Softball: Good luck to our boys’ softball team who play Lake Munmorah in the state quarter finals today. If they win this game, they will be one of the top four teams in the state and compete for the state championship in Sydney on Thursday 10th December. All the best, boys!

Remembrance Day: Today is Remembrance Day and three of our student executive, Emma, Meg and Sophie participated in a ceremony at Swansea RSL to commemorate the day. Emma read the Prayer to the Queen and all students represented our school well. Congratulations on being great ambassadors for our school.

Bandanna Day: It was wonderful to see so many of our students supporting Bandanna Day recently. Our school raised $448 for this important charity. We thank our school community for their generous donation.

Student Executive 2016: Our nominees for student executive 2016 gave their nomination speeches last week and did a fabulous job. It is great to see how many quality students we have standing for student executive – it is a very tough decision as all students would be excellent executive members. The votes have been counted and captains and executives will be announced on Presentation Day. We wish all students the best.

Student Teachers: We welcome two student teachers from Newcastle University to our school for the next four weeks. Jennifer Baker will be working with Mrs Morris and 2/3M and Kate Nicholson will be working with Mrs Banks and 4/5B. I am sure they will enjoy their time with us.

Sentral: You may hear your child occasionally mention ‘Sentral’ at home. Sentral is our computer software in which we keep information relevant to our students. For example, student reports are written using Sentral, incidents in the playground are recorded in Sentral and the attendance roll is marked in Sentral. Sometimes, your child may say ‘I’ve been put on Sentral’. This just means that they have been involved in an incident at school and the information has been recorded in the computer system for future reference.

If you have any queries about your child being involved in an incident on Sentral, please contact your child’s teacher to discuss the incident.

Crossing the Road Safely: We have had another report of a near miss on Marks Point Rd this morning with a child nearly being hit by a car as they were crossing the road. Please talk to your child about crossing the road safely and using pedestrian crossings where available. If your child is under ten, please consider walking to school with them.

Disco: The P & C disco will be held next Tuesday night with K – 2 attending from 5.30 – 6.30pm and Years 3 – 6 attending from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. The K – 2 theme is ‘Under the Sea’ and the theme for Years 3 – 6 is ‘Hippie’. Thank you to our dedicated P & C for their organisation of this event.

P & C: The next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 19th November at 5.30pm in the school library. All parents and friends of Marks Point Public are invited to attend.

Can Collection Day: Our next collection day for aluminium cans will be on Friday 4th December. If you have any cans to donate, please bring them to school on the 4th. All funds raised from can donations will go to support the Fred Hollows Foundation and Diabetes Australia.

Uniform Orders: Currently there is a shortage of girls’ tunics. If your child needs a new tunic for 2016, please order it as soon as possible as there may be a delay in the uniforms arriving. Order forms are available at the office, or see Kelly at the uniform shop Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings.
Kindergarten Orientation Program

Kindergarten Orientation is coming to an end this week. Over the past 6 weeks we have met all the new 2016 kindergarten children and their families. Children have enjoyed participating in classroom activities, computers, library and sport activities. Congratulations to our Year 5 buddies who have done a wonderful job in welcoming and settling our new Kindies. A special thanks to the teachers of Marks Point Preschool who generously gave up their time to be a part of our transition sessions. I would like welcome all our new families to Marks Point and look forward to working with them next year.


Speech and Language

At Marks Point Public School we run a very successful speech and language program, with the support of Meg Osborn our speech pathologist. All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but there is a general pattern to children's language development. If you’re worried about your child’s speech development or their teacher has concerns, the best thing you can do is get it checked out professionally.

Some speech problems in talking and listening include:

- Difficulty producing sounds in words and sentences.
- Not being able to express words meaningfully.
- Difficulty in using socially acceptable ways of interacting.
- Lack of fluency, such as stuttering.
- Problems with the voice such as a harsh rasping sound.

If your child is yet to start school, a good first step is to have a chat with your child's preschool teacher or with your doctor. Ask them if your child's speech or language skills are appropriate for their age and developmental progress. If your child is at school, talk with their teacher about how your child is coping in the classroom, and whether they have any concerns about your child's speech or language skills.

K-2 Swimming

Swimming will commence next week, Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November. Children will be going to Charlestown Swimming Pool and will leave school at 11.15am and return by approximately 2pm. Children will eat their lunch at recess before they leave and have their recess when they return to school. Children need to bring their swimmers, towel, sunscreen, hat and underwear in a separate swimming bag. Please clearly label all items. Children will attend swimming every day, even in wet weather so please come prepared each day.

K/1J Post Office Visit

As a follow up to the very successful Grandparents Day, K/1J decided to write letters to their Grandparents thanking them for visiting our school. On Wednesday 4th November, K/1J walked to Marks Point Post Office to post these very special letters. A big thank you to Colin and Denise from Marks Point Post Office who offered to cover the costs of all the stamps. This was very much appreciated. Please support our amazing local Post Office and Cafe who generously supported us. I hope all the Grandparents enjoy their special letters as much as we enjoyed writing them.

Community Carols Night

Come along to a special community event and share in some Christmas spirit. Bring along a picnic, a rug or a chair and enjoy a traditional carols concert with singing and entertainment, starring MPPS students. You can also enjoy a BBQ and P&C raffle.

Date: Tuesday 8th December, 2015
Time: 5:00pm – 8pm Carols begin at 6 pm.
Cost: $2 per person, (children free).
Place: Marks Point Public School

Janine Johns
Relieving Assistant Principal
KM’s Great “Shark” Stories

Sharks can eat fish and can smell swimmers. Sharks have gills. Sharks are dangerous. By Dakota

Sharks have fins. Sharks can eat fish. They are dangerous.
By Tameka

Sharks can swim fast. Sharks have gills. Sharks are hunters. By Shaelea

Sharks smell to catch fish and sharks have 300 teeth. They are grey. By Nathan

Sharks can jump high. Sharks have 300 teeth and they are dangerous. By Tyler-Jaxon

A shark smells swimmers. They have 300 teeth. They are grey and white. I like sharks because they are dangerous. By Chloe

Sharks can swim fast. Sharks have 300 teeth. They are hunters.
By Anika

A shark can smell. All sharks have 300 teeth. Sharks are dangerous. Sharks eat fish. Sharks have a long tail. Sharks are hunters. By Phoebe

Sharks can smell. Sharks have 300 teeth. Sharks are carnivores.
By Blade

Sharks can smell their prey. Sharks have 300 teeth. Sharks are grey. By Tyler

Sharks can smell. Sharks have 300 teeth. Sharks are dangerous. Sharks can eat fish. Sharks have gills. Sharks are good hunters. By Abigail

Sharks can swim fast. Sharks have 300 teeth. Sharks are dangerous. They can jump high. Sharks have gills. Sharks are grey and white.
By Tianna

Sharks can eat fish. Sharks have gills. Sharks are dangerous. By Kai

Notes Sent Home

Primary swimming scheme
K-2 Swimming scheme
Freaky Friday Canteen Day
Community Christmas Food Drive
School Disco

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

Respect, Responsibility and Excellence
A message from the Mango Fundraiser.

This year is the 15th year of The Mango Fundraiser and is also the biggest year of orders and the most number of organisations - so you can imagine our dismay when a severe thunderstorm struck our orchards last night and stripped at least a half of the mangoes off the trees.

Since last nights storm we realise that there is a possibility that we might not be able to fill all our orders for the first time in 15 years. We realise that this will cause a lot of inconvenience and we sincerely apologise to those who may miss out. Over the next few days we will revise our crop estimate and rearrange delivery dates to enable us to fill as many orders as possible so please bear with us while we work through this process.

Thank you for your patience.

Thank you to Alanna and Bunnings Warehouse who has worked with our school to ensure the next stage of our garden becomes reality.

Bunnings at Belmont have donated the wire and shade cloth to assist us in the construction of our no dig gardens.

School Community Assistance Wanted
We are seeking the assistance of some mums and dads who are able to donate some time toward the construction of 8 x no dig gardens. Parents or grandparents are most welcome.

Please see Mrs Lowe if you are able to assist with this next section of the gardens.

Debbie Lowe

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 12th Nov – BBQ Lunch
Friday 13th Nov – Freaky Friday Canteen Day
Tuesday 17th November – School Disco
Monday 16th Nov-Friday 20th Nov – K-2 Swimming
Monday 23rd Nov-Friday 4th Dec – Primary Swimming
Tuesday 8th December – Christmas Carols Evening
Thursday 10th December – School presentation day

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations to:
Term 4 Week 5: Nakayah C, Tasmin B, Max B.