



Maroona Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd August 2024

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Principal's Report

Three weeks into another busy term, and the learning and enjoyment is continuing apace.

Today we are hosting the staff and students from Willaura Primary for another music lesson. Next Friday we have a Landcare Field Day at Pomonal, looking at the regrowth that has occurred there since the February bushfires. The following Friday we have all 4 of our cluster partner schools coming to Maroona for a day of shared activities.

I have also committed some of the school's resources to employ May full time in a teacher's aide position. She will work with children across both classrooms, and outside during the breaks as they work on their own projects and interests, wherever they take place within our school.

Dates to remember

Aug 7 – MARC Van

Aug 9 – Landcare Field Day – Pomonal

Aug 13 – Golf Clinic – Tony Collier

Aug 14 – School Council

Aug 16 – Cluster Day – Maroona

Aug 20 – Golf Clinic – Tony Collier

Aug 21 – MARC Van

Aug 22 – proposed Police visit

Aug 29 – Sovereign Hill excursion

Sept 4 – MARC Van

Grampians Greenthumb Project



Grampians Health
Grampians Public Health Unit

The Grampians Public Health Unit Prevention and Population Health team (based in Ararat) have teamed up with the Lions Club of Ararat to provide more food relief for our community.

➔ We are growing vegetables and herbs at the Ararat Community Garden, which will then be provided to the community for food relief.



➔ We are also growing vegetables and herbs in pots, which will be distributed to people in our community to plant in their garden, or continue to grow in pots at home.



EATING VEGETABLES PROVIDES OUR BODIES WITH ENERGY, FIBRE, ANTIOXIDANTS, WATER AND VITAMINS!



Would you like to be involved?

You are welcome to;

Email phu@gh.org.au if you would like to learn more



Donate seeds or pots



Grow seedlings at your home, to be donated to the Ararat Neighbourhood House - you will be provided with seeds, potting mix and pots



or if you would like to receive vegetables, or vegetable seedlings to grow at your house - keep an eye on the Ararat Neighbourhood House Facebook page

Camps - 2024

Somers Camp (Gr 5/6) - 8th - 16th Oct

Gr 4 - 6 - Phillip Island - 22nd - 25th Oct
- approx \$500

Gr 2/3 – Cave Hill Creek 14th – 16th Oct
- \$390

Gr 1 Sleepover – Halls Gap – 18th Oct



Happy Birthday

Sam Reynolds 7th August

Lucy Robertson 14th August

Andy Kalluri 15th August

Sophie Hartwich 16th August

Emily Armstrong 29th August

We welcome Lakhota from One Red Tree in Ararat.

Children's mental health is now recognised as a major priority in education.

The one red tree resource centre is offering mental health services to our rural communities we are fortunate to be receiving this service here at school.

Lakhota will be working at the school on a Tuesday and wed to support our children and families

if any questions or interest arises please do not hesitate to contact the school and speak with Richard.



We also very pleased to welcome May to our staff team. May is now full time at our school, working across both classrooms. The children have really responded to May, and she is always outside at morning tea and lunch helping them around the chook yard or veggie garden, and working with them on their sandpit creations.



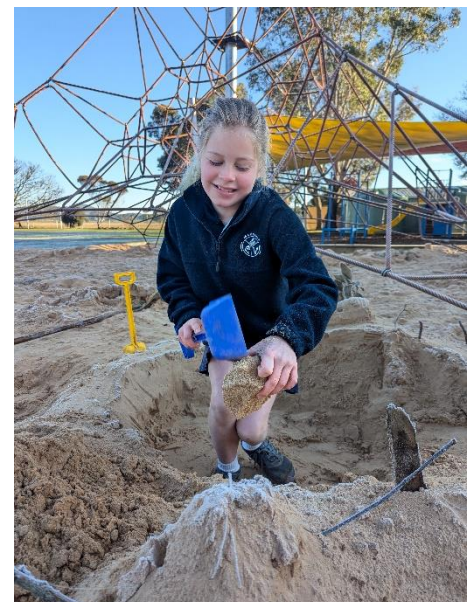
Clockwise from left: It's not just sand any more. The sand pit has been completely dug up and remodelled over the last few weeks.

Everyone is sure to love our upcoming cake stall on 10th Aug.



Pretty chilly out here. Frozen sand is a great novelty on Thursday morning.

We love our footy at Maroona Primary!



EBT Fundraising

Last Thursday, our wonderful parents organised a fantastic fundraiser to support our Energy Breakthrough (EBT) experience, raising much-needed funds. Many families provided lasagne's, while others prepared them at the Tatyoon Football Netball Club, selling them to the local community during Thursday night training.

Our Grade 4-6 students contributed by creating colourful posters for the event, showcasing graphs of their favourite lasagne toppings, ice cream flavours, sauces for chips, and more. The night was a resounding success, raising an impressive \$1,270!

A Huge thank you to you all.

The students were also in for a treat, as there were plenty of leftovers, which they enjoyed the next day at school. A big thank you to everyone who made this event a great success!

We would also like to acknowledge all the incoming Sponsors, their generous donations and support have been overwhelming.

