Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that there are only two full weeks of this term left. It certainly has been very busy and simply flown.

Last week the school ordered two large, portable height adjustable basketball rings. These are going to be situated under our COLA creating our own arena.

During Week 10 the Life Education Van will visit our school. Notes will be sent home shortly with the cost being $5.00 per child.

Yesterday, Declan and Clayton did a fantastic job of constructing a portable sports trolley. Declan now knows what it is like to drop a hammer on his toe and hit his finger. No major injuries occurred, just laughter from Declan and Clayton. Well done, Boys.
K-2C Update

Hello and welcome back!

During our recent Mathematics lessons, the K-2 students have been investigating and learning about the Mathematical concept, Measurement. So far we have explored concepts such as: Length, Area, Volume and Capacity, Mass and Time. During these lessons the students were developing their 21st century learning by working collaboratively in a small group, critically thinking, analysing and documenting their learning and development.

One of the Length lessons we focused on was ‘Informal Measurement’, where the students had to use informal measurement tools to measure Length, instead of the formal measurement such as a ruler or a tape measure. Students used hand span, shoes, blocks and even snakes.... In this lesson students were given a snake (lolly) to use as their tool. In small groups they found 4 objects around the room to measure ‘how many snakes long is the object?’ Students then recorded, illustrated and labelled their measurement. With their partners, the final step was to measure their own length and write a simple sentence on what they found out.

Here is what Molly found out......

“My partner was Zachary and I am 7 snakes long. Zach was 9 snakes long, that means that Zach is 2 snakes longer than me.”

We weighed our shoes in our Mass lesson and placed them in order using base 10 blocks from heaviest to lightest

Molly using her snake to measure the length of the bookcase.

Time: Counting and comparing how many blocks we can stack in 1 minute.

Thank you,
Christie Campbell
K – 2 Teacher

Sports Update

Mortimer Shield: Wednesday 20.5.15

On Wednesday 20th May, Casey, Brianna and Paige travelled to Temora to play in the Mortimer Shield Rugby League Gala Day. The girls played in the Girl’s League Tag division with the students from the Coolamon Central team. The team was 7 a side and it gave the girls a taste of the skills that is required for the game and also to further develop their passion for playing sport. Well done and congratulations to the girls for a fantastic effort on the day and a big ‘Thank You’ to Julie Foster for assisting with transport.

Premier’s Sporting Challenge: Week 5 Term 2- Week 4 Term 3

Marrar PS is participating in the annual NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge for 2015. The Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. The challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge. Students track and monitor their physical activity using their very own logbooks for the 10 weeks. Physical activity can be logged with school activities such as games, PE and sports days. Any physical activities that are completed outside the school such as weekend sport, walking to and from school or horse riding etc will be included. Students have really enjoyed monitoring and logging their physical activity over the past weeks and we will keep you posted with our results.

Term 3:
- PSSA Athletics Carnival: Wednesday 29th July-Ardlethan (Please note the date change)
- Riverina Athletics Carnival: Monday 31st August - Albury

Thank you,
Christie Campbell
Sports Coordinator
Library Report:

Thank you to those dedicated readers who participated in “Reading in May” and promptly returned their reading log sheets to school. Students must return these to school by Friday 12th June to be eligible to enter the competition.

We have been lucky enough to purchase some more new books for the Library through Ashton Scholastic. Mrs Wyllie has been busy entering these books into our Library system and these are now ready to borrow. So make sure that you bring your Library Bag to school so that you can borrow and read these new books.

‘Biggest Morning Tea’

You would have already received a note home last Thursday congratulating the students, parents and Marrar community for the contributions they made to our Biggest Morning Tea. The amount of food provided was absolutely amazing as was your generosity in donating to the Cancer Council.

We would also like to thank those members of the community who were unable to attend but sent money to the school via the Post. We now have an updated total of $366.50.

Those who attended may have noticed how lovely the garden looked inside the office gate. We would like to thank Mrs Charlton and Mrs Foster for working in the garden over the last couple of weeks.

A very big THANKYOU to Mrs Charlton who organised the Marrar School coloured tablecloths, made the creative table decorations and the Marrar Public School bunting which was displayed on the day. All of this is very much appreciated and certainly helped add to a very enjoyable Biggest Morning Tea.

Regards
Mrs O’Neill

Merit Awards:

Week 6:

Lower Division: Zachary Charlton always trying his best in the classroom
Aleasha Canino being a beautiful reader and always trying her best

Upper Division: Gabrielle Eberbach excellent spelling results
Alex Eberbach effort in Mathematics – especially when recalling number facts

Angel of the Week: Molly Pattison – Always willing to give a helping hand to others

Week 7:

Lower Division: Toby Foster outstanding improvement in handwriting
Zachary Charlton great mapping skills with ‘position’ in Mathematics

Upper Division: Jack Christopher Assisting in setting up for ‘Biggest Morning Tea’
Charles Stanyer Assisting in setting up for ‘Biggest Morning Tea’

Angel of the Week: Stuart Daley
P & C Report

Last week’s meeting, 3rd June, was postponed and will now be held on Wednesday 17th June in the school staffroom at 7.30pm.

All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Felicity Pattison
Secretary

Coolamon Library

Our next Storytime session will be held Friday, 19th June @ 10.30am theme - “Clothes”. Everyone is most welcomed.

Our knitting mornings are held every Thursday morning @ 10.30am in the Library. In association with the Riverina Regional Library is proud to support “Wrap with Love” annual community event. Instructions for making the squares are available at the library – everyone is most welcomed to attend.

The library is hosting a Healthy Lunchbox session on Friday, 26th June @ 10.30am. Come along to receive your FREE “show bag” containing a healthy lunchbox kit and other resources to help you prepare healthy lunchboxes for your family.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS


Coming 2nd July 2015 is Bidgee Theatre’s production of Disney’s Mary Poppins with an all Riverina local cast of talent at Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre. Call 02 6926 9688 for tickets.

Sport and Recreation have some great holiday options for kids and families this winter. Camps are suitable for kids ages 7 to 16 years and range from1 to 7 days. There is Residential Kids camps as well as Family Camps. For more information dsr.nsw.gov.au/camps or 131302 or fb.com/nswsportandrecreation

David Adamson
Principal