Public Speaking
Marra students will be travelling to Girilambone on Friday 17th June for a public speaking competition involving all students from Girilambone, Marra Creek and Hermidale Public Schools. Damien Clarke, the Bourke District’s CAP (Country Area Program) consultant, will be organising the day and there will also be an impartial adjudicator present. Students are to prepare speeches prior to the day on the following topics:

- Kinder-Year 2- My favourite toy
- Year 3/4- My favourite food
- Year 5/6- My favourite hobby

There will also be impromptu speeches for years 3-6, with the topics drawn from a hat on the day. Morning tea and lunch will be provided at a cost of $6 per person.

ICAS test (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)
The next tests for participating students will be “Spelling” on Monday 20th June and “Writing” on 21st June.

In the Classroom
Science
Students have been learning about products and services and in particular how a food product is mass produced. Students have been planning their own system for producing a food product and are currently designing boxes to package their chosen product; muesli bars. Students will be ready to make and package their muesli bars on Monday, 20th June. I hope they are all present that day so nobody misses out.

Reading to Learn
I couldn’t resist sharing more of the students’ writing samples. Theses “rewrites” are based on a paragraph from page 13 of “Hitler’s Daughter” by Jackie French. Years 1 & 2 wrote about their oldest memory. Please see below.

Recorder practice
Students appear to enjoy learning to play the recorder. I can already see/hear a great improvement. Please ensure that students put their recorders back into their school bags after they practise at home, so that the recorders are always available when we have a chance to practise at school. Thanks.

Cross Country
Ida Dawson and Laura Hardie were selected to compete in the Regional Cross Country event to be held in Wellington on 15th June. Congratulations to both girls for their efforts and good luck in Wellington!

Assembly
The end of term assembly will be held on Wednesday 29th June. Please be here for a 2.30pm start. All are welcome!

Anita Moore
Principal

- 15th June- Regional cross country- Wellington
- 20-21st June- ICAS tests
- 17th June- Public speaking
- 20th June- Science project
- 29th June- Assembly
‘Reading to Learn’ rewrite samples

Little Lucy stumbled onto the train first, as always and pounced onto the biggest window seat behind the conductor. Westley lumbered behind Archie, with Jeffery breathing down his neck. The train jolted from the station and across the train crossing and began to twist its way down the track. The sheep watched them leave, the snow, like a blanket on their back, their breath like a cloud in front of them.

*Jeremiah Carter, Year 6*

Big Teague shuffled onto the train first, like he usually did and pounced onto the back seat behind Ned. Westley bolted behind Ida, with Jeramiah nipping at his heels. The train puffed out of the train station and chugged along the tracks. The people on the platform watched them go, the sweat pouring from their faces, their children running around like crazy.

*Teague Hall, Year 3*

Little Emily scuffled onto the helicopter before everyone else, which was normal and scuttled into the front passenger seat beside the pilot. Jack sauntered beside Kate with Ben scurrying closely behind. The helicopter wafted into the air and began to weave its way between the early morning flocks of birds. The heli-pad owner watched them go, his hair streaming out behind him, his hand shading his eyes from the glaring early morning sun.

*Ida Dawson, Year 4*

Jeffery climbed up into the truck after the truck driver and jumped onto the seat beside him. Teague climbed behind him with Archie on his back and Acacia was dancing behind. The truck sped out of the farm with a trailer full of wheat. The kangaroos watched them drive onto the dirt road, the leaves dropping onto their heads.

*Jeffery Carter, Year 3*

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Big Westley rolled onto the back of the ute like he did most of the time and toppled at the rack behind the driver. Jerry danced beside Lucy with Jet stumbling behind her. The ute bolted out from the shed and turned onto the gravel road around the trees. The emus ran beside the ute and raced them home. The sun boiled the water in the esky and the thick exhaust shot out behind like a cloud of dust.

*Westley Carter, Year 5*

Little Laura clambered onto her horse, as she always did, gathered the reigns and kicked as hard as she could. Lisa trotted behind Tom, with Angus right on the horse’s tail. Laura galloped her horse around the pegs. The horse neighed and stopped with a big skid, then began to prance through the trees back to the float. The birds watched them go, the dust blinding their eyes, their feathers flying in the wind.

*Laura Hardie, Year 5*
**My Oldest Memory**

Once upon a time, when I was a little baby, I was in a bath and I had heaps of bites all over me. It made me very sad.

*Lucy Earl, Year 1*

When I was 3, Soxy died and I gave a picture and flowers to Soxy. I felt sad.

*Jet Hall, Year 1*

I felt happy because I loved my mum very much because she used to hold me when I was a baby.

*Acacia Carter, Year 1*

On the holidays we drove to Bateman’s Bay for a holiday and one of the beaches had a motorbike track. I saw a little shark that someone caught and we went fishing. It was about 4 years ago.

*Archie Ray, Year 1*