



Maroona Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21th March 2025

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School Council President's Report

I would like to commend both our principal, Richard Wallis and his teaching team, our school councillors, children and their families on a successful 2024! I wish to acknowledge the huge effort by all teachers, support team, children, parents and the community abroad for making Maroona Primary School the remarkable school that it is and continues to be. And while the children's structured learning programs are of huge importance, I believe that this growth is only possible within a healthy, positive, connected and supportive culture. Hence, the importance of the extra-curricular activities that were held last year, such as the Community Night, Monster walks, the Cake & produce stall, Energy Break Through, and "lasagna night" at netball-football training. These events not only connect our children and families to the Maroona Primary School, but to their community and the wider world. This stuff all takes energy, and I would like to thank you all again for doing what you can, when you can, to make the Maroona Primary School the place that it is. Our school ground upgrades include the court resurfacing and school building maintenance projects. Both our business manager, Leanne McCready, and principal, Richard, are acknowledged for resourcing all available support and resources to give the children the best possible facilities and learning environment. Lastly I'd like to thank our treasurer, Kelly Gellie, for her key eye on the financials of our school and secretary Leanne McCready for her time and diligence.

**Jess Tucker School Council
President**

Our award winners for this fortnight are Alice (Gr. 5), Vincent (Gr.4), George (Gr.2), and Sophie H (Gr. 2)



Principal's Report

Here we are, almost at the end of Term 1. A lot has happened already in this term, and it isn't over yet, with the Grades 3-6 children off to Queenscliff next week, and our Aths Sports at Lake Bolac the following week.

Our School Council AGM took place recently. All of our councillors who's terms were up re-nominated and have remained on the council. Office bearers were duly appointed, with the following results; Jess Tucker – President, Neil Robertson – Vice President, Kelly Gelly – Treasurer, and Leanne McCready – Secretary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school council members and of our parents for their continued support.

Dates to Remember

March 24th – 27th	Cottage by the sea Camp - Grade 3-6
April 2nd	Lake Bolac and District school sports @ Lake Bolac College
April 3rd	MARC Van
April 4th	Moster Walk Last day of Term 1
April 22nd	Term 2 commences
April 25th	ANZAC Day – Public Holiday

SPECIAL NOTE FOR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS ATTENDING OUR SCHOOL SPORTS THIS YEAR

This is school sport and these are children.

*Many who make this day possible are volunteers
and none are trained sports officials.*

Please remember this. This is not the Olympics!

Happy Birthday

Tess Gellie 24th Mar (10)
Susan Day 25th Mar
William Barr 3rd April (12)
George Tucker 9th April (8)



Senior Class Report

Wow, can you believe we are nearly at the end of Term 1 already? Time has flown by, and it's been an incredibly productive and busy term!

In Numeracy, we have been working really hard on our place value unit, building a solid foundation for understanding numbers. As we wrap up place value, we are moving into additive thinking, and the students are showing great progress and enthusiasm.

For Writing, we've delved into both narrative and persuasive writing. Our focus has been on using figurative language skills and persuasive devices to make our writing more engaging and convincing. The students have shown impressive creativity and critical thinking throughout these lessons!

In Reading, we have concentrated on summarizing texts, making inferences, and analysing content. These skills have been strengthened through consistent practice and discussion. Home reading has also been fairly consistent, so a big thank you to everyone for bringing in those reading diaries. Keep up the great work!

As we approach the final weeks of the term, we're all looking forward to the exciting Queenscliff camp next week. After camp, we only have one week left in the classroom! If there is anything you'd like to discuss regarding your child's learning or progress, please feel free to come in and have a chat.

Thank you for a fantastic Term 1. We can't wait to see what Term 2 will bring!



Sovereign Hill



Athletics Sports Training

These last few weeks of the term we have been doing sports practice for the Athletics which is coming up fast. So we have been doing some practice. We have done Sprints, High jump, Shot put, Discus, relays and long jump. We also do a lap of the school in the morning sometimes. I enjoyed sprints the most because I was competitive in it. The thing that I most looking forward to is the relay because I like working with a team. I am looking forward to Athletics this year because it is my last and I really want to push it and try my best.

- Lucy Grade 6

For the last three weeks, we have been doing athletics practice. When we do, we practice Discus, Shot Put, High jump, long jump, and triple jump.

My favourite event is the triple jump. I love doing triple jumps. It's the best.

I'm looking forward to doing the different types of sports this year because I love sports.

- Tess, Grade 4

We have been practising for athletics, we have been practising the different events. First we did discus and shotput and we have also done high jump, triple jump, long jump and finally sprints. Everyone has been training really hard because we all want to try and do good.

My most favourite event is other discus or triple jump I really want to try and make it to black ranges again.

- Alice, Grade 5

Athletics Sports Training continued...

At Lake Bolac every year we and the cluster schools come together to do sports, we practise til we get it right. There is relay, high jump, and lots of other sports and it is fun. I feel happy and excited but I am a bit scared this year because we do high jump. I like all of the sports, especially high jump.

Maggie Gr. 2

At Lake Bolac we do high jump, long jump triple jump, and running. My favourite thing is high jump. I'm feeling happy about the sports.

Rose Gr. 2

Every year we have sports day at Lake Bolac. All the schools come together and there's lots of sports. We can do relay, high jump, and lots of other things. When we go I feel excited and my favourite thing is seeing if I get a ribbon or not.

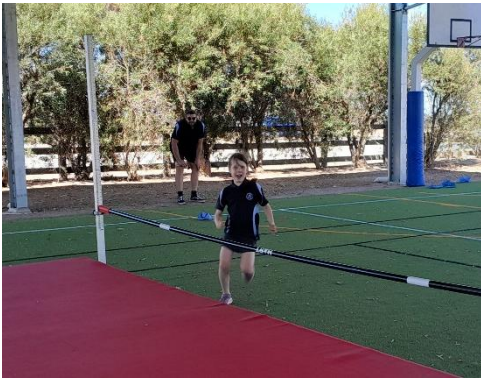
Vivian Gr. 2

I love the hurdles because it's fun to do. My favourite thing about it is that no-one is left out. I feel good, but even if I'm left out I still feel good. You should try it if you want to.

Sophie H Gr. 2

The 2nd of April is Sports Day at Lake Bolac. We practise high jump, long jump, running, and discus, plus heaps of other sports. I cannot wait for the sports and I hope I win the medal again. My favourite thing about the sports was high jump. Go Maroona!

George Gr. 2



Cooking

On Friday the 7th Junior students engaged in a cooking session, with our main inspiration being the trusty old super versatile ZUCCHINI!! Zucchini tots and choc zucchini cupcakes being the favourite. As requested by parents, we are attaching the recipe.



Chocolate Zucchini Cupcakes

Ingredients

- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 ½ tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 cups grated zucchini
- ½ cup chocolate chips

Instructions

1. Shred your zucchini.
2. Mix your oil, vanilla and sugar together.
3. Add in the zucchini and mix.
4. Put all your dry ingredients together and whisk them up!
5. Add in your chocolate chips and mix until combined.
6. Grease and flour your muffin tins.
7. Fill the tins no more than 2/3 full and bake at 350 until the tops spring back when touched, about 8-10 minutes for mini muffins, 15-20 for larger tins.

Serve plain, or with icing, or you can put the mini muffins in a mini mountain and drizzle melted chocolate chips on them.

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