A note from the Principal...

After a very successful Swimming Carnival in Deni, with many students stepping outside their comfort zone and competing in a variety of events, well done everyone! A few of our girls travelled to Hay last week to compete in the District Carnival. Each of them swam admirably doing very well in their individual heats, with Sophie Strong coming second in freestyle and hence travelling to Albury in the near future to compete at the Regional level. Sophie will be accompanied by Dana, Kayla and Edwina, who together were the winning P5 Relay team at the Small School’s Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to each of the girls and we wish them well in their next competition. A big thank-you to all the parents who have driven the girls to their competitions.

Yesterday we had a very enjoyable afternoon, competing in a ‘mini-modified’ triathlon competition in town, as a part of our Active After Schools Program. The students had to ride on a scooter around a block, run/walk around another block and make as many 25 metre laps of the pool as they could. Points were given for completing each leg with winners awarded a very expensive medallion as a token of their effort! It was a lot of fun and a big thank-you must go to Rachel Phyllis-Campbell for organising the scooters and the pool for us.

Students have settled well and truly into the routine of their school day, with many showing effort and maturity towards the learning tasks that they face. Home Learning is an integral part of their learning and prepares them for future tasks that they will face in years to come, ie; High School, etc. It is also a learning curve for them to become independent learners and also to master the art of organising their time. We realise at times that there are family functions or illness that may restrict their ability to complete the tasks that they are asked to do, however we ask that you as parents and caregivers support us in maintaining an importance in their home learning being completed and handed in on time. Stage 2 are expected to return their completed Home Learning folder on Tuesdays and Stage 3 each Monday. Folders were set up at the beginning of the term and handed to the students. We would like to say a big congratulations to those students who do complete their tasks on time and to the best of their ability. Please remember that each student has been told that if they have any difficulty with the set tasks that they come and discuss them with their class teacher, prior to the day that it is to be handed in. If any parents are concerned or confused with any of the tasks, please contact the school to discuss such issues.

In relation to our P6 school status being re classified to P5 we won’t know until April when the powers that be meet to decide the outcome of that request. If you need further clarification on this matter please do not hesitate to ring.

Have a great week and fingers crossed for a little bit of rain.

Julie Eason

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION:
Outcomes from the P&C meeting are:
first child $65, siblings thereafter $25.
The money helps with the purchase of the basic class room material and workbooks for your children.
We would appreciate if you could send in the money asap.
If you have any difficulties with payment of school contribution or excursion fees please contact the school to arrange suitable arrangements.

DENILIQUIN SHOW:
Mayrung School entered the ‘Tin Man’ and received second prize.
Well done students who were instructed under our wonderful SLSO Ben.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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We also displayed our igloo which wasn’t in any particular categories, but it received a ribbon ‘outstanding exhibit item’. Well done Mayrung Students!!!

A big big thank you to Mrs Adamson and some of the students who desperately finished it in town. A mention goes also to the wonderful parents who tested their patient in gluing the many milk bottles. Thank you also to Mr Eason and Ted for transporting the igloo, which wasn’t an easy task. Now we hope the children will have some fun time playing in the igloo. Some of the photos while in the building process. There will be more on our web page.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL:
Congratulations go to our wonderful students who showed great sportsmanship on such a cold day. We had 5 students competing at the District level in Hay on Friday. Taylah Gow, Alicia and Kayla Smith, Edwina Barclay and Sohpie Strong. Sohpie also broke 2 swimming records at the Swimming Carnival in Deni, beside coming second in 50 m Free Style at Hay. Top effort Soph!!! Our winning PP5 relay team is going straight through to the next carnival held in Albury. What a great effort. This is a first for Mayrung. Well done Sohpie, Dana, Kayla and Edwina.

NEWS FROM MRS ADAMSON:
Dear Parents/guardians,
What a busy fortnight it’s been.
I hope you all went to the show and saw our tin man and igloo on display. Also the children’s’ work that was entered was fantastic. A great effort by all.
I would like to thank you all for sending in milk bottles for such a long time, it was a great effort. We had over 500 milk bottles in the end. Also a very big thankyou to all of the parents that came and helped to glue the bottles together. It was a lot of work and a lot of mess with all of the milk bottles being blown around the school, but it was all worth it in the end with our school winning the grand prize. Now we are hoping that it travels back to us in one piece. Probably not, but not to worry we can fix it again.
This week the Kinders are learning the letter Dd, Year 1 ‘ar’ words as in car and Year 2 ‘o-e’ (bossy e) as in note. Don’t forget the Kinders come every day from now on.

Thank you

Jenny Adamson
K-2 teacher

MINI-MODIFIED TRIATHLON:
Thanks to Conargo Shire and Jo Burn for organizing the visit of the popular author ‘Leanne Shae Langdown’. Leanne visited Mayrung after her drop in at Blighty Public School. She is a children’s book author, blogger, a successful life coach, a part-time cheerleader and a mother. She spoke to the children about books, from the initial idea to the finished product. She also spoke about her series of books ‘Cheer Chick Charlie’ and how she started writing. Leanne’s inspiration for Charlie came from her own daughter’s desire to become a cheerleader. Together they started a school cheerleading squad and Charlie grew from the spirit of each and every one of their cheerleaders. It is Leanne’s dream to help as many children as possible believe in themselves.

The children were very interested in her talk which included motivation, self-belief, positivity and encouragement and were able to ask questions. We would like to thank Leanne for her visit and for the books she donated to the library. Tomorrow Leanne will be at the Women’s International Day at Pretty Pine and her books and other cheerleading goods will be on sale.

To learn more about Leanne and her book series and for some more information on cheerleading please go to www.CheerChickCharlie.com. There are also lots of other items, fun stuff and other ideas on this website. Definitely worth a visit!

FAMILY RECORD UPDATE: reminder
Thank you to the parents who have already filled and handed the family update sheet back. Could the rest of you please send it back to school asap?
I have attached another sheet for your convenience. It is also paramount that you inform the school of any changes during the year. I have tried to contact some of the families and their phone numbers were disconnected or incorrect. It should be in your own interest that we can contact you.

CANTEEN:
Please remind your children to put their lunch order in on a Tuesday.
Rostered-on canteen helpers please be at school between 9.30 and 10.00 am; this allows enough time to prepare everything for lunch. Parents who are on duty don’t have to purchase their lunch.

The canteen roster for the rest of the term is:

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The canteen is looking for any squeezy topping bottles. If you have any empty ones at home could you please send them in.

BOOK CLUB:
Please find the Scholastic Book Club pamphlet attached. Please have any orders into the office by next Friday, 14th March. Thank you.

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents reading.”