Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of Term 1, 2016. It is wonderful to see the smiling faces, and we welcome all our past students back and welcome our new kinders and their families.

We have a number of events including swimming carnivals, athletics carnivals, Easter hat parade and Young Leaders Day on, so please keep an eye on the newsletter.

I would like to thank the Charltons for the work that they have done on the sandpit. It looks fantastic! I would also like to thank those who assisted in the preparation and organisation of the school for the Australia Day function. The school looked fantastic.

A big congratulations to Collette Wallace who was awarded the Citizen of the Year. Well done on behalf of the school community.

From the Front Office

Attached to the newsletter this fortnight is:

- Bookclub – now in one brochure. This is due back on 17th February.
- Our general permission note for 2016. Please return these by next Wednesday so that we are able to update our records.
Welcome to our new school year! The year ahead is going to be jammed packed with exciting challenges and milestones for students and the Marrar Public schooling community. The students in the K-2 class have settled back into the school day routines and they have all grown up so much in the holidays!

We welcome our new 2016 Kindergarten students: Chelsae, Donald, Reece, William and Leon. They were all very excited to begin the adventure of ‘big school’ and have settled well into the K-2 class.

This term in K-2C we will be implementing some old and new routines into the lower division classroom. I would like to share with you some of the structures that I am implementing into the classroom for 2016.

**Best Start:** For weeks 1 and 2 our new Kindergarten students will being completing their Best Start interviews with Miss Campbell. The results from these interviews will be entered into a data base and parents will be receiving feedback from the interviews after week 5. The K-2 students get tracked by their classroom teacher each term and their results are updated, as they progress through the K-2 years.

**Supplies:** Throughout the year we use a large amount of glues sticks, textas, pencils, etc. This year it would be appreciated if each family could donate a packet of pencils, textas, glue sticks etc. to assist with supplies for 2016. Students are more than welcome to have their own pencil cases for personal use, which will be placed in their tubs. Thank you to the families who have already donated some supplies to our class.

**Library:** Library this year is on **Tuesday from 12pm**. Please ensure you bring your library bags on these days. Reading groups with Mrs Charlton and Mrs Foster will commence week 4 on Monday from 10:30-11:00. Thank you to Mrs Charlton and Mrs Foster for donating their time again, as the students love reading outside with our parents. If you have any questions about routines or classroom activities for 2016 please come and see me.

See you next time!

Christie Campbell
K – 2 Teacher

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**Library Report**

A big welcome back to all students and their families to the beginning of a new school year!

I trust that you all enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to the year ahead. Following is information regarding Library and Craft lessons.

**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.

**Library**

Every student must have a Library Bag for borrowing books from the Library. If you have misplaced your school Library Bag, you may use a shopping bag or pillowcase to take your books home in.

K – 2 Library day will be each Tuesday.

3 – 6 Library day will be each Wednesday.

Students can now start reading books for the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016.

Keep Reading
Mrs O'Neill
Sports Update

Hello and welcome back to the 2016 school year!

Marrar Public School Swimming Caps

Our fantastic Marrar PS P&C have purchased some amazing silicone swimming caps for the school. They look fabulous with our school name and colours on the cap. These top quality swimming caps can be purchased at the BARGAIN price of $6 each from Mrs Wyllie in the office. With the Black Billy Cup and the District PSSA swimming carnival coming up it would be wonderful to see all the students representing Marrar Public School with pride and wearing our wonderful new swimming caps.

Black Billy Cup- Small Schools Swimming Carnival- Tuesday 16.2.16

During week 3 we will be participating in the swimming carnival- ‘The Black Billy Cup’ in Junee. This carnival is for all small schools within our PSSA region and the students will be participating in carnival swimming events. Please ensure you get your permission notes, entry and lunch orders back ASAP. Permission notes will be going out hopefully this week or next regarding the Black Billy Cup.

Due to circumstances out of our control the swimming carnival will be open to 3-6 students only for 2016. Also due to some further changes the date of the Black Billy Cup was pushed back to week 3. This now means that the 3-6 students that are heading away to Barellan for the district PSSA swimming carnival will be competing in this carnival the very next day, Wednesday 17.2.16.

Students are to wear their sports uniform and ensure they bring along hats, sun screen, swimmers, recess, lunch and snacks and plenty of water. **There will be a BBQ for lunch which will be run by the Eurongilly PS P&C and snacks and drinks can still be purchased at the Junee Pool canteen.** It would be appreciated if any family members that are attending could spare some time throughout the day to assist with time keeping, recording, race co-ordination etc. If you have any questions about the carnival please see Miss Campbell. I look forward to hearing all about the Black Billy Cup at the PSSA carnival the next day. Go MARRAR!!!!

Due to this, the infant students will be participating in a water play day at school on Tuesday 16.2.16 with Miss Campbell. So the K-2 students get your swimmers, water pistols and water bombs ready….. it’s game on! Miss Campbell will have an information note out soon regarding the activities for the day for the K-2 students.

District PSSA Swimming Carnival- Wednesday 17.2.16

Students participating in the District PSSA swimming carnival will need to keep their momentum going from the Black Billy Cup, as they do it all over again the very next day for the District PSSA swimming Carnival in Barellan. Selected students will be heading off to Barellan on Wednesday 17.2.16 with Miss Campbell and their families. We wish all the students the best of luck for the carnival and be on the look-out for the results and pictures in our next newsletter. **Please ensure you get all permission notes, lunch orders and monies back to the office before Friday 12th February.**

Term 1 Sporting Events

- Black Billy Cup Tuesday 16.2.16 Junee
- District PSSA swimming Carnival Wednesday 17.2.16 Barellan
- Coolamon/Ardlethan PSSA AFL and Netball trials- Tuesday 1.3.16 Ganmain
- Small Schools Athletics Carnival- Thursday 7.4.16 Ganmain

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

Welcome back for 2016! We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. A very special welcome to our new Kindy kids, Leon, Reece, Donald, Chelsae and William.

We would like to extend a massive Thank you to all our families and community members who helped out on Australia Day. It was fabulous to have our school on show for such a big event within the Shire. We value and appreciate all the support that we receive from our school families and especially our community members who continue to show us amazing support. Congratulations to all the award winners and nominees, especially our own Collette Wallace for winning Citizen of the Year, well done!

We will be having a welcome BBQ in March for all our school families. Please stay tuned for more information.

Regards
Felicity Pattison
Secretary

Coolamon Library

Storytime will start again on Friday 12th February @ 10.30am theme – “It’s Bear Time”. The morning is filled with lots of stories, songs and finishing up with a craft the children are able to take home– we welcome any new families to join us.

The next storytime for the month of February will be held on Friday 26th February @ 10.30am theme “Farms”.

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.

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

Helen McLoughlin
Coolamon Library – 0269 272 492

Never Leave Children alone in Vehicles:

Busy adults can sometimes be tempted to leave children alone in their vehicle – just for a few minutes. However, a tragedy can occur in just few minutes.

1. Heat stress – the temperature in parked vehicles rises sharply within minutes and continues to rise. Even opening windows a little fails to stop the sharp temperature rise.
2. Emotional distress - leaving them alone in a vehicle can make them upset or distressed.
3. Other dangers – children are curious and keen to explore – they can turn on ignition switches, cigarette lighters, disengage gear sticks and brake levers. Children can also unknowingly trap themselves inside a vehicle and not be able to get out.

We can never be sure we’ll only be away for a few minutes. Always take your children with you or ask another trusted adult to wait with them until you return.

COMMUNITY NEWS

יו Wagga Brothers Juniors Registration Day 2016 – Welcoming all new and old players to our registration day for 2016. Come down and have a kick of the footy and grab a free sausage sandwich. Sunday 14th February – 11.00am – 2.00pm at Parramore Park for Ages 6 – 15 for boys (under 13s full) and League Tag girls 9s, 12s, 14s and 16s.

 NSW Healthy Town Challenge – Launch Party – Tuesday 9th Feb – 6.00pm – Up-to-Date Store, Coolamon. Join us at this free event to find out more about the challenge and some exciting healthy community initiatives being planned. Everyone welcome. RSVP for catering purposes to Bron Hatty. 0427 536 456.

 Marrarr Tennis Club is about to start their Summer Tennis Competition on Monday 15th February 2016. Anyone interested in playing, new or old from high school age, any ability is welcome to come and play on Monday nights. If you’re interested please contact – Kate Rollins 0439 609 044 or Felicity Pattison 0428 274 433 by Wednesday 10th February.

David Adamson
Principal