Marra Creek Public School
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Term 1 Week 3

Principal’s message

Marra Creek PS has a new relief teacher. Miss Elecia Sandall commenced this term in replacement of Kristin O’Toole, who has procured a position at Gulargambone Central School in charge of a Kinder/Year 1 class. Miss Sandall is an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher and we are very lucky to have her. Elecia tells me (as Kristin did before her) how happy she is to assist at Marra in such a beautiful setting and with such lovely students!

Students and staff will be visiting Carinda PS on Tuesday 8th March, for an all day workshop titled “Brains Alive”. Dr John Josephs, from the USA, will be enlightening us with his methodology on how we can best stimulate our brains and learning potential throughout the school day. Dr Josephs has an excellent reputation in his field and we look forward to learning something that we can utilise in the classroom setting.

At 9.30am, Thursday, 10th March, Marra PS students will be taking a “Journey to the Planets”. We will be linking up through our video conferencing live to NASA, Houston, for this virtual excursion. Students will be given the opportunity to ask and answer questions and they will also participate in activities with the NASA instructors.

Anita Moore
Principal

Swimming Carnival

A great day was had at the Small Schools swimming carnival last Wednesday 16th February.
There were the usual events in the ‘little’ pool for the younger children, capably run by Miss Kiss (from Hermidale) and the lovely Miss Sandal (our relieving teacher).
In the ‘big’ pool, students had lots of opportunities to put their toes in the water so to speak, with all strokes at the varying distances of 10, 17 and 25m as well as the 50m freestyle. Teague was the brave student from our school who has been training hard to compete in the 50m freestyle. He was the only student from the 3 schools to nominate himself to swim this race.
Fortunately some others decided to go in it with him so he didn’t have to swim it alone. Well done Teague! Congratulations to Ida, who was delighted to win the Junior Champions trophy (8,9 & 10 years) after a lot of years of trying hard.
Well done to all the children who took part in the day with enthusiasm and determination, you should all be very proud of yourselves – we are!
We are very fortunate to have a swimming carnival format that allows children to compete at whatever level at which they feel comfortable. Not so confident swimmers are all encouraged to “have a go” and no-one is made feel any lesser because they are not champions. Thankyou to Mrs Lewis and Mrs Dewhurst for running a great carnival that everyone can enjoy!

**Laptops up & running**

The three senior students now have access to a laptop each at their desks. These are all connected wirelessly, meaning that they are able to utilise online programmes like “Mathletics” and “Spellodrome” as well as the numeracy and literacy software installed on all the computers in the classroom. Great stuff!

- Bogan Bush Mobile – Tuesday, 1st March.
- “Brains Alive” – Carinda, 8th March 9am.
- EA Days – 11th & 13th March.

Until next time,
Heather