



Maroona Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd August 2024

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Principal's/Staff Report

It has been a huge last few weeks here at school with so much happening. It's hard to believe that there are only four weeks left of Term 3.

With EBT fundraising stalls, our home cluster day and book week celebration, the Pomonal cluster Landcare day, and so much more. We welcomed Visiting professionals, golf clinic ran by Tony Collier, Jonothan Box from AFL Vic, author Tracey Kruger, Owen and Abby from the Wimmera Proactive Policing Unit.

Junior students have been working on angles, time and fractions. Great to see students reading at home, can we encourage this to be as regular as possible. Blake

Senior students have had their first look at algebra in recent weeks, noticing how numbers can be substituted for letters or unknown variables. They are now working on angles, and utilising protractors to form a range of different sized angles. In Writing, the senior students have begun a writer's workshop on an Olympic event. They are all researching information and constructing a presentation to share with their peers. Liam

Students have been learning to use different mediums in Art. This term we have experimented with charcoal by drawing and smudging. To celebrate the Olympics that have occurred this year, students have been learning to sign events and sports. Bree

There is so much happening around the school. The students have worked hard in the veggie garden, and have revived the old sports shed into a garden and tool shed. We have had the new oven installed for our cooking program. We are welcoming the spring days and some rain and moving forward from some very cold mornings.

Dates to remember

Aug 23 – Music (Maroona)

Aug 29 – Sovereign Hill.

Aug 30 – Music (Willaura)

Bakery for lunch

Sept 4 – MARC Van

Sept 5 – Black Ranges Athletics Stawell

Sep 16 – Chalambar golf day

Sep 18 – Marc van

Sep 20 – last day of Term 3

Footy Colours Day

Student Recognition Awards



William

Gr.5

Will Gr.6

Tess Gr.4

Rowly Gr.5

Camps - 2024

Somers Camp (Gr 5/6)

8th -16th Oct

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

Emily Armstrong 29th August

Rowly Tucker 9th Sep

Maroona book week & Cluster day



On Friday we celebrated book week “Reading is Magical” and the costumes were exactly that MAGICAL!!

A huge thankyou to the students their families, staff and our visiting schools for their enthusiasm in coming as their favourite book characters.

With over 100 students it was a great parade. The students combined in age groups with our visiting schools. It appeared they enjoyed the larger group sizes and engaging and socialising with their peers.

We were extremely lucky to have two visitors join us to share their professional skills and knowledge.

Jonathan Box from AFL Victoria ran a football clinic. Even those who are not football enthusiasts learnt a lot from Jonathan and enjoyed the drills.

Tracey Kruger a local author from Penshurst who writes children’s books/short stories. utilizing her experiences as a farm daughter, wife and mum as her inspiration. The children captivated and engaged. Some children even bringing their personal copies to get autographed.

Author Tracey Kruger



Pomonal Landcare Cluster Day

Students travelled out to Pomonal on Friday the 10th of August for the cluster day. The day revolved around regeneration of the environment after the devastating fire in February. Their small community bore the brunt of these fires, the school was extremely lucky. Students looked at trees and small shrubs with a representative from Parks and Wildlife. The focus on the regeneration of the trees and larger shrubs and plants. Is it reseedling, resprouting or reshooting?

There was a walk to look for new growth wildflowers that had sprouted, the students were given a card which had a picture and name of the plant in flower and as a juvenile plant, they had to then find and stake the plant. The students really engaged in this activity and had a keen eye for such small plants. We also had some very creative art with charcoal they had collected on their walk.



Learning: In and out of the classroom



Clockwise from far left:
 1) Looking after our Winter veggies
 2) Creative time in the sandpit
 3) Where is the green sheep?
 Refurbishing our fence decorations
 4) Working hard in MARC Van time
 5) Our Tutoring Program in action
 6) We write, share, reflect, and refine to improve our Writing



EBT News, fundraising & sponsors

The cake and produce stall run by parents and students at a home game at Tatyoon was a huge success.

The donations of goodies and produce was overwhelming. Many of us went home piled with delicious treats.

Broadbent's have donated beanies for all our EBT students.

A huge thankyou to all the businesses that have donated and supported Maroona Primary students, to continue to participate



Police Visit

On Thursday, 22nd August the police came for a visit. They talked to us about what they do, and how they keep us safe. We learnt about the vehicles and animals they use in emergencies. They showed us the things they carry on their belts, including taser, pistol and bullets, extendable baton, body camera, iPad, pepper spray, and gloves.



All students have had a golf session with Tony Collier. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Tony was a great instructor and the skills learnt will be very handy at our Chalambar golf day in mid-September. Billy, George & Sophie H were our putting champs on the day.

Golf Clinic

