Student of the Week

Congratulations to Zac Dodge who received the Student of the Week Award for Term 1, Week 4. Zac received his award for his helpful and co-operative manner in the classroom and playground. Well done, Zac!

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

We have collated photographs and videos for our ClassMovie project and hope to be able to send these for processing this week. We still hope that the completed video will be available for distribution early in Term 2. Thank you to the children who did such a great job presenting their ideas about why they think Maimuru is such a great school. Thank you also to Brad Edgerton who gave an engaging presentation for our movie.

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.

Thank you to the families who have already sent in these items to school.

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. We much appreciate the prompt payment of these books. Thank you.

The following outlines what the school has paid per child:

- Kindergarten: School paid $46.38 (ex GST) per student
- Year 2: School has paid $68.56 (ex GST) per student
- Years 3-4: School paid $64.98 (ex GST) per student
- Years 5-6: School has paid $51.39 (ex GST) per student

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.

Primary Principals’ Conference

Last Thursday and Friday I attended the Riverina Primary Principals Conference in Wagga. There were presentations from Legal Services, Asset Management Directorate, Safety and Security Directorate, Wagga Operational Directorate, Jann Farmer-Hailey (Literacy, Early Learning and Primary Education) and Dail McGilchrist (Learning, High Performance and Accountability). Each presenter gave an insight into current operations as well as future directions. The presentations were very informative and it was also good to network with other principals in the Riverina.

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 Karen Steenbergen, Janice Gregory and Sarah Thomas who assisted with our Swimming for Sport Program. It was great to be able to personalise the swimming program to target the specific needs of the children. We are all ready for the Young Small School Swimming Carnival tomorrow!

Young Small Schools Swimming Carnival

We would like to remind parents that this carnival is being held tomorrow. TUESDAY, 23rd February at the Young Pool for all students K-6. Maimuru School is 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.

Parents are also reminded that the carnival concludes with a parent/teacher relay race between each of the schools so please bring your swimmers!!!

A program for the day is attached to the newsletter. Please bring it with you tomorrow.

YSS Swimming Carnival BBQ

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist with the YSS Swimming Carnival Maimuru P&C BBQ. So far we have 117 lunch orders for the carnival.

Year 6 Moving into Year 7, 2017

Parents of Year 6 students have an information guide and expression of interest form for their nominated High School next year attached to the newsletter. The Expression of Interest needs to be returned to Maimuru School as soon as possible. Thank you.

Canteen

Thanks to Michelle Dodge who volunteered to run canteen last week.
This week, Kelley King will be organising canteen. Kelley will be serving up hot dogs with icecream for dessert. Please return your orders on Wednesday.

Next week Karen Steenbergen will be organising canteen.

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 4.

**Times Tables Drill:**
- Year 3 and Year 4 x4
- Year 5 and Year 6 x6

So far ten (10) families have indicated that they would like to attend the whole school excursion to Canberra. 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.

If we have not received your note, please find another attached to this newsletter. Please return this on Wednesday. If you do not wish for your child to attend, we need to know! Thanks!

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.

A letter was sent home to parents asking if they 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.

If you are interested and you have misplaced the letter, please let Angie know. Thanks.

Parent/Teacher interviews for students in Years 2-6 will be held after school on 8th and 9th March. A note is attached with the timetable of interviews. Thank you for returning these notes so promptly.

Thank you so much for returning these forms and thank you also for the considered comments that were attached. Your feedback will inform the change of the bus timetable.

Students will be supervised by the teachers at school before school starts and whilst they wait for the bus in the afternoon. Thank you again for your valuable feedback.

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

Thank you for returning the notes regarding the use of the school app, SchoolStream. All families returned their note. We have eight families who have the SchoolStream app on their phones and four families who do not have the app on their phones. Of the eight families who have the app three use the app regularly, three use the app sometimes and two who rarely use the app. Thank you again for providing us with this information.

Please note/return the following to school as soon as possible:
- Canteen Order
- Assistance with BBQ at YSS Swimming Carnival
- Sausage sizzle order (YSS Swim.Carnival)
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Whole School Excursion note
- SWIMMING CARNIVAL TOMORROW!!! – Program attached – please bring with you!

**Dates to Remember - Term 1**

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**Next P&C Meeting**

**Tuesday 1st March 2016**

Commencing 3.20pm
To finish by 4.30pm

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.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**YOUNG PCYC BLUE LIGHT FAMILY POOL PARTY**

**Saturday 27th February 2016**

6pm to 9pm

All ages welcome $5 entry (includes sausage sandwich and pool entry)

**TUNES by DJ SMILEY**