



# Maroona Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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### Staff Report

Last week, our team 'Blunami' proudly participated in Maroona Primary School's third year of Energy Breakthrough, and what a fantastic event it was! Under warm and sunny skies, the entire experience ran smoothly and was a huge success.

To hear more about what the students got up to during the event, don't miss their recounts featured in this edition of the newsletter. In the lead-up to Energy Breakthrough, our students worked hard, writing countless letters to local businesses asking for sponsorships to help make this opportunity a reality. We were absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity and support from our incredible community. The contributions from local businesses played a huge role in making this event possible, and we cannot thank you all enough. Without your help, our students wouldn't have had the same opportunities to learn, grow, and shine.

Of course, a big event like this doesn't happen without a lot of behind-the-scenes effort. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to the parents who pitched in—whether it was helping with camping preparations, transporting gear, or giving up their own time to lend a hand. Your support allowed the staff to focus on creating the best possible experience for the kids, and we are so grateful.

Energy Breakthrough is always a special time for our small country school, and this year was no exception. Every member of Blunami walked away with memories they'll cherish for years to come. Bring on next year!

Liam & Blake

### Dates to remember

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Big Day Out  
Ballarat

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> - Swimming 1 - 1:45 daily  
Ararat Outdoor Pool

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Student Reports go home

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Learning Conversations

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> – Final Assembly and Grade 6  
Graduation

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school 2024

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – First day of school 2025



Please remind children that they must bring their hats to school.

Happy Birthday

Annabelle 30<sup>th</sup> Nov (10)

William J 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec (11)



# Junior excursion, to support our E.B.T team!!



When I got to the track I got given streamers, so I could cheer for Sam, I got very close and shouted out "GO SAM". Dan.

Some Mums cooked us some sausages and hamburgers they were very delicious.

Maggie

It was such a hot day at E.B.T that on the way home Richard bought us ice-cream. Vivian

Gr. 1



Well, what a mammoth couple of months of effort from the beginning to the end. All the after hours and behind the scenes work and preparation that was put in to get to race day was unfathomable and you did it with ease and big smiles. The effort by Liam Blake and our super parents was no small feat and certainly not unnoticed. You all deserve super capes. Fitting all of this in around already busy schedules is to be commended.

Seeing it all come together on the asphalt gave me immense pride and I could feel the adrenaline and excitement from the barriers. It was great to be able to cheer them on and see their passion at work. Whooohoooo!!!! Seeing the smiles and excitement to race and our massive welcome from the Blunami team into the Pitts as we arrived to support and cheer (although red faced and exhausted) is something that will stay with me for a long time. Thank you to you all for an amazing experience  
May.



# Our School Garden



The garden has had some extra hands preparing it for our summer vegetables.

The junior room made a big contribution to the important preparation.

They dug Manure through the soil and added a layer of pea straw to protect the soil and veggies from our summer heat.

Then the fun of planting..... Zucchini's, tomatoes, corn, cucumbers, pumpkins, watermelon, rockmelon, capsicums, lettuces and more were planted.



OUR GIANT SUNFLOWERS ARE LOOKING AMAZING WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THEM TO FLOWER.

## Prep Transition



We are excited to welcome 2 new prep students for 2026.

Edie Bateman & Max Russell

Max has been unable to attend our orientation day but we are looking forward to welcoming him when he arrives.

Edie has made a seamless move into Maroona joining in with games, activities and having wonderful answers for questions in the classroom.

“All the children here have made Edie feel so welcomed.” Rose



## E.B.T Report

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On Wednesday 20th of November I had to leave at 7:00am to get to Maryborough. We got there at 8:30am. I had to set up my tent. After I finished we had to go to design and construction. When we got back, most of us had set up our tents. A little while later we had to do our presentation, it was Blunami Who wants to be a Millionaire? We got a good score on our presentation. We had steak for tea.

The next morning, we had bacon and eggs for breakfast, then we went and started to race. We raced from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Then the little kids came to the pit to watch for an hour, then they had to go back to school. The first bad thing that happened was that a glove got stuck in the chain on me and I could not pedal. Then Rowly had a neck cooler stuck in the chain and Emily was the first one to tip and then Billy tipped it and got his leg stuck in the chain.

On Friday we had to start at 6:00am and we had to go until 12:00 pm that day to finish. We came about 50th out of ninety schools and Eco Rush came first. We came 10th in our division.

**William B Gr.5**

On Wednesday the 20th the 4,5,6 went to Maryborough for an event called Energy Breakthrough. We woke up at sparrows to leave and then Liam picked out all of the grade sixes and three grade five girls to do Design and construction, that was where we had to check with everything and answer Questions from a judge, then after that we went and had scrutineering and that was where they checked the brakes and steering and also the seatbelts.

After all that we went back and set up tents. There were five tents and two swags and in the swags were Liam and Blake. That night we went and had two hours of practice. Not everybody got a go in Blunami at the practice but luckily i got a go in Blunami. That night the bathroom was huge. Everyone had a great sleep. The next day some kids that didn't have a go at the practice went on first. Only a couple of kids got up early to race. It was about another three hours before I got my next turn in Blunami, it was reallllllllllly hot in the (HPV) Human powered vehicle. That was my first proper go. I had about seven laps, and when I got out I was really cooked. Some of the girls put this gel cooler down on my neck which was refreshing on the ride. Eco rush and Raptor were swapping from first and second but it sounded like Eco Rush was going to win. Overall, I had a great time and I think everyone else did as well. **Charley Gr.5**



## E.B.T Report



On Wednesday the 20th of November we went to Maryborough, to compete in an Energy Breakthrough. We got there at about nine. Then we set up our campsite for an hour, then we went to present our presentation. I reckon it went pretty well. We waited till six then had our practices run till 8:30 then had steak for tea.

The next day we got ready to race at 8:00. It was going to be a hot day. We had one roll over in the morning then we had something caught in the chain. We had another stack and that was the race done for the day. And then we had pizza .

On Friday we got up at 5 to race at six .I raced second and then went to pack up the camp. Then I went and watched the end of the race, then ate fish and chips .

Overall it was a good few days. **Thomas Gr.5**

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday it was so much fun. When I first got there we set up camp then i had to go to scrutineering. After scrutineering we came back to camp and had a break later in the day I got to go in the bike once on Wednesday. It was so fun I did five laps.

On the first day we were lucky because none crashed! I was there late and we had a barbecue for dinner. Some parents got food and brought it to the pits. As soon as I got back I went to the showers with briony Lucy and Alice. When we got back we played tiggy.

On the second day I did four laps because it was so hot for breakfast we had bacon and eggs. Emily and Billy both crashed and Billy's leg got stuck in the chain and cut it so he had to go to the medics. I went in the bike when the little kids came there was one girl on the stage who would dance for hours so we danced with her she even had one of our pom poms.

We had pizza for dinner and played British Bulldogs. For breakfast, we had bacon and eggs. I did four laps because it was so hot. Billy said he wasn't going to ride again but I told him he should and he did and he finished the race! BB finished the race on the first night, Eddie finished the second night and Billy on the last!

We all had the best time, and an improvement for our bike for next year should be a holder for the walkie talkie.

EBT was the best but we will be back next year bigger and stronger.

**Emma Gr.5**

## E.B.T Report

Wednesday 20th of November, I woke up knowing I was in for a big few days. I packed up my things and went to get some brekkie and gobble it up. I head out to the ute and we get on the road. We get to Maryborough about 8:10am and set up all the tents where we were sleeping. We finished setting up and the riders went off to go do the design and construction, that's where volunteers for Energy Breakthrough asked us questions about the HPV {Human Powered Vehicle}.

I think we did ok with the questions and after that we did scrutineering to check if the HPV was safe to ride in. Luckily the HPV was all safe and then we went to go get the number for Blunami and all of our wristbands so we could ride. Following that we headed to go do our presentation, it was based on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire. From the expression on the judges faces I'm pretty sure we did great and they enjoyed it. After that we headed back to camp to eat some lunch and we also went to walk the track, then we prepared for the time trials. We got the finishing touches on Blunami and cleaned it up so it would look presentable and then she was good to go. In a matter of no time we were off and zooming around, after the time trials we had dinner and were off to a good night sleep.

The next morning was Thursday and we were up nice and early to get ready for the race, the race started and we were off to a good start, getting ahead of the competition. It was now my turn to get into the sauna, I got in and got my seatbelt on for safety and I started to pedal my guts out. Going around the crash corner was a challenge not going to lie because you had to pedal on the straight bits to get speed but stop pedalling while going around corners because then you would pick up too much speed. I think I did 5 laps, fast forward through the day and I even got another go which was probably a bad idea because on my second lap I was going onto crash corner and a person was in front of me. I didn't want to get in their way so I went on the outside of them and someone came out of nowhere and hit me in the tail. I think I had air time and did a full 360 in the air and landed on my side. I'm very lucky I didn't get hurt so the marshals picked me up as I was telling Liam and Blake I had a crash and I needed them to get me so they started running over. Then the marshal had to fix the chain because it fell off and then I was off back to the pit. When I pulled up to the pit Liam and Blake weren't there to get me out and I realised that they were at crash corner so I had to get out and Will hopped in and was off. I cooled down and at this I got my sticker which I'm quite proud of, Surprisingly we only had Billy who had a crash which is pretty good 3 days.

Friday we woke up on the home run and only had a few more hours to go. We had Max start off the morning at 6:00 am, the rest of us packed up camp and went to the pit to cheer everyone on. When it was my turn again, I filled my drink bottle up with water and geared up ready for the Blunami. Once Rowly and Blunami pulled in, I got in as fast as a cheetah. I pedalled off and did another 5 laps and when I got out I was red and hot and I chugged a cup of Pepsi and used the fan to cool me down. When Tommy came out and Billy went in for the last laps we were all on the barrier cheering him on, when we finished we kept the tradition going of pouring water on the last rider which Billy was basically having a shower already in his sweat. We finished the day packing up the pit and eating fish and chips for lunch. Overall we came 7th out of 20 in small schools and came somewhere in the 50s out 75 for the whole thing. Personally I really enjoyed doing EBT this year and am grateful for Liam & Blake's effort, and I'm happy I got my return to the pits sticker.

Emily Gr. 6

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of November we went to Maryborough with the Kings so we could go early to do Design and Construction to talk about what we have done with the bike. Things such as adjusting the crank, the new paint job, and so much more. Then straight after that someone looked at the HPV and made sure we could ride. Then we had a big break waiting for the trial. We had the trial from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. Eddie was first and I was second. When I was there it felt like running a marathon in a sauna. Then we went down and had tea and went to bed. We had to wake up at 5am so we could be ready for a 6am start. I was the first rider on the bike. After we rode, we packed up and headed home. **Max Gr. 6**



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MOYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

# Charlie AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER  
ARARAT TOWN HALL

Doors open 4.15pm  
Performance starts at 4.30pm



Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks available to purchase during intermission.  
End of year presentations and speeches to follow performance.

A separate grade 6 graduation celebration will take place in the supper room after the end of year event.  
The graduation will be for grade 6's and their invited guests