Dear Parents

Thank you to our students for their efforts and behaviour at the carnival yesterday. The older children assisted whenever requested showing their maturity. Thank you also to the parents who assisted with transport and supervision on the day. It certainly makes our lives easier, especially when we had roles at the carnival.

Over the past few days, we have had a number of children absent due to a vomiting bug and generally feeling unwell. You co-operation in keeping these children at home is appreciated.

In the next week prior to the next newsletter, I will be taking the school captains to Sydney for the Young Leaders Day. I am sure the students will be able to write a report on the day for the next newsletter.

From the Front Office

Attached to the newsletter this fortnight is:

- **P & C Voluntary Donation/Membership Fees** – please return all monies in an envelope marked with your name and amount as these are given directly to the P & C.
- **Our general permission note for 2016** - Thank you to those parents who have returned this note. Could all other notes be returned as soon as possible.
K-2C Update

Hello and welcome back!

The students in the K-2 class are off to a flying start for 2016 with their learning. We have recently read ‘There’s a sea in my bedroom’ by Margaret Wild in our L3 procedural reads during our shared reading lessons. The students really enjoyed exploring different types of shells that we have in our learning environment, especially the ‘conch shell’ like the shell in the book where David can hear the sea. We decided during our writing session that it would be a fabulous idea to write our very own story but this time it will be ‘There is a sea in my classroom.’ The students have been busy decorating fish and other underwater goodies for our display wall in the classroom. We will keep you posted of our final product.

Take a look at some of the fantastic independent writing we’ve done so far about the sea.

When I got to the beach I will take a beach ball, a snorkel, some flippers, a boat and a hat and ball to play with. I went to the beach on my holidays and went body surfing out at the drop off 5 metres away. I can surf 2 metres on the wave back to the shore.
Chance-Yr2

Once I went to a beach. I went riding on a surfboard and we collected 34 shells but I lost them. When I go to the beach I will take floaties, a beach ball, an umbrella and a hat. It gets really hot at the beach!
Louis- Yr2

I like the beach when it is really hot because the water could be cool or warm. There are clown fish in the sea they are orange and white. When I go to the beach I will take a snorkel, flippers, towel and an umbrella.
Aleasha-Yr1

See you next time!

Christie Campbell
K – 2 Teacher

Library Report

It’s great to see everyone bringing Library Bags to school for borrowing. This helps us keep our books in good condition.

Last week K – 2 studied the book which focuses on friendships – “Pearl Bailey and Charlie Parsley” by Aaron Blabeley. Here are a few of their comments:

Aleasha : “They were different in every way but they were still friends”

Donald: “Charlie Parsley was scared but Pearl Bailey was silly”

Toby: “Pearl Bailey was crazy but Charlie Parsley was sad and serious. If Charlie has no one to play with him, Pearl would play with him”

Zachary: “If Charlie Parsley was sad Pearl Bailey would try to cheer him up”

3 – 6 have been working on the “the Bad Guys” by Aaron Blabey. This book is about well-known villains wanting to change their reputation to now become heroes. For example: the big bad wolf. Opposite is a book report by Gabrielle.

“the Bad Guys” – Book Report

“It was good. If it was a recipe it would look like this.”

1 big plot
4 bad guys (trying to be good)
1 trillion laughs
2 billion bit of fun (interesting)
1 reader

Mix together and if wished serve with laughs – Makes 1 good book”

Craft

Unless you have recently brought in a paint shirt, could each child please bring in another one this year, as the ones we have are now very well decorated and worn! It is best if the paint shirt has long sleeves as this will cover their uniforms in winter. An old shirt of dad’s is fine.

Keep Reading
Mrs O’Neill
**Sports Update**

**Hello and welcome back!**

**Black Billy Cup- Small Schools Swimming Carnival- Tuesday 16.2.16**

During the week Marrar PS attended the Black Billy Cup Swimming Carnival at Junee. The day was a huge success with many of our students beating their personal best swims/times. I would like to congratulate all the students on their behaviour and sportsmanship for the day and also a big congratulation to those students who placed in their events. Well done Marrar!!

Thank you to our parents that assisted on the day and everyone looked fabulous in their Marrar PS supporters T-shirts and the students looked extra cool in their Marrar PS swimming caps. Don’t forget if you haven’t grabbed a swimming cap from the office they are a bargain price of $6 each.

**PSSA District Swimming Carnival- Wednesday 17.2.16**

Megan and Declan travelled with Miss Campbell and Mrs Wallace on Wednesday to Barellan for the Coolamon/Ardlethan PSSA swimming carnival. Well done to those students who placed and have improved on their personal best PB times. Thank you to the students also for their behaviour and assistance on the day. We will post some photos from the day and the results in the following newsletter. Well done guys!!!

**Cross Country Training**

Since being back for Term 1, the students have been completing their morning runs in the preparation to our up and coming Athletics and Cross Country carnivals. To get the students use to a cross country track and distance, we will be running the Marrar cross-country track for sport from Friday 26th February 9am-10am. This track ranges from the school down to the gymkhana track and back and the track differs in distance for each age group.

It would be appreciated if we could have some parents volunteer to assist with some checkpoints for the Friday mornings. Thank you to the parents that have already nominated the days they can assist. Please see the dates and advise Miss Campbell if you can assist on those mornings. Thank you!

**Term 1 Sporting Events**
- Coolamon/Ardlethan PSSA AFL and Netball trials- Tuesday 1.3.16 Ganmain
- Small Schools Athletics Carnival- Thursday 7.4.16 Ganmain
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**Term 2 Sporting Events**
- Small Schools Cross Country- Friday 29.4.16 Matong
- District PSSA Cross Country Carnival- Friday 6.5.16 Matong

Thank you,
Christie Campbell
Sports Coordinator
P & C Report

Below are a few points from the last P & C meeting.

- School BBQ to be held on Friday 11th March at 6.00pm in the Marrar Community Park, P & C are providing the meat and salads, the community is encouraged to attend and you will just need to bring a chair and drink.
- Term 1 raffle will be $100.00 voucher to be used at the butchers at Coolamon, the raffle will be drawn in Coolamon, 26th March, anyone that could spare time on Saturday morning to assist with selling raffle tickets at the Coolamon newsagency would be greatly appreciated. Please let the school office know.
- The vegetable gardens are thriving and it was decided last night that the produce will be sold to the families, the money raised will be used to buy seedlings to grow more vegetables to keep the garden going all year round.
- Thank you to school staff for purchasing sunglasses for each student, it is a great idea. If students do need replacement sunglasses they can be purchased from the office for $10.00/pair.
- A reminder about the Marrar swimming caps. They are a bargain price of $6.00 and are available from the office.
- The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30pm, please come along.

Regards
Deb Charlton

Coolamon Library

Our Heart and Soul women's gathering will start up again for another year. It will be held Tuesday, 23rd February @ 10.30am at the library. Bronwyn Hatty the healthy Coolamon Shire project officer will be the guest speaker. She will be talking on the Healthy Town Challenger. Morning tea will be provided and everyone is most welcomed.

The next storytime for the month of February will be held on Friday 26th February @ 10.30am theme “Farms”. We welcome any new families to join us.

The Coolamon Library has plenty of services and facilities to offer to the community. It provides Public Internet Access & Wifi, photocopier, fax and laminating services. Also a community noticeboard, children and youth services, council school holiday programs and Local History services. We are continuously receiving new books, DVD’s, CD’s and magazines, call in for a browse – membership is FREE.

Helen McLoughlin
Coolamon Library – 0269 272 492

Quick Bites (Live Life Well)

- Why are fundamental movement skills so important?
  - Maintain a healthy weight
  - Improve posture
  - Develop parts of the brain
  - Develop problem solving skills
  - Socialise and interact with their environment

For babies, things like tummy time strengthen neck and back muscles. It allows times to track moving objects and develop spatial awareness. These activities stimulate and develop the brain further. In toddlers, actions like running and side stepping progress to sprint running and side gallops in later childhood. Fun activities and games including these movements lead to children mastering these, so they can enjoy and lead active healthy lives.

COMMUNITY NEWS

千克 Kids Camp Out is on again on March 19th & 20th at the Narrandera Racecourse for kids in years 3-6. For more information and registration details please contact Delwyn Craig on 02 6927 3649 or stedel1991@gmail.com

千克 SaverPlus – Join SaverPlus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500.00 for educational costs including: school uniforms and text books, computers, laptops and tablets, excursions and camps and more. Contact Jenny Rolle-Wallace on 0269 313 963 or 0437 375 832 or jenny.rolle-wallace@thesmithfamily.com.au

千克 Coolamon Junior Footy & Netball – holding its sign-on/registration day on Sunday 28th Feb at Coolamon Swimming Pool from 11.00am – 1.00pm. A $1.00 sausage sizzle will be available on the day. Registration Fees: Auskick (5 – 9 yrs) = $90 incl GST (does not include shorts or socks). Junior Football (10 – 15 yrs) = $120 incl GST (Club shorts will be provided, socks can be purchased). Netball Net-Set-Go (under 10’s) = $90 incl GST. Junior Netball (11 – 15 yrs) = $105 incl GST. More information: Phil Dryden chiariverina@gmail.com

David Adamson
Principal