



# Mallawa Public School

## NEWSLETTER.

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Week 4: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Dear Parents,

### Term 2 2010 Dates:

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 21 May: Opportunity Class Placement Application process
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May: NAPLAN tests for Years 3 and 5
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May: School cross country at 9.00am
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May: School assembly at 2.30pm.
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May: ICAS Computer Competition
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Poetry at Eisteddfod – 8.30am start
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Visit to school by the Education Officer from Moree Plains Art Gallery

### Visit by Mark Coulton

We had a very successful visit with Mark Coulton and his wife Robyn last Tuesday. He presented the school with a new Australian flag which we raised at assembly that morning. Mark and Robyn were very impressed with our school and students.

Thank you to Kate Mulligan for providing morning tea and those parents who were able to come and meet with the Coultons.

### NAPLAN Tests

The NAPLAN tests will take place this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for students in Years 3 and 5.

All students involved in NAPLAN have completed practice tests to prepare them for the assessments.

If your child is involved please ensure they are getting plenty of sleep this week and eating a filling and nutritious breakfast to help them do their very best.

### Opportunity Class Placement 2011

Students in Year 4 are invited to submit an application for placement in an opportunity class (OC) in 2011. The closest school with an OC class is Moree Public School.

Applications are available from the school or parents can apply online from Monday 10 May to Friday 21 May, 2010. The web address is:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement>.

Please contact the school if you would like an application form or have any questions regarding this.

### Term 2 Calendar (repeat)

This was sent home last week. If you need another one please call the school.

An amendment to the calendar: there is no tennis on Wednesday 2 June – we are at Bellata for Little Athletics.

This term's assembly has been changed to Friday 21 May due to the Zone Cross Country. The assembly will start at 2.30pm.

Please check the newsletter weekly for any changes to dates on the calendar.

### Fruit Break

We have signed up to the Good for Kids, Good for Life strategy which is a major push in our region.

Fruit Break started last week. We will have a 5 – 10 minute fruit break every day at approximately 10.00am. Please make sure your child has a piece of fruit to eat during this time. It must be easy to eat and not be too messy.

Some students have brought in carrot sticks – these are also allowed. If you do not have any fresh fruit, dried fruits such as apricots and sultanas are also allowed.

As an extra benefit the worms are getting fed daily from all the banana skins, apple cores and other waste from our fruit breaks!

**School Website**

It was discussed at Friday's association meeting about updating the school website. I have started this process and a very basic site will be ready from this week. I will be able to edit and add more to it in the future. The website address is: [www.mallawa-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mallawa-p.schools.nsw.edu.au).

Shelli and I are still learning how to upload photos and files to the website. I hope to be able to upload this newsletter to the site.

**School Cross Country (repeat)**

This will be held on Monday 17 May at 9.00am. Students will be running in the school grounds this year. If you are able to assist with supervision of the track, please contact the school and I will add you to the list of helpers. All students K – 6 will be participating. Students 8 years and above will be eligible to attend the Zone Cross Country at Gravesend on Friday 28 May. More details about this will follow as I get them.

**Worm Farm (repeat)**

If you can spare any food scraps to help feed our worms please send them to school.

We are going to organise a food scrap bucket to go home on a rotational basis to help feed our worms. Stay tuned for more details.

**Narrabri Eisteddfod (repeat)**

We have been notified that all students will be reciting their set poem on Wednesday 26 May, starting at 8.30am. All students, K – 6, have been entered and are expected to attend on the day. Students will need to wear their formal uniform. Formal skirts are available from school. Girls and boys ties are available at Assefs. We have some second hand skirts and shirts available from the clothing pool.

**Please remember that parents are always welcome to ring or visit teachers if they have any concerns or suggestions.**

Have a great week,

Nicole Humphreys