



Maroona Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

Principal's Report

It seems like a very long time since I wrote my last principal's report for our newsletter. A lot has happened in the last 6 weeks.

We have had some wonderful whole school events, including a 15km bike ride from Yalla-Y-Poorra to Tatyoon, and Footy Colours Day and footy clinic. Last Friday we had a number of students competing at the Regional Aths, with everyone acquitting themselves very well, and 2 students getting to the State Aths Championships.

This term will be busy with camps, swimming, and assessment and reporting. Our Grades 4-6 students have recently returned from a week in Canberra, and the other camps will take place in the next 6 weeks. It's going to be an action-packed end to the year.

School Camps

Grades 2/3 – Roses Gap

8th - 10th November

Projected cost - \$320 per child

P/1 - Sleepover - 10th November

Projected cost - \$100 per child

Grades 4-6 - Energy Breakthrough

22nd - 25th November

Canberra Camp Funding

Canberra Camp Funding Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school on completion of the excursion.

Dates to remember

Oct 25 – Grade 6 Transition
Willaura

Oct 26 – Black Ranges Cricket

Oct 27 – Curriculum Day

Cluster Schools' Meeting

(Please note change of date)

Nov 1 – MARC Van

Nov 8 – Roses Gap Camp (Gr. 2/3)

Nov 10 – Prep/Gr. 1 Sleepover

(Please note change of date)

Nov 15 – MARC Van

Nov 21 – Emma Kealy MP school
visit (proposed date)

Birthdays

Blake Luehman 19th October
Vincent McDougall (8) 20th October
Liam Baker 26th October
Caitlyn Fisher (MARC) 31st October Isabella
Guye (9) 12th November



Canberra Camp



At 5am on Monday 9th October the students from Grades 4, 5 and 6 from Maroona, Moyston, Pomonal and Buangor Primary Schools left Ararat travelling to Canberra by bus. We picked up more students at Buangor and Beaufort. The trip was very long taking 11 hours. We stopped at Holbrook where we saw the Submarine and Gundagai to see The Dog on the Tuckerbox. On arrival we were allocated our rooms, cooled off in the pool and ate tea.

We ate a yummy cooked breakfast the next morning we headed to Old Parliament where we learnt about democracy. Next we went to the National Art Gallery and saw some amazing pieces of art. After lunch we visited the Australian Institute of Sport where we were lucky to see a gymnast training. The National Capital Exhibition was next and we heard all about the history of Canberra. The final activity for the day was a Mount Ainslie where we had a great view of the Canberra lights.

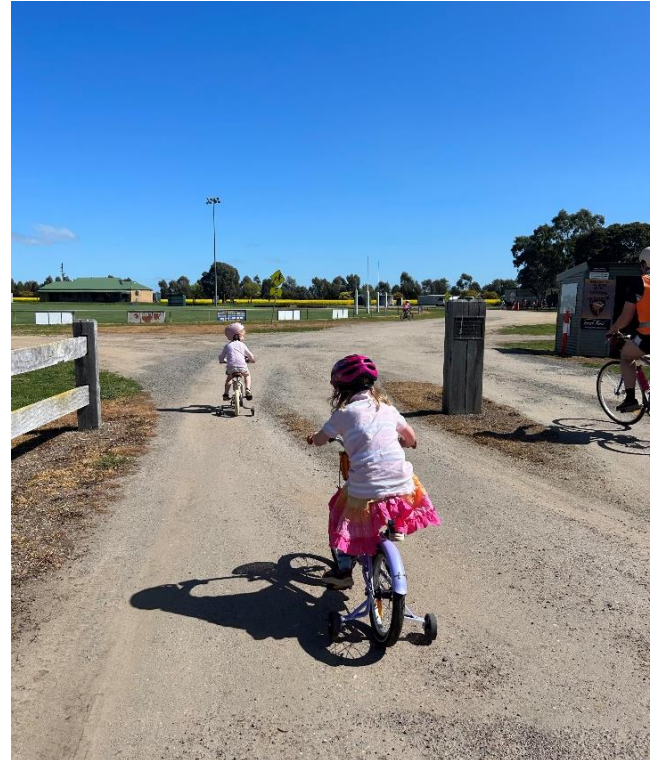
Day three began with Questacon with an epic giant slide followed by a bike ride around Lake Burley Griffin. A visit to the National High Court where we were shocked that judges can earn up to \$35,000 a day! We next went to the Royal Australian Mint and some people minted their own \$1.00 coin. Tea that night was pizzas and ice creams.

Day four started with a visit to Parliament House where they enacted a passing a bill into our laws and did a role play of parliament. We did the Memorial Walk and then went to the War Memorial where Archie helped to lay a wreath and we learnt about those who fought for our country's freedom.

Monster Bike Ride

On Friday the 15th of September, Maroona P-6 had a Monster Bike Ride. We started at Yalla-Y-Poora Primary School, where we split into groups for the bike ride and took off. Our first stop was at the Yalla-Y-Poora Recreation Reserve, 4km down the road, where we had morning tea. Then, we kept going until we got to Greg Joyce's paddock, where we had our second break and another snack! We rode off again, until we got to Tatyoon, our destination. This is where we had a BBQ with some sausages in bread and some split ice creams. We finished our day off with some trivia and some awards for the day, including best stack of the day, which George Tucker won! We were hot and tired but overall had a great day!

Prep - Grade 3



Regional Athletics

I had a great day at the Regional sports. I was in the discus. Our school did very well. We got two people into the State Championships. They are in Melbourne. *Tom – Grade 3*



At the Ballarat Regional Sports I was pumped. But I had a sore finger and it started really hurting so I came last. But I was still happy that I even made it into Regionals. I was racing in the 200 metre sprint. *Isabella – Grade 3*

At Ballarat it was a bit cold. When it was my race I got taken on two lines, then the buzzer went and it was a false start. We went again and I was going well at the start then I dropped on the second lap. I came back up then I dropped again. I came 8th but I still got a regional jumper. Then I was thinking about all the people who didn't make it to the Regionals. *Billy – Grade 3*



Tatyoan Tennis Hots Shots

Commencing: Thursday 12th October 2023

(New enrolments still welcome)

Time : 4.00 - 4.30pm beginners (prep – grade 2/3ish)

4.30 – 5.15pm intermediate (grade 4 – year 9/10)

Cost: Children/Junior Coaching \$40

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