Dear Parents

We have been able to secure a coach from Netball NSW so that we can begin our Sporting Schools Program next week. The program will be held on three Wednesday afternoons and one Thursday. I strongly urge all children to attend. The information/permission note is attached to the newsletter. It would be appreciated if it could be returned before next Tuesday.

Thank you to those parents who have returned the note and deposit for our excursion. We need to advise definite numbers so it would be appreciated if notes could be returned as soon as possible.

For the remainder of the week I will be attending the Riverina Principal’s Conference which will be held at Charles Sturt University.

Next week we have visits to Allawah Lodge and the Coolamon Library on Wednesday followed by the visit on Thursday from the Royal Flying Doctor Simulator.

From the Front Office

Attached to the newsletter this fortnight is:
- Sport Schools Program permission note
- Bookclub brochures due 2nd September
- P & C Pie Order forms
K-2C Update

During our Maths lessons last week the K-2 student were learning about the concept of Fractions and Decimals. Towards the end of the week we decided to do some ‘Hands on Learning’ by using our fraction and decimal knowledge to make fractions with fruit.

Students wrote and represented a whole using their fruit and whiteboards, then a half and finally quarters. We learnt by making quarters we have to ‘half it again’ and this created a class discussion on what happens if we half our quarters…... We rearranged our fruit into a whole, then made half, then into quarters and last of all we halved our quarters. We found out that if we halved our quarters it would make eighths. We then experimented with how many quarters are needed to make half and how many eighths are needed to make half and whole.

Not only were we doing some amazing learning but we got to snack on our yummy healthy fruit at the end of the lesson. Take a look at our K-2 Mathematicians….

Thank you,
Christie Campbell
K – 2 Teacher

Sports Update

NSW PREMIER’S
SPORTING CHALLENGE

Our 2015 NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge has come to an end. Congratulations to the 3-6 class for achieving Diamond and The K-2 class for achieving Gold levels. This is the highest levels of physical activity for each stage level, so WELL DONE everyone!!! NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge certificates should arrive by the end of the term or early next term.

Term 3:
- Riverina Athletics Carnival: Monday 31st August- Albury

Thank you,
Christie Campbell
Sports Coordinator

Merit Awards:

Week 4:

Lower Division:  Toby Foster  Always trying his best during our reading sessions
Molly Pattison  Congratulations on reaching a level 5 Momentum Reader this week

Upper Division:  Brianna Farrell  Working her best in class
Declan Daley  Great effort in Wright bros work
Megan Wallace  Trying really hard with her project work at home

Week 5:

Lower Division:  Aleasha Canino  Great thinking with our fraction lessons during Mathematics
Zachary Charlton  Beautiful story about his Great-Grandpa during Independent writing

Upper Division:  Declan Daley  A responsible and hardworking student
Gabrielle Eberbach  Excellent research skills

Angel of the Week:  Toby Foster  Always trying his best
Next week we will be very busy celebrating Bookweek on Wednesday 26th August.

Parents are invited to join us at school in the morning to view the students parade their Book Character costumes under the COLA at 9.30am.

The whole school will then be travelling to Coolamon to visit Allawah Lodge, where the students will entertain the residents with a song and also ‘show off’ their costumes. Following this we will be visiting the Coolamon Library where Helen will entertain the students by reading ‘Bookweek’ books and providing a range of followup craft activities. If you are having problems with costume ideas please don’t forget to contact Mrs O’Neill.


Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)

This week sees the end of the PRC for 2015. Student log sheets will be finalised in class by this Friday 21st August, and this information will be entered onto the PRC website the following week.

A big thank you and congratulations to those students who attempted to complete this challenge by engaging in the regular reading of books. Certificates for those students who successfully completed the challenge will be given out at Presentation Night.

Keep Reading

Mrs O'Neill

Fruit and Veg Month: Monday 24th Aug- Fri 18th Sept, 2015

Marrar Public School will be participating in the Healthy Kids Association Australia- Fruit and Veg Month, 2015. This year’s theme is ‘Let’s GO Green’ which encourages families and students to eat a variety of foods from our 5 food groups. Going Green also focuses on being a sustainable Australia by eating Nude Food-whole foods and keeping our waste down by eating less packaged and processed foods. Research shows that Aussie kids don’t eat enough vegetables. In fact, only 8.6% of children ages 4-8 and 4.6% of those aged 9-13 eat the recommended serves of vegetables each day. Fruit and Veg Month focuses on getting kids educated on choosing fruit and vegetables every day.

To help support Fruit and Veg month we will be having a Fruit and Veg day on Wednesday 16th, 2015. We have been lucky enough to have Woolworths - Gurwood St in Wagga to provide the school with some boxes of fruit and veg for the day. Students will be participating in Fruit and Veg activities throughout the month and on the day, as well as taste testing and a healthy morning tea.

With the assistance of Deb Charlton we have also received a donation from Bunnings Wagga for another vegetable patch and some seedlings for the up and coming Spring-Summer months. To replenish our original x2 veggie patch we are asking for families to donate some seedlings for our Spring- Summer harvest. We will then use our fruit and veg produce to make healthy lunches and snacks for following terms.

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Woolworths and Bunnings for their wonderful generosity in donating our produced and new veggie patch for the school.

Regards
Christie Campbell

Daffodil Day

Friday 28th August is Daffodil Day and Marrar Public School is going Yellow for the day.

We are asking if all students can wear Mufti with a splash of yellow to school to help support ‘Daffodil Day’. A gold coin donation would be appreciated and they will receive a gold Daffodil Day pin.

There is extra merchandise that can be purchased at the front office such as: Daffodil pins and daffodil key-ring, with all the proceeds going to the Cancer Council.

Thank you for your support!
P & C Report

Ganmain Pie Drive

Order forms are with today’s newsletter, please share with family and friends. Monies and orders are due back Tuesday 8th September. Orders will be available 17th September.

Morning Tea

On Saturday 17th October, the P & C are hosting morning tea at the Marrar Memorial Hall for the 50th anniversary of the hall. We will be looking for helpers and food. More details to follow.

Uniform

All uniform items are available at the school, either near new or new items. With photos coming up, it’s a good time to make sure that your kids have the uniform.

Felicity Pattison
Secretary

Coolamon Library

Our next Storytime session will be held this Friday, 21st August @ 10.30am theme - “Sharks” – we welcome new families to attend.

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!

During Term 3 the library has developed a program called “Book Borrowing Extravaganza” – to inspire school children to visit the library on a regular basis. Students will be encouraged to discover, explore and borrow from the collection. Several schools are taking part in this program.

The Coolamon Library is on Facebook! News, pictures, events and opportunities are regularly uploaded – join us now!

Helen McLoughlin
Coolamon Library – 0269 272 492

Five Ways to a Healthy Lifestyle

- Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives
- Get active each day
- Choose water as a drink
- Eat more fruit and vegies
- Turn off the TV or computer and get active

COMMUNITY NEWS


Music 4 Mates would like to invite all to a Community Mental Health Awareness and Well Being Evening with Joe Williams – Thursday 20th August at 7.30pm at Coolamon Sport and Rec Club. Free Entry. Joe Williams is a local boxing identity who delivers an inspiring message of hope and courage. He delves into his private pain and his dealings with depression.

David Adamson
Principal