**Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to all the students who competed at last Friday’s swimming carnival with such determination and good sportsmanship. It was a fantastic day and every competitor from those who competed in the gruelling medley to those who joined the noodle race and treasure hunt did their very best for their house. The war cry competition was very close with Hovell just winning the parents’ vote. Many thanks to the staff and parent volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success. Those students who were successful in qualifying for the District carnival will be notified today. The district carnival will be held at the Goulburn Aquatic Centre next Tuesday 23 February, 2016.

**Meet the Teacher**

Tomorrow night from 5pm we will hold a ‘Meet the Teacher’ welcome evening and BBQ. All families old and new are invited to come along and find out what’s happening at Marulan in 2016. We welcome questions and ideas for the school’s direction. The children are very welcome to come for a sausage sandwich and an ice-block. This will be a very informal event to be followed by our first P&C meeting for the year at 6.30pm. We invite all families to come along to this meeting to see whether or not you would be interested in being part of the P&C this year, to participate in setting the future direction of the school.

**1/2H**

We welcome Miss Amanda Parker to the school. Miss Parker will now be teaching the 1/2 class while Mrs Hage continues on leave. Many thanks to Mrs Norris for starting this class off so successfully. Miss Parker will be working very closely with Miss Tickner and the rest of the staff to ensure a very consistent program for our Year 1 and 2 students. She will be sending home a class newsletter this week with details of her timetable and program. I’m sure the students are really going to enjoy working with Miss Parker!

**Scripture**

Our scripture lessons start tomorrow. There will be a 30 minute non-denominational Christian scripture lesson available for all students each Tuesday morning. Please return the attached permission note if you are new to the school or if your scripture preferences have changed.

**Playgroup**

Playgroup is on again every Friday morning in the library and the playground from 9.30am – 11am. Every second week it will be facilitated by Therese from the Goulburn Regional Art Gallery and there will also be other organised activities offered during the year such as Tiny Tumbla’s. Please encourage families of preschool aged children to join us for this free supported playgroup. For more information ask in the school office or call 48411573.

**Ukiversit**

This year Mr Picker will be running a ukulele program in the school. Please read the attached information sheet and register your interest in this fantastic, affordable opportunity to access instrumental music tuition.

Marianne Powles. Principal
Important Dates
for your 2016 calendar or diary

February
Tues 16 ~ Meet the teacher 5pm
Tues 16 ~ P&C meeting 6.30pm Library
Wed 17 ~ Scholastic Book club orders due
Tues 23 ~ District swimming
Wed 24 ~ SCHOOL PHOTOS
Fri 26 ~ ASSEMBLY 5/6J 2.15pm

March
Wed 2 ~ GCoPS massed choir rehearsal
Fri 11 ~ Athletics carnival
Tues 15 ~ P&C meeting 6.00pm Library
Mon 21 ~ Harmony day
Thurs 24 ~ Grandparents’ Day & Easter hat parade
Fri 25 ~ Good Friday Public Holiday
Mon 28 ~ Easter Monday Public Holiday

April
Fri 1 ~ GRIP Leadership conference Year 6
Fri 8 ~ Last day Term 1

Breakfast Club Roster

February
Tues 16 — Alison & Leanne
Wed 17 - Kelly & Gay
Thurs 18 — Maureen & John
Fri 19 - Neale & Sheree
Mon 22 — Col & Leanne

If you are available to assist with breakfast club, even one day per month, please contact Katie on 0418 411087. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

PHOTO DAY: Wednesday February 24

Attached with this newsletter is an envelope for purchasing school photos. Every child has their own pre-named envelope.
Payment information is also addressed on the envelope. Payments are made directly to The School Photographer, not to Marulan Public School.
Your completed envelope can be left at the school office, or brought in with your child on photo day.
Family photo envelopes are available from the office. If you require a family photo envelope, please contact the office and one will be sent home with your child.
To make payment for school photos after photograph day you can choose one of the following:
Go to the website - www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the “Click here for Online Payment” option and follow the on screen instructions ... or...
Call the office on 9674 9824 and a credit card payment can be taken. (Note—there is a processing fee of $5 for phone payments)
Ukiversity

In the coming weeks Mr Picker will kick off a music tuition scheme at Marulan Public School that is affordable for everyone. Learning a musical instrument is such a beneficial and life-enriching experience that we want to make it available for everyone.

There will be no ongoing costs for music lessons after you purchase a quality instrument. All lessons are posted online as videos for students to watch and re-watch free of charge. In this way they can progress at their own pace and focus on genres and songs they are interested in.

Before we roll out this scheme we would like to ask you a few questions to tailor-make the program.

FAQ
I own a ukulele already, can I just bring that?
As long as it of a decent quality and well maintained. Poor quality instruments are a nightmare to keep in tune and will frustrate anyone trying to play them. If you’re not sure about your Ukulele, show Mr Picker.

So the lessons happen at home, what do they do at their lessons?

During the lessons at school we will correct any mistakes and technical faults, but the focus will be on improving skills not teaching from scratch as the students have already had a go at home while watching the video.

This teaching model allows for much faster progression and makes sure student’s face-time with the teacher is spent on areas that student needs help with.

Internet:
We don’t have have any internet at home or enough internet to allow watching videos.

There will be a time made available where students and families can access the lessons at school either before school, after school or during one of the Fruito break times.

What does it cost?
A ukulele package including a ukulele, tuner, folder, great strings and bag will be made available. This package has been well researched and ensures that you will receive a quality instrument at a great price as we will be purchasing in bulk. The final price of this package will depend on the number of students purchasing but will vary between $60 - $80

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I would like my child/children ________________________________ to be involved in the Ukiversity program and I am prepared to purchase a quality instrument or the ukulele package.

Please circle below.

I do/ do not have good internet access at home for watching the video lessons.

I am/ am not interested in purchasing the Ukulele package being made available.

I would prefer if...
- My child attend a weekly free larger group lesson (15-30 students).
- My child attend a weekly $5 small group lesson (5-10 students).
- My child attend a weekly $15 individual lesson.

I would prefer my child to attend their lesson...
- Before school one day 8:20am - 8:50am.
- After school one day 3:30 - 4pm.
- During the ‘Fruito Break’