



# Maroona Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 21st February 2025

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### Principal's Report

The year is flying by. I can't believe we are already four weeks in! The children are all settling in well and getting comfortable with their learning. Out in the yard, the cricket bats have been swapped for footballs and netballs, and you can already feel the excitement building for the upcoming winter sports season.

During this week, students have been traveling to Ararat for their swimming lessons. Despite the cooler weather, they have embraced the experience and made the most of their time in the water. It has been great to see their confidence grow with each session.

Looking ahead, we have plenty of exciting events coming up. Black Ranges Swimming in Horsham and our Cluster Swimming Sports in Ararat are just around the corner. We are also looking forward to welcoming our cluster schools to Maroona for our Landcare Day, a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn more about sustainability and caring for our environment.

It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting term!

- Richard

### Junior Room Report

After spending the past three years as a senior teacher, I was excited to take on the new challenge of teaching in the junior room this year. It has been a fantastic start, and I have especially loved welcoming our two new Preps, Max and Edie, into their very first classroom. They have settled in wonderfully, and it's been great to incorporate them into our learning routines.

In Numeracy, we began the year by exploring place value. I've been really impressed with the students' overall understanding in this area, and I can already see some great future mathematicians emerging!

Our learning has also included the continuation of The Resilience Project, where we have been exploring our emotions, as well as our Sound Waves phonics program to strengthen literacy skills. A highlight for me has been introducing music lessons, which have been a lot of fun.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my start in the junior room and can't wait to see how much our students grow, both academically and personally, throughout the year!

- Liam

### Dates to remember

<b>Feb 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Black Ranges Swimming, Horsham
<b>Feb 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Cluster Swimming Sports, Ararat Outdoor pool
<b>Mar 5<sup>th</sup></b>	MARC Van
<b>Mar 6-7<sup>th</sup></b>	Sovereign Hill Camp Gr. 5/6 (Cost approx. \$250)
<b>Mar 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Labour Day public holiday
<b>March 12<sup>th</sup></b>	School Council AGM
<b>March 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup></b>	NAPLAN
<b>March 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Cottage by the sea Camp - Grade 3-6
<b>September 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Roses Gap Camp - Grade 2/3 (Cost approx. \$320)



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Leanne McCready 20<sup>th</sup> Mar

Tess Gellie 24<sup>th</sup> Mar (10)



## Swimming in Ararat

From the 15-20th we had swimming practice for the swimming sports. Unfortunately, we didn't have the best weather, but it was still fun. We did laps, diving and water safety. We did all the strokes, even butterfly! It was hard. After swimming, we would go to the playground for lunch. I really enjoyed swimming, and I am sure we are ready for the swimming sports. Go Maroons – Lucy Gr.6

**On the 17th of Feb, we had a week of swimming. The 4,5,6's were in one group and there were two other groups. Sue's group had to swim lap after lap. Everyone was puffed after three laps on Monday. On Wednesday, we had swimming trials for Black Ranges. I made the required time in breaststroke and freestyle, and I cannot wait to compete next Wednesday. – Charley Gr.6**

This week we have been swimming every day. After swimming we go out to the park to eat lunch. It was really fun playing on the playground. On Friday, we are going on the slide and it will be really fun.- Annabelle Gr.5

**Swimming at Ararat was fun but had its disadvantages! It was cold as soon as we got in the pool, and everyone was shivering all the time. We also had to swim in the indoor pool on Tuesday because Marian had their swimming sports. In swimming, I loved doing freestyle and breaststroke as I felt I had more breath this year. Sue has also taught us a lot about techniques. Overall, I loved swimming and I'm excited to try survival swimming in our clothes. – Emma Gr.6**

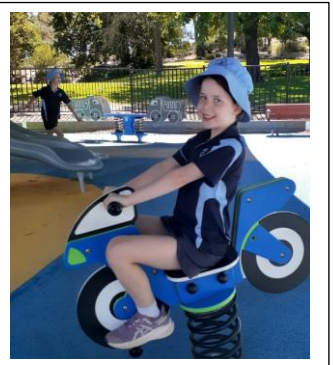
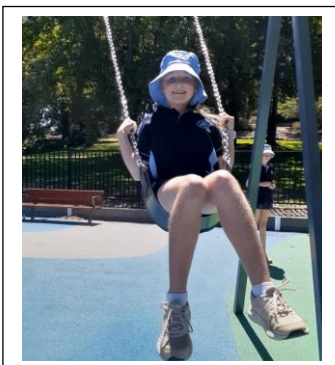
On the 17th of February we went swimming in the outdoor pool. We got timed to go to Black Ranges. I got into freestyle. – Tommy Gr.5

**This week, we went to the outdoor pool for swimming. We swam about 500m every day. Afterwards, we went to the park to eat and play in the playground. Overall, it was good and I was absolutely tired at the end. – Thomas Gr.6**

I'm enjoying swimming in Ararat because it's outside in the sun. I like swimming in the pool because I'm learning to swim more and more. Swimming is fun because I like swimming with my friends in the pool. – Tess Gr.4

**This week we had swimming lessons for school at the outdoor pool. We had three groups, the little group, the middle group and the big group. I was in the big group. After the lessons, we had lunch in the park. On Friday we get to have fish and chips which will be amazing. - William B Gr.6**

On the first day of swimming, we did laps. On the second day, we did time trials for backstroke and freestyle. The next day we did backstroke and the next day we went on the slide and swam in clothes. – William Jarrett Gr.6



## Cooking



This is George. He was pulling a face when he was grating zucchini. Maybe he was angry about the zucchini. We were making zucchini slice. We had six people making zucchini slice and it looks delish! - Maggie Gr.2

On Friday we made zucchini slice. The ingredients were 8 eggs, oil, grated zucchini, cheese, bacon, self-raising flour, and onion.  
- George Gr.2



## The Veggie Garden

The children have put a lot of effort into our veggie garden this year, and it has really paid off. Despite the dry season, we were able to get enough corn for everyone, and some cucumber too. The corn was ably prepared and cooked by the Grade 6 children, with assistance from Blake. Everyone enjoyed their corn with butter or garlic butter.

Our veggie garden has been getting a bit wild and woolly of late. It's amazing how well weeds grow, while everything else is drying out. May and the Grade 4/5 students got in this morning and gave it a really good clean up. The garden is looking good again, and the chooks are very happy with all the extra feed.

