School News

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

What another wonderful community event last Thursday when Mawarra students, staff, parents and friends all came together for Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea to support The Cancer Council. The donations of gold coins, the voting in the cupcake competition and the raffle enabled Mawarra to make a donation of over $2,200 to this very important cause. Thank you to everyone who helped out or participated, and an extra big thank you to Mrs Morley, who once again organised the day.

The standard of cupcakes in this year’s competition was amazing but our overall winner was Indiananna Lee from 1K who turned her cupcakes into mini McDonalds burgers and fries.

Well done Indiananna

Parent Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Monday 24th June & Wednesday 26th June, 2013.

All classes except 5/6S and 6T will be held on Monday 24th June & 6S and 6T will be held on Wednesday 26th June, 2013.

A note accompanies this newsletter explaining our move to a simpler online booking system this year.

If you have no internet access at home, interviews can still be booked by visiting the school office or calling the office in school hours. Bookings are taken on a first in basis, so make your booking as soon as possible. Bookings will close Friday 21st June, 2013.

Morning and Afternoon Parking

Once again a valuable reminder that both Council Rangers and the local Police will be monitoring parking around the school, following concern from Camden Council. The monitoring will occur during morning and afternoon periods. They will be targeting illegal or inappropriate parking and speeding in school zones. Fines for these offences can be quite costly. A reminder too that the staff car park is not meant as a place for parents to drop-off and pick-up students.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion ends on 9th June, 2013 so if you have any stickers left at home, please send these in to school as soon as possible. Mawarra has been fortunate in the last couple of years to have been able to earn lots of sporting and art equipment with this promotion. Thanks to Mrs Scott for organising this valuable fundraiser for our school.

Foot and Mouth Disease

A confirmed case of Foot and Mouth Disease has been diagnosed within the school. This is a mild illness accompanied by blisters or ulcers, caused by viruses. It is not serious and has nothing to do with the animal disease that is called foot and mouth disease. Students with symptoms should not attend school until better or advised by their doctor. More information on symptoms and treatment is available at: www.health.nsw.gov.au

Trivia Night

Our P&C’s Trivia Night is almost upon us so if you haven’t yet booked your ticket, contact the office or the organisers as soon as possible. At our Multi Day last week, students were asked to wear a fancy/outrageous accessory. I will finish my piece today by thanking everyone for getting into the spirit of the day and congratulating the following children who won their class award for the day:


Mr P Mallia
Principal

Multilit Training Session and Demonstration Lesson

This will be held for all Multilit helpers on Friday 14th June, 2013 at 9.00am in the School Library. On the morning we will be revisiting the specific instructions of the program. When looking at the workbooks, not all components are being completed in their entirety. We would encourage everyone to come along to ensure we are implementing the program effectively. Thank you.

Michelle Drieman & Sue Trenfield

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

A huge thank you to everyone for your wonderful generous support of this function last Thursday. Our grand total of funds raised was $2,246.85. Congratulations to the 77 children who participated in the cupcake competition. The overall winner on the day was Indiananna Lee from 1K. Thank you also to those families who donated goods to be consumed for morning tea. Goods not used were donated to a local charity group to be used in the community. Thanks again.

Mrs Judy Morley
Organiser

Lost Property

Lost property is kept in a basket in the library. We now have many jackets and jumpers in the basket – most are unlabelled. If your child has lost any clothing please get them to check the basket in the library.

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Staff Parking Only
The staff parking area is for STAFF ONLY during the hours of 8.00 am – 4.00 pm.
In recent times a number of parents have ignored the sign at the front of the school.
For safety reasons we ask parents to support this request.
No cars are to be parked in loading zone at any time.

Student News

Years 1 & 2 Excursion
Last Tuesday years 1 and 2 had a wonderful day. They experienced first-hand, the many animals, plants and environments they are discussing in class this term. Generally their behavior was excellent. We would like to thank the many parent helpers who assisted on the day. Your help was greatly appreciated by all.

Mrs V. Steinweiss on behalf of Year 1 & 2

Stage 2 Excursion
Yesterday students from Stage 2 went to The Rocks and NSW State Library. We had a wonderful day looking at the history of early settlement in Australia. The children are to be commended for their excellent behavior. I would also like to thank the parent helpers who went with us, we couldn’t go on such big excursions without your help.

Mrs Cronshaw and Stage 2 teachers

Public Speaking and Debating
Last Wednesday Mawarra had the school final of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking. In the Year 3/4 section the finalists were Madeleine McPherson, Amelia Wood, Nakeisha Brimble, Ally Block, Holly Uljanic, Chelsea Perriman, Molly Skinner, Charlie Redman, Tayla Dale and Libby Clapson. The Year 5/6 section finals were Alyssa Heyward, Makenzie Skinner, Oliver Macdonald, Cassie McMurdo, Chenoa Brimble, Jamie Warwick, Sally Price, Lauren Kenny, Adena Toribio, Keely Morris, Shaeleigh McLeod, Sarah Howlett and Lachlan Taylor.

All the students in this competition spoke very well on their topics which must have a multicultural theme. They then had to prepare an impromptu speech on a general topic and speak for 1 minute or 2 minutes respectively. The adjudicator awarded a Highly Commended to Amelia Wood in the junior section and Oliver Macdonald and Lachlan Taylor in the senior section. Finally our winners which will represent Mawarra at the Area final are Madeleine McPherson and Molly Skinner, Sally Price and Cassie McMurdo. Special thanks to Tess Tyquin for being the chairperson, Lucy Mottram and Tayla Churchin for timekeeping and Minje Berry and Keziah Holderness who helped with the impromptus.

The last two Mondays the two Mawarra debating teams faced some tough competition in their first two rounds.

The first debate was Mawarra Magpies (Tess Tyquin, Sarah Howlett, Jason Ertl and Makenzie Skinner) against Mawarra Bluetongues (Cassie McMurdo, Lachlan Taylor, Oliver Macdonald and Chenoa Brimble). The topic was: “That school children should have fewer holidays”. The Magpies were the affirmative and the Bluetongues were the negative. The Bluetongues won this debate. In the second round the Bluetongues (Cassie McMurdo, Chenoa Brimble, Lachlan Taylor and Marcus Battistuzzi) debated against Camden PS.

The topic was: “That children should be banned from watching music videos”. We were the affirmative but we lost this debate. The Magpies (Alyssa Heyward, Makenzie Skinner, Tess Tyquin and Jason Ertl) competed against The Oaks. The topic was: “That children should not be allowed to have smartphones and tablets”. We were the negative and we won this debate.

Thank you to Sarah Howlett and Libbi Kynaston who chaired and Lucy Mottram and Adena Toribio for timekeeping.

Mawarra Movers
For the next 3 weeks our school focus will be in the playground. We are looking for children who are being safe by playing in the correct areas, being a learner by learning the rules of the game and playing fairly, being respectful by using polite language with everyone and being responsible by returning all equipment at the right time. Please discuss these with your children so will be a great Mawarra Mover.

Mrs K. Took
Organiser

Library News
Premier’s Reading Challenge
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. Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes later in Term 3. Please ensure all books your child/children have read have been entered and the validation slip is filled in and sent to me so I can process their records before the closing date.

Mrs D. Cronshaw
Teacher / Librarian

P&C News
P&C Mowing Roster
Thank you to John Whatmough, Phil Critcher, Greg Burton, Daniel Cheek & Dennis Eagles (Coordinator), for their wonderful effort on Saturday 1/6/13.

Community News
Thank you
A big thank you to Greg’s Cuts Tree Lopping Service for donating 2 free loads of mulch.

Fastlane Karting (Campbelltown)
Junior mid-week fun party available for children from 8-12 yrs only. $35 per person (min. 6 people, Tues-Thurs). This is the best value go karting deal around. Exclusive track time, book Tuesdays to Thursday and be rewarded.
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Choir of Children from Africa
Watoto presents beautiful Africa a new generation choir, performing at Camden Civic Centre on Saturday 22nd June, 2013 at 6pm, admission free.

Hosting Exchange Students
STS Student Exchange is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation, with over 50 years of experience and a global network of 22 offices. Our organisation is registered with the Department of Education in your State and a funding member of CASEO (Council of Australian Student Exchange Organisations).

STS has placed many students from all around the world with Australian host families over the last 25 years. We have a number of exchange students who are arriving in July 2013 and are very keen to become part of an Australian family. From experience the “best” families have come from a request in the school newsletter. If you are interested in hosting, more information is available from the school office.

UNTING 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 Friday 6.30-9.00am
After School: Mon to Friday 2.30-6.30pm
Fee relief and places available.
Cost: $16.00 mornings, $22.00 afternoons

Singing
Singing teacher offering private lessons in local area, first lesson is free. For more information please contact Anneliese Drieman on 0433 903 773.

Infinity Health Outdoor Fitness
Come and get fit so you can keep up with your children.
Tuesday & Thursday - 5.30-6.30pm @ Elizabeth Park, Waterworth Drive, Narellan Vale.
Saturday – 7.30-8.30am @ Birriwa Reserve Netball Courts, Fitzpatrick Rd, Mt Annan. All sessions $12.00.
Please contact Alison Holderness on 0409 325 663 or Alison.holderness@bigpond.com

Spare Clothing
The office is in need of girls underpants to have when little accidents happen. If you would like to donate some please bring to the office.

Premiers Reading Challenge Validation Slip
I certify that my child_________________________of class_______.Has completed the Premiers’s Reading Challenge 2013 and has abided by the set rules and conditions.
Signed____________________________ Date__________
Parent/Guardian

Upcoming Events

Friday 7/6/13
* Gala Day
Monday 10/6/13
* Public Holiday
Tuesday 11/6/13
* Kindergarten Camden Park excursion
Thursday 13/6/13
* Regional Cross Country
Friday 14/6/13
* Parent/Volunteer Multilit training session 9.00am in library
Monday 17/6/13
* P&C meeting @ 7.30pm
Tuesday 18/6/13 – Friday 21/6/13
* Year 6 Canberra/Snowy excursion
Tuesday 25/6/13
* K-6 Assembly 12 noon

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