Welcome Back: Welcome back to another busy, exciting term! This term we will be enjoying Grandparents’ Day, Stage 2 Camp, Life Education, Swim Schools, Carols night, Presentation day and Year 6 farewell. It will be a busy, but enjoyable term with many wonderful experiences for our students.

Buddy Bench: Our first exciting event for the term was the delivery of our buddy bench by KO FM and Bunnings last Thursday morning. The buddy bench will be in the playground for students to use each break. Thank you to the students and parents who came along for the presentation of the bench.

Life Education visit: Healthy Harold will be visiting us this week for Life Education. If you would like your child to attend, please return the note and money to the office by Thursday 15th October.

Stage 2 Camp: We wish Stage 2 well for their trip to the Great Aussie Bush Camp this week. I am sure they will have an enjoyable time participating in the fabulous activities on offer.

P & C: The next P & C meeting will be held in the school library this Thursday at 5.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

2016 Student Parliament: Nominations are now being taken for the Student Executive for 2016. Please see Mrs Lowe’s information later in this newsletter.

Grandparents’ Day: We will be celebrating Grandparents’ Day on Friday 23rd October with an assembly, morning tea and kite flying. If you would like your child to purchase a kite to decorate and fly with their grandparents, please return the note and money to school by Friday 16th October. We are looking forward to seeing lots of grandparents with their grandchildren enjoying the day.

Got It: The Got It! Program has now started for K – 2 students with parents completing surveys about their child. This program is a great opportunity for students to develop their social and emotional skills so please return the surveys as soon as possible. The Got It! Team will be working with teachers over the next two terms to support students. If you have any questions about the Got It! Program, please contact me at school.

Facebook: We now have a Facebook page to give you updates on the latest news and events from our school. Just search for ‘Marks Point Public School’ to find us. We will be putting news and photos up regularly to share what is happening. If you are not seeing photos of your child on the page and you are wondering why, check with the office to see if you have returned your ‘Permission to Publish Photographs’ note for your child. Only students who have returned their note will have photos on display.
Tell Them from Me: We are in the final weeks of collecting information in the Tell Them from Me survey. If you have not already, please go online to complete the survey. It will only take 10 minutes and will provide us with valuable information to strengthen ties with our community. The link is https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm or google, ‘Tell Them from Me’, go to the log in page and log in with the following details:
Username: parent17120
Password: Mar3898

Enrolments 2016: We are currently accepting enrolments for 2016 for all grades, Kinder – Year 6. If you know of anyone who would like to enrol their child in our school, please ask them to visit the school office to pick up an enrolment pack.

Selective High Placement: If your child is in Year 5 and you would like them to sit for Selective High placement for Year 7 2017, applications are now being taken online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. An Intention to Apply letter has been sent home with all Year 5 students. Please return the bottom of this note to school by Friday 30th October if you would like your child to apply. If you would like further information about the process or selective high schools, please contact me at school.

Miss Deborah Hall
Principal

Student Executive 2016: Nominations are closing this Friday for any student who wishes to be considered for Marks Point Public School’s student executive for 2016. Nominated students will be required to prepare a speech to be delivered on Thursday 5th November commencing at 11.30 in the Grand Hall. Interested parents are most welcome to attend and support your child in their endeavours. Voting Kinder to Year 5 will take part after this event.

Mrs Debbie Lowe

Gardeners from 1/2 L planting seeds!
Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR are is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school. For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

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**Upcoming Dates**

- Wed 14—Fri 16 Oct—Great Aussie Bush Camp
- Thurs 15 Oct—Fri 16 Oct—Life Education
- Tues 20 Oct—Boys Softball vs Largs PS
- Fri 23rd Oct—Mango Fundraiser orders due back
- Fri 30th Oct—National Bandanna Day—Bandannas for sale $4 each

**Principal’s Awards**

Congratulations to:

*Term 4 Week 1: No assembly*
Dear Parents,

Year 6 students at Marks Point Public School would like to offer you the opportunity to pre-order “Boxes of Mangoes” straight from the supplier Bowen Special mangoes. There will be 14 to 20 fruit in each box depending on size.

COST per BOX - $25.00
Orders will need to be finalised by Friday 24th October
DELIVERY – Early December – 1st till 5th December

If you wish to make an order, please complete the order form attached and return to school along with payment.

NOTE: ORDERS MUST BE PAID BEFORE DELIVERY

Thanks
Mrs Debbie Lowe

National Bandanna Day

Friday 30th October 2015

Marks Point School Parliament will be selling colourful head scarves or bandannas to support our identified charity the NSW Cancer Council for 2015.

Bandannas will be on sale for $4.00 from Monday 26th until Friday 30th October from 8.30 am until 9.00 am and again at lunchtime.

Weekly Program

Classes Begin: 9:00 am and finish 3:00 pm
Tuesday - Scripture
Thursday - School Banking & Assembly
Friday - Breakfast Club & Sport
Canteen - Mon, Wed, Fri
Uniform Shop - Thurs 2:30-3:00 pm & Fri 8:30-9:00 am

Public Event - Open Day

Bring the kids along to our open day on 18 October 2015 and enjoy the open day activities provided by Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie. The kids can go for rides in the rescue boats and view both Pelican and Swansea Heads Bases. There will be markets, food, jumping castles and a giant slide. There is something for everyone and most importantly, come and say hi and learn more about the services provided by your local volunteers to the Lake Macquarie Community. Other emergency services will be participating in our open day. Lakeview Pde Pelican 7:30am to 2:00pm, more information visit www.marinerescue lakemacquarie.com.au.