School News

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

In the last newsletter I gave early notice of a date for a school working bee to be held on Sunday 15th September, 2013. Accompanying this newsletter is the note from P&C explaining more about the day. I urge you to respond by phone or by using the RSVP on the last page of this newsletter to offer any amount of assistance on that day. Our P&C have also organised a great Fathers Day stall for students next week. Thank you to the parents who have already offered to help out with wrapping and selling.

Volunteers Signing In

We have many parents and friends who volunteer on behalf of the school or the P&C. It is most important that we have an accurate record of who is on the site at any time. As you arrive, a sign in book is located in the foyer, and another in the uniform shop where volunteers are required to sign in. These records need to be maintained for safety, legal and insurance purposes.

Sports Uniform Shoes

Monday to Thursday, our students do a wonderful job of wearing their uniform with black shoes. On Friday, our uniform policy describes our sports shoes as “predominantly white”. A lengthy discussion was held regarding this wording at this week’s P&C meeting.

We understand that it is becoming more and more difficult to purchase plain white sports shoes, but hope that when you are shoe shopping, you are able to find suitable shoes for your child that are not an obvious fashion statement with really bright, or fluoro colours and laces.

It is about that common-sense balance of choosing suitable shoes for your child’s needs, but still trying to uphold the uniform standard as much as possible.

Uniforms have always been an attempt by schools to stop children ‘do’ each other with fashion accessories. Your assistance in this approach would be greatly appreciated.

On Time, In Uniform Morning Draw

Our “On Time, In Uniform” morning draw is having a noticeable impact on both morning arrival time and the number of students in their full school uniform. The beginning of the day is prime learning time and being at school on time makes most use of this time. The number of students having to collect late passes from the school is declining and this is good to see.

Kinder Enrolments for 2014

We are now finalising our Kindergarten enrolments for next year. If you, a family member or neighbour who have students beginning school next year, and have not yet handed in an enrolment form, they need to be handed in at the school office as soon as possible. Finalising these forms will allow us to better plan for next year as well as for the Kindergarten orientation program.

Student News

Sydney South West Orienteering Championships

On Wednesday 17th July, 2013 a team of 58 students entered the Sydney South West Orienteering Championships. The Orienteering Championships were held at Camden Rodeo Centre. The students participated in three different sessions. A training session, where students were taught specific orienteering skills. They then entered individual age events and a three person team relay event. All the children were exceptionally well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed

Camden RELAY FOR LIFE 2013

As previously mentioned we have put together a team the “Mawarra Mums” to participate in the 2013 Camden Relay for Life. I, along with Chantelle McLean attended a meeting about this on Tuesday night and now we are armed with all of the information we need to know about this wonderful event. We are so excited and can’t wait and with only 4 weeks to go, we are counting down the days. Here are a few ways you can help out our team to raise the much needed funds to hopefully one day find a cure for Cancer:

1. It’s not too late to join our team. We have 8 members including mums and even Mrs Took and her friend. Go to the Relay for Life website to join.


Your registration fee is a donation in itself and you get a BBQ breakfast when you finish on Sunday morning. You do not have to stay for the whole 24 hours, you could just walk for part of the day, or part of the night or whatever you can manage.

2. Buy a raffle ticket for $2 - currently books are in the staff room for teachers and at the Canteen for families. There are some fantastic prizes with 1st prize being a $2000 travel voucher, plus loads of other great prizes.

3. If you would like to help sell raffles tickets to your neighbours, friends, work mates etc, just let me know and I can provide you with a book.

4. Our team will be having a cake stall at our site on the day of the relay, and so far Jo Wheeler will be donating some lovely Cancer Council themed cupcakes. So if you are able to donate any other cakes, slices or sweets for us to sell, please contact me.

5. And if nothing else come down and visit us on Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd September, 2013 at Onslow Park in Camden, to cheer us on as we walk for 24 hrs. There will be entertainment, music, face painting, food stalls and you could even walk a lap or two with us for fun.

Remember all the proceeds go to the Cancer Council! Nicole Perriman, Ph: 0408 208 781 Email: layingtheway@optusnet.com.au
the day. Mawarra placed 2nd in the champion school category and 4th in the relays. Our overall top 10 results:

**Boys under 10 yrs**
Ben Kynaston 4th, James Dolan 5th, Jeremy Battistuzzi 8th, Matthew Howlett 10th.

**Girls under 10 yrs**
Nakeisha Brimble 2nd, Stephanie Taylor 4th, Chelsea Perriman 5th.

**Boys 10 yrs**
Jed Gveric 5th, Jackson Ruiters 8th.

**Girls 10 yrs**
Lucy Wood 6th, Sarah Howlett 7th, Emily Buttifant 9th.

**Boys 11 yrs**
Marcus Battistuzzi 1st, Lachlan Taylor 3rd, Riley Fream 4th, Lachlan Burrows 7th.

**Girls 11 yrs**
Monique Munro 2nd, Chenoa Brimble 5th, Brooke Holman 6th, Libbi Kynaston 7th, Alyssa Heyward 8th.

**Girls 12 yrs**
Makenzie Skinner 4th, Hannah Morecroft 7th, Minjie Berry 10th.

For other individual results visit the website.
http://eventor.o...n.au

**Mawarra Movers**
Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Learner

So far this term we have had more children remaining on Level 0 than in previous terms. The children are to be commended on their efforts to follow all our school rules. We are hoping that our celebration at the end of this term will have the greatest number of participants yet. Thank you for discussing and reinforcing these principles with your children.

*Student Welfare Committee*

**P&C News**

Unfortunately, the proposed BBQ and cake stall that P&C had hoped to organise for Election Day in September has had to be cancelled. With commitments to other upcoming events and local sports finals on that day, the number of parents required for such an event was impossible to mobilise. Thank you to the small number of parents who indicated that they were prepared to help if it went ahead.

**Library News**

**Premier’s Spelling Bee**
The school final was held yesterday for student’s yrs 3-6. Congratulations to Alyssa Heyward, David Truong, Nicholas Walton and Madeleine McPherson. These students will be representing Mawarra at the Regional Final at Thomas Acres Public School on Tuesday 10th September 2013. We had a fine effort from all competitors!

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**Book Week Activities:**

**Photo Competition**
The photo competition closed last Friday. Winners were announced today and were able to pick a book prize to the value of $10.00 from the Book Fair. Congratulations to Georgia Dale, Harry Bennison, Max Gveric, Nakeisha Brimble, Maddie McPherson, Lachlan Burrows and Tayla Churchin. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun activity, and thanks to Mr Mallia and Mrs Scaife for helping with the judging.

**Book Fair**
The Book Fair was held today. Thank you to all the students and parents who supported this sale.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Tomorrow is the final day validation slips can be given to me and I can sign off children as having completed the challenge. If your child is taking part in the challenge please ensure you have entered all books onto the Premier’s Reading Challenge site, filled in the validation slip at the end of this newsletter and have your child give it to me. Certificates for those who have completed the challenge will be sent to the school next term.

Mrs D.Cronshaw
Teacher / Librarian

**Sport News**

**Athletics Carnival**
Congratulations to all students who attended the athletics carnival last Friday. The House results were Denbeigh 1st, Kirkham 2nd, Camelot 3rd and Wivenhoe 4th. It was great to see everyone trying their best, as well as having a good time. The following list of students not only won their events, but also made qualifying times/distances to go on and represent Mawarra at the Razorback Zone Athletics Carnival on 2nd and 3rd September, 2013. We wish them all the best.

**Girls**
Anita Leshevic, Leticia Toribio, Nakeisha Brimble, Emelia Dell, Lucy Wood, Emily Buttifant, Hailee Wright, Chenoa Brimble, Adena Toribio, Alex Banno, Tegan White, Monique Munro, Cassie McMurdo, Makenzie Skinner, Georgia Chivers, Sarah Howlett, Chelsea Kerr, Libbi Kynaston, Tori Marchiori, Amelia Wood.

**Boys**

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Community News

Infinity Health Outdoor Fitness
Come and get fit so you can keep up with your children.
Monday 7-8pm (Boxing)
Tuesday & Thursday - 5:30-6.30pm
Saturday - 7.30-8.30am @ Birriwa Reserve Netball Courts, Fitzpatrick Rd, Mt Annan. All sessions $12.00 (1st session free)
Please contact Alison Holderness on 0409 325 663 or Alison.holderness@bigpond.com

UNITING CARE MAWARRA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OOSH)
Places are available for remainder of this year. Our qualified and experienced staff works 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

NARELLAN SPORTS SOFTBALL CLUB

Free E-Waste Recycling
You can now recycle unwanted electronic equipment such as TVs, computers, printers, computer monitors, peripherals and laptops at the free e-waste drop zone at 275 Richardson Road, Spring Farm. For more information phone 1300 651 116

Upcoming Events
Friday 23/8/13
*Gala Day
Monday 26/8/13
*Dance 2B Fit (primary)
Wednesday 28/8/13
*Dance 2B Fit (infants)
Thursday 29/8/13
*Fathers Day Stall
Monday 2/9/13
*Dance 2B Fit (primary)
*Zone Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 3/9/13
*Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday 11/10/13
*K-2 Sports Day
Wednesday 16/10/13
*Kinder Orientation

Working Bee Reply Slip
I will be able to help out at the working bee on Sunday 15th September, 2013.
Name/s: __________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
I am available from ___________ until ___________