



Maroona Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023

Principal's Report

Five weeks into Term 4, and the year is disappearing very fast. Already this term our children have been involved in so many events, and there is more to come.

The senior students had a wonderful day out at the Black Ranges Cricket in Stawell, with both the girls' and boys' teams making the final; a wonderful effort for a small school. We also had two students competing at the VPSSA State Athletics Championships this week. Both represented our school very well, with one of the boys coming home with a medal.

As a staff we have also been busy building our capacity to offer our students the best available teaching and learning methods. We are working more closely than ever with our Ararat Rural Cluster schools to develop our knowledge of teaching and assessment in order to offer the best possible education and school culture for our families.

School Camps



Grades 2/3 – Roses Gap

8th - 10th November

P/1 - Sleepover – Ballarat/Maroona

10th November

Cost approximately \$70 per child

Grades 4-6 - Energy Breakthrough

22nd - 25th November

Dates to remember

Nov 7 – Melbourne Cup
(pupil free)

Nov 8 – Roses Gap Camp (Gr. 2/3)

Nov 10 – Prep/Gr. 1 Sleepover

(Please note change of date)

Nov 15 – MARC Van

Nov 21 – Emma Kealy MP school visit

Nov 22-25 – Energy Breakthrough

Maryborough



Nov 29 – MARC Van

Dec 1 – Cluster Day
Moyston

Birthdays

Isabella Guye (9) 12th November
Grace Robertson (12) 14th November
Sophie King (7) 17th November
Rose Jackson (6) 28th November
Annabelle Bibby (9) 30th November



Black Ranges Cricket

Last Thursday, we went to the school cricket tournament at North Park in Stawell. I was named team captain. We played Stawell West first and won by about sixty runs.

Then we played the Maroona girls team as a friendly game and won. After that we had a lunch break but it went super quick. Next, we played against Pyrenees Primary School and won again so we made the grand final! Our opposition was St Pats Primary School and they were huge! We chose to bat first and lost some valuable wickets. When we bowled we got a fair few people out but it just wasn't enough and we were defeated by seventeen runs. Overall, even though we lost the grand final in the end it was still a great experience and I had a great day.

Archie - Grade 6



On Thursday we played Black Ranges cricket, it was really fun. The boys got in to the grand final and so did the girls. In our first game we smashed them. I was paired with Lucy. We did really well. So did the other girls. **Emma - Grade 4**

Cricket Tournament

Last week we played a cricket tournament and made it to the grand final. We lost by 17 runs. My favourite part about the day was when we carted the girls in a friendly game on our bye. Overall it was an awesome day. Thank-you to everyone that made it happen.

Will - Grade 5

Thursday the 26 the big room and some kids from the little room went to Stawell for cricket. There was a boys' team and a girls' team. The first game we play against was Stawell West. We were bowling first. You had to be with a partner, one partner was a wicket keeper and the other partner was bowling. We won buy about 104 runs. We had a bye in the next game so we had to play the boys. We played Pyrenees Cluster. The boys' coach was Liam and we had Blake. Stawell college kids helped out with the scoring and umpiring. We only won by about sixty so that meant that we were in the grand final. We were playing Ararat West. They were really good. We lost the bat flip so we had to bowl first. Olivia and I were the last ones to bat so we had to make about forty runs. It was over we knew that we have lost but overall i had a great day.

Charley - Grade 4

On the 26th of October the 2-6s went to North Park Stawell, to play the Black Ranges Cricket. First, we played Stawell West and decided to bowl first. For our team, Olivia and I were captains and had taken turns to do the toss. We had a partner for all the rounds and Emily was my partner. We bowled first for our team and Emily got a wicket. Then we went to bat. Emily and I were the first to bat and I hit 2 eights and two fours. That game score was 80 to 192. Next, we played The Maroona boys and got smashed. But it was good practice for the next match. Next, we played the Pyrenees. We won that game but they were pretty good. Then we went forward to the Grand finale. We played Ararat West. The team that we knew we had a challenge. Sadly, we lost but the girls where still very respectful and nice by congratulating us. Overall it was a great amazing day and Thanks to Gary and the Stawell College kids for helping to make the day possible. And thanks to the teachers and parents who drove us there.

Grace - Grade 6

Black Ranges Cricket

Kanga Cricket

On the 26th of October we went to Black Ranges cricket in Stawell. When we got there Gary went over the rules and where everything is. Then we went to warm up, first we played Stawell West. They won the toss and chose to bat first so we bowled first. I managed to get a wicket and we won! Next we played the boys. I will just say we got flogged which luckily was only a friendly game. Then we played the Pyrenees and if we won we would play in the grand final. We chose to bat first so they bowled. We won by around 30 runs so it was a close game. Then we played in grand final. We played against Ararat West and we bowled first. We lost by a lot but overall I had a great day i got two wickets and around 30 runs. **Emily - Grade 5**

On Friday we did Kanga Cricket. The first game we were against Stawell West and we won by around sixty runs. They were a fast moving team in the field but not the best batters or ballers; but they could field. The next game was a friendly game against the Maroona girls we won by a lot. The game after that was life or death. If we won we would make it to the grand final, they were a little team so we won. The next game was the grand final against Stawell St Patricks. We chose to bat first, but we didn't start off well. Between our openers we lost four wickets, then three with Archie and I. When we bowled we were off to a good start. I opened the bowling and first ball I got wicket, but the batters got better and better. In the end we lost by seventeen runs. Overall it was a good day and really fun. **Eddie - Grade 5**

Cricket Report

On the 26th of October, we played cricket in Stawell. Our first game was against Stawell West Primary School. We made 133 runs and won the game. We made it to the grand final and lost by 16 runs but we knew we did extremely well to even make it because we are a very small school. Every other school had grade six playing and we had grade 2,3,4,5,6 playing. Overall I really enjoyed the day and thought we did really well. **Rowly - Grade 4**

Last Friday the Grade 3-6s and Fletcher went to Stawell North Park and played Kangaroo Cricket. We had two teams, a girls and a boys. They both made it to the grand final to get to the next stage but we both lost sadly. We had partners to bat and bowl with and mine was Charley. In the Grand final Charley and I batted last and we had to make 91 runs of 12 balls. NOT POSSIBLE. Overall it was a great day and everyone tried their hardest. Thank-you to all the people that made the day happen including; Liam, Blake, Richard, Mum, Gary and more. **Olivia - Grade 6**

On the 26th of October we went to Stawell to play some cricket. We firstly versed Stawell West and won by a lot. Then we versed the Maroona boys and we lost by a lot of runs but that didn't stop our enthusiasm. We then versed Pyrenees and we also won which means we were in the grand final against Ararat West. We tried to keep our enthusiasm but it didn't work because we , but we still were positive because we were able to get to the grand final. Unfortunately, the boys lost too in the grand final, but we still all did very well. I cannot wait for next year. **Lucy - Grade 5**

Black Ranges Cricket

On the 26th of October we played cricket in Stawell. We played the girls in a practise match and we beat them. We made it to the grand final but we lost that game by about 20 runs. **William B - Grade 4**



William J's Cricket Report

On Thursday we played cricket at North Park. The first team we played was Stawell West and we won by 60 runs. The date was 26th of October and it was Liam's birthday. I was off for fielding and I was with Rowly and Max. Then we vs Maroona girls and we smashed them. Then we versed Pyrenees and we won by about a hundred runs. We were in the grand final and the girls were too, and we both lost it. After that we went back to school. **William J - Grade 5**

State Aths Championships



On Wednesday my whole family went to Melbourne, to a big stadium near the city. I was competing in the discus in the state championships. My best throw was 32 metres and I came third, but all the other boys were Grade 5's. The winner threw 36 metres. I went on the podium and got a medal.

Tom - Grade 3

On Wednesday I went to the State Aths Championships for shot put. I was throwing against some BIG kids, wide and long. Some were throwing twelve metres, and I was throwing nine. After my throws they did an extra throw for the top eight. I came thirteenth. I got two red flags and I was disappointed. After my event I watched two throws of Tom in the discus. In the end he came third. Anyway, it was a good day for Maroona and very successful. Congratulations to you Tommy, you did really well. It was a great day and I enjoyed it.

Eddie - Grade 5

