebrations - the children will need to tell the class about the best day they have had in Kindergarten and then explain why it was their favourite.

It's not too late to volunteer to be a Party Day helper if you are free. If you can help out, please contact your class teacher asap (and thank you in advance!) There's also some time to donate canned food, toiletries and non-perishables for the Christian Community Aid hampers if you would like to do so! The draw for the Kris Kringle gifts took place today and your child will bring home their assigned name this afternoon. Please send in your wrapped and clearly labelled gift by Monday, 7th December. We will be exchanging our gifts on Friday, 11th December. Have a cheery week!

**School Survey**

Thank you to those families who have returned their surveys. These will be collated and the results communicated back to the school community. Finn (KC) was the lucky recipient of the gift voucher.

**Mark Hoppitt**

Principal

**Principal’s Message**

This is also a time when we like to thank the many parents and grandparents who volunteer many hours to support the students. We have parents assisting in the classrooms, with sport and with excursions. We have parents who assist with our extra-curricular activities by being on committees, preparing costumes or acting as chauffeurs. We have many people who volunteer in the classroom to assist with numeracy, literacy and sport. We have our band, uniform shop, canteen, kiss and ride and school banking parents who ensure these services operate effectively. Parents have assisted on working bees, morning teas, discos, stalls and the list goes on.
Stage 1
Stage One are all looking forward to our Celebration Expo tomorrow. All students have been working extremely hard in groups to come up with an exciting stall based on their given celebration. The showcase commences at 11.25am under the COLA. Thank you for your generosity of tinned cans for the Christian Community Food Drive. Classes will be lining up their donations on Thursday hoping to have the longest line to win a special prize. Also on Thursday is the K-6 Assembly commencing at 2:05pm in the school hall. The Year 6 Mini Fete is on Wednesday, 9th December. Children will need to bring money in a labelled snap lock bag or wallet to spend on the amazing stalls that the Year 6 children have created. BBQ orders and money must be in by this Thursday. The K-2 Celebration of Learning is next Thursday, 10th December at 11:25am in the school hall. Have a great week.

Stage 2
Wow! What an exciting time at school for the next few weeks. Musicales, talent quests, special assemblies, fetes and picnic days. Reminder to forward notes for BBQ lunch on fete day next week. It was lovely to be able to thank those many parents who have helped us during the year. We hoped you enjoyed the morning tea.

Stage 3
The end is nigh! Congratulations to all of the Year 5 students who have successfully gained leadership roles for 2016. Student Executive leaders include: Ria, Emma, Ella, Ruby, Brooke, James G, Aidan, Nicholas, Charlie and Ben.

Turner House
Captains - Alicia and Brendan
Vice Captains - Aliyah and Ryan

Johnson House
Captains - Louise and James W
Vice Captains - Billie and Aaron

Marsden House
Captains - Natalie H and Max
Vice Captains - Clare and Shaun

Blaxland House
Captains - Lily and Ethan
Vice Captains - Alyssa and Owen

Mr Butterfield will be selecting Library Monitors for next year throughout the week. Congratulations to all award recipients from Presentation Day.

Next week will be our Acknowledgement Assembly for 3-6 on Thursday, 10th December from 9.30am.

This Friday we will be welcoming our new Opportunity Class for 2016 at their Orientation on Friday, 4th December commencing at 9.30am in our school hall.

This Thursday, 3rd December will be the last day for BBQ money for the Year 6 Mini Fete.

If you are able to assist on the day at the BBQ please let Mrs Sparrow know. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. The Mini Fete and Farewell evening for Year 6 are next week and I know the students are all very excited about these events. Raffle tickets will continue to be sold during the morning before school to help raise funds for the Farewell.

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today”. - Malcolm X

Around the school
Acknowledgement Assembly
This award ceremony is to recognise best and fairest students from PSSA sports. It will include other awards for Sport House leaders, library monitors, Korean awards, Premier's Reading Challenge Gold and Platinum awards and special awards in Mathematics Olympiad. Performers will be Dance Busters and Boys Aerobic teams. It will be at 9.30am in our school hall on Thursday, 10th December 2015. All welcome.

Choir
There are a number of opportunities to perform between now and the end of the year and we would love it if you could come along to hear your child sing.

The Intermediate choir (Ms Vallentine's choir) will sing at the 3-6 assembly next Thursday, 10th December at 9.30am. The Proms choir (Mrs Barton's choir) will sing at the K-6 assembly this Thursday, 3rd December at 2.00pm.

Kiss and Ride Roster
PLEASE email colettegrundy@yahoo.com.au if you can spare 15 minutes to help once per month.

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Kiss and Ride Parking
Strictly no parking in the Winbourne Street Kiss and Ride section from 8am–9:30am and then 2:30pm-4:00pm. Large fines apply to any vehicle that is there for more than 3 minutes.

Food Donations for Christian Community Aid
This Friday is when all the food donated by the Ermington Public School Community will be picked up. Please send in your donations ASAP.
P&C Meeting
Our final general meeting will be held tomorrow at Denistone Bowling Club (59 Chatham Rd, Denistone NSW 2114). They have an excellent range of cuisine, all very reasonably priced. We'll start a little earlier at 7pm as they close at 9pm, which may make it the earliest finish for the year and not too taxing for a midweek outing. If you haven't made it along to other meetings in 2015, this could be a great one to start with. Hope to see you there.
Jason Wraxall – P&C President

Shoes for Planet Earth
Early next year we will again be collecting second hand running shoes to be donated to various locations including homeless shelters, youth crises centres and women's refuges in Parramatta. We would like your help. If your children need new runners for next year as they have outgrown their old ones, please consider whether someone else could get some use from them and send them to school. The shoes need to be in good condition, with no holes and good soles! Also needed are any spare inner soles and shoe laces. Please wash your runners and tie them together. We cannot take any other types of shoes – only adults and children runners. You can read more about Shoes for Planet Earth at www.shoesforplanetearth.com/about-us/soul-journey/

For more info please contact Belinda Barnes at belinda5d@optusnet.com.au

Canteen News

Please note that the last day of canteen operation is Friday 11 December

Canteen Roster

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Last Day
Mon 14/12 - Wed 16/12 CLOSED ALL WEEK!!

If you are unable to work your shift please try to find a replacement, if you can’t, contact Wendy wlarocca@optusnet.com.au

Tennis Camp - Ryde Tennis Academy
Skills Development, Match Play, Drills, Games and Prizes.
Camp 1: 21st – 24th December 2015.
Camp 2: 18th – 21st January 2016
Cost: $130 per child. 9am – 1pm.
5-16 year olds. Held at Meadowbank Park. For more info call Ray Brennan P: 9809-0882 or 0418 168 868

Ask about a healthier, whiter smile today.
Call Elite Dental on 9807 1682
www.elitedental.com.au
1/1 Maxim Street, West Ryde

The school often publishes information on behalf of community groups – parents need to decide on the appropriateness of activities involving their child. It is the responsibility of each parent to research the bona fides of any organisation in which you wish for your child to be involved. The school accepts no responsibility with regard to advertisements placed in the newsletter. Parents and guardians should make their own decision.
Play Netball for Comets in 2016
Register online NOW
NEW players turning 7yrs and up in 2016
Saturday games at Brush Farm for 7-10yrs,
And Meadowbank Park for 11yrs and up!
Uniform Hire included in registration!
www.cometsnetball.com.au
Call Susan Brownlow: 0409 041 487
secretary@cometsnetball.com.au

Kids On Keyboard 2016
Kids on Keyboard is a group program for students from year 2 to year 6. It is a great way to introduce a child to the world of music. They can learn to read music, understand its basics and play the instrument. There are two classes running on Wednesdays, one before and another after school. If you are interested in your child participating next year please contact Mrs Christine Dieckmann on 0409 247 424 for enquiries and enrolments.

CHRISTMAS TOY RAFFLE
Tuesday 8 December
$5,000 of Toys to WIN

DRAWN: 8PM
TICKETS ON SALE
FROM 5PM

Up to $30 FREE for every $10 purchased*

*Free Tickets for members of the Epping Club only. Vouchers according to tier.
45 Rawson Street Epping NSW 2121 | 9676 4357 | www.eppingclub.com

CHRISTMAS EVENT!
Saturday 12th December 2015
Gates open at 5.30pm!

FREE ENTRY
FOR KIDS!
($6 per adult)

Wentworth Park Sporting Complex
2 Wentworth Park Road, GLEBE NSW 2037
Phone: (02) 8587 1209 or Email: enquiries@sbota.com.au