**School News**

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

What a fantastic day last Thursday!!!

It was so nice to see so many parents at the school to be involved in Open Day, and then have a picnic lunch before celebrating Cecil Smith's retirement. For those of you who were there, you would have seen that it was a very special day for Cecil, who will remember it for a long, long time. Many thanks to the P&C for running the BBQ and to everyone who donated coins to buy Cecil his Akubra hat and belt and wallet to hold his retirement funds.

**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 or buy friends food, even though it seems like a friendly thing to do. I hope you can help us with this sometimes difficult situation.

**Kinder Enrolments for 2013**

Over the next few weeks we will formalise our Kindergarten enrolments for next year, and we suspect that a number of families are still to hand in enrolment forms. If you, a family member or neighbour have students beginning school next year, could enrolment forms be handed in at the school office.

Finalising these forms will allow us to better plan for next year as well as for the Kindergarten orientation program.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the athletics carnival this Friday.

Mr Paul Mallia
Principal

**Student News**

**Silver/Gold Awards**

Congratulations to the following students, who will receive their silver/gold awards at the assembly to be held on Tuesday 13th August, 2013.

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**Mawarra Makes My Lunch**

‘Mawarra Makes my lunch’ is a program initiated by the P&C in conjunction with the school. This program assists families who are experiencing difficult situations, with sick parents or other hardships. During these times, the school provides lunches as one way of helping out these families, short term. It has operated for a number of years, through the generosity of parents and staff who make donations to cover the costs for these lunches. If you would like to assist in the continuation of this local support program, please make your donation through the school office. Families we have been able to help out in the past have expressed just how helpful this assistance has been to them during their difficult times.

**Late Pick-ups**

It has been noticeable over the past few weeks that a number of students are left in the school playground or outside the school grounds after the afternoon bell, with parents arriving late to collect their children. This is a safety issue that we would like to avoid. If you are caught up somewhere and will be running late on the odd occasion, could you please notify the school by 2:40pm so that we can get a message to your child to wait with the bus lines children, at the Macarthur Road entrance, where they can be safely supervised until you collect them.

**Working Bee Sunday 15th September, 2013**

At the last P&C meeting it was proposed that we hold a working bee on Sunday 15th September, 2013 between 9:00am and 2:00pm to make improvements to a number of areas around the school. If you are able to assist, even for an hour or two on that day, could you please fill in the reply on the last page of this newsletter.

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Debating
On Monday 5th August, 2013 the Mawarra Blue Tongues debating team competed against The Oaks. The team were the affirmative and the topic was “That parents should be banned from hitting their children”. The team tried very hard but this time lost. The Mawarra Magpies will compete against Elderslie on 16th August, 2013.

Art Enrichment Day
Last Tuesday I had the privilege of spending the day with a fabulous group of primary children ranging from year 3 to 6. We had fun with a variety of activities including painting with watercolour, still life drawings and experimenting with melting crayons. Thank you to all of you for your excellent behavior, showing interest in everything we did and giving me the opportunity to get to know you all.

(See coloured pictures in the online newsletter)

Mrs L. Kidd

Mawarra Movers
Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Learner
This term we are having a weekly focus for the whole school on outside/playground behavior. Class teachers will focus on behaviours inside the classroom. The next two areas of focus will be: Walk in class lines and Always walk on concrete areas.

Student Welfare Committee

Library News
Premier’s Spelling Bee
The school final will be held on Wednesday 21st August, 2013.

Book Week Activities:
Photo Competition
All students are invited to bring in a photo of themselves reading a book in a very unusual place. The photos will be displayed in the library. The last day to enter a photo is Friday 16th August, 2013.

Book Week Performance
This year the Book Week performance will be on Monday 12th August, 2013. Bronwyn Vaughn will be presenting “At the Foot of the Storyteller’s Chair”. The cost is $4.00 per child and the final day for payment will be Friday 9th August, 2013. A separate note has all the details for the show. This note can also be found on the school website.

Book Fair
On Thursday 22nd August, 2013 we are having a Book Fair with books from Central Books. The children will have the opportunity to look at the books during their library lessons in the week beforehand. Central Books have a wide range of books at sale prices - often 50% or more off RRP. The library will be open for parent purchases from 8.00 – 9.00am and 3.00 – 4.00pm. Students will be able to purchase during the day.
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 validate them as finished. All validation slips must be given to me by Friday 16th August 2013. No validation slips can be accepted after this day.

Mrs D.Cronshaw
Teacher / Librarian

Sport News

Athletics Carnival
Mawarra’s Athletics Carnival will be held at Onslow on Friday 9th August, 2013. Events will start around 9.30am. The dates for the Razorback athletics carnival are:-
Monday 2nd September & Tuesday 3rd September.

Gala Days
Four teams were successful in the recent winter gala days. They were:-
* Junior hockey
* Junior B boys soccer
* Junior B netball
* Senior A netball

Our junior A boys and girls soccer teams were runners-up. This an outstanding effort by our students. All children received a mini award for their commitment to their team.

The children are currently trialing for summer gala day teams which includes, oz tag, cricket, softball and t-ball. The dates for these gala days are:-

Friday 23rd August (Week 6), Friday 13th September (Week 9) & Thursday 19th September, 2013 (Week 10).

NSW Netball
Congratulations to Makenzie Skinner who was a member of the Sydney South West Netball team. She recently competed at the NSW PSSA netball championships in Broken Hill. Sydney South West came 7th. Congratulations Makenzie on your wonderful efforts at these championships.

State Knockout Netball
Congratulations to the members of our state knockout netball squad for a fantastic win against Stanwell Park Public School this week. The girls won 34-8 in a round 3 game of the Commonwealth Bank Cup. The girls should be congratulated on another fine year on the netball court. Next week the squad boards down to Shellharbour to take on Mt Terry Public School. We wish the girls the best of luck in this game. The squad members are:-
Makenzie Skinner & Sophie Rix (co-captains), Hannah Morecroft, Tess Tyquin, Hailee Wright, Libbi Kynaston, Chenoa Brimble, Emily Buttifant, Monique Munro, Jasmin Fernie, Erin Holman & Brooke Holman.

Also a big thank you to Alexia & Makenzie Davidge’s dad for umpiring our games.

Mrs N. Scott

P&C News

Education Week Open Day BBQ
The Mawarra P&C held a BBQ at last week’s open day for education week. We raised a fantastic $807. Without the school community supporting our fundraising events, they would not be so successful. Thank you to all for your support. Special thank you to the Clapson family who once again donated the bread. A huge thank you also to the parents who gave up their time to help with the BBQ: Jo Wheeler, Deb Mills, Marcella Brimble, Desleigh Holman, Kristine Reed, Chantelle McLean, Nadine Lockyer, Thai Tyquin, Lara Walton, Tammy Dooner, Melanie Whitelaw, Emma Mottram and of course the wonderful Mr Eagles.

Donation to Cancer Council
Following our successful Trivia night last term, a donation has been made to the Cancer Council to assist with their worthy causes of education and assisting people who have been touched by cancer.

Father’s Day Stall
The P & C Father’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 29th August, 2013. The gifts will be sold for $1.50, $3, $5 and $7. Don’t forget we also have a Father’s Day Raffle - $1 per entry.

Election Day
We now have the date for the upcoming election 7th September, 2013 and the voting will be at Mawarra. We will be holding a BBQ and Cake Stall on the day and we are kindly asking for assistance with the BBQ and/or donation of cakes, slices or any treats to be sold at the Cake Stall. If you are able to assist in any way, whether it be some time on the day, or making cakes or slices for us to sell please complete the slip at the back of the newsletter and return it to the school office or call Kylie: 0418 668 133 or Nicole: 0408 208 781

P&C Mowing Roster
Thank you to Brendan McMurdo, Greg Mottram, Bronwyn Smith, Stuart Purdie, Shaun Starkey & Dennis Eagles (Coordinator), for their wonderful effort on Saturday 27th July, 2013.

Mawarra Mums Relay For Life Team
A group of us, (some mums, some teachers), are joining together to do the Relay for Life in Camden this September. Our team is called the “Mawarra Mums”. We are doing this for a bit of fun, to increase our fitness and above all because many of use have been associated with cancer in some way or other and would like to raise some money for this cause. The 24 hour walk starts on Saturday 21st September, 2013 and ends on Sunday 22nd September, 2013 at Onslow Reserve in Camden. Please help us by making a donation or better still if you want to join our team we would love your support. http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2013/camden-2013 then search for Mawarra Mums. I will be attending an information night on the 20th August, 2013 so I will be armed with all of the necessary details then, but please do not hesitate to contact me in the meantime. 0408 208 781 or layingtheway@optusnet.com.au

Mrs Nicole Perriman

Uniform Shop
The Mawarra Public School Uniform Shop will be open Mondays, Wednesdays & Friday mornings @ 8.30-9.15am, Monday & Wednesday afternoons @ 2.30-3.15pm.

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Community News

Camden Libraries is offering a free online tutoring service for years 3+ called Yoututor. Subjects covered include Maths, Science, English, etc. All you need is a library card to access. Check website for more information. [www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au)

Free Skateboarding Workshop and Event
“Streetwise – Learn to skate”
Sunday 18th August, 2013 @ Kirkham Skate park 10.00am-12.30pm.
For more information or to register, visit sba.org.au/hubs.

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.
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

Camden Gems Presents…..
A Mum’s Night Out
CYBERPARENTING
Navigating your child through a techno world.
Friday 6th September at 7:30pm
Camden Anglican Church Hall,
Menangle Rd Camden (top of John St)
Cost: $8 Donation (to be paid on the night)
Coffee and dessert provided

To reserve your seat, please call/text Melanie on 0402 143 145 or email Melanie.pearce@gmail.com

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Upcoming Events

**Friday 9/8/13**
* Athletics Carnival

**Monday 12/8/13**
* Dance 2Bfit (primary)
* Storyteller’s Chair show
* Japanese student visit to Mawarra

**Tuesday 13/8/13**
* K-6 Assembly @ 12noon
* NSW Uni Maths Comp.

**Wednesday 14/8/13**
* Dance 2Bfit (Infants)

**Friday 16/8/13**
* Milo Cup

**Monday 19/8/13**
* Dance 2Bfit (primary)
* P&C Meeting @ 7.30pm

**Wednesday 21/8/13**
* Dance 2Bfit (infants)
* Spelling Bee finals

**Thursday 22/8/13**
* Book Fair
Premiers Reading Challenge Validation Slip

I certify that my child ________________________
of class ________.
Has completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge 2013 and
has abided by the set rules and conditions.

Signed_____________________________ Date___________

Parent/Guardian

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
______________

Election Day Fundraiser Reply Slip

Name: _________________________

Phone: _________________________

I can assist with: BBQ / CAKE STALL on Saturday 7th
September, 2013.

From ______________ until ______________
(Please indicate the times you are available for the
BBQ)

I can make
_________________________________________
to sell at the cake stall.

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
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