NEWSLETTER TERM 2 Week 4

Marra travelled to Girilambone Public School for Life Education writing workshop and sports. Happily a couple who were camping nearby offered face painting and entertained them with balloon animals. We welcome a new casual Sally Oates to our staff. Sally will be relieving if needed on Wed/Thurs/Fridays.

The school plan is now on the website. This document is the future direction of where we want Marra Creek Public School to go. The 3 strategic directions outlined are Student learning, Professional Learning and Community Engagement. Feel free to head to the website to check it out.

www.marracreek-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

In the Classroom The children have been learning all about Italy in HSIE with Mrs Steele. The students are having a favoloso (fabulous) time with Mrs Steele. The Infants have been studying and comparing the text of 2 versions of Cinderella. (Paperbag Princess and Cindy Ella).

The primary students are reading ‘Matilda’ by Roald Dahl in anticipation the students will travel to Sydney in term 3 to watch Matilda the Musical.

Years 4 & 5’s have been working hard on their CWA public speaking. Tuesday 26th May is the day the students will be travelling to Narromine. Travelling arrangements will be made closer to the day.

Chosen Topics are;
Toby – ANZACS.
Acacia – Animals are more than Pets.
Jet – Animals are more than Pets.

NAPLAN is taking place this week over three days (May 12th, 13th & 14th). Our year 5 students will be taking part in this. NAPLAN is simply a test to see what stage the students are at. Nothing for the students to stress or be concerned about. Please see attached information regarding NAPLAN.

Sport will continue to be held on Friday afternoons. The students have been practicing for cross country. Cross country will see the students travelling to Hermidale on Thursday 21st May 9 am start. Come along and support your kids.

11th June Netball and Football carnival will be held in Coonamble. Toby, Jet & Acacia has been entered into Combined Small School teams to play in the Primary School Netball Challenge and Peachy and Richardson Rugby League. On the day students will be split into Year 3 / 4 and Year 5 / 6 teams for the day. We will require parents to assist with transport on the day. More information will be included closer to the date.
**Vegie Patch** The Yates Winter Queen Spinach seeds have emerged, the kids have been watering and watching their seeds grow. More seeds to be added soon.

**Uniform Box** We have a 2\textsuperscript{nd} hand winter uniform box at school, parents feel free to look through. Also have new sports jackets and pants for sale with limited sizes left.

**Marra Creek CWA** will be hosting the **Biggest Morning Tea** on Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} May at the Marra Creek CWA rest rooms. A light luncheon will be provided from 12 noon. Everyone is most welcome.

**DATES to Remember**

**MAY**
- 12\textsuperscript{th} to 14\textsuperscript{th} NAPLAN
- 19\textsuperscript{th} May Marra Creek CWA Biggest Morning Tea at CWA rest rooms
- 21\textsuperscript{st} Cross Country at Hermidale
- 22\textsuperscript{nd} & 25\textsuperscript{th} AWA Mid Term Break.
- 26\textsuperscript{th} Public Speaking at Narromine.

**JUNE**
- 8\textsuperscript{th} Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- 11\textsuperscript{th} Combined Schools Netball/football Carnival at Coonamble.
- 26\textsuperscript{th} End of Term 2

**Websites to check out.**
Things you should know before teaching your kids to read.
Life Education Day
Madam Chairman, my topic is….

Animals are more than pets

Animals make excellent pets but they have many more jobs like helping us tell the weather. They are good companions for the elderly and give humans food and clothing.

Some dogs are used to help blind people just get though life with no trouble. Guide dogs are usually Labradors that are well trained, such as when it is safe to cross the road or to grab something its owner needs and much more.

Our family has a menagerie of animals. Some are pets and some are used for other things such as food and breeding. We have two pet kangaroos that we rescued and are now pets. Some people kill roos for meat & fur. We eat animals that run wild on our property. My favourite food mum & dad make me is shepherd’s pie and jerky. The jerky is made from roo meat & the shepherd’s pie is made up of potato & roo mince.

You will know if it is going to rain if the ants are running around the place. Other animals also tell us about the weather and the state of the environment. If there are lots of frogs about it means the ecosystem is healthy.

I believe that animals are much more than just pets, they do lots of jobs and keep the whole earth healthy.

By Acacia Carter

Year 5
Madam Chairman, My topic is...

Animals are more than pets. Animals feed us, clothe us, help and assist us, and teach us about the environment. They entertain us but most importantly they keep us company and love and depend on us.

I live on a cattle farm in the Marra district north of Warren, where we have animals as pets but also for other reasons. Our dogs are working dogs and they help us muster our cattle. Our horses also help us muster cattle and we use them to play games such as polocrosse and eventing.

Animals provide services for blind people and people with disabilities or sickness. Sniffer dogs protect our borders. Police dogs help police catch robbers and they sniff out the trail of missing people.

Animals are more than pets. Some animals tell us about the environment. Scientists study populations of animals such as bees, fish, frogs and birds and see how such things as pollution effects them and their environment.

Animals are so much more than pets they have lots of jobs as well as being our companions, which is pretty important too!

By jet hall
Year 5
Madam Chairman, my topic is... ANZACS
ANZAC stands for Australia New Zealand Army Corp. Thousands of ordinary men signed up to be soldiers and went to lots of places like Turkey, Egypt and Europe.

Thousands of Anzac died in both world wars and other conflicts. Soldiers had lot of weapons like guns, bombs, bullets, gunpowder, and TNT. WW1 started in 1915 and ended in 1918. WW2 started in 1940 and ended in 1945. We commemorate Anzac day every year on the 25th of April and on Remembrance Day on the 11th day of the 11th month which was when World War Two ended. This year is special because it is the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.

Tourists go to Anzac cove to experience what it might have been like for the soldiers at Gallipoli. During the 1920’s ANZAC Day became established as a day to remember the soldiers who died in the war and those that returned never to be the same.

Arthur Hall was a soldier that served in World War One. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery. He also served in WW2 and is buried at St Mathews church at West Bogan and his VC medal is displayed at the Canberra War Memorial. He is a well-known Anzac in this area.

By Toby Josephs YR4