



# Maroona Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

### Principal's Report

We have had a busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter. A number of families took advantage of a free dental check and some minor treatments during the Smile Squad visit.

The Black Ranges Swimming Sports was a very exciting event for most of our Grades 4-6 students. It was well worth the drive up to Horsham, as all students got to compete in at least one event, with many races run and won. Congratulations to all the children for their competitive efforts and great sportsmanship, and thanks to the parents who transported and supported them.

Looking ahead we have NAPLAN coming up for the Grade 3 and 5 students, stretching over 2 weeks. We also have a presentation of a Lone Pine on 15<sup>th</sup> March. The tree is apparently sourced from seed connected to the original Lone Pine at Gallipoli.

There is also a working bee scheduled for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Early next week we will send home a list of the jobs that need to be done so that people can bring the right tools.

### School Council

The deadline for school council nominations has now passed. As the number of nominations did not exceed current places, there is no need to hold an election. Our School Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm.

### Dates to remember

Mar 13 – **Labour Day Public Holiday**

Mar 15 – Lone Pine Presentation

Mar 15 – NAPLAN Writing

(NAPLAN - Grades 3 and 5 only)

Mar 17 - **Working Bee**

Mar 20 – NAPLAN Reading

Mar 21 – NAPLAN Conventions of Language

Mar 22 – MARC Van

Mar 22 - School council AGM

### **Birthdays**

Max Tucker (11) 15<sup>th</sup> March

Tom King (9) 18<sup>th</sup> March

Leanne McCready 20<sup>th</sup> March

Tess Gellie (8) 24<sup>th</sup> March

Happy Birthday Everyone

## Black Ranges Swimming

### Sports

Wow, what an excellent day it was at the Black Ranges Swimming carnival this year! Firstly, I would just like to say a big thank you to all the parents who transported their child down to Horsham last week. The support from all of you on the day could not have been better!

We were so lucky bring along 14 Maroona students who were all very eager to participate on the day. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the excited faces when I informed them that they had qualified for Black Ranges. I know how much competitive sporting events means to the kids at the school and to watch them compete on the day was just amazing.

The day was not without its few hitches, as a few students from our cluster relays pulled out due to being unwell. This threw a spanner in the works, as it was looking likely that some of the students will miss their relay events. Luckily, we were given permission to fill these positions with students form other clusters, and with the remarkable generosity of a few Stawell students, we were able to field all our relay teams which was a great result overall.

I think everyone can agree that the day was a big success for Maroona Primary School. Remarkably, every single Maroona student who got in the pool received a ribbon, and I think that just pays dividends to the determination and passion that these students display with their sporting ability. I cannot wait to see how well all our students fair in the upcoming athletics carnival!

- *Liam Baker*



## Black Ranges Tennis

On Thursday 4 of our senior students went to Stawell to compete in Black Ranges Tennis. Over all it was a great experience. All of the students enjoyed their day. There were differing levels of success but everyone agreed that it was a great day. Well done to all involved, thanks to Heidi and Briony for taking the children, and congratulations to Olivia for making it through to the next round.



## Grade 2 – 3 Room Reports

This year at school I'm enjoying Maths because I like adding up numbers because it's fun. I like writing because we learn to write. – Tess Gellie

This year at school I'm enjoying playing with my friends at recess. I like sport and they like sport. Cricket, footy and chookball are my favourite games. - Fletcher Barr

This year at school I am enjoying Art because I get to learn new things. Also it is fun. - Isabella Guye