Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of Term 3.

We had planned to start ‘Sporting Schools’ next week, but at this stage, due to problems with being able to book coaches on line through the website, this date has had to be pushed back to a date to be advised.

Next week is Education Week. We are planning a BBQ lunch and a parents/children’s game of T-ball or continuous cricket on Friday 31st July, starting at 1.00pm. Everyone is more than welcome to attend.

A big thankyou to Deb Charlton who started making soup for the children on Tuesday. From what I hear, the children loved the soup and appreciated your efforts.

The whole school excursion planning is well under way. We plan to leave Monday 26th October, staying overnight at the Wellington caves. On Tuesday 27th October we will have a Cave Tour, visit Dubbo Gaol and stay overnight at Dubbo Zoo to experience ‘Zoosnooze’. On Wednesday 28th we leave the zoo and visit ‘The Dish’ at Parkes. Further information, cost and permission notes will be sent home soon.

From the Front Office

Please remember if your child is late or needs to leave early, to come into the office and sign our partial absence book. We need to account for any time your child is not at school during school hours.

Bookclub is due back on July 30th. There are some fantastic books available to buy.
K-2C Update

Hello and welcome back to Term 3!

The K-2 students returned back to school on Tuesday 14th full of exciting stories about their holiday adventures. It was lovely to hear that everyone had a great holiday and are now ready to settle into Term 3.

The first week back saw us heading to Illabo for the Paper Planes workshop. The students were blown away by the workshop with Dylan Parker and James Norton who inspired the Australian blockbuster - Paper Planes. Not only did we learn how to make awesome paper planes, but we learnt about aspects of flight and how to ensure our planes stay in the air for longer. It was great fun!

100 Day Party

On Friday 24th July the K-2 students will be celebrating their 100 days of being at school. During our morning routine we use our number skills to mark the calendar and record how many days we have been at school using base ten blocks and a place value chart. It would be appreciated if all K-2 students could please bring in a small plate of food to share for the class party. We all can’t wait!!!

Thank you,
Christie Campbell
K – 2 Teacher

Sports Update

Hello and welcome back!

PSSA Athletics: Wednesday 29th July

Next Wednesday 29th will see most of the 3-6 students heading to Ardlethan for the PSSA Athletics Carnival. Thank you to all parents and students for promptly returning their permission notes, levy fee and lunch orders. Miss Campbell will be the supervising teacher at the carnival and if you could all please ensure you are at the Ardlethan Sports Ground before 9am. If you have any questions about the carnival please let me know.

In our next newsletter we will have some results and photos from the carnival. We wish all the students attending the carnival good luck. Go Marrar!!!

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 but also any physical activities that are completed outside the school such as weekend sport, walking to and from school; 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
Bookweek this year will be celebrated from 22nd August to 28th August, with the theme being "Books Light Up Our World". Our Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) short-listed award books for the year have arrived at school and we are busily reading these fabulous books.

This year marks the 70th birthday of the establishment of the CBCA in Australia. The first Children’s Book Week was held in November 1945. World War 2 had just ended and shortages and restrictions made life difficult. The first Bookweek slogan was “United Through Books”, which then inspired a group of volunteers to form the Children’s Book Council of NSW. This later became the Children’s Book Council by 1959. As a challenge students can do research to see if they can find the BookWeek theme of the year they were born.

**Paper Planes**

What a fantastic day the students had last week at the Paper Planes Workshop at Illabo! It was run by the talented and very entertaining Paper Plane Pilots, Dylan Parker and James Norton, who were the inspiration for the movie ‘Paper Plane’. The students learnt about how planes fly, the history of flight and made their own Paper planes to enter in a flying competition.

The school had watched the movie the previous day, and from the reaction of the students I am sure the movie was a ‘winner’. All proceeds of the day went to the ‘Flying Doctor Service’.

**Paper Planes – Louis**

‘Last Wednesday the whole school went to Illabo to see the Paper Planes pilots. Mr Adamson drove the bus. It took half an hour. When we got the Illabo we had a paper planes competition. We all threw two planes and Casey won’.

**Paper Planes – Gabrielle**

On the 14th July, I went to the paper Plane’s flight school in Illabo.

It was hosted by paper Plane Pilots James Norton and Dylan Parker, who inspired and made paper planes for the movie ‘Paper Planes’. They told us about themselves and the history of planes.

After that we listened to them about the types of paper planes there are. There were three, the glider, the dart and the aerobics plane. Then we made our OWN paper planes. Afterwards we had a competition.

Casey won. The prize was a framed paper plane eagle and the men’s autographs on a piece of paper next to it. Then we went back to school.

I had a good time and a great day!

**Paper Planes – Megan**

On Wednesday 15th July, Marrar Public School travelled to Illabo on an AVIS bus to see James Norton and Dylan Parker, the two people that helped to film Paper Planes.

When we arrived we headed over to the stage and sat down and listened to how normal planes fly and it was pretty amazing to see how. They used tricky words, and words that we nearly hear every day like lift, drag, thrust and gravity.

After we did some amazing things on the board we went over to four different tables and made two types of planes. Both of them were a bit tricky for me but I got there in the end.

After that we had a plane contest and I came about last, but I’m happy about that and Casey won. At the end we all had fun. Then we jumped back on the bus and travelled back to school.
Merit Awards:

Week 10:
Lower Division: Zachary Charlton Beautiful manners during our Life Education lessons
Louis Connolly A fantastic overall improvement in his learning. Great job Louis!
Upper Division: Declan Daley A great term of hard work
Gabrielle Eberbach A hard working term

Term 3
Week 1:
Lower Division: Toby Foster Improvement in independent writing
Molly Pattison Fantastic problem solving skills in Mathematics
Upper Division: Tom Eberbach Being ready to start work and listening to instructions
Alex Eberbach Being ready to start work and listening to instructions

Angel of the Week: Aleasha Canino Being a mature student

NAIDOC Week
NAIDOC week 2015 was celebrated from 5-12th July all around Australia. As NAIDOC celebrations fell in the school holidays, Marrar Public School celebrated NAIDOC today.

The students were separated into small groups to participate in interactive activities including, Aboriginal Story telling using Aboriginal symbols and Aboriginal artworks using bark and river rocks. Then the students had an ‘NAIDOC Master Chef cook off’ with the groups making damper and Johnny Cakes for afternoon tea.

Take a look at some of our great activities.

Stuart’s masterpiece
Clayton’s masterpiece
Soup Day

Thanks to Mrs Charlton for making ‘Pumpkin’ soup for our first soup day. Students and staff enjoyed a lovely lunch in the sun.

P & C Report

Marrar P & C would like to invite all parents and community members to Wednesday’s P & C meeting on 22nd July to share in coffee and cake and meet with other parents and members of the Committee and the school. This meeting is an opportunity to have a social function for all parents. There will be a meeting held which will give you an insight into how funds are raised and used within the school. Please come along and join us for a cuppa and share your thoughts.

We look forward to seeing you.

Felicity Pattison
Secretary

Coolamon Library

The next Heart and Soul gathering will be held on the 28th July @ 10.30am in the library. This month the theme is “Xmas in July – share your Xmas recipes and family Xmas stories. Everyone is most welcomed to attend.

Our next Storytime session will be held Friday, 31st July @ 10.30am theme - "Colour and Shapes".

Local Government Week is being held from 3rd – 9th August, it promotes the importance of Local government in our community. The library will be offering “Storytime on the Road” and will be visiting several schools in our shire.

Helen McLoughlin
Coolamon Library – 0269 272 492.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sweetened drinks containing caffeine: Caffeine is a mildly addictive stimulant drug. Cola-type soft drinks and energy drinks contain caffeine as well as lots of sugar. Higher amounts of caffeine are found in energy drinks. There are many side effects of caffeine consumption, particularly in kids and teens. These include disturbed sleep, bedwetting, anxiety and headache – even from drinking quite small amounts. There is also a link between caffeine in soft drinks and bone fractures. Consumption by kids and teens of cola drinks, particular energy drinks, is best avoided.

© Advance Marrar AGM – Tuesday 28th July, 2015 – Starting at 7.00pm at Marrar Hotel. Followed by General Meeting – Agenda: Community Issues, Hall Maintenance and Works and Hall 50th Celebrations. ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

David Adamson
Principal