School News

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

What a busy week last week! I couldn’t believe how many students (and staff) got into the spirit of celebrating St Patricks Day. All up, the Student Representative Council raised $394, which will go to our local children’s charity, ‘Kids of Macarthur’. This charity will use the funds raised by local schools to purchase much needed equipment for the children’s ward at Campbelltown Hospital. Well Done Mawarra!

Harmony Day was also a success with some creative ways of wearing orange. Money raised was used to fund both the ‘Together for Humanity’ presentation and ‘Stories From Around the World’ storyteller.

Parliament House Visit

Last Friday I had the pleasure of accompanying the School Captains and Vice-Captains to NSW Parliament House. Chris Patterson, our Local Member for Camden, invited school leaders to tour Parliament house, where they met Mr Patterson and the Premier, Mr O’Farrell. Following this they did a role-play in the parliamentary chamber, where Lachlan Taylor was, for a short time, the Opposition Leader of NSW. Of course, they made an impression as ambassadors for Mawarra.

University of Western Sydney Student Teachers

This week many classes in our school will have a visitor from the University of Western Sydney. These student teachers are in their later years of their teaching course. Staff at Mawarra values the practice of accepting student teachers, knowing how important it is to pass on the knowledge and skills of one generation of teachers to the next.

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 short-term situations, with sick parents or other hardships. During these times, the school provides lunches as one way of helping out these families. 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.

Later in the newsletter our new Fundraising Coordinators, Deb Mills and Michelle Wildman are asking any interested parents to meet next Tuesday night. I hope to see many old faces, and lots of new ones there to share ideas. If I don’t see you there, then maybe I will at the upcoming K-6 Assembly on Tuesday, 8th April, 2014.

Stranger Danger

The local area command has asked all schools to remind the children of stranger danger, especially the dangers of getting into a car with a stranger. Class teachers have discussed this in class and all children have been spoken to at our assemblies. Could you also discuss this with your children at home.

Child Tax Offset

If your child was born between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2004, you may be eligible to receive the “Child Tax Offset”. This was introduced by the Federal Government in 2001 but not claimed by many parents. Ask your tax agent or accountant whether you qualify.

Writing Competition – Years 5 & 6

What Matters?

Is a writing competition that gives students the chance to say what matters to them in society today? What actions do you think should be taken to build a better society? What would you change if you could? What do you want other people to care about?

If you are interested in entering this writing competition, please see Mrs Noakes (4KN) for more details.

K-2 Easter Fun Day

K-2 will be having an Easter Fun Day on Friday 11th April, 2014, the last day of term 1. K-2 Children only are able to wear mufti clothing on this day and a gold coin donation is appreciated.

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Student News

Silver/Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Silver and Gold awards at the assembly, to be held on Tuesday 8th April, 2014 at 12.00 noon.

13/3/14

SILVER
Isabella Greenland 1F
Carlee Bell 2W
Jesse Fream 2P
Holly Ulanic 4SR
Stephanie Fiorentino 5K

13/3/14

GOLD
Jordan Martin-Duff 5K
Erin Holman 6K
Marcus Battistuzzi 6T

20/3/14

SILVER
Charlie Dolan 1D
Monique Wilson 1D
Cooper Sawell 1H
Samantha Roberts 1H
Shaylah Payseno 2W
Xavier Laundess 2W
Lachlan Rawnsley 4KN
David Truong 6T

20/3/14

GOLD
David Truong 6T

27/3/14

SILVER
Georgia Dale 1F
Claire Wheeler 1F
Noah Gibson 2P
Monique Munro 6K
Nicholas Zelesco 6T
Harrison Auchtelonie 3H
Rory Munro 4SR

Student Welfare

Club Zero – This is the name of our reward program to recognize those children who have maintained expected behaviours for the term. All children begin each term on Level 0 (Green level) and children who remain on Level 0 are eligible to go. Children who have not done a detention or who have not received more than two notification slips in the term are also eligible to attend. The celebrations are held in school time and in the past we have: held a disco, watched a movie, had an extended play with sports equipment and had a day where we learnt yo-yo skills. In term 4 last year we had just over 95% of students participating. We feel this is a great way to recognize and acknowledge students for their efforts.

For the next two weeks the children will be revising the Mawarra Mover behaviours we have covered this term. Please reinforce these with your children.

Student Welfare Committee

1F Presents – 1F have been learning all about insects and jointly constructed their own poem about ants.

Ants

Ants are very strong and wise
They carry things 50 times their size.
Two antennas help them smell and feel
So they can find crumbs and banana peels.
Some males have wings to help them fly
They meet the Queen and then they die.
I know that ants are very small
But I like the way they march and crawl.

By 1F

Mrs M Fairweather

Sport News

Paul Kelly

Last Thursday 20th March, 2014 the school participated in the Paul Kelly Cup (AFL) at Onslow Oval. The team competed in three games against local primary schools. They had two wins, one against Elderslie Public School 28 – 19 and Cobbity Public School 30 – 6, but lost to the eventual winners Curran’s Hill Public School 36 – 8. Congratulations to all the boys for their efforts and sportsmanship.

Mr P Morrison

Library News

Book Fair

The Ashton Scholastic Book Fair was extremely successful. I would like to thank all the students and parents for their support. The commission earned from the fair will go towards purchasing books and other equipment for the library.

Next week is the last week for borrowing this term. Can you please ensure your child returns their book on their library day.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Registration has now opened for the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014.

Students in Kindergarten – Year 2 will participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge with their class teacher. Parents need to ensure they have returned the permission note to their child’s teacher in order for your child to receive a participation certificate at the end of the year.

Students in Years 3 – 6 must go online to register and log in the books they have read. Please go to the following website: 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. Please go to the following website: www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Students who do not have access to a computer at home can use the Library PC’s to log in. Students need to use the library username and password which is: student and student.

Mrs Dianne Cronshaw
Teacher/Librarian

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**P&C News**

**Fundraising Committee Meeting**

There is a fundraising meeting on Tuesday 1st April, 2014 at 6:30pm in the school staffroom to discuss and plan fundraising ideas for the 2014 school year.

Everyone is welcome and we would really appreciate input from the families within our school.

Please come with ideas and have your say as part of our school community.

*Deb and Michelle*

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**Egg Head Day**

We will need the assistance of the wonderful Mawarra Mums to help wrap the Easter Prizes on Wednesday 9th April, 2014 - any time you can give will be appreciated.

If you are able to donate Easter baskets, Easter bags, paper plates or anything of that nature to be used in the collation of the prizes that would also be greatly appreciated.

**Egg Head Day – Wednesday 9th April, 2014**

**Easter Raffle Drawn on Easter Fun Day– Friday 11th April, 2014.**

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**P&C Mowing Roster**

Thank you to the following parents, who worked the mowing roster on 15th March, 2014. Deborah Warr, John Whatmough, Bernie Gill, Tim Constantine, Andrew Wickham, Nick Sinclair, Phillip Dib & Dennis Eagles (Coordinator). A wonderful job done by all!

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**School Uniforms**

**New Uniforms**

Plenty of summer stock still available.

Orders for the Microfibre Jacket, Track Pant and Rain Poncho are to be in by 19th March 2014

**TERM 2 = Winter Uniform**

Winter Stock has arrived, so why not get in early and purchase your child’s winter uniform.

**PRE LOVED UNIFORMS –**

Quality preloved summer uniforms are available at very low prices at the school uniform shop.

The uniform shop also has a layby service; you just need to pay a 20% deposit and regular payments. No Cash refunds will be given, Credit only and Returns must accompany a receipt.

**Trading Hours Are - Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 8.30am – 9.15am & Monday & Wednesday Afternoons 2.30pm – 3.15pm.**

If you have any enquiries please call Brooke on 0411 957 716

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**Community News**

**Local Women’s Health Clinic**

A women’s health nurse is available at Narellan Community Health Centre. Services available are Pap tests, Post-natal checks, Breast checks, and Women’s health information on menopause, contraception and healthy living. Free and confidential service. For more information please call 4640 3500.

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**Camden Rams Rugby Union**

Camden Rams are seeking players for the season, especially for the under 9’s team. Free registration for new players. Please contact Lincon McLaren on 0414240000.

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**NRL Tigers Holiday Clinic**

The clinic will be held at Kirkham Park, Elderslie on Wednesday 16th April, 2014 at 10:00am – 1:00pm. It is for all boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12. Cost is $45.00. All participants will receive a football, drink bottle, boot bag and a Wests Tigers hat as well as morning tea and lunch, provided on the day. For more information please contact Scott Borg NRL Game Development on 0409814873 or email sborg@nrl.com.au or register online at - www.sydneywestdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au. You may also pick up a flyer at the front office at school.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Monday 31/3/14**

*Life Education Continuing*

**Tuesday 1/4/14**

*Life Education Continuing*

**Wednesday 2/4/14**

*Life Education Continuing*

*EHS Dance Transition*

**Friday 4/4/14**

*Bands at Camden Show*

*Year 2 Excursion to Camden Show*

**Tuesday 8/4/14 Friday**

*K-6 Assembly 12:00pm*

**Wednesday 9/4/14**

*Egghead Day*

**Friday 11/4/14**

*Easter Fun Day K-2*

*Zone Netball Trials*

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