Principals Report

A very productive week at Mallawa Public this week. When I sit down to write the newsletter on a weekly basis I think about what would the parents like to know more about?

Last week, I spoke about curriculum this week I am going to talk about time.

Time is a wonderful thing, we all enjoy our time but we never seem to have enough the same applies at school. What I thought I would explain to parents is how time at school is broken up.

School Managers / Principals use the Policy Standards for Curriculum Planning and Programming, Assessing and Reporting to Parents K - 12.

Learning programs, based on Board of Studies syllabuses, are to be provided to address each learning area in each year of schooling.

In providing, curriculum, schools are to ensure that priority is given to English and Mathematics in all primary years especially the early years.

Schools have flexibility in how they deliver learning programs, for example through integrated programs, and provided that:

- approximately 50% of time is allocated for English and Mathematics and 40% of time for the other KLAS and sport
- as part of the 40% allocation, schools are to include two hours per week for planned physical activity, including in Years 3 -6, a minimum of one hour for sport
- Provision is made for Special Religious Education in each primary year, where authorised personnel from approved providers are available.

There are no additional K - 6 curriculum requirements for schools to meet.

If parents would like any further information regarding curriculum and planning requirements please do not hesitate to phone the school or make an appointment to see me.

This week is going to be extremely busy, as you can see by looking at the calendar I will be out of the school on Thursday and Friday. This is to attend the Regional Principals Conference in Armidale, this is compulsory. I will by replace by Miss Cochrane on both Wednesday and Thursday, although I will be in the school on Wednesday morning. Mrs Morse will be here on Friday as usual.

This Week

**Monday 12th March**
Parents and Citizens Meeting 3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday 13th March**

**Wednesday 14th March**

**Thursday 15th March**
Regional Principals Conference - Armidale
TIC: Miss Courtney Cochrane

**Friday 16th March**
Regional Principals Conference - Armidale
TIC: Mrs Shelli Morse

Moree Excursion

Unfortunately the planned excursion to Moree had to be postponed on Tuesday. This excursion will be rescheduled at a later date and parents will be notified of this date when it is available.

Parents and Citizens Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday at 3:30 pm at the school to discuss the new school uniforms. If you would like input into this process you need to be present at the meeting.
**2012 School Excursion**

I am still investigating quotes for this excursion. A tentative date for the excursion is Monday 18th June - Friday 22nd June, this is Week 9 Term 2. Destination is the Gold Coast and it is for K - 6. I hope to provide further details in the next newsletter.

**Best Start Assessment**

As parents of Kindergarten students you have been made aware the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a compulsory test that is carried out in all NSW Government schools. Some parents have requested their child’s results. I am yet to complete all the assessments. Once I have completed the assessments a report will be made available to parents. The testing can take up to an hour for one child, so as you can imagine testing all the Kindergarten students is quite time consuming. I thank you for your patience with this matter and I will endeavour to complete the testing in the coming week.

Book Club order forms have been sent home with children if they can be returned to school by next Friday 16th March, 2012.

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**Community Notices**

It’s Rugby time again. Moree Junior Rugby Club will be having their first sign on date on the 8th March 2012 from 4 to 6pm at the Weebolla Oval. Consecutive sign on dates will be the 15th & 22nd of March. Registration fees are only $50. Training will start on the 15th March and will run from 4pm to 6pm. Please bring mouth guards & water bottles. Age divisions will be U6, U8, U10, U12 & U14. All are welcome. Rugby is the sport for everyone. For further information please contact Bronwyn on 67937477

**ROCK ON ROWENA**

The Rowena P & C invites all families to join us for a night of bopping and boogying at Rock on Rowena Rowena Village Hall Thursday March 29th 5.30pm BBQ and Canteen available Dress as your favourite Rock Star