Dear Parent and Carers

The end of the school year is fast approaching and sees us at the half way point of Term 4.

Professional Learning

Teachers: Applying for a Department of Education teaching position, Practical Tools for GTIL (Mentoring, Induction, Feedback, Observation), Assistance Dog training.

SLSOs: Assistance Dog training

Update on Initiatives and Projects

School Library: Alana, Megan and Carol have been working to reduce the number of outdated resources in our library so that we can make plans to reform this space into a bright and engaging learning environment for our students. The library will be painted by the Department as soon as possible to cover the existing timber walls. There are then plans for redesigned storage areas, book racks, comfortable furniture, a reading corner and computers. This will start to take place as soon as the walls are painted and will continue into 2016.

Wet Sensory Play area: The P&C are providing funding to convert an outdoor area adjacent to the Sensory Room into a messy sensory play area. There are plans to tidy the area by repaving some areas, replace rusted downpipes and install a new drainage pit. Once this is completed, sensory equipment, seating and storage will be installed into the area.

Infants Safe Play area: A shade shelter has been erected over part of this area in the Infants playground. Further equipment and resources will be bought to ensure students using this area have a variety of engaging activities and equipment.

Liberty Swing shade sail: Thanks go again to Des Bruce (Liam’s grandfather) for his fundraising efforts through the Court Tavern in Campbelltown. We have been able to have a shade sail installed over the Liberty Swing to enable students to use it year round. Prior to this, the swing was not able to be used during hot weather.

Mary Brooksbank Fine Art Gallery: We have recently relocated our school Honour Boards to the foyer area outside the library. In place of these boards we have created the Mary Brooksbank School Fine Art Gallery. Thanks to Sharrisse for organising our hanging system and to Sharrisse, Bianca and Megan for encouraging our staff and students to produce a variety of colourful and original artworks that are now hanging in the gallery. The gallery will host a variety of changing artworks, updated as student produce new works.

Christmas cards: Families should have received a note by now asking for orders of Christmas Cards which have all been made by the students. These are for sale in packs of 5 (with envelopes) for $5.00 per pack. Please place your order and send in our money so that you won’t miss out. The designs will be similar to the photos below.
Special Needs Community Expo:
Thanks to Kirsten and the P&C, a Special Needs Community Expo was held here on 14th October for families of our school as well as Passfield Park and Beverley Park Schools. We had about 100 families attend either the lunch time or evening session that showcased the services available from about 25 service providers. If you were unable to attend, a similar Expo will be held at Passfield Park and Beverley Park Schools in 2016. More information will be available as the time gets closer.

Sports Carnival:
Our Summer water sports carnival is being held on Thursday 12th November. Please send your child in a t-shirt that represents their coloured sports team. If you are unsure of your child’s team (Red, Yellow, Blue or Green) put a note in the communication book and the class teacher will be able to let you know. Just a reminder that we will be pairing this sports carnival with the Adidas School Fun Run. Please continue to accept donations and register online. All money needs to be received on or before 19th November. We hope to see many families here on the day.

School Spectacular
Rehearsals are well under way for our students who are part of the D’Arts Ensemble in Schools Spectacular this year. The students are travelling to Busby West Public School with Alana in preparation for their performances later in November at Qantas Arena. We are very proud of you all and look forward to seeing you all perform.

Staff News
Erin’s baby: Congratulations to Erin (from Echidna class) and her family. She has given birth to a baby boy and called him Ryan Gregory David.
## Aussie of the Month Awards

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- **2 November**: New Parent Orientation Day
- **9 November**: 10
- **16 November**: 17
- **23 November**: 24
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- **7 December**: 8 Presentation Day
- **14 December**: 15 Xmas Fun Day
- **21 December**: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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- **4 January**: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- **11 January**: 12
- **18 January**: 13
- **25 January**: 26 Australia Day

- **27 January**: 27 Staff Dev Day
- **28 January**: STUDENT RETURN
- **29 January**: 29
- **30 January**: 30
- **31 January**: 31
Dear Families, Friends, Staff and Community of MBS

Don’t forget that our P&C Annual General Meeting will take place on the 23rd November 2015 at 9.30am in the library. If you would like to nominate for a position please fill in the attached nomination form and return to the school. Please note that you must be a current financial member to nominate. We encourage anyone to come along. Many hands make light work and the P&C is also looking for extra people to join our very small committee. Our P&C monthly meeting will take place straight after the AGM. Please note all positions will be declared vacant.

**Positions available are:**
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Uniform Shop
- Fundraising Co-ordinator

**Uniform Purchases**
The uniform shop is open every Monday morning till 10am and every Wednesday if parents or carers require uniforms. Alternatively if you are unable to get in at this time please let either Mel or Kylie know on 4628-4555 and they can arrange for a uniform order sheet to be sent home. The P&C also offer a 6 week layby on all uniform purchases.

Don’t forget that if your child is entering Year 7 in 2016 you will need to purchase a senior shirt. Cost is $38 and come in sizes 12 – 22.

**Christmas Fun Day**
All families are welcome to come along and enjoy a fun filled day don’t forget to book in Tuesday 15th December 2015 for our annual Christmas fun day.

**Christmas Hampers**
The P&C are kindly asking for any donations of non-perishable food items, toys or any suitable gifts to be placed into their Christmas hampers. If you are able to assist please send any items in with your child or drop them into Mel or Kylie in the office.
Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Macarthur CDC’s Social Skills Group

All Macarthur CDC Children gather in small groups in a fun, interactive and social environment to develop and enhance their social skills and interactions.

Our programs are designed for children of all ages and tailored to meet the needs of typically developing children and children with additional needs.

Macarthur CDC’s programs combine structured and specific learning tasks as well as unstructured tasks that allow children to learn in a natural and age-appropriate environment.

Advice, support resources and strategies are provided to families to facilitate ongoing learning at home and school.

"The program helped me to stay on top of my work and to manage everyday life more effectively."  
-SHARE WITH ME!
With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations mean different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

- Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.
  - If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

- It’s the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place. It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

- Click clack front ‘n back every person for every trip.
  - Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

- Talk to your child about being a safe road user. Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them.
  - Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.
  - Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

- The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.
  - Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out and about.
  - Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.

Have a safe holiday break!

Prepared by the DoE Road Safety Education Team
Dear Parents and Carers

Our P & C Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 23rd November 2015 at 9:30 am in the school library.

All positions will be declared vacant and elections will take place for the committee.

Please note that all members must be financial to vote. Attached nomination form is below

The AGM will be followed by the general P & C meeting.

Regards

P & C Committee

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NOMINATION FORM

I would like to nominate the following persons to the P&C executive for 2015/16.

PRESIDENT

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VICE PRESIDENT

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TREASURER

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VICE TREASURER

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SECRETARY

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UNIFORM COMMITTEE

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FUNDRAISING/EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
MARY BROOKSBANK SCHOOL
Parents and Citizens Association

I ________________ of ________________________________

Wish to make an application for membership to the Mary Brooksbank School P&C Association. Please find enclosed the annual fee of $0.50 which makes me a financial member until the Associations’ next AGM in 2016.

Signed ____________________________________________

Date ________________