Principals Report

A wonderful week at Mallawa Public School. I have a couple of issues to address this week through the newsletter.

Firstly, SNAKES. On Wednesday, students encountered a snake on the Tennis Courts - a small one but still extremely dangerous. This is the first snake that students have encountered at school this year, although it is the fourth one to be dealt with on school grounds since the floods. I would like to encourage parents to talk with their child about the dangers of snakes and what to do when and if they come into contact with one. Students should be encouraged to stand still if they are in close proximity. Snakes can not see so they use the vibrations in the ground to react to danger, if a person is walking near a snake that is when a snake will react. So students should be encouraged to stand still and sound the alarm by calling out ‘Snake’. I have spoken with students about snake protocol at school so please reinforce these actions at home so that we can avoid any bites at school and home.

Secondly, Mrs Shelli Morse has taken Long Service Leave. Mrs Morse will be travelling to Darwin with her family for approximately 8 weeks in Term Two. She will be returning to Mallawa Public School at the beginning of Term Four. Miss Cochrane will be replacing Mrs Morse next week and I am currently in discussion with two other teachers that are interested in taking Mrs Morse’s position for Term Two and Term Three. Hopefully, I will be able to inform parents of an appointment to this position in next weeks newsletter.

Thirdly, Homework. Homework is an important part of schooling it is usually used to reinforce what is being taught in the classroom. I would encourage all students to complete their homework on a weekly basis I keep records of students who complete their homework regularly. If students are not handing in their homework I will be ringing parents to ask for an explanation. The homework that is being sent home with students Year Two - Year Six is directly linked to NAPLAN testing, this gives students the opportunity to be familiar with the style of questioning that they will encounter in the National Testing.

I hope everybody has an enjoyable week and if parents have any issues that they need to discuss please do not hesitate to call me. If you do not have my mobile number you can get it from the school.

Claim the Date

April
5th End of Term Celebration
22nd & 23rd Small Schools Conference
24th Students return Term Two
25th ANZAC Day Public Holiday
30th World of Maths Day

May
2nd Impact Leadership Year 5 & 6
9th School Cross Country / Athletics Carnival
15th - 17th NAPLAN Testing
14th - 24th Narrabri Eisteddfod
25th Moree Zone Cross Country
30th SEG Meeting

Narrabri Eisteddfod

Students have been entered in the Eisteddfod. Students will be participating as a group in the Small Schools Choir section and as individuals in the Set Poem section. Set Poems will be sent home with students to practise at home. Set performance dates will be confirmed at a later date.
End of Term Celebrations

As the end of term comes closer I would like to let parents know that we will be holding an Easter Hat Parade and End of Term assembly on the last day of term. Further information will be in next week's newsletter.

This Week

Monday 26th March
Cassandra Malone - FACS Leave
TIC: Courtney Cochrane

Tuesday 27th March

Wednesday 28th March

Thursday 29th March

Friday 30th March
Shelli Morse - LSL
Courtney Cochrane replacing

Community Notices

Moree Junior Soccer Club

Registrations Days
Saturday 17th and 24th March, 2012.
At Ron Harborne Oval from 10:00 am - 12:00 p.m.
Ages 5 - 16 years.
5 year old must be attending school. Cost $110.00 per player.
Shin pads and shorts available for sale