



Maroona Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Report

What a busy few weeks we have had since our last newsletter. There has been a lot happening for our students with Black Ranges Cross Country and Lake Bolac Aths Sports. We had a great day at Lake Bolac, with all of the children competing to the very best of their ability, and representing our school with impeccable behaviour. Thanks to the parents who came and supported our students, and to the staff who helped to make the day run so smoothly.

We have also started a joint music program with Willaura Primary School. This has involved our junior students travelling to Willaura to take part in a music lesson, which they enjoyed very much. The senior student will travel to Willaura soon for their own music lesson.

Our community night is coming up this Friday, 17th May. We are aiming to showcase our school and our fantastic community, so please come along and support the night, and pass on the invitation to anyone who you feel might be interested in coming along. Liam will be providing entertainment and we will have a bonfire with pizza and a barbecue.

Camps - 2024

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

Alice Armstrong (10) 20th May



Dates to remember

May 15 - MARC Van

May 16 - Winter Sports training - Moyston

May 17 - MPS Community Night

All welcome - 5.30pm start

May 23 - Winter Sports - Stawell

May 24 - Landcare Field Day - Living Soils

May 29 - MARC Van

June 12 - School Council - **change of date**

Our Friend Winnie

On Tuesday the first of May, Maroona had a special visitor just before lunch time. Bohdi from Pomonal Primary School came with his social support worker who doubles as their farm worker. He brought a wombat called Winnie, a red tail cockatoo, two baby macaws (one scarlet, one blue and gold) and four chickens. Although the birds were cool, the wombat was the main hit. First, the lady let it out to wander around the middle of the circle that we had made. It was so funny when it started running up to people looking for either a scratch or a way out of the circle! At one point, I even got to hold the wombat! We learnt all about where he was kept and what his diet was. It lived on their farm and ate oats and fruit. We learnt about how it defended itself with its bum cartilage and crushed foxes against the wall of its burrow. It was great to know. We said goodbye to Bodie and Winnie. It was a great time. **Sam Gr 6**



I Love My Mum Because...

My mum makes me go on my horse when I do not want to ride her because I'm scared, but she puts me on her. I'm scared but it is fun because she will shake. My mum leads me because she is keeping me safe in case the horse runs away. **Maggie Gr 1**



Once I was making pancakes and I broke it and I got angry, so I cried and Mum said, "Let's make another pancake."



Once I was doing the washing, and I did not know what button to press. Mum helped me to find the right button. **Annabelle Gr 4**



When I play Monopoly, Mum helps me with the numbers. Mum helps me after I guess, and Mum knows lots of numbers.

Sophie H Gr 1

When I fall off my horse, Mum helps me get up. Then she helps me get back on my horse. Then she got on her horse, Lily, then we rode around. We washed the horses. I couldn't reach the back of my horse, then Mum helped me. **Vivian Gr 1**



When I fell over on the tiles with my roller skates on, Mum helped me get back on my feet and start again. She also gives me some advice, and lets me watch a roller skating video, to show me what I do to learn.

Sophia Gr 3



I Love My Mum Because...

When I got stuck up in a tree, Mum helped me down. Mum helps me down with a ladder, to get me down. She stands at the bottom to hold the ladder. **Vincent Gr. 3**



When my bike is dirty, Mum helps me by getting a wipe and a bucket of water. When we are cleaning my bike, Mum cleans the pedals and the wheels, and I clean the rest. **Rose Gr. 1**



My mum helps me open the milk when it's stuck for my breakfast. When I fall over, Mum helps me get some ice and also a band aid, and lets me watch TV. **Tess Gr. 3**



When I was making my bed my mum helped me put my sheets and doona on because it makes it easier.

When Mum makes scrambled eggs, she cuts it up and then I eat it. When I am done Mum helps me to do the dishes.

George Gr 1



When I try to find my shoes, Mum helps me. Mum helps me by giving me ideas of where they could be, like in Sam and Joe's room.

Dan Gr 1



Athletics Sports



On Wednesday we went to Lake Bolac for Athletics sports. At the start we had to wait for Ararat North to get there, because we had long distance and we could not start without them. Then we had shot put and I threw 6.81 metres. Next we had discus and I did not go well because I only threw 14.70 metres. We had long jump and I jumped 2.90m, and in triple jump I jumped 6.86m. Then we had high jump and I jumped 1.5m and I come fourth. My favourite event was the sprints because I came second. Next we had relays. We had a Prep to 3 and a 4 to 6 relay. The Prep to 3 relay team won and we did too. We won the shield and it was 12.9 points per person.

William B Gr. 5

On the 8th of May Athletics Day had finally arrived. I was worried, but in the same way excited. After all the effort I had put into practicing, the day had finally come. My first event was high jump. I love high jump, but I was terrible at it when we practiced at school. It was time to keep going. It was only set at 75 cm everyone made it then it went up to 80 cm 2 people had to use their second jump.

When it reached a metre, it was only me, Tommy, James and Billy. Billy went first, he jumped, and cleared the bar! Then, it was Tommy, Tommy jumped and CLUNK! The bar fell off! Then it was my go. I ran... I jumped... and... CLANK! The bar wobbled out of place. On our second jumps neither me or Tommy made it, but sadly James did. (he's from another school). At the end of sports day Maroona won!

Joe Gr 5

On Wednesday we had Lake Bolac sports. Our competitors were Ararat North, Willaura, Maroona, Lake Bolac college. We all did different events ,at different times.

The winners of age group champion were: Charley, Eddie, Sophie K, and George. On the other hand, we won the shield!!!

We all did well. We are a small school we all did well. The events where: long jump, high jump, triple jump, discus, long distance, sprints, and relays. We were all excited at the start. We all just about came home with blue ribbons (first). I think we were doing well and I was happy. After a long distance. I was boiling but happy.

GOOD JOB ALL SCHOOLS FOR COMPETING
Isabella Gr 4



Yesterday we did athletics at Bolac, we versed Lake Bolac, Willaura and Ararat North. My age group had the break first so we were waiting for a while. First up we had shot put and I came first with a throw around 7 to 8 metres, and Will came third. Next up we had discus and I threw 25 metres and came first, and Will Blackburn came second or third. After that we had long jump. I came first in that, and came second behind Max in triple jump. After that was high jump. Max and I drew first with a jump of a metre twenty-five, Will Blackburn and Will drew second. Then we had long distance and I came second behind Will Blackburn, then we had our lunch break. The second last event was sprints and I came second yet again behind Will Blackburn. The very last event was relays and we did brilliantly. After that were the presentations. Maroona won the shield with 12.95 points a student it was really exciting. The age champions from Maroona were George, Charley, Billy and Me. Overall it was a great day and everyone did really well.

Eddie Gr 6

Athletics Sports



On Wednesday the 8th of May we did athletics at Lake Bolac's school and first we did long distance first. I came fourth. There was a long wait for Ararat North. Next we did shot put, then we discus and I got fifteen metres. We did long jump and I got three metres and sixteen centimetres, then we did triple jump and I came third, and last I did high jump and I fell off the mat and landed on my leg. They were the last events and then we did sprints; I came third. After that there were relays and then Maroona got the shield with an average 12.9 points per person. Then we went home.

William J Gr. 5

On Wednesday, Maroona went to Bolac to the athletics. We had to do long distance first then shot put. I threw 6.66m. Then we did discus and I threw 14m. Then we had a break. Then we did long jump and triple jump. Last was high jump and after lunch sprints and relay. Maroona won the shield with an average of 12.95 a student. It was a good day!

On Wednesday the 8th of May our Mum took us to Lake Bolac, to the school sports. We got ready for the events and then we got started. First up I had long distance and had to wait 30 minutes for the Ararat North kids to arrive. I just came second and then we went off to the next event which was shot put. We went over and had to wait another 10 minutes and then I threw 7.08 then 7.51 and won that event. Next we had discus and I threw 18.54 and my other was 18.08 and I won that as well. My next event was long-jump which I came 3rd in.

Rowly Gr 5

On Wednesday the 8th of May Maroona, Lake Bolac, Willaura, and Ararat North did our athletics. So we got marshalled into our groups. My first event was high jump, then long distance and then we had a break. After we had shot put and I got a second ribbon. I was happy then we did discus and I got the first ribbon and I was so surprised! Also discus was my favourite event. We had long jump and my last event was triple jump. We had lunch. after that they announced that we won. Everyone had a great day.

Yesterday we did sports with Ararat North, Lake Bolac and Willaura.

We won the shield, and my favourite thing was high jump. I jumped 95 cm and I came second.

Good job everyone!

Annabelle Gr 4



Athletics Sports

On Wednesday the 8th of May Maroona had their Athletics, we were going against Lake Bolac, Ararat North and Willaura. Once we got there I zined everyone up and wrote Maroona on everyone's legs to really get the spirit around. After that we went for a lap around the oval to warm up and then we did some stretches, then we sat in our age groups. Next we got a warm welcome to the Lake Bolac school, then everyone went to their first event except the grade sixes, because we had our break first. So I went to cheer on everyone else but the long distance couldn't go ahead because they had to wait for Ararat North. We went to our first event which was shot put, which I did not go well in.

Next was discus. I had been practising so much for discus but for some reason something was off with me today, but that's ok because long jump was next. I ran up and did my biggest jump that I could do, and finally I got a 3rd. Then was triple jump, which I actually did well in and got a 3rd. After that we did high jump, which is what I fear the most. I managed to jump 1 metre 10, which is the highest I have ever jumped. I was so proud of myself that I got 3rd, and then in long distance where I again came 3rd, as well as sprints that I came 3rd in again. I was really rocking the 3rds, and if you thought that was great, we also won the shield! Overall it was a fantastic day.

Emily Gr 6

We started the day by having a break and waiting for Ararat North. Liam was our age group supervisor for the day. First, we did shot put, but I feel like I did not go very well. Then we did discus and I threw 15.8m each throw, which is crazy! Then we went to long jump and I came third with a jump of 3.8m. Next, we did the triple jump and I won it!! I jumped 8.10m, which was a personal best.

Then, we went to high jump and I came equal first with Eddie, with a personal best jump of 1.25m. After that, I was cooked but we had to do long distance. By the time we started I already had a stitch and I was just putting along. I came third. Overall, Maroona came first and George got age group champion. It was a great day.

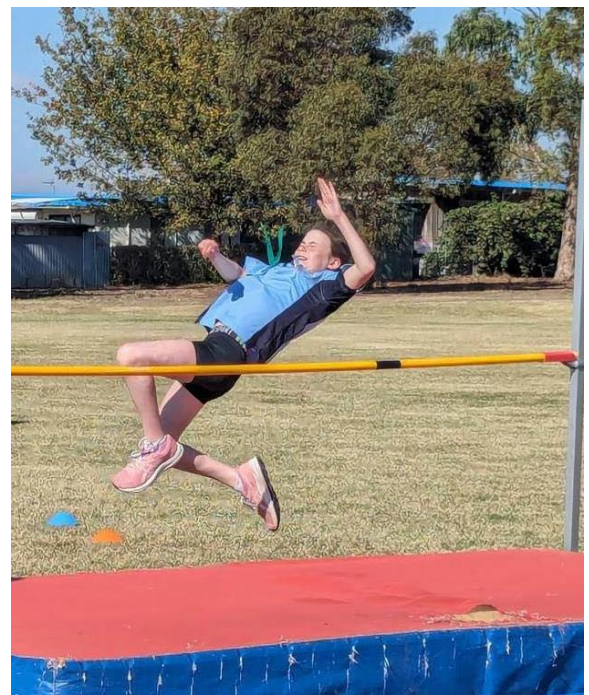
Max Gr 6



On Wednesday the 8th of May, Maroona Primary School joined another 3 pumped up teams for the 2024 athletics sports. It was held at Lake Bolac College. I was in the 12/13s age group with Will, Max and Eddie. We also had a lot of Ararat North students and a couple of Lake Bolac kids with us. We did shot put, discus, long jump, triple jump, high jump, long distance, sprints and relays for our events.

I didn't get any ribbons but I got a personal best in discus and came 4th. I was 5 cm off from coming 3rd! My throw was 16.90-95m. I was very happy with that. For lunch we had barbecued sausages. They were 3 dollars each but they were delicious! Unfortunately, I had to leave early which meant that I missed the sprints, the relays and the presentation. Later on though, we got a message to tell us that Maroona had won the main shield with an average of 12.95 points per student!

COME ON MAROONA! Sam Gr 6



Athletics Sports

On Wednesday the 8th of May 2024 we did Athletics at Lake Bolac. The first event we did was high jump. We started at 80cm, we all cleared it then we went to 85cm. One person did not make the jump and the rest of the people made it. Then we went to 90cm and all of the people made it so we went to 95cm. Some Maroona boys and another kid from Ararat North did not make it. It was me and James left in the high jump. We went to a metre! We both made it so we went to a metre and five and I cleared it. It was James' turn but he did not make it. The man said I could try a metre ten but I did not make it but I still came first. **Billy Gr 4**

On Wednesday the 8th of May, we went to Lake Bolac for athletics. My favourite event was probably going to be the long jump or the long distance. The first event was long distance and we had to wait about fifteen to twenty minutes for Ararat North to arrive because they were late and all that time took out of our break so we didn't get a break. There were two different races. One was the boys but the other was the girls. In every event the girls went first. In the long distance I came first, then Minnie McDonald from Lake Bolac, then Emma Barr in third place. Out of six, I won four first and one second. Maroona was pretty happy that we won the handicap shield. Overall, I think everyone had a great day out at Lake Bolac.

Go Maroona!

Charley Gr 5

On the 8th of May we went to lake Bolac for the athletics. After setting up the gazebo we started the first event, which was long distance. Unfortunately, we had to wait a few minutes for Ararat North to arrive which took a really long time. But they finally arrived and we could start. I was really happy because I came 5th out of 11. Next, we had shot put next. Unfortunately, I don't remember what distance I threw but I know it didn't get far. Next, we had discus where I threw 9 metres 30, but didn't get a ribbon. We then had a break and moved on to long jump. I don't remember how far I got for that either. After long-jump we did triple-jump. After triple-jump we were on our last event, high jump, where i jumped 93 centimetres. Then it was the end of the events and the shield was announced, and we won over all. It was a great day.

Lucy Gr 5



We started our day with long distance. I was scared and nervous at the same time and we had to wait for Ararat North so we had a lot of time to warm up. After they arrived we got in our positions; ready, set go! Charley was coming first and a girl from Lake Bolac was coming second. I was in third when the race ended. I had one third ribbon. Then we had shot put. I didn't come any thing we went to discuss but i didn't come anything. Next was long jump and I came third. We went to triple jump next but i didn't come anything there. High jump was my favourite. I was the last one. I already came first but they went higher to 1 metre 15. I had jumped it before but this time I finished on 1 metre 12. We had sprints. I went against 3 Lake Bolac girls and I came first. I was so happy. In the relays we came first in that too. It was a great day and every one had fun!

Emma Gr 5

Black Ranges Cross Country



On the second of May we had Black Ranges Cross Country at St Arnaud. We arrived around 10:30 because it was a 1 hour drive. We got to the place where we were sitting, and I put my bag down. The first people to run were the 9 year old girls. As I went up to watch them run through, I noticed that my old school, Ararat West, was there too. My friend, Arizona, was there too. I kept walking along then the horn sounded with a great HONK! To start them off. I saw the girls speed down the track. After a few more times it was finally my turn, I got ready to run, and... HONK! I didn't waste my energy and went slowly and just as I thought people started dropping like flies because they wasted all their energy, slowly I started to overtake. After a while I was in the middle of the pack, I'm pretty sure somebody actually vomited! I made sure I was far ahead of him! I kept going down the track and finally the finish line was in sight. **Sophia Gr 3**



On Thursday the 2nd of May we had Cross Country in St Arnaud. On the way here I was really nervous and I think everyone else was as well. The first race was the 9/10's girls then Billys and Tom's race was after sophie. Billy came fifth out of about sixty boys. Then I was up and I was really nervous until I got out to the starting line where there were only about twenty-five other girls. I came second and then we had to go and watch George do athletics in Stawell. Overall i think everyone had a good day out. **Charley Gr 5**

On Thursday the third of May we did Cross Country at St Arnaud. I came around 10th in my age group. Overall it was a great day.

Max Gr 6

