



Maroona Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

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Principal's/Staff Report

Wow what a fortnight...with so much for our students and school community to reflect on. It has been a jam-packed term. With only two weeks to go its understandable that everyone is starting to feel a little tired as we near the end of another term, but the children have maintained their exemplary behaviour and great work ethic.

We hope that all our dads had a terrific Father's Day. The children are so proud of every one of you, and were looking forward to celebrating you all so much.

Next term we will be busy once again with camps, which makes for an exciting Term 4, but once that will go past very quickly. Before you know it we'll be testing, writing reports and working on Christmas activities.

In our tutoring sessions, students have been showing fantastic progress in numeracy and literacy. They have been working especially hard on quick recall of number facts, learning spelling patterns and rules to help with their writing and improving their oral reading fluency. Dee

Dates to remember

Sep 5th – Black Ranges Athletics Stawell

Sep 11th – AFL 9s Ballarat
– School Council



Sep 12th – R U Ok? Day



Sep 16th – Chalambar golf day

Sep 18th – MARC Van



Sep 19th – School photos

Sep 20th – Music In Schools (Willaura)



– Footy Colours Day

– last day of Term 3

– Early dismissal 2pm



Camps - 2024

Somers Camp (Gr 5/6)

8th -16th October



Gr 4 - 6 - Phillip Island

22nd - 25th October approx. \$500

Gr 2/3 – Cave Hill Creek

14th – 16th October - \$390



Gr 1 Sleepover – Halls Gap - 18th October



Happy Birthday

Rowly Tucker (11) 9th September

Archie Fraser (13) 5th October

Blake 15th October

Vincent McDougall (9) 20th October

Liam 26th October

Sovereign Hill Excursion



It was a fantastic excursion to Sovereign Hill, with a guided underground gold mine tour. With almost all children braving the darkness and trip down under the ground on the train/cart, we had a most interesting presentation taking us back to the harsh conditions and often unrewarding times of people in the gold rush era.

Gold panning was a success with all children bringing home gold they'd found in the creek. After we watched the gold pouring demonstration, we were treated to an education session on "living in the past" with plenty of games and activities, and writing in script with the old-fashioned ink quills, and slate boards.

The highlight for many the well-known and highly anticipated all-important lolly shop.

The children are always praised when we are out in the community on their manners and respect for each other and those around them.

A lot of discussions and writing followed in the classroom during literacy in the following

Sovereign Hill



Student Reflections & Work

Magnificent Maths
 Usually, I'm not a fan of maths, but for the last week or so, I really enjoyed it. We used angles to create our very own cities. We had to put certain buildings like churches and libraries on certain angles. At the end we got to add our own buildings wherever we wanted!
 My city is called Legomone City and can spend the evening at Lovers Biner or go to church on Sunday. There are Superheroes around but the N.A.S.H will help you.
 These were the best math sessions ever!

On Tuesday the 27th of August, 11 boys trekked out to Ararat from Marona. They played 5 games against 5 schools, cruising to almost every win. The biggest win was against Ararat West B team, 83-7. Marona won the Semi-final against Stawell and went on to beat Ararat West A team by only 2 points! But it was enough to get them to regionals. The Marona boys enjoyed chips and potato cakes back at school! -By Sam.

Legamone City by Joe



Snake Valley City. Charley K



Sovereign Hill. Sophie K

Labyrinth Mine
 People often found gold in a reef. The reef is made of quartz and back forty degree line.
 I felt brave, cold, and scared. I loved going on the tram and working through the Mine.

Creative & Athletic Learning



- 1) Father's Day marinade
- 2) Meat rub
- 3) Art with Willaura
- 4) AFL 9S in action
- 5) Gold rush games
- 6) Abacus counting by....



Black Ranges Athletics

We had students attend the black ranges athletics in Stawell yesterday. Students were entered in 1500m & 800m run, sprints, discus, shot put, long jump and high jump. We have had only very small windows for these students to prepare and practise within school hours so their efforts and results in these events were outstanding.



AFL'S 9s football

An amazing effort was put in from our young men at the under 9s football in Ararat, after a cancellation due to bad weather the week prior. After playing 5 games, our team came home with the grand final win and winning smiles. This moves them forward into the regional finals in Ballarat next Wednesday. We wish them luck.



Willaura music and sports

All students travelled to Willaura last Friday for music with Aly, Some fun P.E sessions and creative expression with colour in the art room.

The students from all classes and our combined schools, together performed a musical piece using percussion instruments. Followed by a delicious bakery lunch.



School Saving Bonus



Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.



Thursday 12th September is RUOK? Day for 2024.

R U OK? Day empowers and inspires all of us to have regular, meaningful conversations to connect with and support anyone who might be going through a difficult time.

Checking in regularly lets the people in your life know that you're someone they can talk to when times are tough. We all have what it takes to ask, listen and support one another. But checking in with others, even a close friend, can sometimes feel like a daunting task.

Genuinely listening with an open mind can make a world of difference. To help you identify when someone might be struggling and how you can support them, R U OK? has developed four simple steps:

1. **Ask:** "Are you okay?"
2. **Listen:** Actively listen without judgment.
3. **Encourage action:** Suggest they seek help or support.
4. **Check in:** Follow up to see how they're doing.