School News

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of being an official at the Razorback Zone Athletics Carnival. This gave me the opportunity to see yet another example of our students representing Mawarra in a most pleasing way. In addition to the great athletic results, it was wonderful to see the great sportsmanship and behaviour of all of our students. Thank you to everyone for being such outstanding ambassadors for our school. A huge thank you as well to the parents who assisted with transport and stayed at the carnival to support our team. We are still awaiting the official results of the carnival and will publish these in the next newsletter.

Another wonderful example of our students’ success was the fantastic effort last week of the group of families who gave up their time to compete in the NSW Orienteering Championships in the southern highlands. Mawarra again earned the ‘Champion NSW School’ title on the day. Again, thanks to the parents who gave up their day to support their child’s participation in this event.

Yet another positive was our senior netball team’s effort last week in making it to the final round of the state netball knockout. The team played Jerrabomberra Public School near Canberra last Monday. From all reports, although they did not win the game, they had a fantastic experience and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Many thanks to Mrs Ruscoe and Mrs Tyquin, who transported the team all the way to Jerrabomberra.

Absence Notes

From time to time, students need to be absent from school for health or family or religious reasons.

If your child has to be absent from school, it is a government requirement that you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers can:
- send a note to the school,
- contact the school via electronic means such as, fax or email,
- telephone the school
- visit the school and explain the absence.

It is an interesting fact that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education.

Staff Long Service Leave

As staff members accumulate years of service, they are entitled to long service leave. A number of Mawarra staff have chosen this lovely time of year to take their time off. Therefore, at the moment, a number of classes have replacement teachers. We are lucky at Mawarra to have a number of highly experienced, dedicated and professional replacement teachers who are keen to work at this school whenever the opportunity arises. Thank you for making them feel welcome, and understanding that some routines may be slightly different to those of the regular class teacher.

Uniforms

As we transition to full summer uniforms by the beginning of next term, I have told students that in this changeable weather of spring, both summer and winter uniforms are now acceptable and that they should listen to the weather to decide what is the most appropriate uniform to wear each day. Student’s comfort at this time is our first priority.

Mr Paul Mallia
Principal

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

Silver/Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who will receive their silver/gold awards at the assembly to be held on Thursday 12th September, 2013 at 12 noon.

16/8/13
Silver
Chelsea Clapson 1/2H
Zack Battistuzzi 2/3H
Emily Giles 3/4B
Chelsea Perriman 3/4B
Jacob Wilson 4M
Adam Talbot 5/6S

Gold
Jasmin Fernie 5/6S

23/8/13
Silver
Felicity Day K/1F
Charli Isherwood 1M
Kynan Ferguson 3KB
Samuel Warwick 3/4B
Lachlan Wood 6T

30/8/13
Silver
Carlee Bell K/1F
Lachlan Dooner K/1F
Lleyton Grosse K/1F
Lennox Geiger 1K
Connor Atkinson-Yong 2W
Leticia Toribio 2W
Zara Sheehan 2/3H

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Premier’s Debating
On Wednesday, 4th September, 2013 the Mawarra Magpies competed in the zone finals of the Premiere’s Debating competition. The team consisted of Makenzie Skinner, Alyssa Heyward, Georgia Cunnion and Tess Tyquin. The team competed against The Oaks who have been very strong in this competition. The topic of this debate was, ‘That parents should only allow their children to watch T.V. on weekends.’ Our team was the affirmative and debated convincingly with amazing rebuttal and a very solid case. Each speaker reached the allotted time of 4 minutes easily. The Magpies achieved a 7th place finish. They orienteered through bushland, sandstone rocks, open eucalypts, thicker bush and some water features, while terrain was also quite hilly and some paths tracked along the old tram line. Each student was given an individual start time and each group completed either the very easy 1.9 km course or some daring students challenged themselves to complete the easy 2.5 km course (which wasn’t quite so easy – even many adults had difficulty with this course, which included quite a few water check points). All our students demonstrated outstanding Mawarra behaviour, something our competitors are becoming known for. They embody the orienteering rules of fair play: behaving with fairness and honesty and having a positive attitude, spirit of friendship and respect for all officials, entrants and spectators. Each and every Mawarra student achieved a personal best on the day with no entrant getting a mp (missed punch) an outstanding achievement on a difficult and unknown course. In addition all our students achieved a 7th place or higher finish which is unprecedented at Mawarra. Our orienteering skills are going from strength to strength. We finished the day as School State Champion Team for 2013.

Individual results were:
9 yrs boys: Ben Kynaston 1st, Nic Kynaston 2nd
9 yrs girls: Nakeisha Brimble 1st, Stephanie Taylor 4th & Leah Maglis 5th.
10 yrs boys: Jackson Ruiters 3rd, Nicholas Whatmough 6th
10 yrs girls: Lucy Wood 1st, Sarah Howlett 3rd
11 yrs boys: (2.5km) Lachlan Taylor 3rd
11 yrs girls: (1.9km) Chenoa Brimble 1st, Ivy Maglis 3rd
11yrs girls: (2.5km) Libbi Kynaston 4th, Monique Munro 7th
These places are all in the State for their age group – a phenomenal result!
Congratulations on a series of wonderful results and on successfully defending our title as School State Orienteering Champions. For those in our school community who are interested in learning more about orienteering visit: http://www.southernhighlands.nsw.orienteering.asn.au/ for upcoming events.

Mawarra Movers
Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Learner
We are drawing close to the end of the term and are looking forward to our Club Zero celebration. This fortnight our focus is on: Remembering to return equipment at the right time and Allowing everyone to take part. Please discuss these with your child so they can continue doing the right thing at school.

Library News
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the 22 students from Years 3 – 6 who completed the Challenge. Your certificates will arrive towards the end of the year.

Sport News
State Knockout Netball
Our state knockout netball team played Balarang Public School on 22nd August. This was a round 5 game in the Commonwealth Bank Cup. At the beginning of the year schools in this competition are put into one of sixteen regions. This game would determine the winner of the northern south coast competition. Unfortunately we were
down two of our regular players but the rest of the girls played brilliantly. We won 28-20. Our girls are regional winners and this meant we were down to the last 16 schools in NSW and had to play another school that was also a regional champion. This meant both schools had been successful in five games of netball against other schools to progress to this level.

The following Monday the team travelled 3 hours to Jerrabomberra Public School, on the outskirts of Canberra where we played a very fast and difficult game against an excellent side. We were beaten 32-10. Although a little disappointed at the result they were playing against a school with 900 students.

The girls should be congratulated on their wonderful year of netball. They were Razorback netball champions and regional champions in this competition, a wonderful achievement. Their dedication to train during their lunch times, which started in term 1, and work as a team should be commended.

The squad members are:- Markenzie Skinner & Sophie Rix (co-captains) Hannah Morecroft, Tess Tyquin, Libbi Kynsaton, Chenoa Brimble, Hailee Wright, Emily Buttifant, Monique Munro, Jasmin Fernie, Erin Holman & Brooke Holman.

Thanks to Mrs Ruscoe who coached the team during the last two games while Mrs Scott was on leave, Mr Ed Jennings, Alexia & Mackenzie Davidge’s dad for umpiring most of the games and to the wonderful group of parents that have supported the girls throughout the year.

Razorback Sport

Congratulations to Jamie Warwick for his selection in the Razorback cricket squad. He attended Sydney South West selections this week. He is to be congratulated for his efforts on & off the cricket field. Well done Jamie.

Narelle Scott

K-2 Sports Fun Day

Friday 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.

Mrs V. Steinweiss
Assistant Principal

P&Co News

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.

Father’s Day Stall

Our Father’s Day Stall was an enjoyable event for the children and all the helpers. The children really enjoyed ‘shopping’ for the perfect gift for their dad. The stall raised just over $1,000. Congratulations to the four raffle winners. This day was a success thanks to the support of the school community and the help of some wonderful parents. A special thank you to; Michele La Hay, Deb Mills, Desleigh Holman, Marcelle Brimble, Emma Mottram, Brooke Troy, Donna Aucchterlonie, Therese Ives, Tammy Dooner, Lynette Gow, Mel Fisher, Amy Knight, Caralee De Filippis, Michelle Wildman, Claire Constantine, Kim Landouw, Kristine Reed, Cath Pobjie, Kim Gascoigne and Kim Stevens.

Community News

Narellan Community Preschool

Narellan Community Preschool is a not for profit community owned organisation run by Big Fat Smile. We are a long day care centre for children aged 0-6yrs. We are open from 7.30am-5.30pm, Monday to Friday, all year. Our centre prides itself on its high quality learning environment including a preschool program for ages 3-6 years.

Scouts Australia

You are invited to attend a meeting with our new Scout Group. The Group is catering for children with special needs aged between 6-18. Scouts learn to care for the environment, be good leaders, they get outdoors enjoying activities such as hiking, camping, canoeing and more. Meetings days are;

- Wednesdays & Thursdays from 5.00 – 6.30pm at Scout hall, Canberra Crescent, Campbelltown.

For more information please contact Sharon on 0414 666 204 or Tracie on 0415 449 787.

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
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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

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Are you worried about their weight?

The Go4Fun Program is an established healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight.

Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks over school term for children and their parents. Sessions include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion sizes plus much more!

Sydney Local Health District has 15 places on the program in your local area, completely free of charge.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or visit www.slhd.nsw.gov.au/Go4Fun.

Upcoming Events

Friday 6/9/13
* Elderslie HS Dance Spec, Matinee & Evening

Monday 9/10/13
* Dance 2B Fit (Primary)

Wednesday 11/9/13
* Dance 2B Fit (Infants)
* Regional Athletics

Thursday 12/9/13
K-6 Assembly @ 12 noon

Friday 13/9/13
* Gala Day 2

Thursday 19/9/13
* Gala Day 3

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: ____________________________

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I am available from _________ until _________