School News

Principal’s Message

This is the final newsletter for term one. It has certainly been a very long, busy, yet fruitful term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of staff for their outstanding efforts, not only in teaching the various classes but also in undertaking those optional extra activities that make Mawarra a special school. My thanks also to our wonderful office staff that make the school run so efficiently and who treat all children as being special. Our parent helpers and general assistant also deserve recognition for their efforts in maintaining our school to the high standard that exists.

The children should be congratulated on their efforts in all areas during the term. From students who have achieved outstanding results in class, to sports representatives, band and choir members, the student council and our silver and gold award recipients.

During the holidays I would ask parents to be vigilant whenever driving or walking past the school. If any suspicious activity is noticed please ring:-

Security Unit 1300 880021
Camden Police 4632 4499

On behalf of all the staff, have an enjoyable vacation period. I look forward to seeing everyone in term 2.

School Uniforms

When students return next term children can wear either FULL SUMMER or FULL WINTER uniforms, dependent upon weather conditions. This is considered a transition period before we move into full winter uniform including ties. Black leather shoes should be worn all year round.

A change over date will be confirmed in one of the early newsletters in term 2.

Keep in mind that the school uniform pool has good quality, pre-loved uniform items at a reasonable cost. The Mawarra community is justifiably proud of our standard of uniform. Your assistance in supporting the school’s stance on the wearing of uniforms is appreciated.

ANZAC Service

Mawarra Public School is traditionally represented in the Camden Anzac Day March and service, this year to be held at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park Memorial, Cawdor Road, Camden. All children are invited to participate in this event. We would especially like the School Captains and Councillors to attend if possible. Mr Scott will be attending this event and will organise the children. In the event of inclement weather, the march will still proceed, so please wear appropriate clothing.

Organisation

Interested children should meet Mr Scott on Anzac Day, Thursday 25th April, 2013. Marchers are asked to assemble in Elizabeth Street between Mitchell and Elizabeth Streets near Olives Restaurant, from 10.00am with the march to commence at 10.30am. This year the march finishes at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park Memorial, (opposite the Camden RSL Club Limited). Children need to wear full Mawarra Summer uniforms if marching with the school.

Seating is provided for the children, however it is limited. Children may wish to bring a plastic bag in case they need to sit on the grass. We look forward to a representative contingent from Mawarra to participate in this important local event.

K-6 Assembly

A reminder that the next K-6 assembly will be held next Tuesday, 9th April, 2013 in the school hall from 12.00 noon. All parents are welcome to attend.

Jollybops Science Show

This show has been designed to cover units of work being undertaken in classes this term and therefore it is important that all children attend. I would remind parents that payment for this show is due by Monday 8th April, 2013. At this point in time, over 150 children have not yet paid. The performance is next Wednesday, 10th April, 2013 in the school hall.

NAPLAN

In May, the NAPLAN tests will be completed by all students in years 3, 5 & 7. The tests this year will be conducted on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May, 2013. I will send home further information closer to the test dates next term.

Rotary Awards

The staff would like to congratulate Mrs Reeves and Mr Smith on the award of “Pride in Workmanship” bestowed by Camden Rotary in recognition of their significant contributions to the school and community over a number of years. Mrs Reeves has nurtured our school band for 26 years. During this time she has instilled a love of music to an entire generation of talented musicians. Mr Cec Smith has been the friendly face of Mawarra for the past 15 years as school crossing supervisor. He has helped thousands of children and parents safely across Macarthur Road in all weather conditions and always with a friendly smile and a wave to passing motorists. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating these two members of staff for the pride they take in their workmanship. They will be presented with their awards next Thursday evening at a formal dinner in Camden.

Help Teachers by Making an Appointment

Each morning, teachers leave the assembly keen to begin their class routines for the day. A settled movement to their room aids in children being ready to start their work for the morning. It makes it difficult when parents try to see teachers on morning lines, as they are walking back to their rooms or when they are in the rooms teaching. Teachers are always more than willing to talk with parents at a time that is appropriate. Making an appointment will allow longer more productive discussions without interrupting the morning routine or teaching time. Thank you for your consideration.

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Walkers Lines.
It has come to my attention that several children are leaving the school via the Macarthur Road exit in the afternoon without lining up in the “walker’s” line. This is an unsafe practice and contravenes school rules. Children who use this exit must line up and be escorted to the front gate by the Principal unless they are under the direct supervision of their parents. Appropriate penalties will be given to children found breaking this important safety rule. Please discuss this with your child so there can be no misunderstanding.

Staff Development Days.
The first two days of next term are staff development days and are pupil free. Teachers will be looking at the new English curriculum and participating in Focus on Reading workshops. Children return to school on Wednesday, 1st May.

Easter Raffle
Our Easter Raffle was once again a huge success thanks to the support of the wonderful school community. I’m happy to report that we raised over $1,000 for our kids. A special thank you goes out to all the generous helpers: Michele La Hay, Chantelle McLean, Melissa Taylor, Marcelle Brimble, Jo Wheeler, Kristine Reed, Deanne Garde, Desliegh Holman, Melanie Whitelaw, Leesa Howlett, Tammy Dooner, Kerrie Wright, Deb Mills, Brooke Troy and the wonderful ladies in the office.

Mother’s Day Stall
Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 9th May, 2013. We will be having items priced at $1.50, $3.00, $5.00 and $7.00. We will also have a Mother’s Day Raffle. A note will be going home shortly with full details.

Good Guys Campbelltown “School Dollars” fundraising
Our school has for a long time participated in The Good Guys, Campbelltown School Fundraising Program. This has been designed to give local schools a fundraising opportunity when parents purchase electrical goods. When a member of the Mawarra School Community makes a purchase of $25.00 or more at Dick Quinn, The Good Guys, Campbelltown, our school will be duly rewarded. Each $25.00 spent will receive a $1.00 fundraising reward. Therefore, a $50.00 purchase will earn $40.00 in fundraising rewards. When you receive your reward dollars they can be dropped off at the office. Once reward dollars have been earned the school is able to purchase resources through the Good Guys. We have purchased a fridge, television and iPod from the program over the past year or so, and are almost ready to spend our school dollars again.

Please remember to ask for your reward vouchers at the Good Guys and make sure that you have it validated with school name,ocket number and date of purchase.

Impetigo (School Sores)
There has been a reported case of impetigo in the school. The symptoms of impetigo are small red spots that change to infected blisters, usually on the face, hands or scalp. Children must be kept at home until treatment (antibiotics) commence. Upon return to school, sores must be covered with a waterproof dressing.

Mr. Frank Scott. (Relieving Principal)

Student News

Harmony Day
On Thursday, 21st March, Mawarra celebrated Harmony Day. We had cupcakes for sale, a raffle and all the students created murals of their handprints onto boards which will be displayed around the school. In addition, the students played games organised by Mrs Harloff. Altogether, we raised $722 of which $400 will go to ‘Kids of Macarthur’ while the remainder will be used to create an azalea garden. Congratulations Year 6 for a job well done.
Kristina Took

Student Banking Trading Day
Token trading day will be Tuesday 9th April, 2013. This will take place just outside the canteen area. Any new students wishing to bank, need to apply at any Commonwealth Bank for a Dollarmite account. Just a reminder that banking day is every Wednesday.

Playground Happenings
As part of our Mawarra Mover’s initiative, children have been invited to attend ‘Playground Happenings’, during the second part of lunch break on Mondays and Tuesdays. This provides opportunities for the children to learn new games, meet and mix with other students, use appropriate social skills and just have fun. The ‘Happening’ and venue is announced each Monday morning. Over the past two weeks we have enjoyed bubble blowing. The children have worked well together twisting wands made from pipe cleaners and even using their hands to blow bubbles. Many new friendships have been formed and I have enjoyed watching the children’s smiles and laughter.

Mawarra Movers Celebration
Next Friday will be our end of Term 1 celebration for Mawarra Movers. All children who have remained on Level 0 or have had only one notification slip this term will be able to participate. Please note this day is not a mufti day.

Student Welfare
Mawarra Movers Positive Behaviour Learning:
In line with our review of the Mawarra Movers program, each class has their own focus for the behavior they are trying to improve with the children. Please discuss with your child what the focus is in their classroom and reinforce this behavior at home.

Mrs Dianne Cronshaw
Student Welfare Committee

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Silver/Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their Silver and Gold awards at the next assembly which will be held on Tuesday 9th April, 2013 at 12:00pm.

15/3/13

**SILVER**

Livinia Whitelaw  K/1F
Cameron Mackaway  1M
Harrison Auchterlonie  1/2H
Jacob Reid  1/2H
Cooper West  2/3H
Brody Mc Hugh  2W
Indiana Glancey  3KB
Ruby Greenland  3KB
Tarryn Troy  3/4B
Cooper Auchterlonie  5SR
Brandon Savage  5SR
Cassie Mc Murdo  5/6S
Emily Harris  6T

15/3/13

**GOLD**

Tarryn Troy  3/4B
Jackson Ruiters  3/4B
Emily Giles  3/4B
Matthew Greene  4/5S

22/3/13

**SILVER**

Elliana Dickerson  1M
Faith Treble  K/1F
Nakeisha Brimble  3KB
Nicholas Zelesco  4/5S
Claudia Geiger  5SR
Sarah Howlett  5SR
Lucy Mottram  6T

22/3/13

**GOLD**

Nakeisha Brimble  3/KB

5/4/13

**SILVER**

Abbey Reed  K/1F
Jake Jacotine  1M
Charly Martin-Duff  1M
Henry Rouland  2W
Brody McHugh  2W
Ethan Roberts  2/3H
Riley Crick  3KB
Molly Skinner  3/4B
Leah Maglis  3/4B
Jordan Martin-Duff  4M
Sophie Fauvarque  5SR
Lachlan Roberts  5/6S
Chenoa Brimble  5/6S
Makenzie Hayes  5/6S
Tess Tyquin  5/6S
Chelsea Kerr  6T

5/4/13

**GOLD**

Lucy Wood  4/5S
Ivy Maglis  6T

Library News

**Borrowing**

There is no borrowing, except for lexile books, in the last week of the term. Please ensure your child returns any library books they have at home before the school holidays. Thank You

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Registration is now open for the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013. Students in Kindy – Year 2 will participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge with their class teacher. Students in years 3 – 6 must go online to register and log in the books they have read. Go to: [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

Students use their school username and password to log into the site and enter the details of the books they have read. Premier’s Reading Challenge books are kept in special containers in the library making it easier for children to find and borrow these books.

Mrs Dianne Cronshaw
Teacher / Librarian

Sport News

**Cross Country**

Our Cross Country carnival will be held on Friday 5th April, 2013 in the school’s grounds. Parents are welcome to attend. Events will be run in the following order.

11:15am  11 year boys  1:40pm  10 year boys
11 year girls  10 year girls
12/13 year boys  9 years & under boys
12/13 year girls  9 years & under girls

Narelle Scott
Sports Organiser

Community News

**REMEMBER – CODY TROY’S BENEFIT NIGHT**

5th April, 2013
$50.00 Per Person – 2 Course Meal
Tickets need to be purchased by 29th March 2013.
Contact Brooke Troy 0411957716

CAMDEN UNITED PHYSIE & DANCE

For Girls and Ladies of all ages.

**Tuesday nights in 2013 at Mawarra Public School**

6:45  9-12 years
7:30 All ages Stretch & Strength
8:15 Ladies (18 and up)

**Thursday nights at Elderslie High School**

4:00 – 4:25 Preschool
4:25 – 5:15 5-8 Years
5:15 – 6:15 9-12 Years
6:15 – 7:15 13 Years- 1st Yr Seniors
7:15 – 8:15 Seniors
8:15 – 9:15 Beginner Ladies
8:15 – 9:15 Ladies
$70 Registration ($20 Preschool)
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Preschool S3/class
5-8 years $4/class
9-Ladies $6/class
[www.camdenunitedphysie.com](http://www.camdenunitedphysie.com)

Call Brooke 0416720784 or Joanne 0405500037
AFTER SCHOOL CARER/NANNY REQUIRED
Are you interested in, or know of someone who might be available for 3 days a week for after school care in home? Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday required from 3pm. School pick up until 6pm. Please contact Alison on 0431620146 if you are interested.

WOMEN’S, MEN’S, CHILDREN AND BABIES
New and Used Closet Item sales!
If you can wear it, we are selling it!
Sizes small to plus sizes!
Saturday, 25th May 2013
9am – 2pm
Camden AH&I Society Hall
191 Argyle St, Camden
Supporting the
KIDS OF MACARTHUR
Visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/theclosetsale
Or email us at theclosetsalestalls@gmail.com

TAKING NEW STALLHOLDERS NOW!
Women’s, Men’s, Children and Babies
New and Used Fashion Market!
Want to clean out your closet? Do you have your own Label?
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Join us as a stallholder on
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HEALTH FOUNDATION

BRAND NEW DAY
Brand New Day is a wonderful service available to women in the Macarthur area. Its website offers an information portal and links to community groups and organisations in and around our area. It covers topics such as Parenting, Healthy Lifestyles, Children’s needs, Bullying, Cancer and much, much more.
Visit the site on www.brandnewday.org.au and see what it has to offer you.

HOCKEY CLINIC
At: Macarthur Hockey Complex, Millwood Ave, Narellan.
For: All Beginners and new players.
Dates: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd April, 2013: 10am – 2pm
Wednesday 24th April, 2013: 9am – 1pm
Cost: $7.50 per day or $21.00 for 3 days for one child.
$5.00 per day or $15.00 for 3 days for subsequent children in the family. Lunch and Morning Tea provided.
Contact: Neidra Hill – 46461495

MACARTHUR PAEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
THE “WRITE ON” CLUB
A handwriting group therapy program run by OT’s for children difficulties in handwriting.
• Fine motor skills.
• Hand strength.
• Unusual or weak grip.
• Posture.
• Fluency.
• Working in a small group.
Each group will involve assessment and 3x1 hour sessions during week 1 of the holidays using fun, sensory-motor activities on 16th, 17th and 18th April, 2013.
WHERE: Macarthur Paediatric Occupational Therapy, 138 Thunderbolt Drive, Raby.

COST: Screening assessment $110.00 and $65.00 for each one hour day session. Claimable on most health funds or from Medicare by GP Referral on Allied Health Enhanced Primary Care Plan.
Phone: Pauline Nicholls, Narelle Hypatidis or Amelia Grady for further details and bookings. (02) 98248945.

CAMDEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
Kids Club – April School Holidays.
School children aged 5-12 years, come along and get active.
Self Defence Workshop on Wednesday 17th April, 2013 presented by Personal Defence Studios at Harrington Park Community Centre, 10:00am – 12:00pm.
Athletics Workshop on Wednesday 24th April, 2013 presented by NSW Little Athletics at Onslow Oval, Cawdor Road, Camden, 10am – 12:00pm.
To book phone: 46471283 or Fax: 46473496.
Email: INFO@CAMDENCONNECTIONS.ORG.AU
Office 1, Narellan Library complex, cnr Queen and Elyard Streets, Narellan.

UNITING CARE MAWARRA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OOSH)
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.
Providing we have adequate numbers, vacation care is around the corner. Please let us know asap.
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

LOST AND FOUND
These items were handed into the school office; keys and a wallet.

Upcoming Events

Friday 5/4/13
* Cross Country Years 2-6
* Year 3 Sleepover in Hall

Tuesday 9/4/13
*Combined Scripture
*K-6 Assembly 12:00pm
*Banking Trading Day

Wednesday 10/4/13
*jollybops Science Show

Friday 12/4/13
*Last day of term

Monday 29/4/13
*Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30/4/13
*Staff Development Day

Wednesday 1/5/13
*Students return to school

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