**NEWSLETTER TERM 3 Week 8**

End of Term Assembly will be held on Thursday 17th September at 2pm. All welcome.

As part of our strategic direction for our school we are improving our capabilities in using IPad’s. We want our students to be 21st century learners and we will be using our ‘expert’ Mrs Oates. Mrs Oates will be coming in regularly to teach us how we can apply a huge range of apps and programs to what we do in the classroom. This week we are using QR codes and photo apps like P.S express and Sketch Cam. In the future we will be using Storymaker to create a digital story. The students are already great at using IPad’s. Some of their favourite apps are Google Earth, Photo Booth, and Funny Movie Maker.

![Birthday Balloons](image)

*Mrs Steele & Ruby*

**Canberra Excursion**

This Sunday 6th September will see Toby, Acacia & Jet travel to Canberra on a combined excursion with Carinda and Quambone. It is an exciting opportunity for our students and they are looking forward to the trip. They have a jammed packed itinerary visiting Museum of Australian Democracy, National Gallery of Australia, Parliament house, Australian Institute of Sport, Cockington Green, Dinosaur Museum, Laser Adventure, Flipout Fun, Questacon, Royal Australian Mint and the Australian War Memorial and finishing the trip off with some Tenpin Bowling. Julia Steele will be our teacher representative and taking the students to meet the bus in Warren. They are going to have an awesome time.

**Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)**

Students from our school will soon be undertaking, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.
**Netball**
Every Wednesday afternoon Jet, Acacia and Ida have been travelling to Warren to compete in the local netball competition. Their team The All Stars played like the Diamonds and won the Grand Final. Well done girls.

**Book Week Celebrations**
Last week was Book week and to celebrate the students came to school last Friday dressed as their favourite book character.
Pollet’s Martial Arts have been travelling to the school every Thursday afternoon. The kids have been learning a combination of skills and techniques from Karate, Jiu Jitsu, Muay Thai Kickboxing, Mixed Martial Arts to Kobujutsu. This program will continue until the end of term. Photos are from the session the students had yesterday.
Marra Creek Public School is now on Facebook. So please feel free to like our page.

**Fundraising catalogues** have been sent home with the kids. Please share them with friends/families/neighbours. If you would like extra copies let me know. Out of every purchase 20% is given back to the school. It is a great way for our little school to stock up on fun learning resources. Alternative you can head over to the website: [www.edex.com.au/fundraising](http://www.edex.com.au/fundraising)

**Variety the children’s charity** will be stopping in for lunch on the 16th May 2016. They will also be making a contribution to the school/community that will be of benefit to the children, idea welcome. Please see visit the website [www.variety.org.au](http://www.variety.org.au)

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**The Marra Trustees are calling a Community Meeting to be held at the Marra Hall on Saturday 19th of September at 5.30pm.**

BYO BBQ & drinks.

All Welcome!!

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**September**

6th to 10th Canberra Excursion for older students

12th Pop Up Cinema at Carinda

17th Assembly at 2pm

18th Last day of Term 3

19th Community Meeting at Marra Hall at 5.30pm

**October**

6th Term 3 School back

8th Science Festival Dubbo

27th Tyke-Oh Japanese Drumming at Marra Creek Public School

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**Joke.**

What is a barramundi called if it’s born at the end of the week?

If you want to know the answer, you’ll need to download the free app i-nigma onto your IPhone, IPod or IPad and scan the QR code.