Dear Parents and Carers

Update on Initiatives and Projects:
School Plan Strategic Direction 1:
Student Learning—to deliver high quality programs which provide student leadership opportunities and support student learning by reflecting the NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum.
- Our first whole school Sports Carnival was held with each student being a member of our new sport teams led by a student elected Sport Team Captain.
- The Science Scope and Sequence for Kindergarten to Yr 6 is being developed.
- The Science Framework continues to be developed collaboratively with staff from George Bass School.
- Parents visited the school as part of Education Week and viewed the Accelerated Literacy texts each class has been studying.

School Plan Strategic Direction 2:
Community Learning—to develop a culture of collaboration within the Community of Schools which include Passfield Park and Beverley Park Schools (CoS) to build the capacity of all in leadership and educational innovation.
- The CoS Literacy and Numeracy Committee continue to plan to deliver professional learning at the Staff Development Day at the end of 2014. Staff are attending professional learning opportunities relevant to the school priorities and their own identified goals. The CoS professional learning day was held at the beginning of term 3 and catered for teachers, School Learning Support Officers and Administration staff.

School Plan Strategic Direction 3:
Staff Learning—to develop strong and sustainable leadership and management skills to drive school improvement towards excellence.
- Teachers have been allocated time to work on their professional learning goals. The relieving Assistant Principal positions have continued with the permanent Assistant Principals mentoring and supporting the aspiring leaders.

The schools strategic directions 2015-2017 can be found on our school website: www.marybrooks-s.school.nsw.edu.au

Education Week Open Day
Thank you to the P&C for their ongoing support of our Education Week open day. This year we focused on Literacy, in line with one of the initiatives of our School Plan, and classes were decorated to represent the Accelerated Literacy text the students had been studying.

Congratulations to our winners
Parade Winners:
Infants Kookaburra
Primary Kanagroo
High School Banksia

Best Classroom Display:
Infants Koala
Primary Emu
High School Bottle Brush

Staff Professional Learning
Teachers:
Executive Leadership Induction, Predict, Assess, Respond To Challenging Behaviours (PART), Road Safety, Disability Standards for Education, Community of Schools Staff Development Day, Online Panel Training, Accreditation Process and Principals at TAAs, Positive Parenting Program, OLIVER training.

SLSOs:
Predict, Assess, Respond To Challenging Behaviours (PART), Disability Standards for Education, Community of Schools Staff Development Day.

Administration Staff:
Community of Schools Staff Development Day, OLIVER training. Congratulations to both of our office staff, Melanie for completing her Advanced Diploma in Management and Kylie completing Certificate IV in Business Administration.

Keep This Date
A Special Needs Community Expo is being planned for Wednesday 14th October at school. It will enable parents and families to gather information from a number of providers offering services in the Campbelltown and Macarthur areas. More details will be sent home as the date gets closer. I encourage all families to mark this date in your diary.
McDonalds Charity Night
On Wednesday 12th August, McDonalds held their annual charity fundraiser night for the school. Thankyou to everyone that either helped out in a store or purchased McDonald on the night. We raised $3,421.85 for the school.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Don’t forget that the school is collecting stamps from Woolworths so if you can please send in with your child and we will place them in our collection bin located at the office.

Regards
Jennifer Neradovsky
Principal

MBS Sports Carnival
# Aussie of the Month Awards

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## PBIS Awards

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31 P&C Meeting 9.30am
Henny Penny

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5 Public Holiday
6 Students return to school
7 Musica Viva
26 P&C Meeting 9.30am
Dear School Community,

This term has been super busy as we prepare for Bingo Night on Friday 4th September 2015. Our hamper drive is still ongoing, if you are able to send in anything for our hampers we will continue to collect these from your child’s class until the end of next week. Non-perishable grocery items, homewares, beauty products and gardening items are still needed. A big thankyou to all of those families who have already sent donations in!

Seats are selling fast for Bingo so make sure you contact the school to book your tickets, you definitely don’t want to miss out on a great night of fun, prizes and most importantly a great opportunity to raise funds to provide the best facilities for our wonderful kids.

Thankyou to all families and staff who have sold chocolates and returned money for our Cadbury fundraiser. If anyone is interested or able we still have plenty more boxes to sell, contact the school office if you can help with this.

Our next P&C meeting is on Monday 31st August 2015 at 9.30am in the school library. All are welcome, we would love to see some new faces! It’s a great opportunity to meet other parents or carers and to make a real difference in our school through the provision of great facilities and programs that the P&C provides for our awesome students.

All the best,

P&C Association
Macarthur No Interest Loan Scheme

Macarthur NILS lends up to $10,000.00 for a variety of essential household items such as refrigerators, washing machines, household furniture and computers. We also lend for essential services such as green slips.

Our loans can also help families with children take part in school camps, major sporting representation, and to have complete school uniforms.

Repayments are tailored to suit your budget and start at around $30 per fortnight.

All of our loans have no interest and no charges.

You can apply for a loan if you have lived in the Macarthur area for the past three months, have a Health Care Card or a Centrelink Pension Card, and have enough in your budget to easily repay a loan.

To apply please call us on 4625 6877 or email us at admin@macarthurnils.org.au. We are located at 27 Bobbin Head Street, Campbelltown.

Families Getting NDIS Ready

Have your got a family member with disability who is 5 years or older?

It’s here! The NDIS commence in Western Sydney area from the 1st of September 2013. Make it work hard for your family member!

- Learn about the National Disability Insurance Scheme and what it all means for you
- Talk about planning and things to consider to achieve your goals
- See what some people are doing...

Penrith Bowling Club Thursday 6 August
Richmond Club Friday 7 August
Lithgow Workmen’s Club Monday 10 August
Springwood Sports Club Tuesday 11 August

A free workshop for families
Register online or call 1800 620 588

Further Information

If you are unsure of anything, please ask the NILS worker who will be happy to answer your questions.

We hope to hear from you soon!

Contact Details

CALL NOW: 46256407
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.macarthurnils.org.au

Further Reading

Macarthur Community Centre, The Prince Centre, Suite 3.1.1C, 2133 0413 623 645

Proudly Supported By:

Now you have options

Join us for a free community and family forum as we explore the NDIS and your options.

The arrival of the National Disability Insurance Scheme is an exciting opportunity for people to receive tailored support they desire, and just how it is delivered.

That’s why it’s important that we get it right. The NDIS is a collaborative effort between the Federal and State Governments, Community and Private Sector organisations, People with Disability and their families and carers, as well as other groups and individuals with an interest in the scheme.

The team at the Disability Support Services, The Prince Centre, are keen to host a forum which will provide an overview of the NDIS and the future opportunities it will bring for the area.

Topics will include:

- The NDIS planning process: helping families to navigate
- How the NDIS will meet personal goals
- How the NDIS will support education and employment
- How the NDIS will support community and social participation
- How the NDIS will support decision making

The forum will be held on Thursday 7th August from 9am to 11am at The Prince Community Centre, 190 Grand Street, Campbelltown.

Attendees are encouraged to register in advance by calling 4625 6877 or registering on the day. Enjoy refreshments and alight lunch.