Welcome back everyone, to Maimuru Public School. We hope all families enjoyed the summer holiday break. We love to see the children again looking so refreshed and ready for another year. A warm welcome to Drew Eder and his family to our school. Drew commenced Year 3 today and we are sure that he has made some lovely new friends and hope he enjoys his time at our school.

Welcome to our staff for 2015:
Mrs Alison Pippard: Principal and Primary Teacher
Mrs Natalie Carroll: Infants Teacher
Mrs Angie Kay: School Administration Manager
Mrs Vicki Burstal: School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)
Mr Lyle Gilbert: Cleaner
Mr Colin Chapman: General Assistant

Many thanks to Colin Chapman and Lyle Gilbert for maintaining our school to such a high standard over the holidays. It was a pleasure to return this week to a clean and green environment and we look forward to a stimulating and happy year with all our students, parents & carers and staff.

School Times

Bell Times
Commence School 9.15 am
Crunch and Sip 10.15 am
Morning Recess 11.05 am - 11.30 am
Lunch 1.00 pm - 1.45 pm
School finishes 3.10 pm

Teachers are on duty at school from 8.45am each morning and until 3.30pm to supervise children.

The school operates an open door policy and parents are always welcome to make an appointment or telephone with any concerns or issues they wish to discuss. Mrs Pippard and Mrs Carroll are available from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Allergies and Asthma

Parents are reminded that the school does carry a spare adrenaline autoinjector and asthma puffer. However these do not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with both up-to-date adrenaline autoinjector and/or asthma puffers should their child/ren be diagnosed with either Anaphylaxis or Asthma. Also, a current copy of the ASCIA Action Plan and/or Asthma Plan both signed and dated by your doctor when your child was diagnosed or if their condition has changed, is required by the school.

We ask that parents notify the school of any changes to your child/ren’s health status so that we can provide support during school hours.

No Canteen Tomorrow

There will be no canteen/tuckshop at school tomorrow. Please find a volunteer sheet for this term’s canteen. It would be much appreciated if you could return this by the end of the week. Thanks so much.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 3rd February, at 3:20 pm, in the school’s library (Admin. Building). All parents are most welcome to attend. Our meetings are relaxed and friendly. They usually run for 1 to 1½ hours and provide an excellent forum for discussions and ideas. This meeting will run until 4.30pm.

Teachers will outline class routines and expectations at this upcoming meeting.

School Uniform

Thanks to all families for sending children back to school in the correct uniform. The children look fantastic and it really does reflect pride in the school.

We would also like to remind parents and care givers that all students should have BLACK school shoes (preferably leather with arch support) to wear Mondays through Thursdays. Joggers (preferably white or white tones not fluoro colours) should only be worn on Fridays and other special sports days. Maimuru School provides school hats.

Please clearly label all clothing and belongings to assist with recovery of lost property.

2015 School Resources

We are asking parents and caregivers to provide the following items with their children for this year at school: a set of headphones (for use with the school computers), a box of tissues and a glue stick.

School Books

Many items and texts are supplied each year by the school to help families with increasing costs of sending students to school. We do ask, however, that parents make a $30.00
contribution to help cover the cost of textbooks. The P&C is very kindly provided significant funding support to assist with these payments. Please see the list of texts and their costs below. We much appreciate the prompt payment of these books. Thank you.

The following outlines what the school has paid per child:

**Kindergarten:**
- READ IT: $3.59
- My Special Word Collection: $3.18
- Targetting Maths: $15.51
- Handwriting: $11.42
- Homework Contracts: $12.68
- **Total:** $46.38 (ex GST)

**Year 1:**
- READ IT: $3.59
- Targetting Maths: $15.51
- Targetting Mental Maths: $10.59
- Handwriting: $11.42
- Spelling Conventions: $12.23
- **Total:** $53.34 (ex GST)

**Year 2:**
- READ IT: $3.59
- Targetting Maths: $15.51
- Targetting Mental Maths: $10.59
- Reading Conventions: $13.05
- Spelling Conventions: $12.23
- **Total:** $54.97 (ex GST)

**Years 3-6:**
- Targetting Maths: $15.51
- Targetting Mental Maths: $10.60
- Reading Conventions: $13.05
- Spelling Conventions: $12.23
- **Total:** $51.39 (ex GST)

**Homework**

Homework is an integral part of student learning. It serves to consolidate what has been learned in class as well as gives students the opportunity to enhance research skills.

**Infants homework** Our first week’s homework (starting Monday 2nd February) will be completed at school so that children will have a better understanding of what will be required of them. Week commencing 9th February, children will be taking their homework home and this will be due back at school on Friday 13th February. Children will be taking homeworkers home from Monday 2nd February.

**Primary Homework** Our first homework will be given out on Monday, 2nd February and will be due Friday (6th February). This year, students will be completing their homework in the text book order so there will be no need to remind students in the weekly newsletter.

**Student Music Lessons**

Mr Mark Corkery from the Young Regional School of Music will continue at Maimuru for both school and private music lessons. Both private and class music lessons will commence Wednesday, 11th February. Parents who wish for their children to have private music lessons at school will need to contact the Young Regional School of Music to enrol their children before lessons can commence. The telephone number for the Young Regional School of Music is 6382 5735.

**Year 6 Leaders**

We welcome Will Gregory and Kyle Price into the role of School Leaders for 2015. We are confident that both boys will be excellent school leaders.

Year 5 and Year 6 students will have the opportunity to attend the GRIP Leadership conference in Wagga in Term 2. A permission note for this event will go home later in Term 1.

### 2015 YSS Primary Camp Excursion

The 2015 YSS primary excursion will be a trip to Broken Bay commencing Sunday 15th March 2015. Payment plans for this excursion will be sent home when the final decision of P&C contribution at their next meeting on Tuesday 3rd February.

### Healthy Food

Healthy food is promoted at school and we would like to encourage all families to really help in supporting this policy. It can be difficult for children when they see some of their classmates eating inappropriate food for recess and lunch.

Children are asked not to bring chips, lollies, chocolates or fizzy drinks to school. There are so many healthy alternatives for recess and lunch. Thanks.

Our school will continue to have our Crunch and Sip break (fruit/vegetable and water break) at 10.15am. Having a break for fruit/vegetables has been very successful in the past, giving the children that extra concentration for the session before recess. Please ensure that your child brings along some fruit/vegetables each day for our Crunch and Sip time. It is best if this is just a small prepared fresh fruit or vegetable snack that takes no more than 5 minutes to consume and does not require peeling or hand washing afterwards.

### Transport Forms

BUS: Transport forms will be given to students who catch the bus by the bus driver. When they are completed, please return them to school as soon as possible so that they can be processed.

It is extremely important that we have the most up-to-date contact details if parents are not at their usual pick-up point. Should you require another copy of the bus timetable, please let Angie (in the office) know.

CAR: Students in Kindergarten and other students who live more than 1.6km from the bus pick-up/ drop-off point (or students living that distance from school and not on the bus run) are asked to complete a form to hopefully acquire a Department of Transport subsidy. Please see Angie in the office. Thank you.

### Parent Contact Information

It would be very much appreciated if you could complete a Contact Information Update sheet which is attached to this newsletter and return it to the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Could you also indicate on the form if you would like your contact details included on the list which is distributed each year to all parents? Thank you!

### Authority to Publish

The new enrolment forms contain a section to gain permission to publish student photographs not only in school newsletters, but also in the general media. Should you wish that your child NOT BE included in general media publications, please inform the school as soon as possible. Please see Parent Contact Information Sheet to list your preferences. Thank you.
**Complaints Policy**

Each year, in line with DET policy, we like to extend a reminder to parents that if at any time you feel concerned about anything to do with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and tell someone so that any issues can be resolved. It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students.

However, should you feel that you must raise any concern formally, the NSW Department of Education and Training has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the school office.

**Home Reading Folder**

Infants students will need to bring a Home Reading Folder (plastic pocket folder like the newsletter folders) to school each week. Thank you to those parents who have already supplied their child’s home reading folder.

**Library**

Library commences on TUESDAY and will continue each TUESDAY. Please ensure that your child/children have a soft bag with them on TUESDAYS so that they can commence borrowing from our School Library. Thank you!

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held after school on 10th and 11th March for Infants students and after school on 10th, 11th and 12th March for Primary Students. Please complete a preferable day/time or phone the office to organise an alternative date/time.

**School Assemblies Term 1**

Student-run assemblies will continue to be held this year in the primary classroom and all families are most welcome to attend. Our first assembly will be held on Friday, 6th March, 2:15-3:00 pm. The second assembly for Term 1 will be held on Thursday 2nd April (our first Enrichment Day for 2015).

Primary children will be the host of our first assembly.

**Reminders**

Please note/return the following to school as soon as possible:

- **Absences: 10th and 12th March**
  - Note/Pass to hand in when collecting your child.
  - Note/Pass to hand to their teacher, whilst parents arriving late to or leaving early from school to.
  - Late arrival / early departure.

- **School Assemblies Term 1**
  - All students K-6. Maimuru School will be organising the carnival again this year. All parents are encouraged to attend to support their children and assist with supervision. Teachers will be involved in judging, recording, etc.
  - If the weather is unsuitable for swimming (stormy weather only), an announcement will be made over 2LF and ROKKY FM advising of the postponement. Unfortunately, we do not have a back-up date as the pool was fully booked.
  - The carnival commences at 9:00 am with the Open 100m Freestyle, followed by age 50m freestyle races. Please meet teachers at the pool at 8.45 am.
  - Children wear their sports uniform and they will need swimmers, towel, sunscreen, school hat and entrance fee ($2.50 per child, $4.40 per adult). 25m events (both normal and assisted) are organised for non-swimmers in the primary group and students who are non-swimmers in infants classes who are unable to swim the length of the pool will be involved in Fountain Pool / Toddler Pool and Grass activities – this is a long day so parents are welcome to take non-swimmer children home whenever they wish. Please let your teachers know when you take your child.
  - The carnival allows ALL children the opportunity to enter into either 50m or 25m events for each stroke. All entries mean points to our school in the handicap trophy. Only PSSA events are counted toward the Swimming Shield.
  - Parents – Don’t forget the parent relay, please bring your cozzies!!
  - Please complete and return (tomorrow) the attached permission note for the YSS Swimming Carnival.
  - A program for the day will be forwarded home on Monday, next week.

- **Parent/Teacher Interviews**
  - All parents who have taken the time to complete this important requirement.

- **Complaints Policy**
  - A program for the day will be forwarded home on Monday, next week.

- **Bookclub**
  - For those parents new to the school, Scholastic Australia gives the parents/students of schools the opportunity to order books at a reduced price. Each month, the school is sent pamphlets of available books in different reading levels. These levels are found at the bottom of each pamphlet.
  - The pamphlets are sent home with the newsletter which indicates when the orders are due back at school.
  - Should you wish to make an order, complete the form on the back of the pamphlet and return this along with total money owing to the school by the due date. Cheques are to be written out to the school. The school then organises these orders at the end of the month.
  - Orders from parents also contribute to our school points to top up our library with new books.

- **Maimuru School Swimming Carnival**
  - Wednesday, 4th February is the date set for the Young Small Schools Swimming carnival at the Young Pool for
Dates to Remember - Term 1

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A copy of the minutes from the last meeting of 2014 will be attached to next week’s newsletter.

Next P&C Meeting
Tuesday 3rd February 2015
Commencing 3.20pm
To finish by 4.30pm

The Maimuru P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle and cake stall at the Young Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Please find attached a note about this requesting your assistance. Thank you!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Leez School of Dance enrolments Thur Jan 29th (4pm-6pm) & Sat 31st Jan (10am-1pm). Classes in Classical Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz/Hip Hop & Tap. CSTD Examinations in Classical Ballet, Modern Jazz & Tap. Eisteddfod Groups. Mob: 0413 071 753, E: karenleezschoolofdance@hotmail.com, Web: karenleezschoolofdance.wix.com/klsod.

CHRISTINE WISHART’S DANCE STUDIO, YOUNG WILL BE HOLDING REGISTRATION DAYS ON THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY FROM 3.00 – 6.00 and SATURDAY, 31 JANUARY 2015 AT THE SOUTHERN CROSS CINEMAS BETWEEN 10.00am – 12.30pm.

BALLET, CONTEMPORARY, TAP, HIP/HOP & JAZZ CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN YOUNG COMMENCING MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2015.

WE OFFER TAP EXAMS, EISTEDDFOD WORK, LOCAL PERFORMANCES AND END OF YEAR CONCERTS.

FOR ENROLMENTS AND ENQUIRIES PLEASE PHONE CHRISTINE WISHART ON 0269 426 201 or 0427 782 954.

Some very happy faces in the Infants room on the first day back at school!