How active have we been this term?
It is week 4 already and we are only now getting the opportunity to put together a newsletter. The students at Martins Creek Public School have been very busy this term, with special activities each week.

In week 2 we joined the other school in our Local Area for a Commonwealth Games Day at Dungog. We had the opportunity to participate in different activities and represented different countries. George was flag bearer for Sri Lanka, Zahra was flag bearer for South Africa, Christopher was name-bearer for Scotland and Flynn was name-bearer for Malaysia. Grace ran in the Queen's baton relay and helped carry the torch. Several of our students had their photos in the Dungog Chronicle. All in all we had a wonderful day.

Last Week was Education Week and on Wednesday we caught the train into Warabrook, where we were transported to the CSIRO at Mayfield and were given a tour by Julio, our Scientists in Schools partner. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students and the staff lucky enough to join them. We then went into Newcastle, enjoyed lunch at Civic park and enjoyed the performance of ‘Wombat Stew’ at the Civic Theatre. What a great day!

Our students performed wonderfully at the Education Week Award Ceremony at Dungog High School last Thursday. Lu was very happy with all our students and the costumes looked great. Thanks to all who assisted.

This week we have ‘Musica Viva’ - a music program that we enjoy each year. (Please note the change of date from our last newsletter) On Thursday we will leave school at 8.30 and travel to Glen William Public School where we will enjoy Hercules by Sounds Baroque.

We are enjoying Tennis with Tim and Dance with Lu as part of our Active School Communities program for term 3. Watch this space for photos.

We wish Mrs Clements and her husband a wonderful, safe trip this week, and we will look forward to updates on their holiday as well as seeing photos and hearing stories when she returns to school in October. Mrs Lancaster and Mrs Viner will join us during this time and Mrs Murphy will work her usual day.
There will be a ‘Cartooning Workshop’ for Children at East Maitland Scout Hall this weekend (8-9th August). More information at: www.illustrating-man.com.au
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Musica Viva in Schools has been inspiring Australia’s youth since 1981. Their music programs are educationally relevant in particular to the infants and primary age groups and professionally designed and produced which means that children - and their teachers - are engaged from the very first moment. Performances are built on sound educational and music educational principles.

Introducing Sounds Baroque
For the past 20 years Sounds Baroque has been touring regional, rural and urban schools in NSW. The group consists of four members: soprano, tenor, harpsichordist and viola da gambist. Formed in 1988 with a vision to just work with children, Sounds Baroque has successfully adapted Lully’s opera Alceste, into this production titled Hercules. By combining music and instruments of 300 years ago, contemporary Australian compositions, and the humour of today, Sounds Baroque makes the unique and vibrant music of the Baroque period accessible to students of all ages.