School News

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2013 school year. I was pleased to hear so many parents comment yesterday on how happy they were to be back at school. This is only a brief welcome back newsletter and a full newsletter will go home next Thursday.

We have begun the year in our 2012 classes, until we are sure of the number of children we have at Mawarra in 2013. At the moment we are only JUST short of forming our 17th class. By waiting these extra couple of days we hope that we will be able to make a more permanent decision about whether we will need to form 16 or 17 classes for the year. I hope you understand our difficult situation and show the patience that we are also having to show, as we too want to get going with our classes……

Hopefully we will form classes at the end of this week or early next week.

Australia Day Parade

Thank you to the families who were able to come along to the Australia Day Parade in Camden on Saturday. It was the first time Mawarra has participated in the march and it was good to see so many children in their school uniform, proudly representing Mawarra, which led the schools in the parade this year.

School Development Day

On Tuesday the school staff continued their training in the Focus on Reading Program, which will assist teachers in the teaching of comprehension, and increase students’ understanding of what they read. Staff also trained in the updated child protection guidelines for schools and made refinements to the Mawarra Movers system.

School Contributions for 2013

A number of parents have already come to the office asking about the school contributions for the year. A note explaining school costs will come home soon, however for those wishing to pay annual school contributions early, the cost is unchanged at $35 for the year.

Uniform Shop

Can I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Troy and her band of volunteers in the uniform shop for their ongoing efforts, even during the holidays. During those final weeks of the holidays and in the first week back at school they have committed many hours of hard work to ensure that children can come back to school all fitted out and looking great. This also adds to the fundraising of the P&C, which in turn comes back to the school to be used on educational programs for your children. If you would like to volunteer in the uniform shop this year, I am sure Mrs Troy would appreciate any assistance.

Parent Volunteers

There are many opportunities for parents to assist in the smooth operation of the school. Many parents already help out in the uniform shop, as a part of the P&C, maintaining the grounds, in the library, office and classrooms. This assistance is highly valued by the staff and helps improve the learning outcomes and environment for the students of the school. If you would like to assist with special programs, in classrooms, covering books or in many other ways, speak with your child’s class teacher at the parent information session or come in and see Mrs O’Gradey or myself in the office. I have always believed that successful education is a partnership between parents and the school.

I look forward to a wonderful 2013 at Mawarra.

Mr Paul Mallia
Principal

Peanut Allergy

At Mawarra Public School we have several students who have an allergy to peanut products. Eating, touching, smelling or close physical contact with someone who has had contact with these foods can cause the reaction.

In view of this condition, we are asking you to support our efforts to care for the affected student by choosing safe food items and spreads when making your child’s lunch and recess. We ask that peanut butter spreads, peanut biscuits, cakes with peanuts, peanut butter cracker dips or Nutella be replaced with other alternatives.

We also ask for your assistance in talking to your children about the importance of not sharing food or making close physical contact, especially if peanut products have been consumed or touched before school.

We are proud of the supportive spirit of our community and are confident that we can work together to provide a safe caring school environment for all our students.

Thank you for your support. If you require any further information, please contact the school.

Staff Parking Only

The staff parking area is for STAFF ONLY during the hours of 8.00 am – 4.00 pm.

For safety reasons we ask parents to support this request.

No cars are to be parked in loading zone at any time.

Student Banking

Student banking will resume on Wednesday 6th February, 2013. Kindergarten packages will be sent home in the coming weeks. Any new students wishing to bank can pick up a package from the office.

Community News

West Tigers Fun Day

West Tigers are holding a fun day on Sunday 3rd February, 2013 at Mittagong Sports Ground from 4pm – 5.30pm. All are welcome. Come along and meet players, attend a clinic, etc. For further enquiries please call Jake Brightwell on 0448 890 017.

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