Student of the Week

Congratulations to Angus Steenbergen who received the Student of the Week Award for Term 1, Week 6. Angus received his award for great investigative work in mathematics. Well done, Angus!

P&C Annual General Meeting

Last Tuesday we held our annual general meeting with all executive positions being declared vacant. We are delighted to announce that all positions were filled. Please see below:

President: Brad Edgerton
Vice President: Michelle Dodge
Secretary: Jacinta Edgerton
Treasurer: Karen Steenbergen
Fund Raising Committee: Michelle Dodge, Kelley King, David McMillan, Rebecca McMillan and Tracey Gembles
Uniform Coordinator: Kelley King

Congratulations to all office bearers and thank you for volunteering your time so generously.

P&C Meeting

At last Tuesday’s P&C meeting it was decided that the school would host barbecues at Woolworths, Big W and Aldi. We have been able to secure three dates and are seeking volunteers to help organise the barbecues as well as operating the barbecues on the day. Please see attached a note asking for assistance. If you could indicate your ability and willingness to assist and return the note to school by next Monday, 14th March it would be much appreciated.

In addition, it was decided at the meeting that we would again host an Open Day at Maimuru this year. It was decided that we will combine it with our whole school assembly and Enrichment Day activities. Advertising flyers will be sent home closer to the date.

The P&C would also like to order shirts for parents and staff to wear at fund raising events and for competition days. Shirts have been sourced from Young Embroidery Service for $35.95. Please see images and order form attached.

P&C Insurance Fee

Each year the P&C needs to insure students and this is a compulsory fee of $5.00 per student. Parents are asked to send this payment to school to be given to the P&C.

Lizards

We have been fortunate over the last few weeks to have had some very interesting lizards visiting us. We had a bearded dragon that decided the sports storeroom would be a good place to rest and Mrs Kay donated excellent explorers clothes to investigate!

Mrs Kay was well prepared for inspecting the lizard in the sports storeroom. The lizard was very comfortable hiding behind the gymnastics mats.

Winter Uniform Order

Please find attached to the newsletter an order form for winter uniform items. It would be advisable to check winter uniforms in case your child has grown over the last 12 months. Orders that are submitted after the group order incur additional handling and freight charges. Please return your uniform orders by Monday, 14th March 2016.

Young High School Open Day

Young High School is running an Open Day on Tuesday, 15th March from 3.30-6.30pm. There will be a guided tour and free sausage sizzle along with opportunity to see first-hand the great resources and opportunities Young High School provides. All families are invited to attend but Year 5 and Year 6 students will have a particular invitation attached to their newsletter.

Canteen

Thanks to Karen Steenbergen who volunteered to run canteen last week.
This week Janice Gregory will be organising canteen. Janice will be serving party pies with vanilla slice for dessert. Please return your orders tomorrow.
Next week Jacinta Edgerton will be organising canteen.

Homework

Homework continues this week. Thank you to the students (and parents/carers) who returned their homework to school last Friday for marking. Please return homework each Friday morning.

Infants homework: As outlined in the students’ homework books. Please remember to continue home reading!

Primary Homework: This week primary students will be completing Unit 6.
Times Tables Drill:
Year 3 and Year 4 x6
Year 5 and Year 6 x7

Science
The younger students have been learning about what animals need to stay alive. Last week they were exploring the need for shelter and found that though it is fun to be in a small space for a very short time, all animals need adequate space to feel safe, secure and be provided with sufficient food and space to move.

Katelyn, Tyran, Lilly, Ella and Connor found they could balance on a sheet of newspaper for a short period of time but it destroyed their environment (the piece of newspaper on which they were standing).

Whole School Excursion
All families have indicated that they would like their child to attend the whole school excursion to Canberra. We have an indication that 11 parents/carers would also like to attend the excursion, which is great.
Our whole school excursion will be to see a performance of the 52-Storey Treehouse at the Canberra Theatre Centre on Friday, 29th April. The P&C have very kindly donated $25 per student attending, so this should bring the cost of the excursion down considerably.

Parent Line NSW
Parent Line NSW is a state funded telephone and online counselling service for parents and carers of children aged 0-18. Their service opening hours are 9am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm on weekends (excluding public holidays). Please find attached a copy of their newsletter.

YSS Athletics Carnival
The students have started preparing for the Young Small Schools Athletics Carnival which is being held in the last week of this term. On Friday the younger students worked on ball handling skills while the older students worked on shot put and discus skills.
Please find a permission note for the YSS Athletics Carnival attached to this newsletter.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews for students in Years 2-6 will be held after school tomorrow and Wednesday, 8th and 9th March. A schedule was sent home last week. Please let Angie know if you would like another copy.

Peer Support
During Peer Support lessons we have been working our way through the Fun Friends Program but last week the peer support leaders organised an interesting activity for their group. It was great to see our leaders chose activities to interest and engage their peer support groups.

The girls worked on the correct hold whilst endeavouring to get the greatest distance.

The boys also sort to throw the farthest distance.

The students of Maimuru Public School stand proudly behind our Year 6 captain Matilda DeBritt, in all matters.
Hannah’s group constructed gift boxes using the net of a cube which was also very handy as we had been investigating 3D objects in mathematics throughout the week!

**Prac Student for Maimuru**

We will be welcoming Geoff Davies to Maimuru Public School from next Monday, 14th March. Mr Davies is based at University of New England and will be doing his practical session at Maimuru until Friday 29th April (Week 1, Term 2). We look forward to having Mr Davies join us here at Maimuru over the five week period.

**Harmony Day**

As in previous years, Maimuru School will celebrate Harmony Day with children being asked to wear orange. Harmony Day has been set for Monday 21st March. Please see next week’s newsletter for more details.

**Term 1 School Assembly**

The first student-run assembly for 2016 will be held on Friday, 8th April along with the first Enrichment Day.

**Term 1 Enrichment Day**

Thank you to the parents and carers who have already notified us of their availability to run sessions on Enrichment Day. So far we have three parents who have volunteered to run a session before lunch. It would be great to have volunteers to run session after lunch as well. If you have not returned your Enrichment Day form as yet, could you do so as soon as possible please.

**Bookclub**

Please return orders by 14th March – Thanks!

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**Dates to Remember - Term 1**

- 8-9 March Parent Teacher Interviews
- 14 March Prac Student, Geoff Davies commences
- 21 March Harmony Day
- 25 March Good Friday Public Holiday
- 28 March Easter Monday Public Holiday

**Dates to Remember - Term 2**

- 26 April Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
- 27 April STUDENTS Return for Term 2
- 28 April YSS Athletics Back-up Date
- 29 April WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION
- 3 May P&C Meeting
- 5 May Cross Country at Bribbaree (whole school attending)
- 17-19 May NAPLAN testing
- 24 May School Photos

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Next P&C Meeting

**Tuesday 5th April 2016**

Commencing 3.20pm

To finish by 4.30pm

Minutes of last meeting attached to this newsletter!