walked to St Joseph’s school and watched the performance, ‘The Man From Ironbark’, which was about Banjo Paterson and it was great.

We have been busy writing our speeches for the Public Speaking competition.

Lily will be leaving our school today and we will miss her but we wish good luck at her new school.

By Skye, Jo-Anne & Will
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT CONT.

March. The students should be either competing or spec- tating. I encourage the stu- dents to participate in all the running events as these events require no qualification – just enthusiasm and determination. We will set up the Manildra PS shade tent and you are most welcome to join your children for the day’s activities. I have been appointed the Athletics running manager for the day and I will be the starter for both the boys and girls running events. Miss Cox will be assisting the Tabloid carnival organisers.
A permission note will be sent home shortly. Transport to and from the carnival is the responsibility of parents. There will be no supervision at the school in Manildra as all teachers will be working at the Athletics carnival in Orange.

Rock Climbing
An opportunity has arisen for the OSSA group with regards to rock climbing a mobile rock climbing wall. The company “BaseZero” will be visiting Orange for the up-coming youth week and we have booked them for Tuesday 8th April (Week 11). The mobile climbing wall will be situated at Nashdale from 9-12. All students are welcome, however there will be no transport, which means parents will be responsible for taking their child to and from Nashdale. I am aware that we have only recently had a climbing wall at the school, however I wanted to give our students the opportunity to participate again if you were inclined to take up this opportunity. The cost will be approximately $12 per person. If you would like to take your child along for this outstanding opportunity, please remind your child to ask for a permission note. I will only send these home with students who would like to attend.

CLASS NEWS

Senior Class
In the senior class we have been working on addition, subtraction, angles, length, fractions/decimals/ numeration. We have been working through comprehension exercises and working to improve our knowledge of punctuation and grammar.
In Science MS Lane has been showing the students how to make “goo”! We have also been working tirelessly on our CWA speeches.

Junior Class
It’s been a very busy start to the year in the junior classroom. I’m very pleased with the progress and attitude of the children towards their learning. The Kinder students have been learning the alphabet letters and their phonemes (sounds), while the year 1 and 2 students have been working with the THRASS program to assist in their spelling knowledge. All children now have access to Reading Eggs, Spellodrome and Mathletics. These programs are an educational tool designed to assist consolidate what your child has been learning in class. For the past few weeks in Maths, the junior class have been working with numbers and practicing their counting skills. We have also started on our 2D shape awareness.

P&C Annual General Meeting – 20th March 2014 at 3.30pm.
All positions will become vacant.
President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer
Tuckshop Co-ordinator

Tuckshop

Monday 3rd March
Jenny Cox

Monday 10th March
Joanne Thompson

Manildra Public School
Student Achievement Awards

To **Will**
For being a good school citizen

To **Lily**
For working hard to learn the alphabet

To **Chloe**
For good effort in her speech writing

To **Clare**
For blending sounds together to make words

To **Jo-Anne**
For being so helpful even before being asked.

To **Rhys**
For having a greater confidence within himself

Birthdays

- **Lily** 10th February
- **Chloe** 20th February
- **Jordyn** 9th March

**Principal’s Award**

To **Isabell**
For great improvement in spelling
Debating – 2014
There are two competitions that will run concurrently. I have nominated a Manildra PS team for the Western Region competition. This competition allows teachers to work with students around the topic, allows teachers to assist students with the preparation of palm cards etc. I am opening this competition up to interested students in Years 5/6 and I will select students for the team based on their enthusiasm, ability to speak publicly and their ability to argue!

I am also coaching, for the first time, an OSSA debating team for the Premier’s Debating Challenge. The Premier’s Debating Challenge is the more difficult of the two debating competitions. Students receive a topic on the day of the debate, they are then placed inside a room without any teacher assistance and develop lines of argument and rebuttal without assistance. I will be holding trials for any child in Years 5/6 within the OSSA group of schools. It will be a competitive Selection and will be held at Bletchington PS, Matthew’s Ave, Orange on Friday 14 March from 9:30 – 2pm. Transport to and from the venue in Orange will be a parent responsibility. If you would like to child to trial for the OSSA team which would be entered into the Premier’s Debating Challenge – please remind your child to ask for a permission note.

OSSA Soccer Trials.
As the coach of the OSSA boys soccer team, I will be holding trials for any boy in Years 5/6 who is interested in trialling to become a member of the team. The trial will be held on Thursday 27th March at the Waratah Sports Ground in Orange from 9:30 – 11:30. I am able to assist with transport to the ground, but will not be returning to Manildra following the soccer trial. If you are interested in your child participating, please let me know.

Molong EXPO Day – Year 6 Students, Wednesday 5th March
Whether or not you are intending on sending your child to Molong CS in 2015, the Molong Expo day is a wonderful experience that I would encourage you to involve your child in. The expo day allows the students to get a little taste of what high school will be like and to give them the opportunity of having a closer look at what Molong CS offers.

Tragedy at Pitt Town PS
No doubt you will have all seen the terrible news about the tragedy of the young girl who was sadly struck and killed by a falling gum tree branch whilst having lunch in the playground at Pitt Town PS. I would like to assure you all that we have a strict policy of not allowing students to sit under our gum trees during the summer, spring and Autumn months when the trees are most likely to drop limbs. We discourage students from sitting under the gum trees at any time. We have large shade structures which we insist the students use. The gum trees in our playground are beautiful and provide shade to the buildings and it is rare that they do drop limbs, so we have not opted to remove them, however, we are constantly vigilant and make sure that children are not spending time under them.

iPads In the senior class.
Every student in the senior class sits at their own school provided computer. We have however also encouraged parents to provide an iPad device for their child as we do use these as part of our learning program. It is however a costly exercise and we understand that not every family can afford to buy a device for their child. Your child will not be disadvantaged by not having one as most computer based tasks can be achieved at either the PC or iPad. The iPad is of course the easier and more popular choice for students and, in truth, will most likely replace the vast majority of desktop and laptop computers over the next few years. The iPad device is so amazing because of the speed, ease of use and portability. I have watched my own children grow into their use of the iPad and they use the device as an integral part of their everyday learning interactions. It is like having an up-to-date set of encyclopaedias with you at all time, along with a news service, a book store, a reference library, a music store and an entertainment arcade. The learning power for a child and the access it gives them to knowledge is quite astounding.
In the past we have offered parents the option of paying 50% up front and repaying the remainder over 8 terms. If this is something you would like to discuss with me, please contact the school. Please be aware that we are a small school and we simply cannot afford to assist you with the initial purchase of the device if you will be unable to make payments on a regular basis. There must be a firm commitment that the remaining payments will be paid on-time at the conclusion of each term.

Primary Principal’s Technology Reference Group
I am away today at the Primary Principal’s Technology Reference group meeting in Sydney. I represent all of the Principals from Broken Hill to Lithgow on the Technology Reference Group which advises the Department of Education and Communities leadership on all matters Technological. I will return Monday.
Classifieds . . . .

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MADIA MEETINGS
Held the 1st Wednesday of each month at
Manildra Memorial Hall
7:30pm - All Welcome

MANILDRA MATTERS ARTICLES
Email articles/news to
manildramatters@live.com
Last day for news 20th of each month

Community Notices to
Manildra Public School
Close for any additions
12pm Wednesdays
Fax 6364 5255 or
Email to:
kathryn.nicka@det.nsw.edu.au

~ Amusu Theatre—

’Save your Legs’
Saturday 15th March—7.30 pm
Starring – Stephen Curry, Damon Gameau & Brendan Cowell
Bookings—Joan 0418 629920, Kevin 6363 5200, or Lyn 6363 5881
Poster Museum open every weekend.

Committees & Clubs . . .

MANILDRA BOWLING CLUB

CHINESE RESTAURANT (New Chef)
5:00pm Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Sundays - Market Night & Members Draw

MANILDRA GOLF CLUB
Saturdays: Market Night
1st draw at 7:00pm.
Dinning room open for meals
on the last Saturday of month
(Major Market night draw)

Twilight golf – Wednesdays at 4.30pm
All welcome

LIVE LIFE WELL
Mondays, 9:30am More info: Cheryn Johnson Molong HealthOne 6392 3410

Sporting Notes . . . .

Orange City Junior
Rugby Union Club
Registrations open
At Waratah’s Pride Park
U13 to U17 years.
Thursday’s during training 5 to 6 pm
Rego forms available on website
Walla’s U7 to U11’s
Come and Try Rugby
Friday’s for 5 weeks
Starting Friday 7 March at Waratahs - Pride Park
We welcome and help support Sudanese families that are interested
in trying and playing rugby
For further details
http://orangecityjuniors.rugbynet.com.au
Tony 0435 025 181 or Deryck 0427 621 965

CUDAL SOCCER CLUB
Sign on
Saturday 1st March at Cudal Bowling Club 12pm – 2pm.

Manildra Swimming Club
Next carnival is 1st March,
9am at Molong.

Club Championships
Sunday 2nd March at
10.30am

Manildra Pool
50 years old celebrations.

Community Health . . .

MEDICAL CENTRE
Dr. Vikki Wymer consults every Tuesday
& Friday between 9:00am & 1.00pm.
Ring 6364 5901 for an appointment

MEDICAL PRACTICE
Dr Guerin consults at The Manildra Medical Centre on Mondays 9:00am to
12:00 Wednesdays 9:30am to 1:00pm.
Appointments: Molong Surgery 6366 8579 or Manildra Medical Centre 6364 5901.

IMMUNISATION
CHILD & FAMILY HEALTH
Appointments any weekday morning between 9:00am and 12:00pm at Community Medical Centre. “Before School” immunisations at 4 yrs of age. For appointments Kate/Jeann 6364 5345