School News

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The year is now well under way with the students having moved into their new classes after our period of uncertainty. Unfortunately we just did not have enough new students to start the year with a new seventeenth class. Going into new classes is sometimes an anxious time for some students as they adjust to a new teacher, new classmates and changes of routine. Parents can support their children by ensuring that this is a positive, exciting change and that they will feel comfortable again very soon.

Staffing for 2012

The staffing remains quite stable here at Mawarra. We are fortunate to welcome back so many familiar teachers, who have been here for a long time.

We also welcome to our team this year, Mrs Sue Trenfield, who will be assisting students in their learning, as well as Mrs Ponsonby who will be working with Mrs Harloff’s class and Stage 2.

The following is a list of our 2013 staff

**KR** Mrs Pam Rampe/Mrs Vicky Steinweiss (Friday)
**KJ** Mrs Shannon Jones
**KN** Mrs Christine Napoleone
**K/1F** Mrs Maria Fairweather
**1K** Mrs Leigh Kidd
**1M** Mrs Judy Morley / Mrs Julie Hordern (Friday)
**1/2H** Mrs Therese Humé
**2W** Miss Shona Wallace
**2/3H** Mrs Caroline Harloff / Mrs Keryn Ponsonby (Friday)
**3KB** Mrs Sharon Kynaston (M/T/W)
**3/4B** Mrs Therese Hume
**3KB** Mrs Anna Boyd
**4M** Mr Paul Morrison
**4/5S** Mrs Robyn Smith
**5SR** Mrs Narelle Scott / Mrs Margaret Ruscoe (Wednesday)
**5/6S** Mr Frank Scott/Mrs Margaret Ruscoe (Friday)
**6T** Mrs Kristina Took

Support Staff

Teacher/Librarian Mrs Dianne Cronshaw
Release Teachers Mrs Vicky Steinweiss, Mrs Dianne Cronshaw, Mrs Margaret Ruscoe, Mrs Barbara Reeves
Learning Support Mrs Barbara Reeves, Mrs Jan Youdale, Mrs Sue Trenfield, Mrs Michelle Drieman
Reading Recovery Mrs Michelle Drieman
School Counsellor Mrs Judith Evans

**Administration Staff**

Senior Admin Manager Mrs Chris O’Gradey
School Admin Officers Mrs Jenny Rhodes, Mrs Lisa Scaife
General Assistant Mr Dennis Eagles
School Learning Support Officers Mrs Michelle Grimson, Mrs Christine Mazurkiewicz

Parent Teacher Information Sessions

The dates for the parent information sessions have been set so that parents can add these dates to their diary. These sessions are to give parents an opportunity to meet their child’s teacher and discuss organisational routines, expectations and units of work being covered this year. They are always a most worthwhile time. The sessions are timetabled at different times for different stages after school, so that more parents may be able to attend.

**Monday 18th February, 2013 at 5.30pm** - K/1F (year 1 only), 1K, 1M, 1/2H & 2W

**Monday 18th February, 2013 at 6.15pm** - 3KB, 4M, 4/5S & 5SR

**Thursday 21st February, 2013 at 5.30pm** – 2/3H, 3/4B, 5/6S & 6T

Kindergarten will have interviews later in the term once the Best Start assessments have been completed.

Mowing Roster

The parent mowing mornings have been a long held tradition at Mawarra. These mornings are an ideal way for parents who find it difficult to support the school during weekdays to offer some assistance. A note has gone home with this newsletter explaining the once-per-month event and asking for volunteers. Please consider joining in with this worthwhile activity once or more per year.

First P&C Meeting

The school’s P&C Association meets on the third Monday of each month. The first meeting of the year will therefore be held on Monday night 18th February, 2013 in the school’s staffroom, beginning at 7.30pm.

This will be the Annual General Meeting and both Gavin Brimble, our current P&C President and I would like to invite current members as well as any new members to come along. It is an ideal forum to become more informed about the operation of the school and a wonderful opportunity to show your support or offer opinions. Feel free to come along and be a part of it.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming events, including Parent/Teacher Nights, Annual Swimming Carnival, Captain Induction Assembly, P&C meeting, or just generally around the school.

Mr Paul Mallia
Principal

Student News

Kindergarten News

Congratulations to all kindergarten students and parents! Everyone is so proud and pleased with the excellent manner in which this years kindergarten students have settled. They have arrived every morning with huge smiles and an eagerness to start their brand new day. A separate note will be sent home regarding next weeks organisation for classes and arrivals in the morning. We are all very confident we will continue to have a happy exciting and productive year.

Mrs Steinweiss
On behalf of all kindergarten teachers
**Student Welfare**

*Mawarra Movers Positive Behaviour Learning:*


Following discussions with staff we are refining the way that the Mawarra Movers Positive Behaviour Program is run this year. This year the focus for behaviour and allocation of points is going to be done at a class level. This allows class teachers much greater flexibility in choosing the behaviours they need to target in line with the needs of their class as well as the Mawarra Movers principles.

Class teachers will also decide when and how often children are rewarded for following the Mawarra Movers principles.

We are, however, having a whole school approach concentrating on children remaining on level zero.

At the end of each term (rather than the end of the year) we are going to have a smaller celebration for those children who have remained on level zero or who have only had one notification slip, which did not lead to a detention, during that term. By having a small celebration each term we feel it is a much fairer way of acknowledging students who are following the four Mawarra Movers principles and acknowledging those children who show great improvement over the course of the year.

Class teachers will be discussing the program in detail with the students and reminders will be given at assemblies.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our Discipline Policy and the consequences of poor behavior. Please go over this with your child at home to help them understand the expectations for behaviour at Mawarra.

There is a slip at the end of this newsletter that we ask you to sign and return to school to acknowledge you have received a copy of our Discipline Policy.

*Mrs Dianne Cronshaw*

*Student Welfare Committee*

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**Library News**

**Library Borrowing 2013**

By the end of this week all children will have visited our library. Next week all children (K-4) with a library bag will have the opportunity to borrow. Yrs 5 & 6 do not need a library bag to borrow.

Here is a reminder of the classes borrowing day.

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Donations of clean plastic bags are appreciated.

Any parents able to cover new library books during the year could please pop into the library to see me or send me a note with your child.

*Please note that all Book Club money is to go the School Office.*

Mrs Dianne Cronshaw

Teacher/Librarian

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**School Uniforms**

The Uniform Shop has kicked off to a great start this year and we would like to thank all the parents that came in during the school holidays to purchase their child’s school uniform.

Just a reminder to all the parents that the Uniform Shop is run solely by volunteer parents who give up their valuable time to work in the shop and try their best to suit all the needs of students at Mawarra.

It has come to our attention that there are still outlets selling our uniforms for astronomical prices e.g., girls summer dress $54.00, our price $36.00. Remember all profits will be going back into our school.

**House T-Shirt orders for primary students need to be in by Monday 11th February 2013.**

The Uniform Shop also has school hats and socks back in stock.

For parents who cannot come into the Uniform Shop due to work, keep a LOOK OUT for online ordering in the future. Final touches are just being finalised.

**VOLUNTEERS – Please see note attached**

**PRE LOVED UNIFORMS** –

Quality preloved summer uniforms are available at very low prices at the school uniform shop.

The uniform shop also has a layby service. You just need to pay a 20% deposit and regular payments. No cash refunds will be given. Credit only and returns must accompany a receipt.

If you have any enquiries please call Brooke on 0411 957 716

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**Sport News**

Congratulations to the following students for being elected House Captain or Vice Captain for 2013.

**House Captains**

*Kirkham* - Rhiannon Walton, Lachlan Wood

*Denbigh* – Chelsea Kerr, Nathanael Miller

*Camelot* – Lauren Kenny, Nathan Cade

*Wivenhoe* – Jasmin Fernie, Jordan Forbes

**House Vice Captains**

*Kirkham* - Keziah Holderness, Brendan Ross

*Denbigh* – Alex Banno, Jason Ertl

*Camelot* – Lucy Mottram, Harley Leis

*Wivenhoe* – Adine Mackaway, Isla Wilson-West
Community News

AFL on Sundays
AFL is a fun, safe and inclusive sport for boys and girls aged between 5 and 12. The Camden Blues are located at Fairfax Reserve Harrington Park with the 2013 Junior AFL season running from March to September. To find out more information and to register please contact John Sorrenti 0412 586 167 or jsorrenti@bigpond.com

Camden Tigers Soccer Club
Would love to hear from girls/ladies in the following age groups under 12’s, under14’s, under 16’s, under18’s.
ALL AGE LADIES (give mum a nudge)
2013 SOCCER SEASON KICKS OFF IN APRIL
- REGISTER NOW!
Girls Coordinator: Jenny Rouland 0412 990 820
jennyrouland@bigpond.com

Minis, Small Sided Games Musters & All Girls and Ladies
Sunday, 17th February 2013
Important: all players are to wear shin guards and boots for trials and please bring a drink along.
Please be there 30mins before to registrar
Under 6s (any child who is 6 or 5 before 2013) – 8.30am
Under 7s (any child who is 7 in 2013) - 9.30am
Under 8s and Under 9s - 10.30am
Under 10s and Under 11s – 11.30am
All Girls Under 12 and up including Ladies -12.30pm
Any further updates or changes will be posted on the web site www.camdentigers.com.au

Camden RSL Netball Club
Looking for new players for 2013, from 6 years of age.
Fun –Net (6 & 7 yrs, basic skills on grass)
Netta (8 & 9 yrs, modified netball, played on grass)
Netball (10 yrs & up, played on hardcourt).
Registration days at Kirkham Park Netball courts (cnr of Camden Valley Way & Hilder St, Elderslie).
When: Saturday 9th & 16th February, 2013 from 9.00am to 2.00pm (including uniform fittings).
Email: camdenrslnetballclub@hotmail.com
Website: Camden RSL Netball Club

UNITING CARE MAWARRA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
CARE
Places are available for remainder of this year. Our qualified and experienced staff work to provide a quality educational program catering to the individual needs and interests of your child.

Please call our Coordinator for enrolment information on 0428 216 220. Fax: 02 4658 0223

HOURS OF CARE
Before School: Mon to Frid 6.30-9.00am
After School: Mon to Frid 2.30-6.30pm
Fee relief and places available.
Cost: $16.00 mornings, $22.00 afternoons

www.mawarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au mawarra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone (02) 4658 0990 Fax. (02) 4658 0223

Camden United Physie & Dance
Registration Day: 7th February, 2012 @ Elderslie High School
Preschool (4 & under) 4.00pm – 4.25pm
5-6yrs – 4.25pm – 5.15pm
7-8yrs – 4.25pm – 5.15pm
9-12yrs 5.15pm – 6.15pm
13 – 1st yr Senior – 6.15pm – 7.15pm
Seniors – 7.15pm – 8.15pm
Beginner Ladies 8.15pm – 9.15pm
Ladies 8.15pm – 9.15pm

For more information regarding fees etc. please call Joanne 0405 500 037 or Brooke 0416 720 784 email: www.camdenunitedphysie.com

Girl Guides
Laughter, learning, friendship and fun. Come along to find out what guiding is all about.
When: Wednesdays 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Where: Camden Guide Hall, Elizabeth St, Camden
Who: Girls 7-10yrs

For more information please contact Leslie Meiklejohn on 0417 407 799 or email leslie.meiklejohn@gmail.com

Webers Circus
With a touch of South America featuring salsa dancing, trapeze, miniature horses, clowns plus exciting new circus acts, lots of fun and laughter for all ages.

Show Times:
Fri 8/2/13 – 7.00pm
Sat 9/2/13 – 3.00pm & 7.00pm
Sun 10/2/13 – 11.00am & 3.00pm
Thur 14/2/13 – 7.00pm
Fri 15/2/13 – 7.00pm
Sat 16/2/13 - 3.00pm & 7.00pm
Sun 17/2/13 – 11.00 am only.

Tickets will be on sale 1 hour before each show. Cash sales only, no cheques or credit cards. All children pay ages 3-14 and to be accompanied by an adult. Online bookings: www.weberscircus.com
phone bookings: 0448 247 287 from 9.00am – 7.30pm.

Discipline Policy

Please sign the slip below to indicate your family has received a copy of the Mawarra School Discipline Policy. Return signed slips to your child’s teacher.

I have received a copy of the Mawarra Public School Discipline Policy and understand the consequences for children who misbehave.

Signed __________________________ Date ___________
Parent/Guardian