Dear Parents and Caregivers

Sports Day is nearly here! Please read the ‘Sports Section’ in the newsletter, where you will find information about your child’s team, the programme for the day and how you can help with our preparations prior to next Friday. Our Sports Day is a good lead-up to the Gilbert Valley one on September 13 at Owen and we hope to be really ready and competitive!

One of the special things we celebrated last week was SSO Week, a great time to publicly thank our two wonderful SSOs, Lyn and Marie, for all the work they do to keep our school running smoothly. There’s always

- students to work with
- money to count
- notes to collect
- phone calls to make and answer
- orders to fill
- books to cover
- displays to design
- equipment to organise
- resources to sort for classroom use
- newsletters and notes to send out
- knees to patch up
- reading to listen to
- cheques to print
- resources to track down
- ideas to contribute
- forms to fill out
- things (especially teachers and principals!) to keep an eye on
- queries to answer
- computers, faxes and photocopiers to sort out
- an ever-growing ‘to do’ list.

The list could go on and on, I assure you! We marked the occasion with a morning tea on Wednesday and the students presented both Marie and Lyn with a card each to say thankyou for the work they do, which was a lovely gesture. As a staff, we also know we couldn’t do without either of them, so thankyou, Lyn and Marie, for all you do for us.

On a more serious note, there have been a couple of incidences in the Yorke Mid North region recently, where students have been approached by people in cars and offered lifts. The students, in each incident, did not accept the lift and reported the matter to their teachers on arrival at school. Police involvement was then sought. As it turns out, on investigation, one incident was innocent: a member of a small community had spotted a child getting wet on their way to school and had offered them a lift. The child declined and each party then went their separate ways.

While I understand that the likelihood of such incidences happening here may be remote, I believe it is everyone’s best interests to be aware of these things and for parents to take the time to talk about such issues, and strategies for managing them, with their children.

Congratulations to the Governing Council for an excellent fundraiser last Friday night. Every comment about the evening has been positive and people enjoyed the entertainment, the food and each other’s company. Well done!

Tracy Griffin
MANOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

There are two teams this year, Gilbert and Wakefield and the students have been allocated as follows:

**Gilbert:**
- Hannah Schwartz
- Heidi Kruse
- Jed Voigt
- Georgina Eckermann
- Chloe Eckermann
- Caleb Schwartz
- Lydia Schwartz
- Zoe Schwartz
- Lachlan Behn
- Alister Behn
- Isaac Nichols
- Jesse Nichols

**Wakefield:**
- Georgia Nicholls
- Sam Nicholls
- Lucy Nicholls
- Emelia Schwartz
- Tyla Quick
- Seb Quick
- Cooper Quick
- Sasha Willmott
- Hayden Willmott
- Ross Palmer
- Tim Allen
- Catherine Edwards

Gilbert’s colour is green, Wakefield’s white. Students can wear a t-shirt or their school top in their team’s colour with track pants or shorts on the day. Socks and sneakers are the ideal footwear for competing on grass.

The programme for the day:

11.30 am **Walk to Oval**

12.00 pm **School Community Lunch – Subway**

12.25 pm **Teams come together for Opening**

12.30 pm **Tabloids begin**
- Siren to sound at 15 minute intervals, signalling change-over of activities

2.10 pm **Pre-schoolers’ Race**
- Brothers and sisters can help out!

2.15 pm **Break for drinks and toilet**

2.25 pm **Team Games**
- Junior Primary, Upper Primary and Upper Primary and Parents combined

3.00 pm **Presentations and Closing**

Tabloid events include T-ball, accuracy throw, accuracy kick, long jump, triple jump, sprint, shot put, discus and pitch back.

Team games are tunnel ball, over and under, bucket relay, egg and spoon, pass the baton and for upper primary and parents combined: bob down ball and the weave relay.
Governing Council has recommended that **Materials and Services Fees for 2014** be set at **$150**. All interested parents are invited to attend the next Governing Council Meeting on Tuesday 10\(^{th}\) September at 7.30 pm if they wish to express an opinion on the setting of fees.

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**Footy Colours Day**

Thursday of Week 7 come dressed in your favourite footy gear and donate a gold coin for a good cause. At lunchtime there will be a football long kick and trivia competition held- both 50c to enter.

**What is Footy Colours Day?**

This year Footy Colours Day is held on Thursday 5th September 2013 and is the one day in September that you can help fight cancer and change lives.

Thousands of Australians unite and don their favourite football team's colours, be it AFL, NRL, Rugby Union or **Soccer** – to help raise money for children living with cancer.

So show your true colours in your workplace, school or club and make a difference to the lives of children fighting cancer, by participating in Footy Colours Day 2013. Wear your football team's colours all day– jerseys, scarves, beanies or anything else you have – and make a donation to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

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2013 CLARE SHOW  SATURDAY 19\(^{TH}\) OCTOBER, 2013

In the front office are details of the various Arts and Crafts sections of the Clare Show that students may wish to enter this year. Please come and have a look if you are interested.
BOOK WEEK PARADE

Last Friday we had a Book Week parade at assembly. All the students looked fabulous in their costumes and it was great to see the effort and thought put in. Our guest judge, Mrs Friebel, chose three winners from each class. These were:

Banksia Class- Jed, Lucy and Zoe
Waratah Class- Caleb, Ross and Georgina

Thankyou to everyone that attended.

Reminding you all the Book Fair that has been running in the Library will end this Friday. All sales benefit our school, so thankyou to all who have supported the Book Fair.
Yesterday our class went out to Mintaro. We each had our car to take us to Mintaro. Mrs J took Hayden and Tim, Mrs Schwartz took Zoe, Chloe, Heidi, Lydia and Jesse, and Mrs Schwarz took Jed and Lucy. It was fun. We walked down the Main Street. We went to Mintaro Slate Quarry and then Martindale Hall, and last of all, the Maze. My favourite place was all of the places.

Jed Voigt

On Monday we went to the Slate Quarry and Martindale Hall and the Maze. My favourite was the Maze. At the Slate Quarry we got to get a piece of slate.

Milly Schwartz

We walked down the Main Street to see the old houses. Then we had recess at the playground. After that we went to the Slate Quarry. Then we went to Martindale Hall. After that we went to the Maze for lunch. Then we played some games. After, we went in the maze and we played a game. We had to find stuff. There was ‘how many gnomes live in the maze?’ and others. Then we went back to school and went on the bus and went home. My favourite was Martindale Hall and my favourite room in Martindale Hall was all of them.

Lucy Nicholls

On Monday we went to the Slate Quarry. We saw where they used to dig and there was rainwater in it. It was very deep and there were two roads. Geoff showed us a slate horse trough and a very old rock too. I went in Mrs J’s car with Tim and Hayden.

Chloe Eckermann

The first thing we did was walk down the main street at Mintaro and looked at all the old buildings with slate walls, tanks, troughs and steps. My favourite building was a very old slate building. At the slate quarry the first thing at the shed was a 9 million year old piece of slate, and a 8 million year old one too. I found a square slate brick. At Martindale Hall my two favourite rooms were the Library and the Trophy Room. The trophy room was awesome. It had treasures and a skull. The first room we went into was the Drawing Room.

Jesse Nichols

My favourite was Martindale Hall because it was fancy.

Zoe Schwartz

Yesterday, the 26th of August, we went on an Excursion to Mintaro. First we walked down the main street and we talked about some buildings. We saw some gardens that were beautiful. Second, we went to the Mintaro Slate Quarry. As well as talking, we got to take a piece of slate home. I got a triangle shaped piece. Before we went to Martindale Hall, we had recess at the playground. Then we went to Martindale Hall. When we got there, we talked about the Hall. It had some interesting facts. Then we had a tour. My favourite room was the dining room, because it was set out nicely. Lastly, we went to the maze. We played games. We had lunch there. I had a fun day.

Heidi Kruse

Yesterday, on Monday, we went to Mintaro for an excursion. We went for a walk in the Main Street. We were looking at the old carpenter’s house and some old cafes and houses. Then we went back to the cars that we drove in and went to the park and ate our recess. Then we went for a little play on the playground. After that, we went to the Slate Quarry. When we got there we had to ring a bell and a man came out. His name was Geoff. He showed us lots of slate, and we got to get our own piece of slate. After that we went to Martindale Hall. We had to ring another bell and a man came out. His name was Pierre. He showed us around Martindale Hall. My favourite rooms were the Library and the Kitchen, because the library had a pool table in it, and the kitchen was pretty. Then we went to the maze. We had lunch there. Then we went to Gnome Village. All of the gnomes were funny. Then it was time to do the maze. It was fun. After that, we went back to school.

Lydia Schwartz

I liked Martindale Hall. I did not get lost in the Maze.

Tim Allen

The maze had heaps of blocks. It took me a long time to find the middle. Pierre took us for a tour around Martindale Hall.

Hayden Willmott
On Thursday August 22nd we went to the library. Coralie from the Saddleworth library came and read us some books for book week. She read ‘The Coat’ by Julie Hunt and Ron Brooks.
This is what the students felt about the book:
Georgina- I liked it because it was full of feelings.
Sasha- I thought it was ok.
Caleb- I loved this book and thought it was very clever.
Alister- It was ok.
Sam- I liked it.
Ross- I thought it was ok.

Coralie also read the first chapter of ‘The children of the king’ by Sonya Hartnett. This is what the students thought of that book:
Georgina- I liked it and thought it was interesting.
Sasha- It was ok.
Caleb- I liked this book more and would like to borrow it from the library.
Alister- This book was alright.
Sam- I thought it was great.
Ross- It was very good.

Yesterday the whole school attended a Book Week Splash Performance. It was at the Farrell Flat Hall. The show had three actors and focused on several children’s picture books. It involved singing and dancing and was very funny.

Today the Waratah class are attending a cooking demonstration at Saddleworth. We are looking forward to trying some yummy food!
Gilbert Valley Basketball Assoc.

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WEDNESDAY 4th September

Riverton lawn tennis clubrooms, Frederick place @ 7:30pm

*ALL WELCOME!!

We need members from all clubs to attend, Riverton, Marrabel, Manoora, Tarlee, Saddleworth, Auburn and any new teams that would love to join up! Unfortunately last year the association held no competition in juniors and seniors because of lack of junior parent support and numbers. Roles such as umpiring, coaching, canteen shifts, and scoring are needed from parents of primary school and high school aged students. It's a shame these children are missing out on such a great, fun, social team sport!

Our basketball community needs your time and effort to continue!

*Please share this info with as many parents and players as possible.