



Maroona Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

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Principal's Report

We have had a really good start to Term 2. Our students were enthusiastic to resume learning from Day 1. It's hard to believe that this is only the end of Week 2, so much has happened already.

Our Cluster Cross Country day was a great day out for all in attendance, providing the opportunity for everyone to have a win, whether of the sporting kind, or by building and strengthening social connections. Our Monster Walk and Bike Ride was a terrific day out, with the children covering a combined 15 km on foot and by bike. These days not only promote a healthy lifestyle, but also help to strengthen the children's sense of connection to the school and each other.

Our teaching staff have also been involved in learning activities, with Blake, Liam and Bree all taking part in a Maths Professional Development day last week, but Liam has been involved in a Music PD which will see our students take part in music learning in conjunction with Willaura PS.

Please keep our Community Night (May 17) free if possible, and don't forget to invite anyone else that you think might be interested in our school.

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 Eddie (Gr 6) Alice (Gr 4) Tess (Gr 3) and Sophia (Gr 3).



Dates to remember

May 1 – MARC Van

May 2 – Black Ranges Cross Country
St Arnaud

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

May 8 – School Council - **change of date**

May 10 – Introduction to Music
Willaura Primary School

May 15 – MARC Van

May 17 – **MPS Community Night**

All welcome - 5.30pm start

May 23 – Winter Sports – Stawell

May 24 – Landcare Field Day - Living Soils

May 29 – MARC Van

June 12 – School Council - **change of date**

Aug 14 – School Council - **change of date**

Camps - 2024

Gr 4-6 - Phillip Island - 22nd - 25th Oct - approx \$500

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

Gr 1 Sleepover – Halls Gap – 18th Oct

Happy Birthday

Emma Barr (11) 19th May
Charley King (11) 19th May
Alice Armstrong (7) 20th May



Monster Walk / Bike Ride

On our Monster Walk and Bike Ride I liked...

- that we got to play at the end. **George**
- that we went with friends and I loved the morning tea slices. **Sophia**
- the view and being in nature. **Joe**
- my Mum picked me up and took me in the car. **Sophie H**
- that we stopped at Annabelle's house and there were horses. **Maggie**
- how we all got to keep riding. **Vivian**
- walking along the creek. **Sophie K**
- riding my bike with other people. **Emma**
- that everyone came to my house. **Annabelle**
- getting to see Annabelle's horse **Isabella**
- the Bibby's farm and the steak we had for lunch. **Sam**
- riding around on the gravel road at Mininera. **William J**
- seeing Will's chooks. **Tom**
- getting to Mininera. **Lucy**
- walking along the creek at Eddie's and looking at all the things along it. **Alice**
- riding the bike and seeing Will's chooks. **Rowly**
- showing people all of my pets. **Will**
- showing people our farm and going along the creek. **Eddie**
- going along the creek and looking at Will's pets. **Max**
- looking at Eddie's motorbike track. **William B**
- that I only learnt to ride my bike last week. **Dan**

Special thanks to Scott and Heidi Astbury, Rich and Jacqui Bibby for their hard work and planning. Thanks to Penny, Olivia King and Dee for their help on the day.



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ANZAC Day



This year we celebrated ANZAC Day early, with a commemorative service at the Maroona War Memorial on 22nd April. Our Grade 6 students and Thomas laid a wreath, and recited poetry written on the topics of courage and sacrifice.

We enjoyed a delicious morning tea and a display of memorabilia, and some insights on the Light Horse. Many thanks to Irene Gellie, Steve Shannon and Kerrin Gellie. Thanks also to the parents who attended our ceremony. The children all came away with an increased understanding of the meaning of ANZAC day.

On Friday we followed up with a masterful display of cooking by the Grade 1-3 class to make a batch of ANZAC biscuits which were very well received by all of our students.