



Maroona Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

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Principal's Report

Another month has started and we are now well over the half way mark of Term 1. Already since the last newsletter came out we have had a pupil free day with Maths Professional Learning (PL) for the teachers, Black Ranges Swimming and Black Ranges Tennis.

Our Maths PL was an opportunity for the teachers from our school, Moyston and Pomonal to work with Michael Ymer, an internationally recognised Maths educator. Michael's approach to teaching Maths is based very much on games, developing strategies for thinking mathematically, and learning by doing. We have been working with Michael for the last 2 years, with the goal of increasing the children's enjoyment of Maths, and improving their learning outcomes.

Yesterday Max, Rowly, Emily and Emma went to Stawell for the Black Ranges Tennis. Everyone had a great day, and represented our school community very well. Max is going on to the regional tennis competition.

We had 12 competitors in the Black Ranges Swimming at Horsham on Wednesday. Once again, all children represented our school very well, and we have Tom King going on to the regional championships.

Student Recognition Awards

Each fortnight our teaching staff nominate one student each who they feel has been exemplifying our school values of Respect, Honesty, Excellence and Kindness.

Our award recipients this fortnight are Isabella (Gr 4) Charley (Gr 5) Sophie (Gr 1) and Vincent (Gr 3).



Dates to remember

Mar 11 – **Labor Day – public holiday**

Mar 15 – Food Fight (Food Bank)
Cluster Day - Willaura

Mar 20 – MARC Van

Mar 27 – School Council AGM
Please note change of date

Mar 28 – Final day of Term 1

Apr 15 – First day of Term 1

Apr 17 – MARC Van

Apr 18 – Cross Country Pomonal

May 1 – MARC Van

May 2 – Black Ranges Cross Country

May 9 – Aths Sports - Lake Bolac

Singing Teacher

Kris Cheesman has acquired a singing teacher for Ararat and District. Please contact Kris on 0408 329 234 if you would like more information.

Happy Birthday

Joe Reynolds (10) 9th March
Max (12) 15th March
Tom King (10) 18th March
Tess Gellie (9) 24th March



Writing from the Prep – Grade 3 Room

I like my dog hat. I got it for Christmas. I wish I could wear it to school but I can't, because it's not a broad brim hat. I have three hats.

When I went to school my dog hat blew out of the window. I found my hat when I was in the tractor. It was on the stubble two months ago. I was so happy that I told my friends and my brothers because I love it so much. I wear it everywhere I go.

George - Gr. 1

I love my hat because my hat is pink. My hat is a plant hat, and it is pretty. My hat got broken because somebody broke it. I asked my mum if she had a way to fix my hat because I like it the most. *Sophie H - Gr. 1*



I'm so happy that my dad got me this new hat. It is a frog and it is purple. I am so grateful when I wear it, and I feel cool. When I wear it I feel like bouncing like a frog. Frog hats are the best!

I was bouncing one day in the pond. It was lots of fun but then my frog hat saw some frogs. It bounced away. I was sad but then I heard something. "Help, help, help!" So I ran home and got in the car. Then I saw a fire and my hat, and some other frogs. They were stuck. So I put the fire out, and my hat gave me a huge hug, then we went home.

Sophie K - Gr. 2



When I went to the soccer final, I was versing the Soccer Roos. The Soccer Roos were the best team in the league, but my team was the second best team in the league. My team was England. I was playing, it was 2 - 1. I flew across the pitch and tackled the other player.

The crowd went wild. It was so loud. WOOWOAAHHHH!! I was close to the goal. I shot and scored and then the whistle blew. "I won! I won!" I cried. *Dan - Gr. 1*

The cars are loud when you wake up. I went for a walk. When I got back from my walk I saw that my cousin was in the toilet, and was making a big noise. I went for a walk and there were loud cars.

The dog growled. I went back home because it was too loud. The dog started to chase me. I didn't know what to do. I ran and ran and went back home. The dog started to growl again. I didn't want to go back to it. It was so loud and I was sad. *Vivian - Gr. 1*

Writing from the Prep – Grade 3 Room

This is my hat, it looks like a dog because it has floppy ears. But then my hat was gone. I ran and ran but I couldn't catch it. I saw it but it was stuck in a tree.

I used my dad, he could get it down. My dad got a ladder. He could reach it. I was so happy. *Rose - Gr. 1*



My hat is big and round. It is light yellow. My big hat is yellow and it is mine. I got the hat for my birthday. It is big. I like it and it was the best day. Then it disappeared. I got sad. I got really sad when it disappeared.

My cousin said, "You can wear mine." "Thanks for letting me use your hat," I said. One day I found it. It was in the pool. When I found it, it was cut. When it got cut it looked small, it got very small. Then it got tiny, and it didn't fit me. I got very sad. Then it got big and I was happy. Then it got too big to fit me, so I got a new hat for my next birthday. *Maggie - Gr. 1*

One Monday morning I got in the ship and I went to the docks, and got a big thing at Melbourne, so I got working. I sailed and sailed until I got to Sydney docks. A truck was waiting at the docks. Tom loaded the big thing on.

Then I went stop, stop, STOP! It is too heavy, we need a bigger truck. Call the truck boys, they can get a bigger truck. The truck is here. Now I can get going. I had arrived at the farm. It was a big Claas tractor 5000. *Vincent - Gr. 3*

One morning on my holiday I woke up and heard something, but I did not know what it was. So I went to see mum, because it sounded like something weird. I had never heard it before. When I got to mum she said, "Go and see Dad." "Ok Mum," I said, "Is he at the beach or out the back or at the doghouse?"

"Dad, I have heard something loud and I do not know what it was." Dad said to go and see Thomas. "Are you sure he will know?" I said. "Because Mum did not know, and you did not know." "Just go and see him," said Dad.

"Thomas do you know what that noise is?" Thomas said, "It might be the water splashing on those rocks. I'll go and see. Just wait, wait, wait, now see. It is the waves." "Thank you Thomas," I said. "You are the best." *Tess - Gr. 3*

Black Ranges Tennis



Black Ranges Swimming



Landcare Cluster Day @ Moyston



In conjunction with our cluster schools, our students attended a Landcare field day at the Moyston Nature Reserve on 1st March. The focus of the day was to collect and identify invertebrates, and to learn more about their place in the ecosystem, and as part of the food web.



Hot potato, hot potato!



What's better than a baked potato? A baked potato eaten with your best friends of course. We had delicious baked potatoes for our lunch this morning, along with sweet corn from our own veggie garden.

Our toppings included butter, Bolognese sauce, onion, cheese, bacon, and sour cream. After cooking all of that delicious food, everyone enjoyed sitting in our lunch area eating their baked potatoes. The smiles say it all!

