Principals Report

Welcome back to a belated start to 2012. Firstly, thank you to parents for their understanding with the late start to school due to the flooding. The school did not suffer excessive damage due to the flooding and we are back to normal.

The school welcomed seven Kindergarten students to its family this week. All students have settled in well and are fitting in nicely to the school routine. Also we welcome Izaak and Dakodah who have moved into Narba. Izaak is in Year Five and Dakodah in Year Four. Welcome to you all and I hope you enjoy your time at Mallawa Public School.

The upcoming week is proving to be extremely busy with Best Start Training; John Charles will be visiting on Thursday and the School Swimming Carnival on Wednesday.

At times I am expected to attend meetings and training courses which benefits the students of Mallawa Public School. Each time I am absent I make every attempt to employ the same casual teacher so it is less disruptive for students. Unfortunately this does not always happen and I would like to thank parents for their understanding and resilience with this matter. Fortunately, this year the Department has aligned Mallawa Public School with a Rural Area Relief teacher, this teacher is a temporary teacher that is shared between four schools. Miss Courtney Cochrane is the Rural Area Relief teacher for 2012 and will have her first day at Mallawa this Tuesday.

I look forward to working with everybody for the duration of 2012. If parents have any problems or issues that they would like to discuss they are welcome to phone the school or come in and see me.

Wishing everybody a wonderful 2012.

This Week

**Monday 20th February**

**Tuesday 21st February**
Kindergarten Best Start Training  
Cassandra attending  
TIC: Miss Courtney Cochrane

**Wednesday 22nd February**

**Thursday 23rd February**
John Charles Visiting  
Classroom Teacher: Miss Courtney Cochrane

**Friday 24th February**

School Swimming Carnival

The school will be holding its Swimming Carnival at Moree Pool on Wednesday 22nd February. The carnival will begin at 9:00 a.m. Parents are expected to transport their own children to the event. If parents are unable to take their child can you please contact me ASAP. Following is a list of House teams for 2012. Mehi is read and Moomin is Blue, students can come dressed in those colours for the carnival.

**Mehi**
Maddison and Hamish Marshall  
Zac Wilkinson  
Dylan Angus  
Evan Sergeant  
Lizzie King  
Lily Ferns  
Ellie Gaudern

**Moomin**
Jesse and Jai Dunston  
Izaak and Dakodah Dittmer  
Elsie Traynor  
Mariam Mambozo  
Jack Moroney
Staffing for 2012

Staffing for 2012 is as follows:
Miss Cassandra Malone will be teaching the class Monday to Thursday.
Mrs Shelli Morse will be teaching the class on Fridays. This will be my office day.
Ms Penny Logan will be having a joint role of School Administration Manager and Teachers Aide. Penny will be in the classroom from 9:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m. each day and work in the office each afternoon.
Miss Courtney Cochrane is the Rural Area Relief teacher and will be employed from time to time as a casual teacher.
Mr James Pritchard will work on Wednesdays as the General Assistant.

Parents and Citizens Meeting

Following the Swimming Carnival on Wednesday the Parents and Citizens Association will be conducting its Term One meeting. I encourage all parents to attend this meeting and become involved. Items for discussion will include:
- School uniforms
- Secretary position
- School plan for 2012

CAP Initiatives

This year the school will be participating in a number of Country Area Program Initiatives. The initiatives include:
- Student Technology Camp
- Art Gallery
- The Thinking Brain
- Boys on the Move

I will keep parents informed when these initiatives are taking place.