Student of the Week

Congratulations to Vernon Azana who received the Student of the Week Award for Term 1, Week 2. Vernon received his award for his great determination in swimming lessons and super efforts with Mathematics. Well done, Vernon!

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting for the year was held last Tuesday. Please see attached a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

At the next P&C meeting we hope to develop a plan to promote Maimuru Public throughout our community. Ideas and volunteers would be appreciated at the next P&C meeting which is being held on Tuesday 1st March, at 3:20 pm, in the school’s library (Admin. Building). We aim for this meeting to be over by 4.30pm.

P&C Annual General Meeting

The 2016 P&C AGM will be held before the next general P&C meeting on Tuesday, 1st March. Parents and carers are asked to attend. At this meeting all executive positions will be declared vacant before election of 2016 office bearers.

Class Movie

Last Wednesday an information pamphlet and permission note was sent home to families. We aim to take photos and video which will be made into a short movie for family interest and promotion of the school. We hope that the completed video will be available for distribution early in Term 2. Thank you to the families who so promptly returned the permission note.

2016 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 each term.

School Books

Many items and texts are supplied each year by the school to help families. We do ask, however, that parents make a $40.00 contribution to help cover the cost of textbooks. 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
- Targeting Maths $15.51
- Handwriting $11.42
- Homework Contracts $12.68
- **Total $46.38 (ex GST)**

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

**Years 3-4:**
- Targeting Maths $15.51
- Targeting Mental Maths $10.60
- Targeting Handwriting $
- Reading Conventions $13.05
- Spelling Conventions $12.23
- **Total $51.39 (ex GST)**

**Years 5-6:**
- Targeting Maths $15.51
- Targeting Mental Maths $10.60
- Reading Conventions $13.05
- Spelling Conventions $12.23
- **Total $51.39 (ex GST)**

Thank you to the families who have already paid the textbook contribution.

General School Contribution

School fees are now due and have been set at $50.00 per child with a maximum of $100 per family. These fees assist the school in providing students with general school supplies, access to online computer programs etc. If parents are writing a cheque for these fees they are kindly asked to make the cheque out to Maimuru Public School. You can make payments at the school office. Thank you.

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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.

Swimming for Sport

Thank you to the parents who assisted with swimming for sport last Tuesday. The students had a great opportunity to work on water confidence as well as working on endurance skills in readiness for the Young Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Swimming for sport will continue next Tuesday, 16th February. Both Mrs Carroll and Mrs Pippard will be in attendance, but we ask if parents are able to assist again, their help would be appreciated. Swimming practice will be between 11.30-12.30.

Young Small Schools Swimming Carnival

We would like to remind parents that this carnival is being held on Wednesday, 23rd February at the Young Pool for 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.

Please complete and return your permission note tomorrow if you have not already done so.

A program for the day will be forwarded home on when it is finalised.

Canteen

Thanks to Kelley King and Erica Muller who volunteered to take over the running of canteen last week. The children enjoyed hot dogs and ice blocks.

This week, Karen Steenbergen will be organising canteen. Karen will be serving up lasagne and salad with iceblocks for dessert. Please return your orders TOMORROW.

Next week Michelle Dodge will be organising canteen - Michelle could you please give the school your menu? Thanks.

A new volunteer sheet for Term 1 and 2 canteen is attached. Please keep it as a reminder for weekly canteen. Thanks so much to those parents who are able to spend the time to organise our weekly 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 2.

Times Tables Drill: Year 3 and Year 4 x3
Year 5 and Year 6 x4

Whole School Excursion

Our whole school excursion will be to see a performance of the 52-Storey Treehouse at the Canberra Theatre Centre on Friday, 29th April. We would like to gauge how many people will be attending this excursion so that we can finalise bookings.

Could you please complete and return the attached note to the school tomorrow? Thanks so much.

2016 YSS Primary Camp Excursion

The 2016 YSS primary excursion will be a trip to Canberra in the last week of Term 3. Details regarding the excursion will be sent home as they become available.

Student Music Lessons

Music lessons commenced last Wednesday. It was great to see Mark Corkery again this year. Mark will be providing both class and individual lessons. It is not too late for families who wish their child/children to have individual music lessons with Mark. Please contact the Young Regional School of Music on 6382 5735 to enrol.

Healthy Food

Healthy food continues to be promoted at school and we would like to encourage all families to really help in supporting this policy. NSW Health has developed a lunchbox poster that provides a range of ideas and practical tips to inspire families and students to create healthy school lunchboxes. Please see attached a copy of this poster. Additional copies and other ideas can be accessed through the following website: http://heas.healthytogether.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes

Crunch and Sip

Our school will continue to have Crunch and Sip (fruit/vegetable and water break) at 10.15am. Having a

The students had a great time at swimming for sport last week.
break for fruit/vegetables has been very successful in the past, giving the children that extra boost 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.

**ICAS Competitions**

Each year, students from Years 3-6 are given the opportunity to enter the University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) competitions in Computer Skills, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. These competitions are extended to children from all over Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia and are very useful for parents to gauge their child’s strengths and weaknesses.

Attached is a letter to parents who would like to enter their primary children into one or more of the competitions. Please return the completed letter with payment to the school before Friday 4th March, 2016. Thank you.

**Geography Lessons**

This year we will be implementing the new Geography Syllabus which, along with the new History Syllabus, replace the Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) Syllabus. Lessons commenced last week with Mrs Carroll having the students creating their own passport for their ‘travels’ this year. It will be interesting to see which ‘stamps’ they collect as they journey in their learning!

**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**

We have received all Contact Information Update forms. Thank you so much for providing us with the most up to date information. Parent/Carer contact lists will be sent home for your use and information as soon as possible.

**Late Arrivals / Early Leavers and Absences**

Be “ON TIME” to get a great start!

- Students have a chance to unpack their belongings and to play with their friends.
- Students are ready to start school with the class without being rushed or feeling frustrated.
- They are present to hear important morning announcements and the day’s routine.
- Teachers and students who have already begun work are not interrupted.
- Students get into the habit of punctuality, which is important in all aspects of life.
- Arriving 20 minutes late to school each day, is the equivalent of missing 11 school days in a year.

**Library**

This year, Library lessons will occur on Monday afternoons. Please ensure that your child/children have a soft, water resistant bag with them on MONDAYS so that they can borrow from our School Library. Thank you!

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews for students in Years 2-6 will be held after school in March. A note will be sent home with dates and times available.

**Bookclub**

PLEASE RETURN ORDERS FOR BOOKCLUB BY MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY – THANKS!

**Term 1 School Assembly**

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

**Swimming Scheme Certificates**

Most Swimming Scheme Certificates were presented to students last year but a small group arrived in the post on the last day of the year. We presented these to Angus, Zac, Hugh and Lilly, today.

**SchoolStream App for Mobile Telephones**

Maimuru Public School has an app that can be downloaded onto mobile telephones. The app has the weekly newsletter
uploaded each week and parents/carers can submit students absence details through the ‘Forms’ sections. We also use the app to send ‘Alerts’ as necessary. Details of how to download the app onto your mobile phone are attached to the newsletter. We would like to gauge the effectiveness of the app as a communication tool so are asking parents/carers to complete the short survey at the bottom of the attached sheet and return it to school. Thank you.

Reminders

Please note/return the following to school as soon as possible:
- Canteen Order
- Permission Note Young Small Schools Swimming Carnival
- Canteen Roster volunteer sheet
- Book Club Order
- Whole School Excursion note

Dates to Remember - Term 1

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| 6-7 April  | State Primary Swimming Carnival                                         | 8 April    | WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
|            | ENRICHMENT DAY                                                         | LAST DAY TERM 1 |
| 26 April   | STUDENTS Return for Term 2                                              |            |                                                                        |

A copy of the minutes from the last P&C meeting are attached to this week’s newsletter.

Next P&C Meeting
Tuesday 1st March 2016
Commencing 3.20pm
To finish by 4.30pm

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS