MRF EXCURSION Everything is in readiness for the MRF excursion on Thursday (tomorrow). Part of the trip will involve a bit of time in the rainforest garden and area. Danielle from the Council has asked that we bring the usual sunscreen and hat but we will also need some protection from mosquitoes whilst we are in there. The school will provide aeroguard for the trip but if you would like another product or you would like to bring some form of protection from home please do so - as a backup. They will also need their lunch recess and plenty of drinking water. Those children meeting us there, could you please meet us around 9.45 at the rainforest area. We begin our day there. Everyone else Rose is aware of our requirements for the day. All students, except those who normally get on the bus at Norco in the morning, are to travel to school as normal. Keep an eye out for the weather and prepare your child for the possibility of a bit of wet weather.

EASTER SCRIPTURE This has been organised for Friday Mar 18th. Rev Roy Cowan and Mrs Ronan will be coming out and talking to children and presenting a program with stories and songs. For those children doing Baha’i and Virtues please send in a note to indicate to the school whether you would like your child to participate in this activity. If we don’t hear from you we will take that as an okay to participate.

PIZZA DAY The next meeting of the P&C is scheduled on Wednesday Mar 16th. To celebrate they are organising a pizza lunch. They will be preparing and cooking pizzas in our oven. Please fill out the attached form. There will be an assortment of pizzas for the children to pick from. The cost is $5 and this includes a drink.

GREEN DAY REPORT Apart from a bit of a mix up with the dates, the day went off well. The green people looked rather ….green with some interesting costumes dug out of closets long forgotten about. The children...
do love dressing up. Thanks to everyone, which was everyone, who helped out in some part during the day. Ms Moy for the green pancakes, Miss Nikki for her green muffins and to Sandi for the help in the kitchen preparing the green spaghetti. (This saved the kids working with me in the kitchen! I think I had it all under control). It was a great day and I have never seen children more enthusiastic about picking up rubbish before! On Tuesday the Bluebells and the Raspberries sorted through the assortment of rubbish, much of which was once recyclable but now too dirty to be useful. The Green Day adventure will be part of our waste wise diary which we are compiling to be submitted with our other WW requirements.

**WOODY HEAD CAMP** There is a bit of a question mark over the catering and we need more notes to roll in to see who is coming and when. Could everyone please try to get their notes and money in by early next week. At yesterday’s staff meeting, discussion took place regards the activities and I am making some phonecalls today to plan some more. Thanks to those families who have indicated things they are making or planning to do over the four days. One organisational detail is transport. If you need help with transport please contact the school so that arrangements can be organised early. Woody Head is only 8 school days away!

**CANBERRA TRIP** Those year 5 and 6 students attending this year’s Canberra trip will be receiving details very shortly. We have a proposed itinerary for the trip along with costings. The cost won’t change and will be very close to the $450 ($550 less $60 from Federal Government Civic Rebate Scheme, we appreciate the help that the Government gives to isolated schools, so we can visit Canberra and see all these amazing sites.) When planning your payments if you keep this figure in mind it will make it easier. It would be appreciated if part payments could start rolling. Linda is keeping a figure of the money raised so far for each student. We need $50 deposit in ASAP so we can have an indication of numbers attending.

**LIVE LIFE WELL** There is an opportunity for any parents willing to do healthy cooking in the school. Anyone interested please give us a call and we can discuss what you would like to do.

**CLASS NEWS**

**WILD RASPBERRIES** Everything is working well with much flexibility being practised of late. One area that we have spoken about in length in the classroom is the lack of homework being undertaken by the majority of the class. Please encourage your child to complete their homework each week as homework is an integral part of our Thumbs Up Award system. At present they are undertaking work in the civics area that will compliment the trip to Canberra in term 2. Writing, which has been a focus this term, has seen some pretty marked improvements in all students work. Another focus has been the setting out and neatness in their bookwork and this has seen an improvement as well.

**HEADLICE** These little creatures are about again, so please check your child’s hair and treat them as required. Could parents’ of girls please make sure their hair is tied up. Thanks.