



MAYRUNG PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Week 6, Term 3

Dear all,

Already mid-way through Term 3, it seems that time is turning at twice the pace! The students have been busy preparing for their up and coming Art Expo, to be held on the eve of September 12th at 6:30pm, (more details later). This event is a culmination of all the art work that has been created throughout the year and I am very proud to say that we have some wonderful artists here at Mayrung School. Each student has shone through in their own way in a variety of mediums.

I am sitting here today dressed as Friar Tuck from Robin Hood fame, wearing a very unattractive wig and sporting a cushion held by a rope belt. I am not the only one looking totally out of character, it was as if someone had lifted the lid on the library box this morning as the bus door opened and book characters exuded from the doorway. The students look wonderful in costumes of well-known book characters in their celebration of 'Book Week'. I must say a very big 'thank you' to you the parents in assisting your child/children to come in character today. The children certainly enjoy such moments and in an indirect way realise how much fun reading can be!



Last week I attended the Primary Principal's Conference in Griffith. During the two days two guest speakers were introduced Bruce Sullivan, who discussed how to understand and accept differing personalities and Sebastian Terry (pictured), a young man who has tried just about everything, but in doing so has encouraged thousands of people around the world to not only believe in themselves but to also aid others in doing so. If you wish to read more on these two inspiring speakers, I suggest you google their names. I also had the opportunity to meet, for the second time, Mr Adrian Piccoli, the NSW Minister for Education and told him what a great 'small school' Mayrung is. You never know he may find time to pay us a visit!



This term has been a cold and miserable one, which has seen a number of our students, staff and parents falling ill with colds and coughs. I hope with the oncoming Spring weather we all re energise and remain healthy. Just a reminder that head lice are once again resurfacing, remember to regularly check your child/children's hair to avoid infestation. If we all carry out regular checks and use the necessary treatments when eggs are found, we can keep the spread of head lice down to a bare minimum (hopefully).

Have a great weekend and enjoy your children!
Julie Eason

Be curious always!

For knowledge will not acquire you; you must acquire it.

Important Dates

Wednesday	5 th September	Leo Barry Fun Day for Yr3/4 @ Deniliquin
Thursday	6 th September	K/1/2/3/4 @ Deniliquin – Men's Shed
Friday	7 th August	Canteen – Caroline & Stacey rostered on
Wednesday	12 th September	Art Expo starting at 6.30 pm

Snapshots around the school:



Book Week Photos
Craft Activities





Orientation Dates:

Orientation will be this year on a Tuesday. It will run over 4 weeks commencing on October 23rd, with the other dates being the Tuesday, 30th October, 6th November and 13th November.

Canteen:

Canteen is on in a fortnight with Caroline and Stacey being rostered on. Please remind your child/ren to put in their lunch order start of that week. Thank you.

Raffle tickets:

No doubt you all will have received your raffle tickets by now for P&C's major fundraising event. At one of the P&C meetings it was decided to try and raffle some fuel instead of wood, particularly due to the approaching Ute Muster. The executive committee is in the process of organising some venues to sell tickets before and on the Ute Muster weekend. So if anyone has a couple of spare hours and would like to volunteer I am sure the committee would like to hear from you. If you need any more tickets please let us know and we can send some more home.

Purtills have been very kind and donated \$250 worth of fuel towards the prizes. Please keep in mind that they are Caltex fuel vouchers which can be used state-wide.

News from K-2 Classroom:

We have some very busy weeks coming up which we are looking forward to.

This week, week 6, is Book Week. We will be participating in literacy and art activities related to one of the shortlisted books which is 'Look a Book'. We are also looking forward to dressing up as our favourite book character. Please try and ensure that your child comes dressed up tomorrow, it is much more fun for them.

On Thursday 6th September K/1/2/3/4 will be going to the Men's Shed in Deniliquin for the day. This is a part of our Science Unit 'Games and Toys'. We will be making cars/planes/boats/trucks. The students drew their designs which I have given to the wonderful men that volunteer at the Men's Shed and they are going to try and cut out pieces of wood as close to the children's designs as they can. The children will be putting them together, sanding and painting them. As there are a lot of tools in the Men's shed and there will be a lot going on, I am hoping for parents/grandparents to come along and assist us for the day. If you are able to please let me know. It should be a great day. (permission note attached)

I am focusing on the students Home Reading at present. It is important that they are reading and learning their sight words. We have practiced taking their Home Readers out of their bag, reading, doing their sight words and the 1/2's writing their spelling words, getting their Home Reader Diary filled in and putting their books straight back into their Home Reader bags, then straight into their school bag so that it is in there to bring to school in the morning. If they have completed all of their homework four days in a row they have some time on the Activity Table. Some children still haven't achieved this which is disappointing for them. Please support your child with this.

Our unit of work for PDHPE is Child Protection; the unit is 'Protective Strategies'. The overview for this unit is: With knowledge about positive relationships and about child abuse, children can take appropriate actions if they are in threatening situations. When learning about protective strategies, students are given the opportunity to analyse situations, to identify feelings, and to explore alternative courses of action and their consequences.

Focus areas include teaching and learning in the areas of safety strategies, assertiveness, and talking about concerns.

They will be learning the 'NO GO Tell' Strategy, assertiveness and identifying a support network of adults.
If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me.
Have a great weekend.
Jenny Adamson

Sports and Health News

First I would like to congratulate all the students who participated at the Deniliquin District carnival last Friday. They all did well to brave that cold wind and did Mayrunga P.S proud by showing superb sportsmanship. I would also like to give a big shout out to Mickey and Caleb for giving me a helping hand at the long jump it was greatly appreciated.

NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge has almost come to an end and it was great to see all the students filling in their activity cards working towards achieving those gold awards throughout the challenge, just shows the enthusiasm of the students with staying fit and healthy. Keep it up kids.

Last of all I would like to thank all the parents who are supporting their children with crunch & sip by packing a piece of fruit or vegetable in their lunch boxes. It would also be helpful for the children's health if they could start bringing a bottle of fresh water to drink from throughout the day.

Remember active kids are Healthy kids

Thanks

Stacey O'Meara

News from the 3/4 room

How fast time goes when you're having fun. This term in literacy the stage 2 students have been vigorously busy learning some new spelling strategies as well as reviewing spelling and grammar rules we have previously learnt such as possessive apostrophes, bossy 'e' and what to do when making plurals for words ending in ss, x, ch, and ch.

In math we have continued to do lots of revision with quick quizzes at the beginning of each lesson. The last few weeks we have covered outcomes in the strand of numbers with learning to count with fractions and division strategies as well as covering outcomes from measurement, learning about millimetres and litres.

Last of all the 3/4's have been submitting some superb pieces of homework, especially last week's procedures. They are all getting right into their homework which is really reflecting in the classroom. Homework is an important part of the children's learning as it helps to reinforce what has been learnt at school as well as give them a sense of achievement when they hand it in to the teacher. It also gives parents/ care givers the chance to have an insight to what they are learning at school.

So well done to all those that are putting in the effort with their homework, I look forward to seeing next weeks and have a wonderful weekend.

Stacey O'Meara

Book Club:

Please find attached Scholastic Book Club pamphlets. If you would like to order could you please send the order form back by next Friday, 31st August. Please remember that we do not accept cash. Payments have to be made either via Credit Card or via cheque written out to Scholastic. Thank you.

Community Notice

Sound advice on sleep

Did you know it's recommended that school-aged children get 10-11 hours sleep each night? For tips on how to make sure your child gets a good night's sleep go to:

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_age_sleep_nutshell.html

One of our families would like to adopt a kitten. If you know of anyone who wants to give one away please give us a ring.

DENILIQVIN TOY LIBRARY

The Deniliquin Toy Library has a huge range of quality toys guaranteed to keep inquisitive minds and active bodies busy having fun as they play and learn.

Suitable for babies to school age children there are also literacy and numeracy games, construction toys and toys for outdoor activities to keep the older siblings amused.

Opening Hours

Wednesday 9.30 to 1.30 Thursday 12.30 to 4.30

Friday 8.45 to 12.15 Saturday 10.00 to 12.00

Enquiries and visitors are welcome at 360 Whitelock Street or contact Irene on 5881 2394



Deniliquin Junior Giants

Season 2012 is commencing and we are looking for eager basketballers to join our ranks.

Any interested boys and girls can contact the Deniliquin Stadium or contact Nicole Tonta on 0414877040. Tournaments will be commencing in early October 2012.



The Bearded Gypsy Band

are four extraordinary young musicians from Adelaide. They play an exciting mix of celtic, gypsy, blues and roots music which is appealing to listeners of all ages. Come and experience the thrill of gypsy music on Saturday 1st September 7.00 at the Deniliquin Club. Bookings: South West Music 5881 4736. Adults \$20 (pre-purchase) Students gold coin. Light supper provided and drinks available for purchase.

Deniliquin Netball Association 2012 Spring Competition

Registration Night

DNA Clubrooms Memorial Park

Wednesday 19th September 5.30 -7.00 pm

Playing fees: Senior - \$30 - Non VNA \$60 U17's and Under - \$30 - Non VNA \$60

Junior—Grade 5/6 - \$20 - Non VNA \$40 Modified—Grade 3 /4 - \$20 - Non VNA \$40

(VNA—Victoria Netball Association Registration)

All players welcome Registration forms available from all schools, Rockets Sports & Heritage Fabrics

Wednesday Night—10 October to 5 December .

