

# Newsletter

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Term 3 - Week 1

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## Principal's Report

Firstly I would like to acknowledge and thank the many parents who assisted with transport to Moss Vale train station on 26<sup>th</sup> July. It was a hectic start to our excursion but everything went very smoothly after the departure.

I would also like to thank Hilary Myers, Fred McKellar, Cindy Hinton, Wendie Kairl, Jeremy Porter and Helen Field for accompanying us and helping with all that was needed during our excursion. It was very much appreciated.

At the end of last term I had confirmation from Mrs Neale that she was retiring. This retirement became effective during the holiday break. At our recent P&C meeting it was decided that the P&C will host a farewell for Mrs Neale. The date and details of this event are yet to be confirmed.

Miss Matthews will teach the K-2 class for the rest of 2013. I am in negotiations with staffing regarding a permanent appointment commencing 2014.

We welcome to our staff Mrs Fiona Batty who will fulfil the Library/RFF component on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Batty is an experienced teacher and has done considerable casual teaching at Tallong Public School prior to this recruitment. Most of our students know Mrs Batty and we warmly welcome her back to fulfil this role.

Lastly I would like to officially recognise and thank the Lions Club of Marulan for a

recent donation of \$100. This donation is much appreciated and will be used to enhance educational programs within the classrooms.

S. Matthews  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

### Term 3

#### Week 1

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Art Club \$2 with Ms Parsons 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Tennis Lessons \$5
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	First Aid Course P&C Fundraiser

#### Week 2

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Explorers Club \$2 3:00 - 4:30pm  P&C Meeting 3:15pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>NO CLUBS</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>NO CLUBS</b>  Playgroup 9:15am - 11:00am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Art Club \$2 with Ms Parsons 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	District Athletics  Tennis Lessons \$5  Bake Sale 50c - Brewster family

#### Week 3

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Explorers Club \$2 3:00 - 4:30pm  P&C Meeting 3:15pm
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<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Education Week Open Day</b> 11am onwards  <b>Active After School Clubs</b> 3:15pm - 4:30pm <i>Soccer</i>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>ICAS English Test</b>  <b>Playgroup</b> 9:15am - 11:00am  <b>Active After School Clubs</b> 3:15pm - 4:30pm <i>Tennis</i>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>Art Club \$2 with Ms Parsons</b> 3:15pm - 4:30pm  <b>Choral Concert</b> Performance at the Workers Club (3-6 only)
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>League Gala Day (K-6)</b> at Eridge Park, Bowral

### Meeting of K-2 Parents

Miss Matthews would like to invite parents with a child in Kindergarten, Year One or Year Two to a 'meet and greet the teacher' session on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 3:00pm in the K-2 classroom. Miss Matthews would like to discuss routines, homework, general class information and also answer any questions/queries parents may have.

### Education Week Open Day

We would like to extend an invitation to parents, grandparents and community members to attend our Education Week Open Day on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

The program of events is as follows:

**11:30am** Open classrooms. Visitors are welcomed into classrooms to share in the learning and view student work.

**12:30pm** Sausage Sizzle and Cuppa

**1:30pm** K-6 Assembly including class and music items as well as award presentations.

### 3-6 Class Choral Concert Performance

**When:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Where:** Goulburn Worker's Club

**Tickets** will be available shortly. There is a limit of two tickets per student but further tickets will be on sale on the night of the performance.

Please fill in the attached ticket request form and hand in at the office along with payment by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July.**

**ALL** students in the 3-6 class are expected to attend this evening performance.

### Opera House Recorder Information

Please note that tickets go on sale on 1<sup>st</sup> August at 9:00am. See attached information as well as an EOI for bus travel to and from the Opera House on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

### Congratulations Keenan and Micah French

Last term Keenan and Micah both participated in the Goulburn Eisteddfod.

They were both very successful and wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Their results were as follows:

#### Keenan French

Woodwind/Brass Solo - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

10 years and under Wind/Brass Solo - Highly Commended.

#### Micah French

8 years and under Wind/brass Solo - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

12 years and under Instrumental Duet/Trio - 1<sup>st</sup> Place **Micah and Keenan French**

The last result was particularly impressive as their competitors were older and more advanced.

### Departure /Pick Up From School

#### **\*\*Important Message\*\***

We request that, if parking and walking to the COLA to collect your child, you exit with your child via the front gate, and that you park out on the street and not in the carpark.

In the afternoon, the carpark area is for drive-thru pick-ups only. It is not safe having children

walking across to cars whilst other cars are driving through to pick up children. There is also a blind spot, due to the wall on the carpark side of the COLA, making it difficult to know when a car is coming.

We ask that you please assist us with this in the interest and safety of our students.

### **Sport Term 3**

This term we welcome back tennis coach, Kevin Murphy. Our students have enjoyed tennis coaching in Term 3 for the past two years and we look forward to Mr Murphy visiting us again each Friday this term.

Students need to wear joggers and it is encouraged that they bring a tennis racquet to school on Fridays. The school does have a supply of racquets available to those students who are unable to bring their own.

Cost of tennis lessons is \$5 per week or \$50 for the term.

### **P & C Update**

**Apple Day** –The P&C are looking for volunteers to coordinate the raffle and cake stall for Apple Day 2014 .

A **coordinator for the raffle** would be responsible for gathering prizes for the raffle as well as coordinating ticket sales and rosters.

A **coordinator for the cake stall** would be in charge of gathering support for cake stall donations and organising a roster for sales on the day.

An Expression of Interest is also being sought from a parent/citizen to be the school

**representative on the Apple Day Committee.**

Please contact **Chrissy Wursten** to find out more details about any of these roles and to register your interest on:

0418 648 610

48 410 077

**Canteen Fundraiser at NRL Gala Day 2<sup>nd</sup> August** - Volunteers are required on the 2nd August to assist the P&C committee in the canteen at the NRL Gala Day. If you are able

to help out please contact Jeremy Porter on: 0409 982 384

### **Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool (PLASST) – 2013 Trial**

I am pleased to advise that during the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of students. PLASST stands for Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

To assist with the delivery of the trial, the Department of Education and Communities has contracted an independent analytics and program management provider, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). PwC will also analyse the data collected from the trial and recommend adjustments to the tool before it is made available to all NSW public schools in 2014.

The trial will take place between July and September 2013 and involve up to 550 selected schools.

Teachers will complete a questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students and submit their responses online. All data will be held in a secure web database designed specifically by PwC for the trial. The data supplied to PwC through the trial will not provide any names of individual students.

Students will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed during the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child's possible involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school.

### **3-6 Cooking Program**

Mr Randall commenced a cooking program with the students in the 3-6 class last term and this program was well received and supported by parents who came in to assist with the cooking activities as well as supplying of ingredients for the recipes.

The P&C approached Mr Randall in regard to supporting the program and as a result purchased child friendly knives, peelers and other materials such as chopping boards and tea towels.

Mr Randall has since put together a wish list of other supplies that would be desirable and we are asking for donations of excess or unwanted/surplus items parents may have lying around that could be donated to the school for the purpose of supporting the cooking program. This includes items such as:

**Saucepans**

**2 Electric Woks**

**2 Frypans**

**Food processor**

**Whisk**

**Colander**

**Spatulas**

**Measuring cups**

**Mixing bowls**

**Soup ladles**

**Stirring spoons**

**Food handling Gloves**

**Protective aprons**

**Storage boxes for materials.**

Items can be "dropped off" at the office.



### **Positive Behaviour Raffle Draw**

Congratulations to:

Liam Carey, Samantha McKellar, Patrick O'Leary, Imogen Field, Billy Gee, Chloe Brock-Doe, Joshua Porter and Brody McKellar who were prize winners in the recent raffle draw.

### **Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers**

Last call for any Woolworths stickers that may have been collected last term. We need them in by Friday at the latest. Thank you for supporting our school!

### **Excursion Highlights**

A fabulous time was had by all who attended the ZooSnooze overnight excursion. It is not often you get to sleep next to crocodiles, snakes and lizards!

Our students were immensely well behaved and we had many positive comments from Zoo staff about our delightful students and the way they cared for and looked after each other.









