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December		January	
TWO SCHOOL DAYS TO GO!		Friday 27th	Teaching Staff First Day
Monday 19th	Grade Six Graduation Night	Monday 30th January	Students First Day of Term 1 (Grades 1 to 6)
Tuesday 20th	Last Day of Term 4	Thursday 2nd January	PREP First Day of Term 1
12:45pm	End of Year Assembly & Curriculum Award Presentations		
1:30pm – 4:00pm	Outside of School Hours Care		

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

HONESTY

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

The sad loss of our beloved colleague, Rose Stewart on Monday December 12th has had a significant impact on staff, students and parents alike. Throughout this week there have been many tributes paid to Rose not just by the school community but also by such organisations as the Marong Football and Netball Club, Cricket clubs, former work colleagues at Telstra and a huge number of personal friends. The contributions to our floral tribute to Rose at the front of the school has been very much appreciated. I wish to take the opportunity to acknowledge our wonderful staff for the enormous support they have given to the students this week, in what has been a very emotional and challenging time for them, they have prioritised the needs of our students first and foremost. For that I thank them!



Floral Tribute: Please feel free to continue to pay your respects to Rose and her family by adding to the already large number of floral arrangements in place. The Floral Tribute for Rose will remain on site until Tuesday afternoon. All cards and written messages received for Rose will be presented to the family.

Term One 2023

For the information of our community I provide below the Term One commencement dates for 2023.

Friday January 27th: All staff resume for a preparation day.

Monday January 30th: School Commences for students in Grades 1-6

Thursday February 2nd: Prep students commence their first full day of attendance.
(2023 Prep student's Numeracy and Literacy interviews are scheduled to take place on the 30th, 31st January and the 1st of February. Families have been provided with times for these interviews.)

2023 Staff allocations.

On Tuesday of this week our students were advised of the grades they will be in next year and informed as to who will be their teacher. Please see below our staffing arrangements for 2023.

Prep/ One: 1. Emma Cook & Jess Taylor, 2. Kate Madden and 3. Moyra O'Donoghue

Grades 2/3 Staff: 1. Corbin Stacey, 2. Bridget Maher and 3. Kristan Fry.

Grades 4/5/6: 1. Matt Riordan, 2. David Johnstone, 3. Jack Wardell and Bridget Gallagher.

Tutor Learning Initiative Coordinator: Melissa Patching

Disability Inclusion Coordinator: Lindsey White

Art Specialist: Casey Wilson

Phys Ed: Jake Saddler

Chinese Language: Yimin Chen

Teacher Aides: Christine Palmer, Fraser Stewart, Abby Williams, Jasmine Gallagher and Ella Rowe.

Business Manager: Loretta Williams

MARC Library: Sue Gentry

Learning Specialist: Jack Wardell

Chaplain: Marc Cowan

Thank You

I wish to advise the community that Brooke Ball and Jess Whatley will not be undertaking teaching roles at MPS in 2023.

Brooke has accepted an opportunity to work 2 days a week at Creek Street School. Brooke has been a significant contributor to the development of our school library and has continued to offer high quality library lessons for our older students this year. Thank you Brooke!

Due to family commitments Jess Whatley will not be able to take up a teacher role in 2023. However, Jess will be able to assist the school as a relief teacher when needed. Jess is an outstanding teacher and I wish to thank her for her great contribution to our school.

Teale Hammond

We were delighted with the generosity of people who supported our call for donations for Teale Hammond and his family. Many people took the opportunity to place funds in the container made available at the entrance to our PAC on the days of our concert performances. I can now inform you all that an amazing total of **\$1761** was collected. These funds have been deposited in the Hammond's account and when told of the amount Beck Hammond was extremely grateful for the generosity and compassion shown by our community. In addition to this collection our staff have donated approximately \$800 to this worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed. If you missed an opportunity to donate to this cause, we will be collecting any further donations via our office until 11 am on Tuesday Dec 20th.

Grade Six Graduation

Students will be leaving school at 9:00am on Monday to attend their Big Day Out.

Students are to wear casual clothes, but will be required to have covered footwear and socks for laser tag and bowling. Can students also bring a drink bottle.

On the way to activities students will be able to choose a book from Dymocks as a graduation present, kindly funded by the Parents Club. This will be presented on Monday evening.

Students will need to be dropped off to school at 6pm for a pizza dinner in the staff room before their graduation at 7pm. This is for students only, with parents welcome back at 7pm for the formal ceremony which will be held in the PAC. Extended family are also invited.

On the night, students are asked to dress for the occasion, as they will be presented with their graduation certificate, gifts and selected awards on the night.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your classroom teacher



Prep Transition Day

A big welcome to our new prep students for 2023! Transition morning was a huge success. We are really looking forward to growing and learning together next year. Have a wonderful Christmas.

STEP-UP Morning

This week our students were able to spend a few hours with their new classmates and classroom teachers for 2023. This was a fantastic opportunity to get to know one another and prepare for the year ahead. A huge welcome to Mr Kristan Fry who joins our Grade 2/3 team!

Activities Week

This week we had our very first 'Activities Week' to finish off the year! This was all due to the hard work of Miss O who designed the weeks as part of a Changemakers program to incorporate student voice. Students were able to sign up for a range of activities to complete in between concert rehearsals and performances. Below are just a few photos that highlight some of the activities completed.

STEM CLUB

It's amazing what you can build with pegs and popsicle sticks! Mr Riordan and Mr Saddler were really impressed with how many different ways students were able to use just these two items to create some incredibly high towers and animal enclosures.



PLASTER PAINTING

Students enjoyed painting a variety of Christmas plasters with Miss Whatley. It was wonderful to see students taking the time to add intricate details to their plasters as well as sharing resources demonstrating our school value of respect.



COOKING

This was certainly the most delicious activity available for the week. Cookies, ice-cream cone trees, candy cane love hearts, freckles and biscuit 'gingerbread' houses just to name a few! Thankyou to Mrs White for your creativity and preparation in organising all the ingredients for these sessions.



DANCE CLUB & YOGA

We got our groove on in dance club! This activity certainly lifted spirits this week. Yoga was a great way to calm down and reflect on the year. Thankyou to Mrs Maher for running these classes.



TINY HOUSES

Tiny houses are all the rage right now, so the incredible Chelsie hosted a number of students in the Beehive for a tiny house building extravaganza! Students were so proud of their mini house and furniture creations.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

Students enjoyed the opportunity to create some custom cards to share with loved ones this Christmas as well as design and build their own popsicle stick Christmas decorations. Thankyou to Christine for putting together such a wonderful range of craft activities.



WINNING HOUSE CELEBRATIONS – BIG 4 Marong

Throughout the year, Phillips House have worked incredibly hard to earn the greatest number of “House Points”. As a reward, Phillips got to enjoy a morning at Big 4 Marong, jumping on the jumping pillow and challenging themselves on the brande new pump track. Congratulations once again to our incredible Phillips students.





@MARONG TENNIS CLUB

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



THURSDAY 12th JAN
FRIDAY 13th JAN



3HR SESSIONS : 9.00AM - 12.00PM
COST: \$44 PER DAY

PLEASE BRING A RACQUET, DRINK BOTTLE, FOOD & HAT.
* PROGRAM SUITABLE FOR HOTSHOTS STUDENTS (5-12YRS)
& YELLOW BALL (B-GRADE SUMMER COMP LEVEL)



Tennis fun for Juniors of all standards!

TERM 1 - 2023

5 WEEK JUNIOR COACHING PROGRAM
SATURDAY MORNINGS, FROM 9.00AM
STARTING 4TH FEBRUARY
\$15/60MIN LESSON
MALONE PARK COURTS, MARONG



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