



# Maroona Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

### Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone to another busy, productive, and exciting year at Maroona Primary School. It was so good to be back after the long summer break, and our staff and students are all very enthusiastic about the year ahead!

This year we welcome two new staff members. Bree Close has joined us for Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. She will primarily be working with the Grade 4-6 children in the mornings, as well as running our Art and Auslan programs on the afternoons that she is here. Bree is already known to a number of our students as she taught at Pomonal Primary School for several years.

Dee Reynolds has joined us this year as our school tutor, and will be working with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Dee also works at Ararat West Primary, and is a very experienced teacher.

We also welcome the Reynolds children; Dan Grade 1, Sophia Grade 3, Joe Grade 5 and Sam Grade 6.

Already in the first few weeks we have completed our Term 1 swimming program, Grades 5 & 6 attended the Halogen Young Leaders Day in Melbourne, and we have done three lots of cooking, with most of the fresh ingredients coming from our own garden.

### Student Recognition Awards

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

Awards will begin next week with our first assembly. Watch this space to see who our worthy recipients are each fortnight.

### Dates to remember

Feb 28 – Black Ranges Swimming Sports

Mar 1 – Landcare Cluster Day Moyston

Mar 4 – **Curriculum Day – pupil free**  
Maths PD

Mar 6 – MARC Van

Mar 11 – **Labor Day – public holiday**

Mar 15 – Food Fight (Anti-Cancer Council)  
Cluster Day Willaura

Mar 20 – MARC Van

**Mar 27** – School Council AGM  
Please note change of date

Happy Birthday

Sophia Reynolds (8) 14<sup>th</sup> January  
Will Bibby (12) 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Thomas Gellie (11) 7<sup>th</sup> March



# Halogen Young Leaders Day



On Friday, we went to a leadership day in Melbourne. We left Ararat at 6 o'clock and got there at 9 o'clock.

The first speaker was Anastasia Woolmer she was really good at remembering numbers. She got someone to come up and say 40 numbers. She got them all right, then she said them backwards and got one wrong

Bryson Klein is the Australia ninja warrior. He won in the second year of Australian Ninja Warrior.

Then we had Jane Bunn the weather forecaster. She didn't know what she wanted to do with her life, then decided to be a weather forecaster. The last speaker was Melissa Barbieri. She was a goalkeeper in the Matildas. **William B - Grade 5**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb we went to Melbourne for an leadership day. Our first speaker was Anastasia Woolmer and she was a 2x female Australian memory champion. Our next speaker was Bryson Klein, who is an Australian Ninja Warrior grand finalist. Our third speaker was Jane Bunn. Jane is a highly accomplished meteorologist and a 7 News weather presenter. Our final speaker was Melissa Barbieri, who is a former Matildas' captain and a goalkeeper. **Thomas - Grade 5**

On Friday the 16th we went to Melbourne for a Leadership Day. We had to wake up at five in the morning and be at Christians' bus depot by six o'clock. It was freezing, but didn't seem any warmer on the bus. After all the other schools got on the bus we headed off. On the road to Melbourne we were going under a bridge and saw a chicken. Will was very excited. After what seemed like years we finally made it to Melbourne and we knew because of the endless traffic. We then made it to convention centre.

We walked in to see people doing the heel tap. After the dance was over we were introduced to DJ Ralph and are first speaker Anastasia Woolmer. She had a really good memory and showed us by writing a board full of numbers and reading them all out from start to finish with no mistakes, and not looking back at the board.

Our next speaker was Bryson Klein from ninja warrior. He spoke to us about facing our fears and being a napkin because one time they were camping and somebody threw a napkin on the fire and didn't burn for ages even when the flames were around it so he always told his friends when something seemed impossible to be the napkin. The next speaker was Jane Bunn from the news. She talked to us about the new book she wrote called Storm, and things she does apart from weather reporting. Then we took the train home and overall had a great day. **Lucy - Grade 5**

On Friday the 16th of February the grade 5/6s went to Melbourne to go to a leadership day. We got to Ararat at 6:00 in the morning {too early for me}, we hopped on the bus and I said to myself that we had first class seats to a stunning sunrise. We got there at 9:01 which was a good time because it just started. The first was speaker Anastasia Woolmer and her talent was how to remember as many numbers as possible. She remembered 30 numbers forwards and backwards. I found it incredible!

The 2nd speaker was Bryson Klein and he talked about his journey as a ninja warrior and the downs and ups like he had to have an ice-cold shower for a minute, but he mostly talked about how great it was to achieve his dreams like winning the tiebreaker for Australia. He also told this funny story once at a campfire and threw a napkin onto the fire but it wouldn't burn so he and his friends were hyping this napkin up to burn and after 10 or so minutes until it burned.

The 3rd speaker was Jane Bunn and she talked about how she loved reporting the weather and she even made a story on weather and how weather occurs like thunderstorms. She also admitted what it's like being on live t.v you have to get your makeup done for an hour get your hair done then it's go time.

The 4th final speaker was Melissa Barbieri. She talked about how to get to the Olympics in her shoes playing for the Matildas. She talked about her bad leg injury and how she could not run so she decided to become number 1 goalie. I liked her speech the most because it was very motivating. I had a great time and the highlight was seeing the chook on the side of the road in Melbourne! **Emily - Grade 6**

On Friday the 16th of February, we were on our way to the leadership day in Melbourne. On the way into Melbourne we saw a chook on the road. Then when we got there, 4 people told us their stories. Those 4 speakers were, first Anastasia Woolmer, Bryson Klein, Jane Bunn and Melissa Barbieri. After 5 long hours we went back on a train and went home.

**Rowly - Grade 5**



On Friday the 5-6s left Ararat and went to the big smoke. When we were going into Melbourne. When we got to the convention centre there were people flooding into the room. We saw the kids from Bolac. The speakers were Anastasia Woolmer who was twice crowned the 'Australian Memory Champion' and well known from the 'Champions' tribe on Australian Survivor. Next was Bryson Klein, multiple Australian Ninja Warrior grand finalist, and part of the USA versus the world' team were he won first place. The third speaker was Jane Bunn a meteorologist and a household name across Victoria as the 7 network weather presenter. Finally, it was Melisa Barbieri, former Matildas captain and goal keeper, one of Australia's most awarded female soccer players, with 86 games over 13 years for the Matildas. Still playing at her beloved Melbourne city in the A League Women's. After that we went home.

**Eddie - Grade 6**

On Friday the 16th of February, we went to Melbourne for a leadership day. We had to wake up early at about four o'clock and drive to the Ararat bus depot. We left at six, the drive was pretty long and tiring, about three hours long. Eventually we made it to the leadership place, and as we walked in the was a weird man who was dancing and singing.

The first talker was Anastasia Woolmer. She was talking about when she was young she couldn't remember anything and now she can remember everything. After Anastasia it was the break, then Bryson Klein was talking about his Ninja Warrior career. After his speech we had another dance, then Jane Bunn was speaking about what she was so scared of and more.

After Jane Bunn it was Melissa Barbieri talking about how when she was a little girl, she loved playing soccer. She played with the boys at her school, then she played under 10s, but when she got older she had to get a soccer license and when they sent it, it didn't go through because she was a girl. She went and played basketball and tennis but as the years went by she wanted to do soccer again. Her mother did heaps of research and she went and played girls soccer. After that we had to leave and catch the train it wasn't as long as the bus ride only two hours. **Charley - Grade 4**



## Spaghetti Anyone?

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, the little room made spaghetti bolognese. We split up into jobs. The Grade 1 and 2's were cutting up the tomatoes, onions and zucchinis from our own garden! This resulted in a few tears from among the students! While the grade 1's and 2's were crying at how beautiful the food was looking, the grade 3's were frying up the mincemeat! This resulted in fantastic, amazing and yummy food. After some clean up, we dove into our tucker and everyone loved it! *The Prep – Grade 3 Room*





## Special Thanks for the CFA

On Friday, the Grade Fours made cookies for the CFA members. We made one hundred and thirty cookies and put them plastic bags. I was in a group with Annabelle, Sophie H and Sophia. We put in butter and sugar and mixed the butter and sugar together. Then we put the sugar in with the other ingredients. We put the ingredients in a ball. I put the balls on the tray and put it in the oven. Then we cleaned the dishes and put them in the cupboards. Then we got them out the oven and put them on the bench.

*Tom - Grade 4*



On Friday Grade 1 - 4 made cookies for the firefighters since they protected Pomonal from the fire. We put string and ribbon on the bags and put cookies in the bags. The groups where Isabella, Fletcher, Sophie K. Next was Tommy, Annabelle, Sophie H and lucky last was Alice, Tess, George, and Rose. Next in our groups we decorated the cookies. And we all did well and worked as a team.

I think the firefighters will appreciate them. Some locals helped the CFA too. Some mums and dads might of got some messages from the firefighters to say thanks. GOOD JOB FIREFIGHTERS

*Isabella - Grade 4*

On Friday P-4 made cookies for the firefighters, because they had been fighting the fire at Pomonal. In my group was Vincent, Vivian, Maggie and me. Vincent cut the butter and Maggie put the sugar in the bowl. I did the beating with Vincent it took about 10 minutes till the beating was done, then we all rolled it into balls. We put the balls in a bag then we gave them to Liam.

*Billy - Grade 4*

On Friday the 16th P-4's and I made cookies for the firefighters because of the fire at Pomonal, Halls Gap and the Grampians. I was in a group with Rose, Tess and George. We worked as a team to get it done. When we made the batter, we decorated them and put them in the oven. After that we made letters and coloured a picture, put them in a bag with four cookies and put a ribbon on it. Then we gave them to the firefighters i hope they liked it. It was great in the end and we also got to try one they were amazing.

*Alice - Grade 4*



On Friday we did cooking and in my group I had Tommy, Sophia, and Sophie H. When we were rolling the cookies we put the cookies on the tray and then we put chocolate on for decoration. When we were beating it was a mess and then we put them in the oven.

*Annabelle - Grade 4*