Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 14th August, 19 students represented the school at the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival held at the Tamworth Regional Sporting Complex. All students performed well. Congratulations to Sammi McCubbin, Brock Russell and Angela McCubbin who made it through to the Regional Carnival for individual events.

Individual placegetters results were:

- Sammi McCubbin – 2nd in 800m, 1st Shot Put, 3rd Long Jump
- Brock Russell – 3rd in Shot Put
- Angela McCubbin – 3rd in Shot Put

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Students in Stage 3 were fortunate to go on a school excursion to our Nation’s Capital City from 4th-7th August. Some highlights from their trip included: a visit to Parliament House; a visit the war memorial and the opportunity to partake in a commemorative service for the Unknown Soldier; experiencing Questacon; and of course, a day at the snow!

Year 6 have been engaging in some writing activities about their excursion. Here is Jocelyn Heywood’s recount of their day at the snow.
Our Trip to the Snow

Today we took a 3 hour trip to Cooma to get our snow gear. Once we were dressed it was another hour till we got to the mountain where we took a snow tube through the mountains. When we arrived it was so cold. All I could see was bright white snow. A blizzard was pushing through the air. If I jumped up, the wind would have taken me away.

We came to the snow on an excursion to Canberra. Today was my first time coming to the snow, so I wanted to try and build a snowman. My fingers, toes and face were frozen. My snowman wasn’t going very well, and when I left to find sticks for the arms, I never found my snowman again.

I looked and looked but still I couldn’t find the snowman. Finally I forgot about him and went up to join the snowball fight. I was kicking a snow mound when I found a massive snow ball. I looked at Mr Willis then back at the snow ball. I had a plan. I picked it up and walked over to Mr Willis. When he could hear me I said, “This was made just for you!”

But when I wasn’t looking he came up and smashed my snowball. Maybe I shouldn’t have told him I was going to throw it at him.

When the Teachers said they had a surprise, I was excited to see what it was. We all lined up and they gave us tickets for the tube slide. We had 5 turns and on my last go I was at the end when I rolled out and got snow up my shirt! Then the teachers said it was time to leave. I was sad to go but happy to get out of the cold.

Jeans for Genes Day

Last Friday, 14th August, Manilla Central School K-6 held a belated Jeans for Genes day, as Years 5 and 6 didn’t want to miss out since they were on an excursion on the actual day. Students who came to school in jeans donated a gold coin, and a total of $116.00 was raised which will go towards research into genetic diseases, birth defects and cancers.

Right: Stage 2 students Rhianna Crockatt, Lillie-Mae Groth and Kylah Vipen showing their support for Jeans for Genes Day

Quiz Worx Performance

On Thursday, 13th August, Manilla Central Primary students combined with students from St Michael’s to view a puppet show by Quiz Worx. Quiz Worx is a group that aims to share the message of Jesus from the Bible to kids. Thank you to the scripture teachers for organising the performance. It was thoroughly entertaining.
State Titles in Dubbo

This Wednesday our Under 16s girls’ netball team and the Under 16s boys’ rugby league team will be travelling to Dubbo for the Central Schools State Titles. They will be staying at the Aussie Camp cabins and competing on Thursday. Mr Weekes will be driving the bus to Dubbo and will be staying with the group until Friday. Mrs Taylor, Mrs Bonnett and Mr Windred will be to supervise the students as well.

Mr Hanson will be taking the junior boys’ rugby league and the opens girls’ netball teams to Dubbo on Thursday morning and will pick up the under 16 teams and bring them home.

Food: On Wednesday and Thursday evening we will have a BBQ at the Aussie Camp. We will eat breakfast at the camp as well. We will make sandwiches and snacks for lunch each day as well. This is covered in the total cost. There will be canteens at the venues if your child would like to take some money in order to purchase something whilst there. I would recommend that the students take a couple of snacks with them as well.

Luggage: There is very little room on the bus, therefore I recommend that your child only take a backpack for their sports apparel and a small soft bag for their overnight gear. There is NO trailer, therefore the bags will need to be put under the seats. The nights will be cold, so I would recommend taking a sleeping bag.

We will ring through with an estimated time of arrival back in Manilla via our Skoolbag App and the digital sign.

We are going to Dubbo to compete, therefore any nonsense will be dealt with using swift action and consequences. The first consequence being stood down from the team and not participating. We are representatives of our school, therefore, we expect nothing less than best behaviour and manners.

Our generous P&C and local Lions Club have donated large amounts of money in order to keep the costs of the trip to a minimum. The cost of the trip is $30 per student. Can this please be paid for before Wednesday?

P&C Meeting

We will be holding our monthly P&C Meeting this Tuesday evening in the Secondary Library. It will commence at 6.00pm. As per usual, everyone is welcome to join us.

Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Our next Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting will take place this Wednesday at 12.00noon in the Primary. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. We will be discussing the topics of next year’s NAIDOC Week celebrations, QuickSmart and usage of the New England Centre of Learning. Please call the office and let us know if you will be joining us.

Flashing Lights

Flashing lights will be installed near the Primary School tomorrow, Tuesday, 18th August.
eT4L Switch Over

This week we will be switching over to a new internet network system called eT4L. This will enable us to access nightly downloads and keep up with cutting edge software, plus we will be serviced by the Education Department which should cut down maintenance costs as well. The cabling has finally been completed and the new switches have been put in ready for the switch over this week.

Under 15 CHS Boys and Girls Basketball

During Week 4 both the girls’ and boys’ Under 15 CHS Basketball teams played. The boys’ game was played on Tuesday, 4th August, against a rather tall Peel HS team. The boys may have lost but they showed great sportsmanship by not giving up and playing some excellent team basketball. They were led valiantly by Cayden Fletcher, Zac McNeill and Dylan Walker.

The girls’ team also played the same week, on Friday, 7th August, against a very strong Oxley High School team. Like the boys, the girls’ team fought until the end but were beaten convincingly in a hard game. Best player for Manilla was Ny White. She showed great leadership and did not give up the whole game. All players played well and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Well done to both teams!

COMING EVENTS - Week 6

Mon, 17th Aug -
Tue, 18th Aug P & C Meeting – 6.00pm - Secondary
Wed, 19th Aug AgQuip
Thu, 20th Aug AgQuip
     Under 16s Netball & Rugby League at Dubbo
Fri, 21st Aug Open Netball & Junior Boys Rugby League
      Kindy Orientation 10.15am – 12.00noon
      5W Assembly

Week 7 - Book Week

Primary Book Fair: Tue, 25th – Wed, 26th – Thu, 27th August
Book Character Parade: Wed 26th – 12.00noon