Marra Creek Public School
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Term 1 Week 4

Principal's Message

Hello Everyone,
It has been a busy fortnight since our last newsletter. All of our students participated well at the Small Schools Swimming carnival at Nyngan on the 12th February. They entered a wide range of events and made a fantastic effort with Ned Dawson winning the Senior’s Cup for his overall performance on the day.

Our Kindergarten students have made a great start to the year. They are busy learning the 42 sounds of the English Language through the Jolly Phonics program. The other students have enjoyed listening to *Rowan of Rin* by Emily Rodda, and they have been developing their writing skills through working with this text in the Reading to Learn program. All the students have been having a wonderful time making beautiful sunflowers with Mrs Reid, as the ‘S’ sound is the first one studied by Kinder.

I would like to extend a special thank-you to Leanne Hall for the time she has spent listening to students read. Already we are seeing the benefit of that extra bit of reinforcement. With practice on familiar texts children experience success, which then gives them the confidence to become more independent in their own learning.

Last week we also had a visit from two students from Sweden. These adventurous young women have just finished school and they were surprised by the smartboard technology available in our school, which they had not seen before. They generously spent some time with us telling us about life in Sweden, and speaking to us in both Swedish and Spanish. I was very impressed with the general knowledge shown by our older students and the interesting questions that were asked by them.

Since January we have had builders on the school site constructing a new cover for the playground equipment. It is now nearing completion and will provide good shade for the children while they are playing on the equipment. The ‘hayshed’, as it has been dubbed by Mr Simpson, will also provide a little more shade for the classroom in summer.

Cassandra Mackay
Acting Principal
Marra Creek Public School

Swimming @ Carinda

Today our students have travelled to Carinda PS to join them for swimming. With luck, they will be able to continue with this activity on Fridays for the remainder of the term.
Can Collection

The school children will again be collecting aluminium cans this year as a fundraiser. If anyone has any cans they would like to donate they can be left at the school or with any of the school families.

EA Days

The enterprise agreement days have been decided on for this term. A reminder to all families that the days are Monday 1st March and Thursday 1st April.

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Until next time,
Heather
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