Student of the Week
Our award this week goes to Rhiannon Barr. Rhiannon has been working hard in class and consistently choosing a good attitude. Rhiannon has been friendly to her classmates and will often encourage those around her. Congratulations Rhiannon!

Paul Stafford Author Visit
Next Week our primary students are very lucky to have the opportunity to work with a renowned children’s author – Paul Stafford. The children will travel to Moulamein PS to join their peers from our 3D Learning Community and have a day with Paul Stafford who will be helping them develop their own narratives. Later in the term the students will meet with Paul again by Video Conference to continue and improve their stories. This writing is an integral part of our water unit. Stage 3 students will travel with Miss Biti on Thursday to Moulamein and Stage 2 students will travel on Friday with either Miss Biti or I depending on whether we can get a parent to drive or not. If you are prepared to drive on Friday please let me know.

FISH Activity Day
We had an excellent day at Moulamein PS last Thursday. The senior students led the other students in small groups through a series of fun activities that demonstrated the FISH philosophy. We are using the language and concepts regularly at school so I will remind you of our aims;
*to have a sense of PLAY
*CHOOSE YOUR ATTITUDE
*when interacting with others BE THERE
*find a way to MAKE SOMEONE’S DAY!

Fun Friends Program
This program has been recommended to me by two separate sources as a valuable social skills program for young students. I have the opportunity to attend a training day in Melbourne this Wednesday which will not be offered again until the end of the year. I have decided to take the opportunity and implement this program with the K-2 students. I have included some information about ‘Fun Friends’ in this newsletter.

Recycling Material
Miss Hulands will be presenting a lesson on recycling this Wednesday. If you have any clean cardboard packaging or plastic containers could you send them in tomorrow or Wednesday. We will not need materials after Wednesday thanks.
P&C meeting
Please note the next P&C is on Monday 7th June at 7pm.

Burraboi Visit
Next Monday 7th June, we are very fortunate to have Lauren Mathers share her knowledge of a particular stream in the Burraboi area, with our students. Lauren has completed a comprehensive study on the stream and is currently publishing a document on her findings. She is happy to share her knowledge with us about the effects of the drought and the flora and fauna surrounding the stream. If you would like to join us please do, as we will need an extra car to transport the children. Lauren will meet us outside the Burraboi School at 10am to direct us to the stream site.

Wirraminna Excursion
Please return the permission slip for our excursion to Wirraminna Environmental Centre as soon as possible with $20 to cover transport and a happy meal at McDonald’s on the return trip. Please send a substitute meal if you do not wish your child to have a McDonald’s meal. We will leave school at 6:30am and return at approximately 6:30pm. Yes it will be a big day, but I believe it will be well worth it!

Fun Friends is specifically designed for four to seven year old children. The program was specifically designed to

- Build resiliency through social and emotional skills development.
- Empower children, families and teachers.
- Promote peer learning through play and experiential/inquiry learning.
- Encourage support networks and positive role models.

The Fun Friends program teaches children and families the following skills

- Smiling and looking people in the eye
- Speaking with a confident voice
- Talking about feelings and also understanding other people's feelings (development of empathy)
- Helping other people - peers, family and teachers
- Body clues
- How to relax
- Making friends
- Being brave and happy
- Trying new things - making step plans
- 'Red' and 'Green' Thoughts, and other essential life skills