Last Friday we visited Echuca College to participate in an Indonesian Cultural Day. We were joined by students from district schools. Our students watched an Indonesian dance and music performance in the main hall. We were then involved in a mask making session and learned about the different masks from the many islands of Indonesia. Our final session was to participate in a dance session. Our students were lucky enough to be invited to dress in Indonesian clothing and use authentic props.
For lunch we visited the Moama Playpark with the staff and students from Gunbower. A great day was had by all. It was a fantastic opportunity to further our understanding of Indonesian culture, contribute to our understanding of cultural diversity and to socialise with students from other primary schools.

Ready, Set, Go!
This Friday we will be competing in the annual Murray Plains Cluster Athletic Sports. We will be joined by staff, students and families from Gunbower, Leitchville and Koondrook Primary Schools. Thank you to those parents who have offered to assist with the hurdles event – a roster is attached to this newsletter. Students are to wear full school (sports) uniform, bring their own snacks and lunch and plenty to drink. We ask that all students be at the No. 2 oval in Cohuna by 9.50am, for a 10am start.

Tuning Up For Friday
Oskar, Darby and Angus are in Echuca today competing in the Interschool Athletics Carnival. They are competing in all events. Should they win a placing in any of these events, they will be eligible to compete at the zone athletics carnival. Fingers crossed.

Scienceworks
Tomorrow we are heading to the big smoke to explore all that Scienceworks and the Planetarium has to offer. This should be a very exciting and educational day and we are so thankful to Mr Robert Thomson for making this excursion possible through his generous donation. Please be at the Torrumbarry Roadhouse by 6.20am for a 6.30 am departure. Students should be in full school uniform and will need a coat for the morning tea stop. Students should bring a small backpack with their lunch, snacks and drinks. No lollies or soft drink please. iPods and other electronic devices can be brought along for the bus ride but are done so at students own risk. Our scheduled return to Torrumbarry Roadhouse is 5.30pm-5.45pm. Parents will be notified by text if there are any changes to this time.

MARC News
This week is officially Book Week when Children’s Book Of The Year winners are announced. The awards showcase recently published books by talented Australian writers and illustrators. Primarily the books are assessed on literary merit - language, originality and theme. Judges also consider book design, illustrations, production, printing and binding. The winners were:

Early Childhood category - Go To Sleep Jessie! by Libby Gleeson and Freya Blackwood.

Scary Night and Noni the Pony Goes to the Beach received honours.

Picture Fiction category - My Two Blankets by Irena Kobald and Freya Blackwood.
One Minute’s Silence and The Stone Lion received honours.

Bloke’s Day Stall
This will take place on Friday Sept 4th. Each family is asked to donate 2-3 low cost items per child. In many instances your child may buy them back again so make sure you donate items that the special bloke in your family would like. Suggestions are fishing hooks, sinkers, floats, socks, chocolates, pocket tools, lollies. You can send items along anytime between now and the stall date.
No Longer Wanted
Thanks to the Levings and Taylor families for dropping off the old tyres. They will be put to great use at the Environmental Day