School News

Principal’s Message
Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that everyone had a wonderful, well-deserved break. This term is a shorter nine-week term. The term calendar will be printed and sent home early next week, once a few additional dates have been finalised.

It feels good to be back after my additional couple of weeks of long service leave. Thanks to Mr Scott for relieving in the position of Principal in my absence, and to Mrs Napoleone who relieved as Assistant Principal in that time.

Uniforms
At the beginning of second term it is time for students to transition to wearing winter uniform. It is a time of year where weather is quite changeable, and during these next few weeks, we encourage you to choose the most appropriate uniform for the weather of the day. By Week 3 we hope the weather will cool down to allow full transition to winter uniforms. It might be time to check winter uniforms and plan a possible visit to the uniform shop.

ANZAC March
Thank you to the many families who supported our school in the ANZAC March last Thursday. It was excellent that such a healthy number of students from Mawarra commemorated this important occasion on the Australian calendar. With support like this we will keep the ANZAC spirit alive.

Opportunity Class Applications
Notes went home yesterday to Year 4 students, who will be able to apply to complete the Opportunity Class placement tests for Gifted and Talented Students to gain a possible placement in a local opportunity class for Year 5 in 2014. If you have any questions regarding this process, feel free to contact me soon, as applications need to be completed over the next two weeks.

NAPLAN - Week 3
During Week 3, students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN tests, along with every other primary school in Australia.

- The Language Conventions and Writing Tests will be completed on Tuesday 14th May, 2013
- Reading will be done on Wednesday 15th May, 2013
- Numeracy will be on Thursday 16th May, 2013

Students who are absent on one of these days will complete the test/s on Friday 17th May, 2013 which has been set down as a ‘make-up day’. Absences during this week should be kept to a minimum where possible.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. We will have completed

preparation at school and made all attempts to make students comfortable with the process, but if your child is anxious about completing the tests, reassure them that it is only one measure to see how they are progressing and that they should just try to do their best.

Food Allergies and Intolerances
We have a number of students in our school who have allergies and intolerances to certain foods. Some of these allergies and intolerances are quite severe and can pose health risks to those students if exposed. Teachers consistently remind children not to share their food with others, because of this and other reasons. We ask that you also support this message at home to show how important it is to not give friends food, even though it seems like a friendly thing to do. I hope you can help us with this sometimes difficult situation.

Mr Paul Mallia
Principal

Year 4 Camp
Just a reminder for Year 4 parents the camp is on 4th – 6th December, 2013 and will cost $250. To help you budget for this, payments can be made at the school office at any time.

Mrs D. Cronshaw
Stage 2 Supervisor

Autism: Help for Picky eaters!
There is a very valuable flyer regarding a presentation ‘Autism: Help for picky eaters’ available at the office at school, if you are interested. It is being held at Campbelltown on Wednesday 5th June, 2013.

Student News

Club Zero
Congratulations to all the children who went to the Club Zero disco at the end of last term. It was great to see so many students there. Every child starts each term on Level 0. Please talk about this with your child and encourage them to remain on Level 0 for the term.

Sport News

Razorback Trials
Congratulations to the following children who have represented Mawarra at Razorback trials in a variety of sports.

Hockey - Brandon Cull, Brendan Ross, Sally Price, Kayla France, Abbey Reid, Tarryn Troy.
Touch Football - Chelsea Kerr
Soccer - Alex Banno, Lauren Kenny

The following children were successful in gaining selection in Razorback teams.

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Sydney South West Selection
A big congratulations to Lachlan Roberts who was chosen in the Sydney South West AFL team. Lachlan will now compete in the Riverina later this term.

Gala Days - dates
Week 3 Friday 17th May, week 6 Friday 7th June & week 9 Friday 28th June, 2013.
Children are currently trialling in the following sports; netball, hockey & soccer.  

Library News

Borrowing
Borrowing has begun again for this term. Children K – 4 need a library bag to borrow and all outstanding loans must be returned before children can borrow this term. 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

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.

If your child has completed the challenge please fill in the validation slip at the end of this newsletter and I will go online and register them as finished.

Book Club
The next issue for book club went home yesterday. If you would like to purchase anything please send the order form and money to the office. The last day orders and payment can be accepted is Friday 17th May, 2013.

NSW Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Monique Munro for her selection in the squad to attend the NSW Swimming Carnival. All Mawarra families are proud of your effort and achievements.

Premiers Reading Challenge Validation Slip
I certify that my child_________________________of class________________________ of class________________________ has completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013 and has abided by the set rules and conditions.

Signed________________________ Date________________
Parent/Guardian