Dear Parents

The excursion to Wellington Caves and the Dubbo Zoo has now been finalised. All children have been given the itinerary and final organizational notes. If you have any further questions please contact the school. We are looking forward to sharing the experiences.

The calendar is already looking very full with numerous events. Please keep track of them from the newsletter and any other notes that are sent out.

Terms 1 and 4 are hat wearing terms. Please make sure that your child has the correct school hat with them each day.

From the Front Office

Attached to this week’s newsletter is:

- Learn to Swim information from Sport and Recreation
- Bookfair invitation
- Bookclub brochures

Full payment for the Wellington/Dubbo Excursion is required by this Friday 16th October. Thank you to those parents who have already paid for the excursion.

Fridays for this term are “Zooper Dooper” days. Ice blocks are for sale for 50 cents at lunchtime.
K-2C Update

Hello and welcome back to the K-2 update! I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday, filled with special family memories and laughter.

Term 4 is here and the students have come back ready to learn for the last term of the year. Towards the end of last term the K-2 students were busy wrapping up their Term 3 learning and assessments before the holidays.

Our Term 3 PLAN ‘Feedback to Parents’ form went home to parents at the end of the term. The students learning and development gets tracked and monitored each term and through the year using the PLAN data which is developed from the Kindergarten assessment Best Start. This form is a channel of communication from the classroom to the home, to observe how your child/children are developing in their learning, throughout the year. There are also some home based ideas that you could be utilising in the home or in the family environment to assist your child/children to reach the next cluster of development.

If you have any questions about the ‘PLAN Feedback to Parent forms’ please come and have a chat and I’m more than happy to explain how they work and the ‘where to next?’ for your child or children.

We also have a new enrolment in the K-2 Class, Chance. We would like to welcome Chance and his family to Marrar Public School. They have chosen a wonderful school to attend!

See you next time!
Christie Campbell
K – 2 Teacher

Library Report

I am very glad to see everyone back at school ready to tackle our very busy Term 4 ahead.

Our major Library event for Term 4 will be the Ashton Scholastic Bookfair. It will be held in the school’s connected classroom during Week 5 from 2nd November to 6th November 2015. This is always a great opportunity to get in with some early Christmas shopping for your family …. (and extended family).

The Marrar School receives a commission from each book that is purchased, and then we are able to buy more new books for your children to borrow. If you would like to view the books please visit the school between 8.30am and 3.30pm during the Bookfair Week. The Tuesday morning of the Melbourne Cup breakfast would be an ideal time to come in and have a look.

In conjunction with the Bookfair the Library is holding a photographic competition. To enter the competition, simply bring in a photo of yourself reading a book in an interesting, funny or unusual place. If you have any problems printing your photo bring in your camera (with cable) or thumb drive to school and I will print it out for you.

Prizes:

Kinder – Year 2
Winner - $15 Bookfair voucher
Runner-up - $10 Bookfair voucher

Year 3 – Year 4
Winner - $15 Bookfair voucher
Runner-up - $10 Bookfair voucher

Year 5 – Year 6
Winner - $15 Bookfair voucher
Runner-up - $10 Bookfair voucher

Keep Reading and happy snapping!
Mrs O’Neil

Earn and Learn

The Earn and Learn promotion has now come to an end. Thank you so much to our wonderful Marrar PS families and community members that have supported Marrar for this promotion. Being only a small rural school we definitely can pull together, to match some of these bigger schools in our district, so THANK YOU!

The students have been busy sticking all the Earn and Learn stickers onto our school sheets. We’ve calculated with our two earn and learn bins at Woolworths Gurwood St and the Marketplace and also all the stickers that our Marrar families and community members have brought in, we have approximately 12,000 stickers, which is an amazing effort!

We will know shortly how many stickers we actually collected and the value that we can spend on school supplies for the coming year. So keep your eyes peeled in the newsletters for that exciting news.

Thank you for everyone’s support!
Sports Update

PSSA Girls Cricket Trials: Monday 7.9.15

On Monday the 8th September, Casey Foster travelled to Lavington for the Riverina Girls Cricket Trials. Casey was one of three girls selected from our PSSA association to trial for the Riverina girls team. Casey was put through her paces on the day with a group of 20 girls from around the region. Unfortunately Casey just missed out on selection for the top 12 Riverina team, however we are all very proud of her achievements of making thus far and her wonderful sportsmanship that she always displays in anything that she does. Fabulous work Casey, we're all very proud of you!

Little Athletics School Visit- Monday 7.9.15

On Monday the 8th Marrar Public School had a school visit from the Little Athletics NSW representative Mel and 3000m Steeplechase Olympian Youcef Adbi.

Youcef told the students of his life story and how he became an Olympian from living in a small rural village in Algeria and the hurdles and goals that he had to make to achieve them. He explained to the students how it took him several trials and championships before he was finally selected into his first Olympics for the Beijing Olympics and then again for the London Olympics. He went on to explain how important it is to 'never give up, on their dreams!' The students were amazed with Youcef’s stories!

If you would like further information about joining Little Athletics you can call: Mark Sawer - Coolamon President: 0400302405 or the Little Athletics site www.littleathletics.com.au 1800451295 to get started

Thank you,
Christie Campbell
Sports Coordinator

Physical Literacy School Pilot: Thursday 10.9.15

During this semester Marrar Public School has been participating in a Physical Literacy School Pilot in conjunction with the NSW PDHPE DET. Miss Campbell has been busy working alongside the students during the past term and heading into T4 by completing various sporting activities and collecting data that focus on Movement Competencies. This is because as of next year the DET will roll-out a new Physical Literacy Continuum to align with the new NSW PDHPE Syllabus for primary schools. The continuum is to support the implementation and programming of PDHPE in a whole school context.

On Thursday we had two PDHPE consultants from the DET state office, Kylie Watson and Renee West visit our school to collect further data for the pilot and to observe and film the students Movement Competencies abilities. The girls were blown away with our students abilities and how well behaved and accommodating the students and staff were. The filming was to take place over two days, but we’re such legends here at Marrar PS we got all the data and filming completed on the Thursday. The students loved getting outsides in the beautiful Spring weather and learning new PDHPE skills and games. We would like to thank Kylie and Renee again for coming and visiting the school. If you would like to keep a track on the developments of Physical Literacy Continuum and see our Marrar PS superstars in action, log-on to the PDHPE Facebook page to take a look. www.facebook.com/PDHPE-Curriculum-NSW-310366878984807/timeline/

Term 4 Sporting Events:

- Red ball Tennis Gala Day- Marrar Thursday 15th Oct (selected 3-6 students)* Venue change*

- Swim School- week 8-9 Monday 23.11.15- Friday 4.12.15

Thank you,
Christie Campbell
Sports Coordinator
Fruit and Veg Day: Wednesday 16.9.15

Fruit and Veg Month has come to an end and the Marrar Public School students have had a ball learning about eating healthy and the benefits of eating fruits and vegetables daily.

On Wednesday we celebrated Fruit and Veg month with our ‘Fruit and Veg day’ at the school with students enjoying a healthy Recess of Fruits and Vegetables provided by Woolworths Gurwood St. The whole school participated in a ‘taste testing game’ where they were blind folded and the students had to work out what fruit or veg that they tasted.

Bunnings Vegetable Garden

On Thursday 17.9.15 we had Alina from Bunnings arrive with our new vegetable patch, seedlings and soil. Thank you to the families that donated some seedlings to our veggie patch and an extra big THANK YOU to Alina and Bunnings Wagga for their very generous donations. Thank you to the boys and girls that helped us prepare the Veggie Patches and helped us plant all our yummy produce. Also a big thank you to Deb Charlton from our wonderful Marrar P&C for her hard work in helping organise the veggie patches.

Kindergarten Information Night- Tuesday 20.10.15

It’s that time of the year again….

We would like to invite the parents of our new Kindergarten students to a parent information night at the school, which will be hosted by the K-2 Teacher, Miss Christie Campbell. Our information night is on Tuesday 20th October at 7pm. There will be tea, coffee, refreshments and nibbles provided. Discussion will be held on what to expect when transitioning to school, orientation days, the Best Start/PLAN program, literacy and numeracy programs and general information. Below are the Orientation days that will commence on Friday 7th November. They will consist of three visits to the school in which children will be participating in the class lessons and school routines.

Invitations have gone out to families that have registered their interest in the 2016 Kindergarten enrolment but everyone is welcome. So if you know of families around the district that would like to come along and have a cuppa and chat please let them know or pop into the school office for further information.

Below are our up and coming Kindergarten Orientation dates.

Kindergarten Orientation Days:

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| Friday 6.11.15 | 9:00-11:30 Half Day | • Please bring along a piece of fruit for Crunch and Sip, a water bottle and recess.  
• Comfortable sports clothes and footwear, hat and sunscreen (if required) and a spare set of clothes and undies. |
| Friday 13.11.15 | 9:00 – 3:00 Full Day (Optional) | • If you feel that 9-3 is too long of a day for your child, please feel free to collect before lunch: 1pm or after lunch: 2pm.  
• Please bring along fruit break, recess, lunch and a water bottle.  
• Comfortable sports clothes and footwear, hat and sunscreen (if required) and a spare set of clothes and undies. |
| Friday 20.11.15 | 9:00-3:00 Full day | • Please bring along fruit break, recess, lunch and a water bottle.  
• Comfortable sports clothes and footwear, hat and sunscreen (if required) and a spare set of clothes and undies. |
Merit Awards:

Week 10:
Lower Division: Aleasha Canino Wonderful effort during Term 3. Keep up the fantastic effort
Louis Connolly Wonderful effort during Term 3. Keep up the fantastic effort
Upper Division: Clayton Pattison Trying his best in all areas
Jack Christopher Assisting teachers when needed
Sonny Christopher A responsible school captain

Angel of the Week: Louis Connolly – being a helpful and sensible student at all times

Term 4
Week 1:
Lower Division: Chance Biggs A great start at Marrar Public School
Upper Division: Megan Wallace A great start to Term 4
Kenny Stanyer Starting the term with a positive attitude

Angel of the Week: Alex Eberbach

P & C Report

The committee held a meeting last Wednesday night in which we discussed various upcoming events such as the Year 6 formal dinner and disco, Marrar Hall 50th birthday celebrations and the 2016 Coolamon Shire Australia day ceremony that is being held at the school.

Firstly the Red Ball Tennis Gala Day is being held this Thursday in Marrar and we are asking those parents with children involved to supply a cake or slice for morning tea. As we have a number of schools participating, we will have visiting parents who will need a cup of tea.

Secondly the Marrar Hall is celebrating its 50th birthday this Saturday 17th October with an open invitation for morning tea while perusing the memorabilia that will be displayed. Marrar Public School has been fortunate to be able to host this morning tea as a school fundraiser. What we do need from the parents are donated cakes and slices to be used at the morning tea. There will be a number of old residents returning to participate in the celebration and will be charged a gold coin donation for the morning tea. We ask any parent that is able to assist in serving the morning tea to come along. We also require students to assist, and ask for them to be dressed in summer uniform. Any donated slice can be dropped off to Marrar Sales and Service on Friday or delivered to the hall from 9am on Saturday.

There will be an order for uniforms placed next week so if you require any piece of uniform you need to contact the school office or Felicity on 0428 274 433.

There will be a raffle this term as a final fundraiser for 2015 which will be a Christmas hamper. Further details of the contents will be forwarded to you shortly.

We thank everyone who placed a pie order last term, this was a successful fundraiser for the school with overwhelming support from the community.

Our next P & C meeting is our AGM and will be held on Tuesday 3rd November at 7pm. Please note this is a change of day and time. Our regular meeting will follow at 7.30pm. Please come along and enjoy a cuppa.

Debra Charlton
P & C Member
Coolamon Library

Our next storytime will be Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> – theme “Trains”. Everyone is most welcomed to attend.

The library welcomes Year 12 HSC students to the library as a place to study, research and prepare for their upcoming exams. It’s a quiet and relaxing environment for our students.

The Riverina Regional Library has developed a program called “Junior Book Club”. It is designed for kids who want to connect and share their reading experiences. If you would like to learn more about the Junior Book Club phone the library for details – 69272492. A good book is open for everyone! Even kids!

Join the Library today – it FREE!!

Helen McLoughlin
Coolamon Library – 0269 272 492

Ideas for snacks at home:
1. Fruit – fresh, canned in natural juice or frozen.
2. Smoothies and milkshakes made with reduced fat milk.
3. Crunchy vegie sticks – try carrot, celery and capsicum with low fats dips such as hommus.
4. Raisin toast topped with banana or strawberries.
5. Bread or jaffles with tasty fillings such as reduced salt baked beans.
6. Rice cakes topped with peanut butter or vegemite
7. Reduced fat yoghurt with chopped fruit.
8. Sushi rolls
9. Boiled egg, avocado or tomato on crispbread.

COMMUNITY NEWS


Junee Tennis Club – ANZ Tennis Hot Shots – for children aged 5 – 12 years to learn how to play tennis. Junior Tennis Comp – for experienced junior players from 10 – 14 years. Players must be able to serve and score. Both will be played at the Junee Tennis Courts - Sunday 10.00am. $25.00 Membership per child and $3.00 per child each week. Commencing on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00. (Racquets available) More information: Jason Barrett 0412 898 437 or Cheryl Purcell 0428 242 157.

“Burrumbuttock to Bourke Hay Runners” are looking for hay or money donations to help Queensland farmers going through drought. A 100 truck convoy (approx. 3000 bales) will be leaving Burrumbuttock on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 for Windorah QLD. Money donations to Rotary Club of Sydney (BSB: 062 438, Acc: 10211156 – Description: Drought Appeal). ALL MONEY GOES TO THE DROUGHT EFFORT!!!. For Hay donations (or dog food, chook food, cat food etc) please call: John Taylor – 04287 295 250, Tracy Taylor – 0427 811 660 or Wes Taylor – 0427 311 988. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AROUND.

Don’t forget “Eat Local Thursday” on every week at the Wagga Race Course from 2.30pm – 6.30pm. Food comes from 16 smaller towns in the area and all the money returns to those smaller towns.

Learn to Swim – Sport and Rec Swim and Survive lessons – Prices for nine lessons are $69.00 for school aged children and $49.00 for pre-schoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee). For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 131302.

David Adamson
Principal