PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome Back

I would like to thank the many well-wishers who have made me feel very welcome on my return to Manildra. I would also like to thank Chloe Brouff and the students at Manildra for the lovely welcome back poster I was given at the first assembly. I had a very hectic year last year and was incredibly busy all year long as Principal at Orange East Public School. I enjoyed the experience and was able to gain some new and valuable perspectives having been at a larger school. I did come away from this experience sure that teachers at all schools are very dedicated and caring people who try their hardest to offer kids in all situations opportunities. I worked with some wonderful people. I am pleased to be back and looking forward to serving this community once again. Whether I am Principal of 28 or 280 students, each and every student deserves my undivided attention and I will work hard to ensure our students enjoy a wide variety of quality educational experiences. I would like to thank Sue Lane who stepped into the Principal’s role and performed the tasks of Principal admirably. She is certainly one of the most dedicated teachers I have had the privilege of working with and am very glad to be working once again in the same school as Ms Lane. I am also very pleased to be working with Di, Kath and Tracy. And I am so very pleased that Mrs Star is now a member of staff. I have known Mrs Star for a number of years and was overjoyed to hear she began working at Manildra last year.

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CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN’S REPORT

Hello everyone,
The holidays have gone very quick. We would like to welcome everyone and especially welcome Mr Wilkinson back. In the senior class we have been getting back into our new desks and settling into the class. We have some new students in the senior class who have just moved up and they are Savannah, Georgia and Roger. And we have some new Kindergarten children Oscar, Harmonie, Will, Timorhi, Pippa, Charlotte, Jack Latoya. They have all fitted in well and have made some new friends. Combined Swimming carnival is next Friday.

From Brooke & Lily
I would like to make a very big welcome to our eight new kindergarten students who commenced their schooling at Manildra PS this year. We have Tim, Oscar, Will, Pippa, Latoya, Harmonie, Jack & Charlotte. Eight very excited and nervous students who had a super first day at school. I though the parents coped very well with the parting, although some have had more practice than others having already had kids start school. It was a lovely first assembly and I would like to say just how pleasing it was to have eight new wonderful children starting school at Manildra.

Kindergarten

Birthdays

Tuckshop
Monday 2nd February
Lora Cook

Monday 9th February
Nicole Hyland

Lachlan 1st January
Haylee 12th Jan
Will 26th Jan
Lukas 2nd February
Brooke 3rd Feb
Zach 5th Feb
Clare 6th Feb
I arrived just in time to witness the beginnings of a solar panel installation. I was very pleasantly surprised to learn that the P&C Association had surpassed all expectations and raised enough money to purchase a 10 K/W system which will provide the school with the opportunity of significantly reducing the amount that is spent on electricity. Our school electricity bills, like yours, have grown significantly over the years. We haven’t used more power, but the power we now use is costing over $8000 per year. As all solar schemes work best if electricity is being used during the day when the sun is shining, we should save considerable amounts of money as all our usage occurs primarily between 8am and 5 pm. These savings are real, and will be channelled back into the education of your children. Effectively, our P&C, through this very generous donation, will be contributing to our savings for many years to come with this one-off solar initiative. I would like to thank Belinda Wood for her dedication in seeing this project to fruition, and to all of our P&C members and parents and Manildra township, for their generous donations over the years which have assisted us to make this investment possible. I would also like to make a special thank you to the FRRR, Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, for the grant we received – a sum of $4000, which enabled us to step up from a smaller 5K/W system to the larger 10 K/W system.

On Tuesday 17th February the OSSA (Orange Small School Association) swimming carnival will be held in Orange at the Orange Local Pool (Hill St Orange). The senior class (and any Year 2 students who are turning 8 this year, and can swim 50 metres unassisted) attend this carnival. Students must be able to swim 50 metres unaided. I encourage all students who are able to swim 50 metres to attend and participate. Again, the carnival is competitive with selections made for the PSSA Orange District Carnival (26 February), but has an emphasis on fun and participation. The Western Swimming Carnival, or regional carnival, (Dubbo) is held Friday 6th March. Students are selected after the Orange PSSA carnival for this major swim meet.

The mulch left behind by the tree loppers remains in the school car park. If you would like mulch (anyone), please feel free to take a trailer load or two. Please let us know that you would like to enter the school premises for this purpose and we will make sure the gates are unlocked.

Next Friday, 6th February, we will be joining the St Joseph’s Primary school for the annual swimming carnival at the Manildra pool. The carnival is competitive, but the emphasis is on participation. We encourage all students who are turning 8 years old or older, who are able to swim the length of the 25 metre pool, to get involved. All primary aged children and any Year 2 students who are turning 8 and can swim the length of the pool are invited to participate. St Joseph’s Primary are the organising school. A lunch list is attached along with a permission note. There is a $3.00 pool entry fee for all students on the day as this is a private function. The infants children will come over to the pool at 12noon with Ms Lane and will be supervised in the wading pool and will participate in some fun games. Across the pool races at the shallow end for non-swimmers will also be on the timetable of events. Parents and friends are welcome to join us on the day.
Classifieds

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

MANILDRA 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
Term 1 & 2
St Joseph’s School
Close for any additions 11.00am Thursdays
Email to:
t.press2@bth.catholic.edu.au

~ Amusu Theatre~
"The Hundred Foot Journey"
Saturday 21st February—7.30pm
Free supper.
Bookings—Joan 0418452902, Kevin 63662202, or Lyn 63665081
-Poster Museum open every weekend

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.
Dinning room open for meals on the last Saturday of month (Major Market night draw) All welcome

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

Sporting Notes . . .
Manildra Tennis Club Night Comp.
Nominations are being taken for the next night comp to start mid February.
Names to Kelly Simmons on 0427 510 202
Teams/nights will be notified

Community Notices . ..
Cudal Community Children’s Centre
Family Fun Day Fundraiser
Sunday 15th February 2015 at Manildra Golf Club - 2pm to 6pm.
$15.00 adult golfer $10 non golfer.
Children free.
Fee includes golf & Sausage sandwich dinner @ 5pm. Bring bikes & golf clubs.
Children’s activities - Jumping castle, Scavenger hunt, Face painting.
Prizes for scavenger hunt 1st, 2nd & Ambrose prizes.
Parent/ carers responsible for their own children.

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.

WOMENS HEALTH CLINIC
Anne Smart will be holding a clinic on Thurs. 19th Feb.2015 10am-3pm
For appointments Kate/Jean 6364 5345

Manildra Swimming Club
Training is Mondays & Thursdays at 5.30pm.
Carnival at Yeoval
Saturday 31st January