Student Success:

What a successful Regional Athletics Carnival for Marks Point! We have 5 students who have been successful in gaining a place to compete at the state carnival next term. Jack came first in discus, Emma 3rd in 800m, Sophie 3rd in 100m, 200m and long jump, Amanda 2nd in discus and Delay came 3rd in high jump. This is a fantastic result and we wish our students well at the state carnival.

Book Parade and Fair:

We had a wonderful day at our Book Parade and Fair last week. The students were very clever in their costume design and it was great to see so many parents come to celebrate the day with us.

Kinder Orientation:

We had our first Kinder Orientation session last Wednesday with a ‘Welcome to Marks Point’ meeting for parents. It was a great success and enjoyable to meet the new students coming to our school next year. We do have places available for enrolments – either Kinder or other grades – so if you know of anyone looking to enrol please ask them to come and visit us soon.

Bikes:

We are having quite a few issues with students who are riding bikes to school. A reminder that students should be 10 years or older to ride their bike to school alone. If they are younger than this, they need to be accompanied by a parent when riding. Students should always wear a helmet when riding their bike and need to walk their bike through the playground. They should not enter and exit the school through the car park gate. We had a very close near miss this week when a student did not look before crossing the intersection of Marks Point Rd and Findon St and was almost hit by a car. Please talk about the safety rules with your child so they can continue to travel to school on their bikes safely.

Can Collection:

A reminder that aluminium cans can be dropped off to our collection box at any time. All funds raised will be donated to the Fred Hollows Foundation and Diabetes Australia.

Fathers’ Day BBQ and Raffle:

Our P & C Fathers’ Day BBQ and raffle will be held this Friday morning. All fathers and Very Important Males are invited to attend. There will be a basketball shootout and hardball competition with prizes and the raffle will be drawn. Thank you to our P & C and fundraising committee for the hard work in preparing for the celebration. A huge thank you to the wonderful businesses and companies who have kindly donated the prizes for our raffle. We have a Mitsubishi fridge, a wheelbarrow, tool sets, many gift cards and vouchers available to win!!! We have included business cards of people who have donated prizes at the back of the newsletter.

Galgabba Cup:

We have two soccer teams participating in the Galgabba Cup tomorrow. We wish them luck for the day.

Bathurst Excursion:

The Stage 3 students will be going to Bathurst and Dubbo on their excursion next week. Please ensure all notes and money is sent to school before they leave. I am sure they will have a fantastic time.

Dinosaur Day:

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 have been studying dinosaurs this term – you may have seen their fabulous dioramas in the office foyer. They will be celebrating the end of their dinosaurs study with a Dinosaur Day on 15th September. We will be on the lookout for T-Rexs in the playground!

Notes Sent Home

Great Aussie Bush Camp
Year 6 Graduation signature Gifts
Touch Footy Gala Day
Fathers Day Breakfast Event and Wristbands
Junior Dance Group
Galgabba Soccer Gala Day
Gifted and Talented Workshops—Swansea High
**Getting On Track In Time! - Got It!**

for children in the current
Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 Classes

Marks Point Public School has the opportunity to participate in an exciting and innovative initiative for children in the current Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 classes to enhance their social and emotional skills. **Getting On Track In Time! - Got It!** is an early intervention program run by local health professionals from the Local Hunter New England Health District in collaboration with Department of Education and Communities.

**Got It!** aims to teach children emotional resilience and further the development of their social skills to help them better manage their behaviours at school and at home, assisting them to learn to their full potential and maximise their life opportunities. The program will be fun and supportive for students and will also be practical for parents and teachers.

Early next term parents of children in the current Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be asked to complete a quick questionnaire to assist in identifying which part of the program will best benefit their child.

There will be an opportunity for Mum, Dads and Carers to meet the **Got It!** Health Team at the school next term.

Watch this space in the next Newsletter for the Day & Time!

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**Upcoming Dates**

- **Thurs 3 Sept**—Galgabba Soccer Gala Day
- **Friday 4 Sept**—Father's Day BBQ and Raffle—7.00 am start
- **Tues 8—Thurs 10 Sept**—Yr 5 & 6 Bathurst Excursion
- **Tues 15 Sept**—Dinosaur Day KM, K1J & 12L
- **Wed 16 Sept**—Touch Footy Gala Day
- **Fri 18 Sept**—Last Day of School Term 3
- **Tues 6 Oct**—First Day Back for Term 4

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**Principal's Awards**

Congratulations to:

**Term 3, Week 5**
- Bradley, Taj T, Kade, Zach, Meg, Max, Lexi, Olivia, Jasmine, Cooper

**Term 3, Week 6**
- Mackenzi, Bradley, Bridgette, Heidi-Paige, Kai, Bally, Tyler, Daniel, Shae, Zac, Tyler Dob, Claudia, Tyler-Jaxon

**Term 3, Week 7**
- Brianna, Kai, Jazmen, Phoebe, Stephanie, Angus, Emma, Chloe,
Congratulations to all students who have finished the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Your reading logs have been validated and sent off to Sydney. You will receive your participation certificates at the end of the year. Well done to:

Book Week celebrations were a great success at Marks Point PS this year. Students looked fantastic in their book character costumes. Thank you to parents, students and staff for the great effort. Another big thank you goes to all families who bought a book or two at the Bookfair. The library sold over $1400 worth of books giving our school $400 to spend with Central Booksuppliers. Keep an eye out for new books in the library soon.

If your child has not received their Principal Award book this term please ask them to come to the library during lunch (Monday or Tuesday) to choose and their book award.

Miss McDonell

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