School News

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4 of the school year. It already looks like it is going to be a busy term, as Term 4 usually is. The term calendar will go home this week to help you plan the next 10 weeks. We will also welcome many new families to Mawarra over the next few weeks with our Kindergarten intake for 2014, who will attend their orientation and transition sessions. I am sure you will make them feel welcome.

Congratulations Public Speakers and Debaters

Congratulations to our public speakers who during the course of this week have or will participate in the school finals. Much organisation and practice goes into progressing through to this level. Also, congratulations to our debating team who will compete in the area semi-final this week. We will look forward to some positive public speaking and debating results and stories in our next newsletter.

Bus Shelter

As you would have probably seen, our bus shelter is well underway. This has been a very long-term project originally brought about by our P&C many years ago. The shelter has been constructed by Ingleburn and Campbelltown TAFE apprentices and funded by our P&C. Much of the behind the scenes work and organisation has been done by one of our parents, Rick Bell, who has liaised with the TAFE and managed the project. Many thanks need to go to Mr Bell, who has been extremely persistent in seeing the project through to completion. I am sure it will be a part of the Mawarra landscape for many, many years.

Fence

This week we are finally having the last of our security fencing installed, which will make the school secure. During the holidays, we did have some minor vandalism and it is hoped that by having the fence around the entire perimeter, we will be more protected from attacks like this in the future. I must say that the back fence looks so much better than the old falling-down broken paling fence. The school and P&C have jointly funded the building of the fence.

Thank you to the many families who have contributed to the fundraising efforts of the P&C.

Mural

Yet another improvement to the school environment is the mural that is currently underway to brighten up the under-cover area near the Kindergarten rooms. This has been designed by Mrs Rampe, who has now also invested many hours of painting to transform this dull area into an area the children will find much more inspiring. Many thanks to our talented artist, Mrs Rampe. It complements the painting done at the working bee so well!!

Online Payment System

In a new trial for Mawarra, it will soon be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments will be able to be made within the next few weeks, once the software has been trialled, using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page will be accessed from the front page of the schools website. This should make paying for school events much more convenient for parents, and after the success of our online school interview bookings this year, we are looking forward to its introduction. We will keep you informed of the progress of this trial.

Mr P. Mallia
Principal

Relay for Life

On the first Saturday of the holidays, I had the privilege of being involved in the Relay for Life with a fantastic group of Mawarra mums. We had a great time while we walked for this very worthy cause. It was well organised under the leadership of Nicole Perriman. We raised well over $2500 and we hope to do it again next year with a bigger team. Thanks girls. It was great walking with you.

Mrs K. Took
Kindergarten Orientation

We are looking forward to meeting the children and parents of Kindergarten students for 2014. The meeting will take place in the hall at 9.15am on Wednesday 16th October, 2013. Parents please come to the COLA area outside our hall, collect your child’s package, go with them to visit the kindergarten rooms and then join us in the hall for your information session. Morning tea will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mrs V. Steinweiss
Assistant Principal

Student News

Mawarra Movers
Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Learner
All children have begun this term on level zero. We will be reinforcing the Mawarra Movers principals with the children this term and hope to see as many children as possible at our final celebration towards the end of the term. Please keep reinforcing our school expectations with your children at home.

Student Welfare Committee

Library News

Coming soon – a second hand book sale! Look out for more information on a separate note next week.

Mrs D. Cronshaw
Teacher / Librarian

Sport News

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Congratulations to the following students who recently represented Mawarra at the Sydney South West athletics carnival. Here are their wonderful results.

Nakeisha Brimble - 1st 9 years 100m, 2nd Junior long jump, 3rd Junior 200m
Lachlan Roberts - 2nd Senior discus
Lucy Wood - 2nd Junior high jump
Ethan Roberts - 4th 9 years 100m
Sarah Howlett - 11th Junior shot put
Junior girls relay team - 3rd (consisting of Nakeisha Brimble, Emily Buttifant, Amelia Wood, Lucy Wood)

Nakeisha, Lachlan, Lucy & the junior girls relay team will now represent our school at the NSW championships. The whole Mawarra community would like to wish all of these students the best of luck at these championships.

K-2 Sports Fun Day

Tomorrow, 11th October, 2013 is K-2 Sports Fun Day. All classes in the infants, including the year two students in 2/3H class, will be involved. Children should wear sports uniform, and where possible their house coloured T-shirt. The program for the morning includes:

9.20 – 10.50am Age and novelty events
10.55am Picnic Recess
11.30am – 12noon Dance presentation

We hope many of you can join us for this fun filled morning

P&C Mowing Roster

Thank you to Phil Critcher, Daniel Check, Greg Mottram, Terry Lillie, Tony Tyquin & Dennis Eagles (Coordinator), for their wonderful effort on Saturday 28th September, 2013.

Community News

Upcoming Events

Friday 11/10/13
*K-2 Sports Day
Wednesday 16/10/13
*Kinder Orientation @ 9.15am
Monday 21/10/13
*P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 23/10/13
*Public Speaking Area Final (Stage 2/3)
Thursday 24/10/13
*Grandparents Day 10.15am
*Newsletter Day
Friday 25/10/13
*Public Speaking Area Final (Kinder/Stage 1)
Monday 28/10/13 – Friday 1/11/13
*Year 5 Broken Bay Camp