Award Winners

Congratulations to all of our students who attained Mammoth Maximiser Awards (60 Max Bands or the equivalent) by the end of Term 2. Mammoth rewards in the form of a movie, a sausage sizzle and a disco were awarded on the last day of term. Let’s hope that all of our students can attain Mammoth Maximiser status again in Term 3.

P&C News

P&C events in Term 2 included the Animal Magic Disco which was held in the penultimate week. All who attended had lots of fun and the fancy dress costumes were again a sight to behold, especially Mr Byrnes who was a very convincing ‘Big Bad Wolf’!

Planned events for Term 3 include a car boot sale which will be held on the oval on Sunday Morning, August 25th. Keep this date free and join us to sell your unwanted items and grab a bargain or two - don’t forget to let friends and family know it’s happening.

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday, July 17th at 3.15pm (next week). All are welcome.

Comprehension Strategies

To consolidate student learning from Semester 1 we will repeat our comprehension programme in Semester 2. For the next two weeks we will revise and consolidate understanding of the ‘Activating Prior Knowledge’ strategy. I have attached notes regarding this strategy and hope that you will help your children to use this strategy in home reading activities - ask Mr Lawton or Mr Byrnes if you require further advice.

Thanks Parents

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Message from the Principal

Welcome to the new term! I hope that everyone is well and enjoyed the school holidays.

Term 3 promises to be another busy one. Athletics events are coming up soon, details of which are below. Also, following my permanent appointment here (which became official from this week) we will receive a Teaching and Learning Audit in Week 7 of the term. I have attached an information sheet regarding this process for your information.

In class, History returns to the agenda this term with students from Prep through to Year 4 considering the history of the local community. Years 5, 6 and 7 students will be investigating the diversity of people in Australia and other societies. If there are any of you out there with specific knowledge, particularly in relation to local community history, then please let me know. It would be great to be able to share this with the students!

Work in other areas goes on and we will continue to place much focus on teaching and learning in the key areas of English and Maths. Don’t forget that you can support your children and the school by involving yourself in school and homework activities. Volunteers are always welcome at ‘before school reading’, listening to students read between 8.30am and 9.00am. Classroom help is also appreciated. If you have any free time and think you could help then please let either myself or Mr Byrnes know.

Regards,
Robert Lawton, Principal

Upcoming Athletics Events

1. Tuesday Afternoon, July 23rd, 1.30pm to 3.00pm. We will be staging our first (in a long time!) athletics competition on the school oval with running, jumping and ball games events. A fun competition between Bombers and Marauders houses will be incorporated. Parents welcome to attend. Refreshments on sale.

2. Tuesday July 30th, All Day. Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Gin Gin. All children to go directly to Gin Gin State School by 8.45am and be collected at 3.00pm. Parents welcome to attend. Tuckshop available - order forms must be returned by Monday, July 15th.

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DIARY—next two weeks

Monday, July 15th - Last day for return of Small Schools Athletics Carnival Tuckshop forms (with payment please)

Monday, July 15th - Parade at 9.00am, Parents welcome to attend

Wednesday, July 17th - Tuckshop Please place orders at least one day ahead

Wednesday, July 17th - P&C Meeting 3.15pm

Monday, July 22nd - Parade at 9.00am, Parents welcome to attend

Tuesday, July 23rd - Maroondan SS Athletics Competition-Prep to Year 7—On the oval from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Parents welcome to attend, refreshments on sale

Wednesday, July 24th - Tuckshop Please place orders at least one day ahead

OTHER DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday, July 30th - Small Schools Athletics Carnival - Prep to Year 7 - All children to go directly to Gin Gin State School by 8.45am and be collected at 3.00pm. Parents welcome to attend. Tuckshop available - order forms must be returned by Monday, July 15th.

Monday, August 12th - Show Holiday - No school today

Thursday August 22nd - Teaching and Learning Audit in school

Boys Into Books Programme

Starting next Thursday afternoon we are happy to join Gin Gin’High School’s Boys Into Books Programme. This involves older boys from the high school visiting Maroondan to listen to and support our younger students in reading activities. I am sure that the programme will be beneficial for all involved.

New Blinds for B Block

You may have noticed the smart new blinds around the veranda outside of the Prep-2 classroom. These were installed during the holidays and were financed from grant money secured by the P&C. Thanks go to the P&C for organising this. This veranda is an often used teaching space and the blinds will make it much more comfortable when the wind and rain sets in.