Week 2, Term 1,
14th February, 2013

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL
EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Friends of Marks Point Public School,

As you may be aware, Mrs Jennifer Parke has been seconded for Semester 1, 2013 to be Principal of Maryland Public School. I very much thank Mrs Honi Faasisila for her leadership of the school for the commencement of the new school year.

Following an Expression of Interest process, I am pleased to welcome Mr Garry Standen who will take over from Mrs Parke for Semester 1. Mr Standen is a well-respected Principal, whose current school is Peats Ridge Public School. He has had previous extensive experience as relieving principal in other schools and looks forward to working with the Executive and staff at Marks Point Public School. He visited the school on Friday morning, and commenced duties on Wednesday 13th February, 2013.

I’m sure you will join me in welcoming him.

Mrs Kay Peno, School Education Director

A Message from the Relieving Principal

Hello everyone. I would like to thank the whole Marks Point Public School community for a lovely warm welcome both last week when I visited on Friday and today with the wonderful welcome on the school noticeboard. I am so excited to be here and look forward to my two terms as relieving principal. At this point in time I believe my relieving role is only for two terms.

I am the substantive principal at Peats Ridge Public School on the Central Coast and have been a teaching principal there for the past two years. I have been a teacher and leader with the Department of Education and Communities for the past 35 years.

I look forward to meeting parents and families as you come up to the school for information sessions, assemblies and special events.

If you have any concerns about the education of your children, the first point of call is obviously to go and speak with your child’s teacher. They know your child extremely well as they work with them in the classroom each day. The Assistant Principals are also available for you to share your concerns as the next point of call. Obviously if you require further information or assistance you are most welcome to make an appointment to come and visit me as the relieving principal.

I look forward to a wonderfully positive working relationship with everyone in the school community.

Garry Standen
Relieving Principal
Assistant Principal’s Report Primary

2013 Parliament

Congratulations to our elected Parliamentarians for the coming year. I am sure each and every student will be striving toward servicing their fellow peers and the school community to the best of their ability.

Office bearers are:
Speaker- Jarred Goodliff
Prime Minister - Billy Huggins
Opposition Prime Minister - Ben Watts
Treasurer – Chelsey Clarke
Opposition Treasurer - Bronte Froome
Employment - Bronte Copping
Opposition Employment - Cody Graf
Education - Kirsty Jones
Opposition Education - Jake Mclean
Environment - Sarah Cox
Opposition Environment - Laysha Davies
Welfare - Hunter Callaghan
Opposition Welfare - Hayley Collins
Sport &Recreation - Darcy Heaney
Opposition Sport &Rec-Georgia Wright
Work Health &Safety-Mitchell Ellison
Opposition W Health &Safety-Bailey Roddom
P&C Representatives - Sophie Gayler and Kaleb Deen

Congratulations to our newly elected House Captains for 2013.
They are :
SWANS – Nicholas Collier & Kirsty Lee Jones
ALBATROSS – Jake McLean & Tegan Flett
EAGLES – Sophie Gayler & Leah Sharpe
GULLS – Bronte Copping & Mitchell Ellison

Parent / Teacher Information Afternoons.
Please familiarise yourself with dates and times on this page for information afternoons. The information sessions set the groundwork for your child’s learning and ensures parents understand the directions of education within each room. Classroom management practices, teaching practices and routines will be explained at these sessions. Come along and meet your child’s teacher.

BOOK PACKS
It is pleasing to see the amount of parents making these payments. Students need their equipment for learning so the earlier payments are made the earlier textbooks and classroom requirements may be distributed

Active After School Program commences WEEK 4
Tuesday 19th February commences Sailing 16
Footer Registration forms need to be returned to be able to sail. Students need to have all equipment with them on the day. Bus will transport to the sailing area and returns at approximately 4.15pm to 4.30pm. Sailing may be cancelled if wind conditions/weather isn’t favourable.

Thursday 21st February commences Lawn Bowls.....comfortable foot wear please.
May be cancelled if weather isn’t favourable.
List of student names appears on Mrs Lowe’s door.

It is expected that if a child has registered for AASC that they attend all sessions as instructors are allocated on a numbers basis.

Debra Lowe—Assistant Principal

Library News

Welcome back students and parents. The Premier’s Reading Challenge will begin soon. A note will be sent home next week. Library days have now been allocated and library borrowing has commenced this week. Here are the library days for each class:

Monday – 4/5B
Tuesday – KJ, K/1M, 2/3F
Wednesday – 1/2R, 3/4G
Thursday – 6L

Katie McDonell
Teacher Librarian

REMINDER
CLASS INFORMATION SESSION TIMES

KJ—Tuesday 19th Feb, 3.05pm
K/1M—Tuesday 19th Feb, 3.05pm
1/2R Wednesday 20th Feb, 3.05pm
2/3F Wednesday 20th Feb, 3.10pm
3/4G Monday 18th Feb, 3.05pm
4/5B Monday 18th Feb, 3.05pm
6L Tuesday 14th Feb, 3.15pm
For those of you new to our school, you may not know about our Dance Groups. All boys and girls are welcome to join our groups which practice on Thursday afternoons 3-4pm in the school grounds.

Both Junior and Senior Dance Groups will start in Week 1 of Term 2. The fees will be $40 per term. Notes will be distributed this week, if you don’t get a note please pick one up from the school office.

Any other enquiries can be made through the “Friends and family of MPPS” Facebook page. Or by contacting Mel Magnery on 0438 172 843.

We look forward to yet another fun year of dancing.
What 6L VALUE at Marks Point....... 
Students follow respect, responsibility and all strive for excellence. We are multicultural. We are proud of our school and students. We wear our school uniform with pride. Teachers who are all involved with activities. Friendship. Caring for one another. We care for our school grounds and the environment. We always give our best in our learning. Appreciating guests in our school. The property we have. We value our parents and their role in our education.