Principal’s Report

Welcome Back

Wow, what a busy term this is already shaping up to be. It is hard to believe we have come to the end of our second week at school already! We have been busy getting to know each other and how we learn best.

We have welcomed three very excited Kindergarten students to our classroom. Melody, Max and Brigid are settling into life at school. I congratulate you all on a fantastic beginning to your school journey and look forward to watching you grow and learn! Our Kindergarten students were presented with a book and library bag kindly made and donated by the Narrabri Lioness Club.

Along with our new students, Melody, Max, Brigid, Mia and Mitch we welcome Mr Graeme Wood and Mrs Sue Shaw to our school. Mr Wood will be a regular face in our school, he will commence teaching Science and Music units next week. Mrs Shaw enjoyed her return to Fairfax and we look forward to seeing her in the classroom throughout the term.

I would like to say thank you the community for the warm welcome my family received on our arrival to Maules Creek. I would also like to say a very sincere thank you to Rick and Tracey Laird for their patience and assistance with negotiating the flooded creek during our move.

It has been great having so many parents and community members coming into the school to introduce themselves. My family and I are excited to join such an enthusiastic and involved community and look forward to working with you all.

Have a great week,
Rebecca Smith

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students on their participation and excellent behaviour at the Gunnedah Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. The carnival was a huge success due to the organisation of Mrs Shields, our Parent helpers and the participation of all of our students. It was great to see everyone getting involved and having a great time, well done. Thank you to all of our parents for organising travel to the pool, we would not be able to experience the rewarding and valuable days like our swimming carnival without your support, thank you. We had great results from the day with all students contributing to their team scores through participation and placing in events. Congratulations go to the Mooki team who took out the champion house on the day. Thank you to Jed, despite not being able to compete on the day (due to injury), for coming along and cheering for your peers and
contribute to your team, you demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship. Congratulations to Mitchell who was named the senior boys champion for 2013.

We have some great photos from the carnival, more have been posted on our website. Have a look at:

www.fairfax-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

In the Classroom

We are settling in to our classroom routines, students in years 1-6 have commenced homework this week, easing into the homework routine with collecting information about themselves and goal setting activities. Students are also encouraged to cover their homework book and create a title page. All students will commence home reading and more formal homework next week.

We enjoyed a visit from Mrs Jackie Warnock this week. Mrs Warnock shared some of her favourite poems with us and has been busy researching and planning different readings for us to prepare of the Narrabri Eisteddfod early next term.

We are all looking forward to working with Mrs Warnock throughout the term. Learning how to project our voices and use our facial expressions to help us share our poems.

P&C Meeting

It was great to see each family represented at the P&C AGM and first meeting for 2013.

All positions were declared open and Renee Murphy was elected as President, Leanne Starkey Treasurer and Ashleigh Smith was re-elected as secretary.

Active After School

Active After School will continue this term on Wednesday afternoons from 3 pm to 4 pm. We will begin this year with a cricket program run by Jake Paker.
Afternoon tea will be provided by Mrs Smith.

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