Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of Term 2.

It was wonderful to see all the happy smiling faces of our lovely students when I returned from leave last week. The children have been telling me of their adventures during the holidays. I would like to thank all staff for your efforts whilst I was away.

Thank you to all parents who travelled to Beckom last Friday for Cross Country, this was a very successful day with all students doing their best.

Friday the 8th May will be the Athletics Carnival at Coolamon Central School oval. I would like to take the opportunity to wish the students ‘good luck’ at this carnival and also the District Cross Country at Beckom.

I would like to congratulate those students who represented our school at the Anzac Day March in Coolamon. I was very proud of your efforts and behaviour.
What does Anzac Day mean to me?
Anzac Day means when I remember the people that came home from war. My Pa got three medals for being brave.
Zachary - Year 1

What does Anzac Day mean to me?
Anzac Day is where people celebrate that the war is over. The people that went to war march on Anzac Day. I march on Anzac Day with my school to remember the men and women that went to war. I think that they were very brave.
Louis - Year 1

What does Anzac Day mean to me?
It means when we remember the soldiers that went to war for Australia.
Toby - Kindergarten

K-2C Update

Hello and welcome back for Term 2!

With Anzac Day on Saturday, the students in the K-2 class have been learning about the importance of Anzac Day the past weeks. We have had some beautiful new picture books come in for the lead up to Anzac Day, which the students have been mesmerised by and we have been learning and discussing the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing and Australia’s involvement in World War 1.

We completed an independent writing task, on ‘what does Anzac day mean to me?’ Take a look at what the students had to say……..

Thank you to Zachary’s family who brought in some very special pictures and letters from Zachary’s Great, Great Grandfather who was one of the Anzac’s at Gallipoli in 1915. The students were fascinated when we read his story and letters.

Also a big thank you to our parents and family members who attended the Anzac Day march at Coolamon on Saturday. It’s such as special day to pay our respects and be proud of our ANZACS, for what they all sacrificed for our country.

Thank you,
Christie Campbell
K – 2 Teacher

Sports Update

Hello and welcome back!

Small Schools and District Cross Country Carnivals: Friday 1.5.15
Last Thursday 23rd Marrar PS went to the Small Schools Cross Country Carnival in Beckom. It was a fantastic day with all the students doing extremely well in their age races. Congratulations to the students who placed and made a PB on the day!!! Your sportsmanship and dedication was wonderful to witness at the carnival. Thank you to Mrs O’Neill, Sharron and Wendy for being our checkpoint helpers and to our wonderful Marrar PS Support Crew for cheering us on! Selected students will now head away this Friday to Beckom for the District PSSA carnival, competing with students from our PSSA Coolamon/Ardlethan association. Keep a look out for the results in the next newsletter. Also a big shout out to Beckom PS, for hosting the two carnivals and for all their efforts with organising the events.

Paul Kelly Cup: Thursday 7.5.15
On Thursday 7th May Sonny and Jack Christopher will play in the Coolamon Central School team for the Paul Kelly AFL Cup. The Paul Kelly Cup is the largest AFL Primary schools competition in NSW. Students in years 5/6 will play in a 12 player team and compete in a round robin carnival against other public and private schools in the region. We wish the team the best of luck for the day!

Small Schools Athletics Carnival: Friday 8.5.15
Next Friday 8th May, 2015 we will be hosting the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at the Coolamon Athletics Track. Other small schools from our district will be attending, such as: Beckom, Matong and Ganmain. Permission notes went out on Monday for the carnival, if you could get them back to the office by Monday 4th it would be appreciated. Our P&C are running the canteen/BBQ for the day and we will require some parent/community helpers to assist on the day of the carnival for such activities as: timekeeping, cooking, record keeping and helping with events. If you are able to assist on the day please let Miss Campbell know by week 3.

Sporting Events for Term 2:
- District Cross Country - Beckom Friday 1.5.15
- Small Schools Athletics - Marrar hosting at the Coolamon Athletics Track Friday 8.5.15

Thank you,
Christie Campbell- Sports Coordinator
Library Report:

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had at least a little time to relax and pick up a good book to read!

By now you would have received the note indicating that the Mobile Library will no longer be coming to Marrar. However, each Term, Helen from the Coolamon Library, is compiling a “Book Box” for each class to use for the Term. These books were very popular last Term, and we have been lucky enough to already have received our new books for Term 2. Thanks again Helen.

Marrar students will once again be participating in the National Simultaneous Story Time. This involves children throughout Australia reading the same book at the same time. This year's book is “The Brothers Quibble” by Aaron Blabey, and will be held on Wednesday 27th May.

National Family Reading Month

Did you know that May is National Family Reading Month? It is to encourage students to read every day in May. This event is sponsored by Scholastic. Let's raise good readers!

Here are some good reading habits for your home:
# Let the child choose what they would like to read.
# Let your children see you reading.
# Make reading at home a family habit.
# Assign a place in your home for your family books.
# Read a book together.
# Use books to add to an experience.
# Encourage your children to read beyond books. Eg. Shopping lists, recipes and instructions.

Each student will be given a reading chart on which they record their home reading time for the month of May. They are encouraged to read at least 10 minutes a night.

Keep Reading
Mrs O’Neill

Easter Hat Parade

The students of Marrar Public School participated in their Easter Hat Parade on the last day of Term 1. Their hats were fantastic! Well done.
P & C Report

Welcome back and we hope that everyone had a happy and safe Easter holiday.

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the cross country last week, and good luck to all the students competing this week.

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May in the staffroom. ALL WELCOME.

Next Friday, 8th May, Marrar are hosting the Small Schools athletics carnival at the Coolamon Central School Oval. The P&C will be having a BBQ and selling drinks and sandwiches and slice. All help will be greatly appreciated. Please indicate how you are able to help and return the form back to school by Tuesday 5th May. Thanks.

Felicity Pattison
Secretary

Coolamon Library

The library will be celebrating National Volunteer’s Week on Tuesday 12th – Friday 16th May. All individuals currently volunteering their services are invited to enjoy a complimentary morning tea between 10.00am and 12.00pm at the library. In recognition of the wonderful contribution our volunteers make in our community.

Our next Storytime sessions will be Friday, 8th May @ 10.30am theme “Love and Cuddles” and Friday 22nd May theme “Giddy Up” – everyone is most welcomed to attend.

The library has a variety of NSW Premiers Reading Challenge books available for students to borrow for those participating. This challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, phone the library for further details.

Helen McLoughlin
Coolamon Library – 0269 272 492.

Get active each day – How much activity is needed each day?

Kids aged between 5 and 12 years need at least 60 mins of moderate and vigorous activity every day. It’s even better to be active for a couple of hours but you don’t have to do it all at once – doing different activities throughout the day all adds up.

COMMUNITY NEWS

© Wagga Wagga Crows Junior Rugby Union – Registration Day 2nd May – 10.00am to 2.00pm – Farmers Home Hotel. Southern Inland Rugby Union Juniors competition starts 3rd May and Wagga Friday night competition starts 8th May. All must be registered to participate in either competition. Registrations now open and can be found at www.waggajuniors.rugbynet.com.au

© Wagga Swim School – Enrol now for Term 2 – Learn to swim, Mums & Bubs, Stroke Correction, Squad Training, Hydrotherapy, Birthday Parties, Aqua Aerobics, Sporting Groups, Swim Club – For enquiries and bookings call 0269 717 750 or call in and see them – 83 Copland Street, Wagga Wagga. info@waggaswimschool.com.au

David Adamson
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