



Maroona Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024

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Principal's Report

It's hard to believe that it's nearly the end of another term already. We have had a busy eight weeks, but while the calendar for next term looks a little bit bare at the moment, it's sure to start filling up soon.

We had a very enjoyable and social day last Friday at Willaura for the Cluster Swimming Sports and Food Fight event. Judging by the state of the children after the food fight, we probably should have done that first, but I doubt we would have been allowed in the pool.

Early next term, the teachers from the cluster will be taking part in another Maths Professional Learning event with Michael Ymer, but this is not a pupil-free day. This time we will focus on differentiating learning so that all ages and stages of students can learn by taking part in whole class, inclusive activities.

Nominations for School Council have closed. As there are an equal number of nominations and vacancies, no elections will be necessary.

Student Recognition Awards

Each fortnight our teaching staff nominate one student each whom they feel has been exemplifying our school values of Respect, Honesty, Excellence and Kindness.

Our award recipients this fortnight are Emily (Gr 6) William (Gr 5) Vivian (Gr 1) and Sophie K (Gr 2).



Dates to remember

Mar 22 – Regional Swimming Sports

Mar 25 – School Council AGM
Please note change of date

Mar 28 – Final day of Term 1

Apr 15 – First day of Term 2

Apr 17 – MARC Van

Apr 18 – Cross Country Pomonal

Apr 19 – Michael Ymer Maths PD
Please note - Children will be at school

May 1 – MARC Van

May 2 – Black Ranges Cross Country
St Arnaud

May 8 – Aths Sports – Lake Bolac
Please note change of date

Singing Teacher

Kris Cheesman has acquired a singing teacher for Ararat and District. Please contact Kris on 0408 329 234 if you would like more information.

Camps - 2024

Gr 4-6 - TBC - November

Gr 2/3 – Cave Hill Creek 14th – 16th Oct - \$390

Gr 1 Sleepover – Halls Gap – 18th Oct



Tess Gellie (9) 24th March
William Barr (11) 3rd April
George Tucker (7) 9th April



Cluster swimming Sports

On Friday 15th of March it was my birthday. The swimming sports were held at Willaura and there was also Moyston, Pomonal, Buangor competing. I was in the first event, the 50 metre freestyle and I came third. In the 25 metre backstroke I came first. In the relay I had to go first because Rowly was not allowed to do it. I did a very bad dive but got us in front. But then we started to go down but Charley and Emily brought us back and we ended up coming second in the relay. We ended up coming last in the sports because we didn't do the kick board and noodle races.

Max – Gr. 6

On a freezing Friday 15th of March, Maroona Primary School went to the cluster swimming sports involving Moyston, Willaura, Pomonal, Buangor and of course, Maroona. The day got off to a great start with the 50 metre freestyle events. Up next were the 25 metre freestyle races. I was in that one. My whole body jittered with nerves. I wasn't very good at swimming! There were 3 boys and 3 girls so everybody got a ribbon. I was 3rd in the boys. I had a backstroke event later and came 3rd in boys again. My relay team also came second. At the end of the day, Moyston won the competition and Willaura won the handicap award. But it didn't matter, we all had fun and enjoyed some delicious icy-poles! YAY!

Sam – Gr. 6

On Friday the 15th of March Maroona Primary School had the swimming sports. I woke up to sunshine in my eyes, I rolled out of bed on to the floor knowing this day had come. Willaura is where the sports were held. Moyston, Willaura, Pomonal and Buangor were the Schools we were going against. My first race was the 50 meter backstroke which was going to be hard because there were no lane ropes, and I sadly came last. My next race was against other Maroona kids and I came 2nd! To finish the day off we did a relay and my Maroona team came 2nd. We were so close to Moyston. Moyston also won the swimming sports. Overall most people came out with a ribbon.

Emily - Gr. 6



On Friday the 15th of March there was school sports swimming being held. It was also Max's birthday. All the schools were there. The events started and I was waiting for backstroke and breaststroke. I was swimming against two people from Moyston and one person from Buangor and I came 1st. I was very happy with myself. My time was one minute. The next event that I was in, was breaststroke. It was all Maroona and I was with William, Rowly, Charley and Emma. I came third. As soon as I was out of the water I was packing up, and next up there was the food fight. There were slime balls and food dye water. All of Maroona was going to get Blake with the powder. Everyone was going home and I went on the bus.

William J – Gr. 5

On Friday the 15th of March we went to the cluster swimming sports. The Schools were Maroona, Pomonal, Willaura, Moyston and Buangor.

We got there and the Gellies were the only ones there so then we helped them put up the Maroona marquee. It was time for me to race so I got on the ledge and I looked next to me and there was Thomas, William B and Max.

Then I won. I was very surprised. Then I did my next race - breaststroke and won that too. Then we had lunch. I did a relay with Willaura and came 4th.

Rowly – Gr.5

Cluster swimming Sports

Swimming sports

On Friday the 15th of March we went to the swimming sports at Willaura for a cluster day with Moyston, Buangor, Pomonal and of course Willaura . The first event was boys freestyle 50 metres. After the boys it was the girls 50 metres which was my first race. I was so worried, especially since I was opposing a girl who looked like a pro . The clapper started and I came third. My second race was backstroke 25 meters. I was also worried about this one. The clapper went and I came second. I was so proud after the swimming sports. We then did the food fight which was really fun. After the food fight it was time to go home. It was a great day. *Lucy – Gr. 5*



On Friday the 15th of March it was the swimming sports. The teams were Maroona, Moyston, Willaura, Buangor and Pomonal. We all competed against each other. It was Max's birthday, Max turned 12. When we got there it was really cold. The air was cold but the water was warm.

Everyone came out with a ribbon in some of the races. One of the races was all Maroona. There were Charley, Emily, Lucy, Rowly, William J and William B. Moyston won the swimming sports and we came 4th. Willaura won the Handicap award. Everyone got a ribbon in the end.

Everyone had a great time. *Fletcher – Gr. 3*

On Friday 15th March our school went to Willaura to compete in our cluster swimming sports . My first race was the first race of the day, and it was 50 metre freestyle which I came 4th in. My next race was a little while away but in the meantime, I could cheer on all the other Maroona kids. It was my turn again and it was a 25 metre backstroke and I got second. And that was me done for the day. Overall it was a great day, although we didn't win, we still had a great day.

Thomas – Gr. 5

On Friday March 15th there were Swimming Sports at Willaura with Moyston, Pomonal, Buangor, Willaura and Maroona but not everyone was there. I got driven to Willaura, and I had to be there by 10am. There were a few races before my race but I got in line and dived into the freezing cold pool. I was doing the 50 metre freestyle and I got a third. A few more races were held and then I did my 50 metre breaststroke and sadly came fourth. But overall I had a great time and everybody in all the schools had a really good time.

Alice – Gr. 1



Cluster Swimming Sports

On Friday the 15th of March, we had the Cluster Swimming Sports. Students either arrived at school or went with parents to the Willaura Swimming Pool. The Gellies were kind enough to take the marquee and set it up with the Tuckers before we all arrived. Thank you, to the Gellies and Tuckers. Everyone else arrived and set up under the shade for the nice warm day. Students had the choice of 2 races and there was a final relay for the oldest students. The events we could choose from were freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, kickboard relay and noodle race. The lifeguard did a fantastic job looking after the swimmers. All the students tried their best and did a great job. After the swimming sports were finished, we had the Food fight for Foodbank. Students got to run around a track while helpers through and shot coloured fake food/slime. It was very fun and very messy. We all had a magnificent day and a big thank you to everybody who helped throughout the day to make it run. *The Grade 1 – 3 Classroom*

