We had an Athletics carnival with St Josephs school last Friday which was a good day. On Thursday there was to be girls & boys soccer tryouts for the OSSA team but it was cancelled because of the rain. Thursday and Friday this week we had Mrs Mahoney which was fantastic. In class we have been doing Australian landscape for art.

By Skye, & Jo-Anne
**Principal’s Report Cont.**

The terrific support around the ground with stop watch timing, judging and assistance with field events. Without your support we simply could not put an athletics carnival on. My gratitude to the staff of both schools for their hard work and for the parental assistance from St Josephs school helping out around the ground. We appreciate all of your help. I would also like to thank Mrs Nicka for her assistance with the organisation of the carnival and recording throughout the day. I know Mrs Nicka had help at the recording table and I would like to thank those parents too. A really successful day overall. Well done people.

**Irrigation System**

Speaking of the irrigation system, the submersible pump finally gave up the ghost a month ago. It has pumped millions of litres onto our lovely grass for over 8 years and probably worked way longer than we expected. Happily I was able to use our grounds allocation from the DEC to replace the pump and it is now replaced (With a newer and more efficient model) and we are ready for the next dry spell. Happily we have not needed the pump of recent times due to the fabulous rain - and long may it continue!

**School Phone**

My apologies for the recent communications problems with the school phone. Our telephone system was the victim of that recent electrical lightning strike, rendering the phone inoperable. Initially Telstra told us it was a problem in their exchange so we waited patiently for the Telstra workers to arrive and fix the exchange only to be told it was damage to our school phone system - which is why it has taken a while to get the situation sorted out. We have ordered a new phones system, which will be replaced through the DEC insurance scheme, and it will be installed next week. I have the school number diverted to my mobile phone, however if I am using the phone at the time, the phone rings out and does not divert. I apologise for this an-

**Class News**

**Senior Class**

At the moment 5/6 students have been working on fractions and decimals and percentages and the 3/4 students have been working hard to understand the concepts around the four operations of addition, division, multiplication and subtraction.

We have been training for the athletics carnivals and preparing ourselves for the CWA speech day - a big event in our calendar. Most students are now beginning to practise their presentation of them.

**Junior Class**

In writing over the last few weeks, we have started looking at Procedures: How to do or make something. We have borrowed lots of recipe and craft books from the library which will help us identify the different parts of writing a procedure. In this unit the children will create and make numerous crafts and snacks following a written procedure.

In maths, we have been working on our addition skills. The children are enjoying practicing their addition sums by playing different maths games and using ‘Live Mathletics’ to compete against others. Our class novels this term are a set of Tashi books. We have been following Tashi’s adventures every afternoon after lunch. We were lucky enough to go and see a Tashi performance at the Orange Civic Theatre last Thursday which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to Ms Lane and Mrs Wood for assisting on the day.

**Tuckshop**

**P&C 2014 Committee:**

**President:** Belinda Wood

**Vice President:** Joanne Thompson

**Secretary:**

**Treasurer:** Kathy Nicka

**Monday, 31st March**

Nicole Hyland

**Monday, 7th April**

Jenny Cox
Student Achievement Awards

To Haylee
For Great High jump & Shot Put trials

To Lukas
For Being our teeball superstar!

To Sarah
For Excellent work in maths.

To Savanna
For Having a fantastic attitude towards her learning this year!

To Brooke
For Always being so helpful

To Zoe
For Writing excellent complex sentences!

To Isabell
For Being a hard worker in literacy, especially reading.

Principal's Award

To Eleanor
For Completing advanced Times Table

Birthdays

Alexandra  15th April
Lily        27th April
noyance and I hope that the new phone system will be installed sooner rather than later. In the meantime, if the phone rings out and you need to speak to the school, please try again.

**Debating**

I have entered two teams in the Western Challenge Debating competition. This is the one where the teams receive the topic in advance and the teacher is able to help the students prepare. I am looking at having a 5/6 team and a 4/5 team. Debating ties in really nicely with the persuasive writing genre which is the most important skill students learn in writing, and one which is used widely throughout the high school years. We also have two students who were successful in making the OSSA Premier's Debating team - Skye and Eleanor. The team is made up of three Canobolas PS students, two Manildra PS Students and one Clergate student. Congratulations on trialling very well.

**Public Speaking**

Our annual CWA speech day will be held on Thursday 10th April. The students are working really hard to write, prepare palm cards and to learn their speeches. It is a terrific experience for the students as they are forced to confront the very human fear of speaking publicly. Over the four years the students participate in the CWA speech program, they develop and grow in confidence and end up being quite confident in speaking in front of an audience. We encourage students to use palm cards rather than learn the speech off by heart. It is good practice to use palm cards with dot point prompts. We will have a family BBQ from 1 pm and the speeches will commence at 1:45, starting with Year 3 students and concluding with Year 6 students. Our adjudicator this year is Mrs Margaret Brown - retired English teacher and current adjudicator for the debating competitions occurring in and around Orange.

**OSSA Athletics Carnival**

The Orange Small Schools Athletics Carnival is next Friday, 4th April with a back-up date of Monday 7th and is held at the Waratah Sports Club, Orange. All students may enter into the age races, the 200m and the 800m. Field events: such as High jump, Long jump, Shot Put and Discus are for students who qualify. The students have trained for these events and a note sent home. The Infants students in K/1/2 participate in their Age race and then move to the top oval for a tabloid carnival which concludes around midday. We will set up the Manildra PS shade tent and you are most welcome to join your children for the day's activities. Transport to and from the carnival is the responsibility of parents. The permission note with lunch order has been sent home and needs to be returned by Wednesday. There will be no supervision at the school in Manildra as teachers will be working at the Athletics carnival in Orange. Except for Miss Cox who will be at a Professional Development day in Sydney.

**Rock Climbing**

The mobile climbing wall will be situated at Nashdale PS from 9am—12pm on Tuesday 8th April (Week 11). All students are welcome, however there will be no transport, which means parents will be responsible for taking their child to and from Nashdale. The cost will be $10 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.

**Fence around Gum Trees**

You may have noticed that four of our gum trees have been fenced off. As a consequence of the very sad death of a student in a NSW DEC school who was killed when a branch fell in the playground, the DEC have employed arborists to assess trees in the school playground, determine if they pose any danger and to fence off in preparation for branch removal. The trees that have been fenced off will not be removed, only the dangerous and heavy limbs will be removed. Once this occurs the fences will be removed. Regardless of any work undertaken, it is my policy NOT to allow our students to sit under any gum tree in the school. We regularly talk to the students about the dangers of gum trees, especially in summer, and we constantly remind the students to avoid playing under the trees that are known to drop limbs. The safety of our students is paramount.

**iPad Payment**

If your child has an iPad on the school funding scheme, could you please make your term payment prior to the end of the term please. Thank you.

**ANZAC Day march**

This day falls during the holidays and Ms Lane will be coming out to march with the school. Students wishing to march are asked to wear full winter uniform.
FOR SALE  Ford Ranger Ute, excellent condition—$20,500. Piano—$200. 4 burner BBQ—$50. Ph. 63645250  

Piano — $200. 4 burner BBQ — $50. Ph. 63645250

Manildra Home & Rural Services  
no job too small  
Mowing, gardening, odd jobs, weed spraying, Pest control, rural services
Call Dave Press on 0497 033 620

MANILDRA CRAFT COTTAGE  
We have freshly cooked cakes, biscuits/slices Wed to Sun

Representative for Manildra  
Gabby Maxworthy 0447 336483
For books and orders please give Gabby a call.

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

Committees & Clubs . . .  
MANILDRA BOWLING CLUB  
CHINESE RESTAURANT  
5:00pm Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Sundays - Market Night & Members Draw

MANILDRA GOLF CLUB
Saturdays: Market Night
1st draw at 7:00pm.
Dinining 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
Seeking Players for 2014 season
For Our U13’s and U17’s teams
For further details
http://orangecityjuniors.rugbynet.com.au

Parkes & District Netball Assoc.  
(Open to boys & girls) Saturday Junior Comp Registration days—Sat.29 March 10am-12noon Tues 1 April—5.30pm-7pm & Sat 5 April 10am –12noon at Parkes Netball Courts, Baker St, Parkes. Fees 5-7yrs -$60 8-10yrs - $70, 11-12yrs - $80, 13-17yrs - $90. Comp

Manildra Community News & Information . . .

Classifieds . . .

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/Jean 6364 5345

WOMENS HEALTH CLINIC  
Anne Smart, Womens Health Nurse, will be holding a clinic at the Community Health Centre on Thursday 3rd April from 10 am to 3pm. Please phone Kate or Jean on 63 645 345 for appointment