School News

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

What a busy term! Despite the unsettled nature of the school with the ongoing building works and the many additional activities students and staff have been involved in, our students have really shone. Our Mawarra Movers “Club Zero” was held today and will continue tomorrow, with a record number of students attending. Congratulations to our student body on their fantastic behaviour and effort throughout the term.

ANZAC Ceremony

This morning we saw a very moving ANZAC ceremony at school. The combination of the students’ speeches, the heartfelt performance by the Triple Ms accompanying a powerpoint presentation of The Band Played Waltzing Matilda and Lachlan Taylor playing ‘The Last Post’ created a most memorable service. A huge thank you to Mr Kidd for organising the event, to Mrs Evans for working with the Triple Ms and Lachlan Taylor for his solo performance.

ANZAC March

Mawarra is traditionally well represented in the Camden ANZAC March and service and we would once again like to invite all students to participate on ANZAC Day this year. Interested students will meet Mawarra staff on ANZAC Day, Friday 25th April, 2014 in Elizabeth Street near Olives Restaurant from 10:00am. The march will begin at 10:30am. The march finishes at Bicentennial Park. Staff will wait with students until they are collected by parents, who may wish to then take them to the service. All students should wear full Mawarra summer uniforms, including black shoes.

If attending the service following the march, there is some seating provided, but it is a good idea to bring a plastic bag in case wet grass is the only option left for seating.

Aussie of the Month

Each month we recognise one of our Year 6 students for their contribution to our school by presenting an Aussie of the Month award. Congratulations this term to Erin Holman (February), Marcus Battistuzzi (March) and Caitlin Falk (April) for their Aussie of the Month awards.

Zone and Regional Representation

Congratulations to the many students we have recognised in the newsletters this term who have represented our school at zone and regional levels. The number of students who have achieved success for a school the size of Mawarra shows what a talented bunch of students we have here.

Can I also thank the many parents who have given their time to transport and support the children in their trials and carnivals over the course of the term. Without your commitment, our students would not have the opportunities they continue to have.

P&C Executive 2014

Congratulations to our P&C Executive for 2014, who were elected at our recent P&C Annual General Meeting.

President: Joanne Wheeler
Vice President: Gavin Brimble
Secretary: Melissa Clarke
Treasurer: Tammy Dooner
Uniform Shop Coordinator: Brooke Troy
Fundraising Coordinators: Deb Mills & Michelle Wildman

I know that the new committee will carry on the great work carried out by previous committees, working hard for the children of our school.

Uniforms

At the beginning of second term it is time for students to transition to wearing winter uniform. It is a time of year where weather is quite changeable, and during these next few weeks, we encourage you to choose the most appropriate uniform for the weather of the day. By Week 3 we hope the weather will cool down to allow full transition to winter uniforms. It might be time to check winter uniforms and plan a possible visit to the uniform shop.

Annual School Report

The 2013 Annual School Report has been completed and has been posted on the school website as a record of the school’s achievements in 2013. If you are unable to access the electronic version and wish to have a printed copy of the document, they are available, by request, at the school office. At 16 pages each, we are hoping to save a few trees by offering the electronic version as a first choice.

Finally, as we break up this Friday, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter. It is always a good time for families to be together. Remember that students come back to school on Tuesday 29th April, 2014 for another busy term.

Mr Paul Mallia
Principal

Year 1 Mothers Day Stall

On Thursday 8th May, 2014 Year 1 students will be given the first opportunity to purchase their present from the P&C’s Mothers Day Stall. Once this very important job is finished, they will place their gifts in their classrooms, and attend the Thirlmere Railway excursion. We will ensure every child has the opportunity to participate in both activities.

Mrs V. Steinweiss

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 multi clothing on this day and a gold coin donation is appreciated.**

## Student News

### Silver/Gold Awards

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

**3/4/14**

**SILVER**
- Lucy Burton 1D
- Riley Meisenhöfen 3H
- Jeremy Battistuzzi 4SR
- Angela Gow 5K
- Harry Gelder 5K
- Travis Rae 6K
- Chenoa Brimble 6T

**GOLD**
- Jeremy Battistuzzi 4SR

**10/4/14**

**SILVER**
- Jared Presland 6K
- Brooke Holman 6T

### Sport News

**School Cross Country**

The School Cross Country will be held on Friday 2nd May, 2014.

- **11 & 12 yrs** - 11.12am – 12.45pm
- **8, 9 & 10 yrs** – 1.45-2.55pm.

Parents are welcome to attend.

**Swimming News**

On Tuesday 18th March, 2014 5 children from Mawarra attended the Sydney South West Primary Swimming Carnival. Monique Munro was in the 100m freestyle event, 200m individual medley, 12yrs 50m freestyle, senior girls breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. Lachlan Harloff was in the 200m individual medley, 10yrs boys 50m freestyle and the junior boys butterfly. Erin Holman, Brooke Holman, Chenoa Brimble and Monique Munro competed in the senior girls relay team.

All of these children were fine representatives of both our school and Razorback Zone.

Monique Munro has now progressed to State level for senior girl’s backstroke. We wish her well for Thursday 10th April, 2014 as she competes at Olympic Park, Homebush.

- **R. Smith**
- Swimming Organiser

### Razorback Trials

Congratulations to the following students who recently attended Razorback trials in a variety of sports.

**Hockey** - Tarryn Troy, Tiahna Mackaway, Tori Marchiori, Carson Plumridge, Riley Osbourne, Brady Meisenhöfen & Aiden Astbury.

**Netball** - Chenoa Brimble, Libbi Kynaston, Hailee Wright, Brooke Holman, Emily Buttifant & Lucy Wood (trials to be held on Friday)

**Softball** - Abby Lenard, Jayden Jacotine, Nick Kerrigan & Lachlan Hammond

The following children were selected in the Razorback team and will attend the Sydney South West carnival in the coming weeks.

**Hockey** - Carson Plumridge (year 4 student) we would like to congratulate Carson and wish him luck at the regional carnivals.

Recently Ethan Roberts attended the Sydney South West AFL. He has been chosen in the Sydney South West AFL team and will be participating in the NSW championships next term. This is a fantastic effort to make an Opens team as Ethan is in Year 4. Congratulations Ethan on this wonderful achievement and the whole school community wishes you the best at the NSW championships.

- **Narelle Scott**
- Sports Organiser

### Library News

If your child has any outstanding library books, they can be returned to the library after the school holidays.

**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](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

Students use their school username and password to log into the books they have read. Premier’s Reading Challenge books are kept in special containers in the library making it easier for children to find and borrow these books, however many lexile books and other books in the library are also Premier’s Reading Challenge books. If you have any difficulty logging in or entering books please see me in the library.

- **Mrs Dianne Cronshaw**
- Teacher/Librarian

### P&C News

**Canteen**

The current Mawarra canteen lease is due to expire in July. The P&C are looking into the opportunity to run the School Canteen starting term 3, rather than putting it out to private tender again. In order for this happen the P&C require a volunteer for the role of ‘Canteen Coordinator’.

- **R. Smith**
- Swimming Organiser

**www.mawarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au**  **mawarra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

**Phone (02) 4658 0990**  **Fax. (02) 4658 0223**
Duties include:
* Day to day supervising in the canteen.
* Rostering volunteers to help each day in the canteen.
* Ordering, purchasing and payments
* Sourcing suppliers
* Food preparation and handling
* Accounting
* An understanding of how a small business runs.

If you are interested in volunteering for this position or would like to volunteer to work in the canteen please contact Jo Wheeler on 0412 995 440 ASAP. Without a ‘Canteen Co-ordinator’ and a sufficient number of committed volunteers, the canteen will be offered for private tender again as it has been in recent years.

Jo Wheeler  
P&C President

Egg Head Day
Wow! We have had an amazing response to our Easter Raffle. Thank you to all the families who have bought raffle tickets and all the kids that brought in there eggs on Egg Head Day. We had so many eggs that we now have 140 prizes to give away. There is still plenty of time to purchase tickets. So please see the office staff if you would like another book. We will start drawing the raffle at 2:05pm on Friday and everyone is welcome.

We would also like to say a Very Big Thank you to Melina Haywood, Michelle La Hay, Natalie Soire, Amanda Attard, Heulwen Dixon, Kylie Munro, Tracey Atkinson, Breda McLaren, Janet Russell, Nicole West, Sandra Jankovskis, Therese Iverson, Brooke Troy, Marti & Joanne Wheeler, Megan Sorensen, Justin Smith and Angela Best that came to help wrap all the Easter raffle prizes on Saturday. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Deb and Michelle

P&C Mowing Roster
The next mowing roster day will be on Saturday 12th April, 2014. The following parents are rostered on for this day; Phil Critcher, Mark D’Costa, Greg Whitelaw, Greg Burton, Jodie & Craig Cunnion, Sarah Metcalfe, Tony Tyquin, Craig Moir & Dennis Eagles (Coordinator).

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.

SKATERS!
The Western Sydney Skateboard Hubs would like to keep you informed about when they will be in our local area. They will be at Kirkham Skatepark - Sat 12th April 2014. 10:00am-12:00noon & Sunday 25th May, 10:00-12:00noon.

NRL Tigers Holiday Clinic
[Website Link] mawarra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone (02) 4658 0990

Upcoming Events

Friday 11/4/14
* Easter Fun Day K-2 mufti day
* Zone Netball Trials

Term 2
Monday 28/4/14
* School Development Day

Tuesday 29/4/14
* Students return
Friday 2nd May
* Cross Country

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.

Dental Care for Children
All children under 18 years of age are eligible for FREE DENTAL CARE at NSW Public Oral Health Clinics.

NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up

Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping. To make an appointment, contact: your family dentist or the public dental service.

PUBLIC DENTAL ACCESS CENTRE TELEPHONE
(02)9293 3333 / 1300 559 395

The Women’s Circle Monthly Mingle
Every third Friday of the month.
Time: 10am – 12 noon
Cost: $5
Where: Oran Park Town Community Rooms. Cnr Oran Park & Peter Brock Drives, Oran Park Town.
Enjoy conversations, new friendships & morning tea with different speakers &/or activities each month.

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