



# Maroona Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Principal's Report

We are now well and truly past the half way point of Term 4, and so much has happened already. The end of year is in sight, but it feels like we are busier than ever giving our children wonderful experiences and opportunities.

Amidst all of the activity we have found time to go about assessing the children's learning, and are getting ready to write the Term 4 reports. In the last few weeks all of our Prep to Grade 3 students have been on a camp or overnight excursion, we have had a new family join our community, several of our students competed in the Regional Gold Championship in Ballarat, and our Grade 4-6 students have taken part in the 3-day Energy Breakthrough event in Maryborough.

Stay tuned for our next bumper issue. All the pictures and the behind the scenes stories from this year's Energy Breakthrough!

### 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. Our latest recipients are Rowly Tucker, Alice Armstrong, Tess Gellie, and Dan Reynolds.



### Dates to remember

Nov 29 – MARC Van

Dec 1 – Cluster Day  
Moyston



Dec 6 – School Council

Dec 11-15 – Swimming

Dec 18 – Grade 6 Big Day Out  
Adventure Park Geelong

Dec 19 – Final Assembly  
Grade 6 Graduation

Dec 20 – Last day of Term 4

Jan 29 – Teachers Resume work  
– School resumes for students

### Birthdays

Rose Jackson (6) 28<sup>th</sup> November  
Annabelle Bibby (9) 30<sup>th</sup> November  
William Jarrett (10) 2<sup>nd</sup> December



## Grade 2/3 Camp – Roses Gap



On Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> November the grade 2/3's went to Roses Gap camp. When we arrived, we got assigned to our cabins and our cabin mates from the other schools in our cluster. The first thing we did is go for a hike towards a dry waterfall! After the hike we were split into two groups. The first activities were canoeing and hut building, with canoeing being a favourite activity for a few students. The dinners were fantastic, the first was schnitzels and vegetables but we also got slices, fruits and cereals. We finished off the day with time in Bob's shed, which was full of board games and activities.

On the second day we had the giant swing and flying fox first. The giant swing was very scary but gave everyone a chance to overcome their fears. After lunch and a short recharge, we did some crate stacking and archery. We had no night activity this night because everyone was so tired from a big day!

For our final day, we had a low ropes course which required teamwork, balancing and problem solving. We then had a change of plans, we went to Halls Gap to have a shorter hike to the Venus Baths because of the heat. Everyone got an ice cream to beat the heat before we headed home, with the help of Karen Armstrong.

- Grade 2/3



## Prep/Grade 1 Sleepover



On Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November our intrepid Prep and Grade 1 students set out for Ballarat. Picking up Ohara on the way, we had a busy day at Xtreme Bounce, the Wildlife Park, Oz Tenpin Bowling, and to top it all off, Pizza Hut. We also spent time at the Sebastopol Water Park in the afternoon to cool off before the drive home. After such a busy day, we didn't have a particularly late night, and everyone was snoring by about 9:30. We were awake early the next morning though, and after a delicious breakfast of pancakes, we were all headed home by 9am. I would like to thank Amy Barr for all her help during the day, and overnight. Thanks also to the parents for dropping off and collecting the children, and to the children themselves for their faultless behaviour.



## Chook Yard Official Opening



This enclosure was  
built by the children of  
Maroona Primary School

*Opened by Emma Kealy MLA  
on the 21st November 2023*

On Tuesday Emma Kealy came to teach us about politics and voting and parliament houses. We had a vote for ideas we came up with and to see if we could do it. The idea that won was that we should have more farm animals. Then we went outside and there was a grand opening of the chook shed. It was really fun. We even got to go in the newspaper on the front page! - Joe Gr.4

On Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November Emma Kealey came to visit and she was teaching every about politics and democracy, and that means that everyone above 18 gets to vote. Just before play we go to open the chook pen with the red ribbon and the scissors. Then it was play time. The next day we were in the newspaper. - William J Gr. 4

On Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, Emma Kealy (our local MP) came to visit Maroona Primary School. Emma came to teach us about politics and open our 'eggcellent' new chook pen. In the morning, she came into our classroom and taught Grade 4-6 for one lesson. She taught us about how politics and democracy works. Emma took some ideas from our class about our new project. The winning vote was sheep in our school.

After that, we were let out for recess. Around halfway through recess, we had an afternoon tea with lots of food. The teachers went through the grades with grade 5 going last! There was loads of food left, so we had 2 pieces of food each. Then we went back out for recess, but soon the bell sounded and it was time to go in and for Emma Kealy to leave. "Goodbye!" we called in unison on her way out. - Sam Gr.5



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On the 21st of November Emma Kealy came to our school for a visit and to open up our new chook pen that the boys have been working on for a very long time. Before we went to open the new chook pen we did a debate on things to improve our school. Our suggestions were to have farm animals more bins a new playground or some swings.

And to have farm animals at our school won and then we all went outside to open up our new chook pen and it was a great day.

– Lucy Gr.4



On Tuesday 21st of November Emma Kealy came out for the grand opening of the chook pen. All the kids got into the chook pen and we took a couple photos, Emma Kealy was cutting the red ribbon with scissors, Emma Kealy was holding the big red chook. Before we took the photo, she told us about her job and how to vote. We had a vote and the winning one was we should have a sheep farm at our school. – Charley Gr.4

On Tuesday 21st of November Emma Kealy came to school to open the chook shed. First we got a photo of the whole school in it. Then they got a photo of me, William and Emma holding eggs, then she took a video of me and William explaining how we built the chook yard and then we gave her some eggs. – Thomas Gr.4

On the 21st of November, the whole school had a visit from Emma Kealy our local MP. First she had a look around the school. Then she had a chat with us about how democracy works. It was really good to learn even more about democracy. Then we went out to our new school chicken pen and there was a lovely luscious red ribbon on the doors. The teachers told us that we were having a grand opening. So we all got a picture while Emma Kealy held a chicken and the pen was open for business. Also everyone was not going to mind the fact that they were already used. Then some of the parents went and had some really nice morning tea. After they left we got the leftovers. Thank you to all the parents who brought in the food and thank you to Emma Kealy for teaching us about Democracy. – Grace Gr.6

On Tuesday the 21st of November Emma Kealy our local MP came to open the chook cage. She talked to us about our next school project so we gave her 5 ideas and then talked about how democracy works. After that we went to open the chook cage! This guy took a picture while she cut the red ribbon [ we got on the front page of Friday's newspaper. I love the white streak in Emma's hair. – Emily Gr.5

### **EMMA KEALY**

On Tuesday Emma Kealy came to school. She took a photo with the school in front of the chook cage. She gave us a plaque to put on the chook cage. She also interviewed Thomas and BB about when they built the cage. She also did a vote on what our next school project should be and a school farm won. It was a good day and everyone enjoyed it.