WORK HEALTH and SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Parents, grandparents, guardians, friends and neighbours are always welcome in the mornings as they bring students to school and in the afternoons as they collect students at home time.

When parents and other visitors are intending to remain on school grounds, perhaps as helpers in the classrooms, canteen helpers or any other special role then they are required to sign the visitor register at the front office in the administration block and wear a lanyard with a visitor badge.

This process is important in the event of an emergency or evacuation. The visitor register provides a list of additional adults on school grounds.

Please sign in when you arrive at school and remember to sign out and return the visitor badge before you leave the school grounds. This safety process has been standard practice at Marks Point Public School for many years and forms part of the school emergency management plan.

Parents and visitors to the school grounds and classrooms are also reminded not to approach other students in an inappropriate manner. Always approach teaching staff or the principal if you have some issues or concerns about either your own child or someone else’s child. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

ANZAC DAY 25th April

Marks Point Public School commemorated ANZAC today at a special assembly led by student leaders. All students and their family members have the opportunity to represent our school on Anzac Day, Thursday 25th April at Swansea. This day falls in the second week of the school vacation. Students are to assemble on the highway side of McDonalds at 10:30 am. Medals of deceased relatives may be worn on the right side of their clothing. Children are welcome to place a tribute at the Cenotaph.

The march will commence at 11:00am from the front of the library near McDonalds and proceed to the Swansea and Community War Memorial where a short service will be conducted. An invitation is extended to the school for our students to march and/or attend the service at the memorial. Students are required to wear full school uniform.

TERM 1 COMES TO AN END

Term 1 comes to an end tomorrow, Friday 12th April. It is a little hard to accept that a whole term has passed us by already. Once again, I would like to publicly thank the wonderful students, parents and community members for welcoming me so warmly to the Marks Point Public School community this term. I wish you all a happy and safe vacation time with your children. The Department of Education and Communities has provided two School Development Days at the commencement of Term 2 (Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April) which means we will see the students return on Wednesday 1st May.

SCHOOL SECURITY – Phone 1300 482 737 if you notice anything unusual as you are passing by the school in the holidays.

Garry Standen
Relieving Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS DARCY

Darcy H has become our next regional representative after he was selected in the 2013 Hunter Region Rugby League side last week. Great effort Darcy, Marks Point Public School is really proud of you and your efforts.

CROSS COUNTRY WINNER & CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Swans House who took out the school cross country event. Champions included: - 
Junior Girl Emma H, Junior Boy Charlie H, Senior Girl Kirsty J and Senior Boy Chance N

HUNTER SWIMMING REPS

Mitchell E and Kirsty J recently participated in the NSW PSSA Swimming Titles at Homebush in Sydney as part of the Hunter Region swimming team. Both performed admirably and should be congratulated on their performances.

TRASH AND TREASURE DONATIONS

Please have a look at home over the holiday period and see if there are any items you no longer need. Send them along to school for our Year 6 Trash and Treasure Day in Term 2. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Please start collecting your tokens and sending them into school. All tokens go toward resources for our children. Last year’s total of 77,660 will be hard to beat.

WE NEED A FENCE

Parliament has had some discussion on this topic. Many classes are in the process of writing expositions. If you agree with their point of view please feel free to write a letter of support toward our case to our local member Mr Garry Edwards whose office is in Swansea. The more letters of support the greater our combined voice becomes.

Debbie Lowe—Assistant Principal

P & C REMINDERS

Lovedale Long Lunch payments will need to be made by 12th April so get in NOW if you are interested in coming along. Just a reminder that we are seeking donations for our Mothers Day Stall Dance Groups are all set to start practicing in Term 2. There are still a few spaces in the Junior Dance Group (K-2) so if you’re interested please leave your details with the school office.

Swansea Before and After School Care

Do you need care before school? We have vacancies every day and would love for you to come and play with us.

We are open every morning from 7.00am and offer breakfast for a $1.00 donation.

We also offer after School Care for a very reasonable rate. We are open until 6pm and provide afternoon tea to all children at no extra cost.

New enrolments are welcome. If you would like to book in please call us on 4971002.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Fabulous Parenting

Thank you to students and parents alike for the very supportive approach to school uniform. Students are coming to school in full uniform and on the rare occasion when something happens to make that impossible, a note is coming in from the parent. THANK YOU! It is great to know that we are working together and that students are complying with school regulations. It is making for a much happier student group.

WH&S

We have had an update on this always changing but important area. One of the areas that will be changing is the use of containers, previously used for food items, to store paint and glue and so on. So, if you have previously recycled containers (butter, jams, egg cartons) into classrooms we are no longer able to use them. Thanks.

Parent Involvement

There is a huge body of research that points to the link between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. If you want your child to improve their learning then take an interest in that learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

Thank you to the parents already doing this, to those talking with school staff, keeping us informed, modelling great problem solving strategies, registering concerns in a reasonable manner and offering compliments when they are warranted. Remember our students hear what you say but do what you do. I think that on the whole we are doing the ‘do’ part very well.

Advance Notice

Due to changes in the syllabus, the NSW Department of Education has given schools an extra Pupil Free/Staff Development day this year. This day is to be used by staff to familiarise themselves with the new syllabus documents and the requirements for teaching it successfully to students. This additional day will be taken back to back with the existing day on 29th April, making the 30th April also pupil free. Please note this in your calendar. Students return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

Mrs Honi Faasisila, Assistant Principal

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH BELMONT

Fashion Parade of our pre-loved market clothing. Saturday 13th April at 1.30pm. Church Hall, 24 Church Street, Belmont. Entry is $5 which includes morning tea. Clothes on sale after parade. For more enquiries, please contact Margaret Lennox on 49454493
My Thingamijig
By 1/2R

My Thingamijig’s name is Slimy. It is medium sized. It looks squiggly and colour-ful. It feels slimy. My Thingamijig can split up because it is slimy. When it splits up, it can play all by itself. By Edelle.

My Thingamijig’s name is Spiky. It is large and skinny. My Thingamijig has lots of colours and it is smooth. By Heidi

My Thingamijig’s name is Rosebell. She is medium sized and oval shaped with a curly tail and she breathes fire. Rosebell is purple with pink and purple wings. She is very smooth. Rosebell has sharp claws and spikes on her tail. I love my Rosebell. By Emily.

My Thingamijig’s name is Chelsea. It is round and skinny. It is mainly blue with some different colours. Chelsea lives at the beach and eats purple plums. I love it because it is my Thingamijig. By Stephanie.

My Thingamijig’s name is Fortune. Fortune is big and oval shaped. Fortune is colourfull and bumpy. by Corey.

My Thingamijig’s name is Sarah. My Thingamijig is big and round and spotty. It has colourful, bumpy skin. By Indy.

My Thingamijig’s name is Rainbow. Rainbow is skinny and it has a round shape. It’s head is a rainbow colour and it is furry. By Finn

My Thingamijig’s name is Rosebell. My Thingamajig is big and it has a square on its head. It has colourful skin and it is bumpy. by Maddie

My Thingamijig’s name is Lizard. It is hungry. It is oval shaped and coloured blue, pink and orange. It feels scaly and rough. By Patrick

My Thingamijig’s name is Lilly-Rai. My Thingamijig is medium sized and it is a silly shape. My Thingamijig is colourful, scaly and soft. By Lisa

My Thingamijig’s name is Bulky. He is big, long and skinny. He is colourful and feels smooth. By Tyler

My Thingamijig’s name is Lisa. She is little and round. My Thingamijig is colourful and soft. By Lilly

My Thingamijig’s name is Smelly. It is big and long. My Thingamijig is shaped like an oval. When it is angry it is shaped like a circle. It is colourful and funny. It is soft and fluffy and plays games. By Emma

My Thingamijig’s name is Pretty. It is long, big and shaped like an oval. It is bumpy and so colourful like a rainbow. It feels bumpy. by Remy

My Thingamijig’s name is Rhianna Rose. It is medium sized and skinny. My Thingamijig is colourful and soft. By Ashley
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS
Zac D, Brook H, Angus H, Kade H, Drew C, Abbey O, Piper L,
Nicholas B, Chloe H, Emma H, Stasia B

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Fruit Juices

Many people think fruit juice is a healthy option. While fruit juice contains some vitamins, they lack fibre, antioxidants and other nutrients found in fruit.

Fruit juices are high in sugar and energy, often containing similar quantities of sugar found in soft drink. Drinking large amounts can lead to tooth decay and excess energy consumption.

Here are some things to consider if choosing juice:
- Limit fruit juice to no more than half a glass per day.
- Too much juice can lead to diarrhoea.
- Consider diluting juice 50:50 with water to reduce the number of kilojoules whilst still enjoying the taste of juice.
- It is easy to drink too much juice. One popper of juice is equal in energy to two pieces of fruit.
- Consider eating a piece of fruit instead. Whole pieces of fruit and veggies have higher levels of many vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fibre, some of which are protective factors.