Dear Parents

A big thank you to those parents who attended the school last Friday. You were given the opportunity to share experiences with your child/children, have a BBQ lunch and then play a game. The school banner and display board were situated in a prime position at the Market Place last week thanks to Terry Langtry.

The school calendar is looking extremely busy at the moment. We have been fortunate to secure a visit from the Royal Flying Doctor Service Aero-medical simulator on Thursday 27th August. This is a full replica of a King Air B200 RFDS Emergency Retrieval Aircraft.

In today’s newsletter you will find a copy of the schools uniform list indicated what we would like all students to wear. Many of these items are available for purchase from the P & C.

At this stage, I am having great difficulty in finding coaches to begin the Sport Schools Program. It is becoming very frustrating. I will keep you updated.

We have had many children absent with the flu over the past few weeks. I am hoping that they are on the improve and that others don’t catch it as it is rather unpleasant.
Hello and welcome back!

**100 Day Party:** On Friday 24th July the K-2 students celebrated their 100 days of being at school. The students get so excited throughout the year counting the days and using their Number skills to reach 100 days. We celebrate our class milestone with games and our 100 day party after lunch. A big THANK YOU goes out to the students and parents that brought in some party food to share for our day.

This term the K-2 class are completing a unit of work in COGS called, *Our Stories*. In the unit we discuss different styles of stories and how we all have our own story to tell through our memories and heritage. During our NAIDOC celebrations we investigated and read many Dreamtime stories. We discussed the aspects of the Dreamtime and what similarities that all the books shared. For our Interactive and Independent Writing sessions we developed our very own Dreamtime stories. Take a look at our up and coming Authors from Marrar PS….

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### My Dreamtime Story: Why the Platypus comes out at night - Louis: Year 1

In the days of the Dreamtime there was a Platypus. He lived in a lake but one day during the drought all the water dried up.

The Platypus had to look for more water but all the rivers and lakes had dried up. So he decided to dig for water. He dug and dug all day and all night. He had dug so deep that he found an underground cave that had a beautiful fresh water lake inside it.

The Platypus made the cave his new home and this is why we only see Platypus at night.

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### My Dreamtime Story: The Emu and the Lizard – Molly: Year 2

This is a story about Emu and Lizard.

One day the Emu was running home then the Lizard tripped him. They had a big fight until it was getting dark. When the sun had gone and it was fully dark Emu went home to his babies and wife but on the way he got lost in the bush. Emu had to wait and wait until morning. “What if the hunters find me?” he wondered to himself. “I will get killed and never see my family again.” he thought. Emu had to get home fast! He looked down and seen Lizard next to him. “It’s your fault Lizard that I won’t get home!” said Emu. Lizard felt very sad for Emu and said “I’ll help you.” Emu thought for a while and then he spoke. Before he could speak they heard footsteps, It was the hunters! “Over there” said a hunter. The sun was slowly rising when the hunters heard screaming for help from their campsite and the camp was in trouble. The hunters ran quickly back to camp and Emu and Lizard were safe again.

Emu and Lizard found Emu’s home and they came back with lots of food for his family and that is how Emu and Lizard became friends in the bush.

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**Merit Awards:**

**Week 2:**

**Lower Division:**
- Aleasha Canino: Fantastic symbols and artwork during our NAIDOC celebrations
- Zachary Charlton: Fantastic writing during our NAIDOC celebrations

**Upper Division:**
- Megan Wallace: Completing extra research work on Italy in her own time
- Charles Stanyer: Volunteering his own time to help pack up Craft activities

**Week 3:**

**Lower Division:**
- Louis Connolly: Fantastic number sense during Mathematics
- Molly Pattison: Beautiful effort during our choir practice

**Upper Division:**
- Clayton Pattison: Great investigation skills
- Paige Farrell: Trying her best with Wright Brothers Research

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**Angel of the Week:** Nellie Whyman

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**From the Front Office**

Attached to the newsletter this fortnight you will find:

- Uniform List
- New Lunch Order List
- Toy Catalogue
- AppVenture Disc
Sports Update

PSSA Athletics: Wednesday 29th July

Last Wednesday Miss Campbell and the students in 3-6 class attended the Coolamon/Ardlethan PSSA Association Athletics Carnival. The students all had a fantastic day (after the fog lifted) and they all tried their best in each and every event. Most of our Marrar students made new ‘Personal Best - PB’ with their events, so well done! Miss Campbell is currently noting all your times/distances for each event, so every student can see their new PB for up and coming carnivals.

Thank you to our wonderful parents for taking the students to Ardlethan for the day and assisting and also a big THANK YOU to Sharon Christopher for marshalling the students to their events on the day. We will miss Sharon next year at our carnivals, when Jack and Sonny head off to High School.

CONGRATULATIONS to Megan Wallace for placing 2nd in Junior Girls Shot Put, with a new PB of 5.28m. Megan is the first reserve now for this event for the Riverina carnival on the 31st August in Albury and also CONGRATULATIONS to Stuart Daley who placed 3rd in 9yrs Boys 100m. Fantastic effort guys!!!

NSW PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE

This is our final week for the Premier’s Sporting Challenge for 2015. The students have been busy tracking their physical activity for the 10 week challenge. Currently the 3-6 class is sitting on Diamond and the K-2 class are at the Gold level. This is the highest levels of physical activity for each stage level, so WELL DONE everyone!!! Once all the data is collected and sent off the students will receive their NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge certificates towards the end of the term. A fantastic effort Marrar, well done!!

Term 3:

- Riverina Athletics Carnival: Monday 31st August - Albury

Thank you,
Christie Campbell
Sports Coordinator

Library Report

Bookweek

As mentioned in our previous Newsletter, Bookweek is from August 22nd to August 28th, and the theme is “Books Light Up Our World” Once again we are asking that your child comes to school on Wednesday 26th August dressed as a book character of their own choice. We will be holding a Book Parade at 9.30am, before traveling to Coolamon to entertain the residences at Allawah Lodge and to participate in BookWeek activities at the Library. If you need any help with dressing up ideas please contact Mrs O’Neill at the school.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

This challenge is coming to an end late this month. Some children have already registered enough books to have successfully completed the Challenge. For those who still wish to do so, there is still time, so keep reading.

Storytime

Once again, in conjunction with the Local Government Week, Helen from the Coolamon Library visited our school to discuss some of the roles of people who work for the Council, and to share a story about pets with K - 2 class. The students thoroughly enjoyed listening to a funny story about the suitability of different kinds of animals as pets, and then had fun making their very own sausage dog. Some children thought a lion would make a good pet.

Keep Reading
Mrs O’Neill
**Responsible Pet Program**

On Monday afternoon we were lucky enough to have a visit from Carmen and her very friendly dog Zeta. It was lots of fun and very informative, with both Carmen and Zeta teaching the students how to approach a strange dog. The students also learnt how to identify the different moods of dogs and the importance of caring for them properly.

**Morning Tea with the Mayor**

As a part of Local Government Week, our school leaders visited the Council Chambers in Coolamon to have morning tea with the Mayor.

Sonny and Casey were proud representatives of Marrar Public School, not only enjoying the lovely food, but also talking to various members of the Council and mixing with leaders from other schools in the Shire. Well done Sonny and Casey.

**P & C Report**

Tonight’s meeting has been postponed to next Wednesday 12th August at 7.30 in the staff room.

Thank you to the parents and staff who attended our last meeting and enjoyed the beautiful supper provided by our committee. These meetings are a platform for us to provide ongoing support for our children and staff, and to provide the best for our school family and our community. We encourage all families to contribute to the P&C.

Thank you to Deb Charlton, who is making the delicious soups that the students and staff have been enjoying on Tuesdays, especially in this winter weather!

We have our Pie Drive coming up shortly. Order forms will go home with the next newsletter. We encourage all to participate as all funds raised go to the school.

Don’t forget that some uniforms are available to purchase at the school, either new or near new. For anything from PSW I will be putting an order in at the end of August, please contact me or get an order form from school.

Felicity Pattison
Secretary

**Coolamon Library**

Our next Storytime session will be held this Friday, 7th August @ 10.30am theme - “Its Bear Time” – we welcome new families to attend.

The Library now has free access to legal information dedicated to everyday legal issues in NSW through a collection of books that explain the law in plain English. Some of the topics include family law, health, housing and going to court. For further information phone the library – 69272492.

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 welcoming environment for our students.

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

Helen McLoughlin
Coolamon Library – 0269 272 492.
Ideas to help kids and teens drink more water:

- Pack a water bottle whenever you go out
- In summer, pack a frozen water bottle in your child’s lunch box
- Make cold water available at home instead of sweetened drinks
- When playing sport, encourage kids to drink water instead of sports or energy drinks
- Serve plain water in decorative jugs. Add slices of lemon, orange or mint for flavour and ice cubes to keep it chilled
- Water down sweetened drinks – such as cordial or fruit juice

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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