



Maroona Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th May 2023

Principal's Report

We have had a very busy beginning to Term 2, starting literally from Day 1. Our ANZAC Day service was held on Monday 24th April, and it was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance. We also held our Cross Country races while we were down at the Rec Reserve, and all of the children did a terrific job to finish their respective courses. We also had a visit from Victoria Police, with two officers coming to talk to the children about road safety and accessing help through the 000 phone number.

The Grade 5 and 6 students went to Sovereign Hill for an overnight camp on Weds 26th and Thurs 27th April, and by all accounts a good time was had by all. They also had the pleasure of attending a Parliament Victoria Outreach excursion to take part in a parliamentary style debate in preparation for their trip to Canberra later this year.

Staff have also been busy, taking part in a cluster wide Writing PD to refine and improve our teaching methods.

Birthdays

Emma Barr (10) 19th May
Charley King (10) 19th April
Alice Armstrong (9) 20th May



Dates to remember

- May 17 – MARC Van
- School Council
- May 25 – Winter Sports
- May 31 – MARC Van
- June 8 – **Curriculum Day**
Report Writing Day
- June 12 – **King's Birthday Public**
Holiday
- June 14 – MARC Van
- June 16 – Proposed Tree Planting
Excursion
- June 20 – Bright Futures STEM
Excursion Gr. 5/6
- June 21 – School Council
- June 22 – Reports sent home
- June 23 – End of Term 2
- July 10 – Term 3 commences
- July 11 – Parent Teacher
Interviews
- July 12 – MARC Van
- July 19 – School Council

A busy start to Term 2

Sovereign Hill:

On the first week of term two, our grade 5/6 students were lucky enough to spend the night at Sovereign Hill for their first camp of 2023. The kids participated in gold panning, lolly making, mine tours, and an amazing sound and light show. The students learned a lot about the gold rush and the Eureka Stockade, and were lucky enough to purchase some raspberry drops for the ride home. Overall it was a great experience for all involved.



Black Ranges Cross Country:

Last Thursday, 12 of our students were lucky enough to qualify for the Black Ranges Cross Country in St. Arnaud. Although it was a cold and cloudy day, the students all did an excellent job during their respective races. A big congratulations to Charley King, Rowly Tucker, Will Bibby, and Olivia King who qualified for the Regional event in Warnambool in the coming weeks. It is great to see that we always have lots of successful runners in these events. Well done to all who competed!



Parliament Day:

This Wednesday, our grade 5/6 students again hit the road to Hamilton to learn about all the various parliaments that we have in Australia. The students were lucky enough to witness how our three levels of government run, as well as participating in a re-enactment of how a parliamentary bill gets authorised into our governed laws. Some lucky students were given roles that they could act out. My highlight was watching Eddie move around as the sergeant with his large golden mace. The students (and myself) learned a lot this day, so we owe a big thank you to Pomonal PS who offered to ferry our kids down for the day.



Interschool Athletics Sports

Yesterday, 11th May, at Lake Bolac College, we had our Interschool Athletics Sports. It was a nice sunny day, with a light breeze.

The crowd and the athletes were happy and excited, looking forward to a fun day. Many of the athletes were feeling a little nervous, which was a good thing because it helped them to focus and concentrate. But after each event was over, the children were happy, which helped make their fears go away.

Our school won the shield, because we got the most points for the number of students at our school. We brought the shield back to Maroona Primary School, and we will keep it until next year's sports.

We would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who helped out at the sports. We would also like to say a big 'thank you' to all of our mums and dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, uncles and aunties, cousins and friends who came to cheer us on.

Prep – Grade 3 Classroom



The 2023 Lake Bolac Athletics Carnival was an amazing spectacle this year. The cold and gloomy weather seemed to fade away for the day which inevitably lifted the spirits of all the students and allowed them to put their best foot forward in the events.

Four schools attended the competition on the day, including Lake Bolac and Willaura. It was also exciting to welcome back Ararat North to the athletics carnival this year. Their students brought some extra competitiveness to the events and we were very lucky to have you back into the proceedings.

I just want to take this opportunity to thank Lake Bolac for hosting such a magnificent carnival this year. The events were extremely well run and the day went off without a hitch. I'm sure all parents and students can agree that the day was an excellent spectacle to all involved.

At the end of the day, some of our students were presented with some amazing awards which commended their efforts across all the events. I would like to say a big congratulations to all our students who were awarded age group champion this year. Those students were:

7 year old girls: Sophie King

9 year old girls: Isabella Guye

9 year old boys: Billy King

10 year old girls: Charley King

12/13 year old girls: Olivia King

Afterwards, the time then came for the well awaited shield results. Our students eagerly awaited the results, as previous years had resulted in an extremely close finish with Lake Bolac. Amazingly, our school was awarded the 2023 handicap shield for the 5th year running. Well done to all students for this achievement. Looks like all our hard work and training had paid off!

Finally, I want to say a big congratulations to all staff, parents, and students who made this day possible. All students displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the events and I cannot knock the effort you all displayed. Good luck to all students who qualified Black Ranges, the Maroona PS community will be supporting you all the way!

Liam

