MESSAGE FROM MARC

Welcome to the MARC Library in 2013! My name is Miss Megan Ryan and I will be the MARC Library teacher this year. The MARC Library Van currently attends nine small schools in the region, with each school visited fortnightly. The MARC Library program delivers literacy and information skills lessons to students and also provides students with the opportunity to borrow library books. We have had a fabulous beginning to our MARC program this year with most students having attended at least one MARC session. Just a reminder that students are able to borrow up to two library books at a time, which need to be returned or re-borrowed at the next MARC Library session.

Looking forward to a fantastic 2013,

Miss Megan Ryan

EMA: The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students. If you are a holder of a Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Cenrelink pension, please collect an application form from the school office to complete. Provide your card to be copied and all applications close 26th February 2013. Conveyance Allowance: if you are a Victorian resident, school age, reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from the school attended and attend the nearest appropriate school at which admission is possible you meet the criteria to be granted conveyance allowance.

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**SCHOOL VALUES**

Please discuss these on a regular basis at home as a family

Honesty
Being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers

Persistence
Being confident, resilient and optimistic when striving to meet challenges

Humour
To enjoy and celebrate with others

Initiative
To contribute ideas, be flexible and demonstrate leadership

Commitment
Being dedicated to do your very best

Teamwork
Working with and sharing with others to enhance learning for everyone

Respect
Treating self, others and your environment with care and respect.
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Newsletter No 3
Tuesday 19th of February 2013

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ALLERGIES – PLEASE AVOID SENDING NUTS TO SCHOOL

Just a reminder – we have a child at school with a serious allergy to nuts (anaphylaxis). We ask that you do not send any foods to school that contain nuts.

Dear Families,

Last Friday we finished off our swimming program with a Fun Day. We have been so lucky with the weather for the swimming and Friday was no exception. There were all kinds of activities and races going on but my favourite was watching all the students coming up with various ways of making Miss Mac’s ice blocks last as long as possible. This was a race that was taken very seriously. Thank you to the parents who organised, cooked, served and cleaned up the BBQ lunch. It was very yummy and much appreciated.

Yesterday 8 students headed into Stawell to attend an AFL Auskick footy clinic with members of the Western Bulldogs team. We were very impressed that their captain, Matthew Boyd, had attended. I know Paddy really enjoyed the opportunity to meet members of his favourite team. Although the weather was extremely hot for running around, the students participated enthusiastically and made the most of being able to get some tips from the experts.

Teachers from the small schools in the Stawell and District area are meeting next Monday to discuss the structure and content of future cluster days. We look forward to continuing the tradition of students and teachers from the local smaller schools getting together and getting to know each other.

Next Tuesday our Division swimming team heads to Horsham for the first level of competition. Members of the team are: Charlie, Dylan, Georgia, Keira, Kaylee and Haylee. We wish them all the best. A big thanks to Blanche Leithhead who is volunteering her time to train the students before school each day.

Please note that all EMA & Conveyance Allowance applications are due by next Tuesday, the 26th of February. See Sue in the office tomorrow (Wednesday) if you are unsure about your eligibility.

Acting Principal
Ja-San Trimble

Please browse the following site and links for parents to find information about school closures in emergency situations:
www.education.vic.gov.au
Follow these links –
SCHOOL
For Parents
Child Health and Wellbeing
Emergencies and Natural Disasters
Closures – Schools, Services and Bus Routes