School Holidays: This Friday we will break for the Term 2 holidays. School will resume for students on Tuesday 14th July. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday. We are looking forward to a learning-packed Term 3!

Student Success: Congratulations to the boys’ softball team who had a win in the PSSA knockout on Monday, defeating Cardiff South PS, 40 – 0. They are edging closer to the regional final! The girls’ netball team are playing Jewells PS on Thursday and we wish them all the best.

Public Speaking: Congratulations to our public speaking finalists who presented their speeches to the school last week. The standard of speeches was outstanding and we wish our zone finalists the best as they go on to represent our school at the next level of the competition. Our winners are: Kindergarten – Jaya, Year 1 – Lexi, Year 2 – Monica, Year 3 – Remy, Year 4 – Edelle, Year 5 – Macey, Year 6 – Meg. As two Kindergarten representatives are selected for the zone competition, our second place winner, Elizabeth will also be representing our school. Well done to all speakers!

Athletics Carnival: The Athletics Carnival was held last week and was a great success. The winning house will be announced after the last high jump competition is completed.

Excursion Fun: The K – 2 students had a fabulous time at the zoo on Monday. From all reports it was a great day with the elephant being the most popular animal to see! Thank you to the parents and staff for their efforts on the day.

Woolworths Earn and Learn: It’s back! Start collecting stickers from Wednesday 15th July to earn great prizes for our school. A collection box will be set up in the school office for sticker collection.

School Funding: I am sure you have all heard about Gonski funding in the news. We know it at school as RAM (Resource Allocation Model). At Marks Point, we are using this funding to benefit our students in a range of ways. We have employed our speech therapist to lead our speech intervention program with Kinder – Year 2 students. This program has allowed speech intervention to occur with 12 students with significant speech and language difficulties, bringing their skills and understanding of language back in line with their peers. We also are providing extra support to our students by employing School Learning Support Officers and a Learning and Support Teacher for extra time each week. This valuable support is ensuring students are getting further quality support when needed. We are ensuring we have the best quality teachers in our classrooms by providing professional development and collaboration time for teachers to develop programs and monitor the progression of students in their class.

Staffing News: We wish Miss Lamrock best wishes as she takes up a full time appointment at Tomaree High School at the beginning of next term. Ms Alicia Reed will be replacing Miss Lamrock and teaching science next term. Mrs Johns will be working Monday-Wednesday next term with Mrs Gibson taking K/1J on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Creighton will be working with the students as a School Learning Support Officer from next term and we welcome Mrs Melissa Mills to the front office.

Unclaimed Mothers’ Day Prize: We currently have one prize still unclaimed from the Mothers’ Day raffle. The prize winner is Jamie Henderson. If anyone knows Jamie, please let the office know how we can contact her/him to give them the prize.

Permission to Publish: If you have not yet handed in your Permission to Publish note, please do so at your earliest convenience. These notes are important as we cannot put photos of your child in the newsletter, in the front office or on the website without it. If you need another copy of the note, please see Kelly or Melissa in the front office or on the website for another copy. If you have any questions about the permission, please contact me at school.

P & C News: After the recent court proceedings in Queanbeyan, the P & C have been informed that we will be receiving partial monetary compensation. This money will be placed in the P & C account when it is received.

Miss Deborah Hall
Principal

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Weekly Program

Classes Begin: 9:00am and finish 3:00pm

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