Dear Families and Community Members,

WELCOME BACK to Maroona Primary School for the 2019 school year. Our staff team have returned from a well earned break, refreshed and ready for an exciting year. Welcome back to all our Grade 1-6 students, who completed their first day today. We are all very excited to welcome our eight new Foundation students, William B, Thomas, William J, Rowly, Ned, Charley, Lucy and Emma, who will start tomorrow. I would like to extend a special welcome to The Barr Family; Amy, Simon and William and the Gellie Family; Kelly, Darren and Thomas, who will join our school community this year. We look forward to forming a strong partnership and working together throughout the year and beyond. Welcome also, to our new staff member Pauline Graham, who will work with us from Monday to Thursday each week.

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The **FOOD PROGRAM AT** Maroona Primary School is always a highlight of each week. This year, special lunches will take place on every **Tuesday, starting on the 5th of February**. Students are expected to bring $3 each week or pay $27 for the term. This money goes towards covering the cost of the food program.

You will also notice that the **LBDSSA ATHLETICS SPORTS** will take place at the end of this term. This being the case our Term 1 focus in sport will be on skill development in track and field events. Sports lessons will run each Tuesday afternoon, starting on the 12th of February. Any parents who wish to support Jacqui and I in running these sessions are most welcome.

I am extremely excited to be leading Maroona Primary in 2019. I feel privileged to be working with such a wonderful group of staff, students and families. I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together this year.

Warmest Regards

Darren Beer

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Jack Richardson (9) - 6th January
George King (8) - 8th January
Danielle Armstrong (8) - 19th January

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Families please note that all students should have a broad brimmed hat and a drink bottle in Term 1.

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Welcome Back Grade 1-6 students!
It's lovely to see you all again
## Upcoming Events

### January 2019

**Friday 1st of March**
- Parent information session, 9:00

**Friday 1st of March**
- Clean up Australia Day Monster Walk

**Wednesday 6th of March**
- Black Ranges Swimming

**Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th of March**
- 3 way conferences

**Monday 11th of March**
- Labour Day Public Holiday

**Wednesday 3rd of April**
- LBDSSA Athletics Sports

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### February 2018

**Monday 28th of January**
- Teachers resume

**Monday 29th of January**
- Grade 1-6 students resume

**Monday 30th of January**
- Foundation Students resume

**Please note that MARC van sessions with Caitlyn will be on Wednesdays this year.**

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### Other Dates to note

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Willaura Farm To Pub

RIDE-RUN-WALK

- 16km Run or Ride
- 8km Run or Ride
- 5km Run, Walk or Ride
- (5km is on sealed road and pusher friendly)

Saturday 23 February 2019

- A family friendly event concluding with a free jumping castle at the Willaura Recreation Reserve
- 15 years and under - $5
- Adults - $15
- Bar open at 4pm
- Meals available from 5:30pm

For full details and to enter go to: www.farmtopub.org