Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to Mrs Hubbard taking unexpected leave there will be no Principal’s report.

Last Friday the 15th of March our school was lucky enough to have a Cambodian family of three visit our whole school assembly. Students met two sisters, one sister bought her daughter along, her name was Chan. Chan performed a traditional Cambodian dance. Her mother told of a story about her life growing up in Cambodia. She spoke about having to earn money at the age of 11. She mentioned we are very lucky to live the life we have here in Australia and we can do anything we want if we try our best! Students learnt a lot about Cambodian life. Karuah Public School was also able to return the favour of sharing lifestyles when we had Chan visit our school for a day on Tuesday 12th March. Chan spent a day in classes with students, we loved showing her around!

Thank you to Sandy Zeil for organising Chan and her family to visit our school. Thank you Chan!

Just a couple of reminders:

**EASTER HAT PARADE** Thursday 28th March at 12noon. Students will have the opportunity to make Easter hats at school.
If any students wish to make an Easter hat at home they can bring them in for the parade. Easter raffle will be drawn during the hat parade.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** Wednesday 27th March. Students to be dressed in full school uniform.

HOMEWORK CENTRE will finish on Wednesday 3rd April. NO Homework Centre in Week 11. Homework centre will resume in Term 2.

**CALENDAR**

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| Monday | Brekkie Club  
Scripture 1:45 – 2.30pm |
| Tuesday | Brekkie Club  
Library K/1, 5/6  
Maths Groups (11:30am-12:15pm) |
| Wednesday | Brekkie Club  
Library 1/2, 3/4 |
| Thursday | Brekkie Club  
Sport K-6 1:45 – 3:00pm |
| Friday | Assembly  
CANTEEN |

**UPCOMING EVENTS/ REMINDERS**

**TERM 1**
- School Photos – Wednesday 27th March.
- Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 28th March @ 12noon.
- Please return all green notes that are sent home with your child/ren.

**TERM 2**
- Monday 29th April & Tuesday 30th April, 2013. Staff Development Days – no students
- Wednesday 1st May, Students’ first day Term 2 2013.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Merit Awards Term 1 Week 6

K/1  Dan Martin
1/2  Bindi May Baccus
     Daly Considine
     Caleb Holden
3/4  Cohen Jarmain
     Brandon Bell
5/6  Harley McQualter
     Levi Devine

Merit Awards Term 1 Week 7

K/1  Demani McSpadden
1/2  Ashley Kay
     Katie Gentle
3/4  Bella Holston
     Mikayla Perry
5/6  Mandy Fairbrother

STUDENT AWARDS

BRONZE  Katie Gentle
         Annika Johns
         Jack Lilley
         Nateika Clarke
         Haylee McApline
         Cohen Jarmain
         Bella Hosilton
         Cory Bolton

SILVER  Cohen Jarmain
         Katie Gentle
         Cory Bolton

GOLD   Connor Walker x 2

MEDALLIONS

Bella McQualter
Harley McQualter
Connor Walker

Well done to the above students 😊

COMMUNITY NEWS

MYALL COAST LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE
(Formerly Tea Gardens Hawks Nest LAC)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
be held at TEA GARDENS HOTEL
Thursday 11th of April 2013 at 7pm in
the Dolphin Room. All members & public are invited to
attend. For any inquiries please call
Melisa Brown 0457 671 400.
SPORTS NEWS

I am pleased to report that the Zone Cross Country last Thursday was a wonderful day. The weather was kind. Students displayed exceptional behaviour walking to and from the Reserve. It was great to see the senior students eager to help out our younger competitors. Also a huge thank you to the parents that helped out on the day and supported the event by cheering on students. Medals will be awarded to our first place runners this Friday at our whole school assembly (22nd March) as well as ribbons allocated for the first three place getters. Congratulations to the following students qualifying for the Zone Cross Country event to be held on the 5th April 2013. Notes will be sent home soon.

Juveniles
Jai Stewart
Kane Considine
Owen Finch
Lachlan Johnson
Cooper Watt
Jack Lilley
Melika Perry
Sarah Emanuel
Katie Gentle
Margaret Stewart

Juniors
Shaqueil Saunders
Cory Bolton
Josh Feeney
Matthew Finch
Daly Considine
Khyallie Saunders
Bella McQualter
Heidi Farley

Seniors
Ben Purdon
TJ Saunders
Thomas Tukana
Emma Lamb
Rebecca Perry
Tarah Myers
Hayley Egginton

Tomorrow a selection of students (Yr 2–5) will be heading to King Park in Raymond Terrace for a Zone Gala day. We wish those students well! Please pack extra water and your hats. Finally, our Annual Athletics Carnival will be held early in Term Two. Notes will be sent home next Term.

Kind regards,
Miss Robarts,
Sport Co-Ordinator.

P & C NEWS

* Movie Night is now Wednesday, 10th April 2013. 5pm til 7pm. Flyer attached.

* Easter Raffle will be drawn at 12pm Thursday 28th March 2013. Please make sure you return your raffle tickets. If you are able to help make this raffle bigger and better by purchasing an Easter egg please leave your donation in the office for P&C members to collect each Friday.

* A Thompson Pie drive early in Term 2 will help fill your freezer with yummy dinner options, more info in upcoming newsletters.

Kind Regards
P & C Committee

CLASSROOM REPORTS

KINDER/YEAR 1

Last week K/1 were collecting information about our class and making graphs to show our findings. We graphed our birthdays, eye colour and favourite colour. This week we are learning about how long things are. We are also learning about adding things together and how many more we need to have ten altogether. Not long to go now before our Easter break (yah!) and we’ve been busy doing some special Easter craft as we count down the days before
the Easter bunny visits us. Check out our colourful eggs on our classroom window next time you drive past our school. They really are works of art.

Kind Regards
Mrs Woolley

YEAR 1/2
Year 1 / 2 students have been enjoying sports afternoons over the last 3 weeks to practise and revise running skills. We were excited about last week’s Cross Country and many students ran well on the day and completed the course to their best ability. Well done students! We have been studying ordinal numbers in classroom numeracy sessions and enjoying discussions on race positions (1st, 2nd, 3rd).

Next week I will begin Long Service Leave for the next couple of weeks. Mr Kieran O’Connor and I have discussed the learning program for the next 3 weeks. Mr O’Connor will continue our classroom learning and administer the planned program and homework assignments. Mr O’Connor is looking forward to working with Year 1 / 2 students to enjoy both the learning tasks and our school lunchtime play.

Kind Regards
Mr Pye

YEAR 3/4
Firstly a big thank you to Mr O’Connor for taking my class whilst I was on leave. It’s great to be back and working with the 3/4 students once again. I have been sharing snippets of information about my travels in Japan.

Secondly, students are continuing with class programs etc for Term 1 as normal. The Cogs unit for this Term is ‘Understanding each other’.

Thirdly, the students and myself have been discussing their ‘Excursion’ this year to ‘Wangat Lodge’ and what type of activities the class could do for fund-raising. Next Wednesday, 27th March, 2013 a meeting will be held for Parents/Caregivers at 3pm in the 3/4 room discussing aspects of the Wangat Excursion.

Kind regards,
Miss Robarts

CLASSROOM REPORTS

Library News

In the Library we have a new display of the solar system. We look forward to learning a little more about it in term 2 during our non-fiction book studies. Below you will find some helpful tips to reading with your child/children at home taken from http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/reading.php

Reading With Your Child at Home

Children learn about the value and importance of reading as they watch their family reading and writing in everyday life.

What you can do at home
1. Be yourself and involve your child in everyday conversations from an early age.
2. Read aloud to your child. It will help your child to learn the language of books and encourages the enjoyment of books and reading.

3. Talk about books together – make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.

4. See that there is a range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.

5. Read to your child in your first language – research shows that using your first language will help your child when he or she learns to read English.

6. Try not to let television intrude on reading time – set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.

7. Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time.

8. Give books as treats and presents.

9. Discuss the meanings of stories and words.

10. Join your local library. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child.

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**Library Borrowers Raffle**

**Week 6**
- Kane Considine K/1
- Lachlan Johnson 1/2

**Week 7**
- Qwin Stewart K/1

Congratulations to these students
Have a safe & happy Easter ☺

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MEDOWIE RUGBY**

Players are wanted to play Rugby Union.

In 2013 the following junior teams have been registered and need more players: U7, U8, U9, U12, U14, and U15’s

FREE registration for new junior players
New players also receive club socks and shorts

For more information please call 0429 325 240 or email: juniors@medowierugby.com
Website: www.medowierugby.com
Information flyer is in school noticeboard.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

We would like to thank everyone that has donated their time to volunteer in the canteen on a Friday. If you have not put your name down but would like to, please contact Nicole Holden on 0407 592 458 to volunteer.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

22nd March  
- Skye & volunteer needed

29th March  
- GOOD FRIDAY

5th April  
- April & Skye

12th April  
- Danielle & Nicole

Your support is greatly appreciated ☺