Dear Families and Community Members,

Winter is upon us at Maroona. Staff have been busily delivering and analysing student assessments in preparation for report writing. It has been wonderful to see just how far our students have come in a short time.

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Five of our students spent a week at the brilliant (but very chilly) Woorabinda Camp. Congratulations to Freddie, Sophia, Jack, Jesse and Charlotte for making the most of this opportunity, being great ambassadors for our school and stepping up to a new challenge.

Our big fundraiser for the year is approaching. On Saturday the 29th of June our school will be running the canteen at the Tatyoon Vs Ararat Game. Please use the roster located outside the F-2 room to indicate a time that best suits you to volunteer, or contact a member of staff. Thank-you to those that have already put their names down.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week I was fortunate to be able to attend the Education State School Leadership Conference in Melbourne. The topics covered were wide-ranging and largely quite informative and useful. I look forward to applying my learnings to our unique and fantastic school.

Warm Regards,
Darren
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Congratulations to Hamish, Alex, Sam, Emily, Max, Grace, Julianne, Eddie, Danielle, Rowly, Will, Archie, Kiora, William and Harry on your recent reading milestones. Keep up the good work.

UNIFORM ORDERS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE AN ORDER PLEASE DO SO BY THE 13TH OF JUNE SO WE CAN HAVE THEM FOR THE START OF TERM 3.
## Upcoming Events

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We are now on the countdown to holidays with just three more weeks after this week until the mid year break. Students have been busily completing lots of online and paper assessments over the last fortnight in readiness for report writing by the teachers. Next week we will be back to our normal curriculum and routine.

Student Of The Fortnight
This fortnight’s student who has excelled in ‘Kindness’ is: Charley King. Charley is always ready to help others both in the classroom and out in the playground. Charley is thoughtful and considerate of others and cares about their feelings. Congratulations Charley on winning this award for this fortnight!

Reading Milestones
This fortnight we have a number of students who have been busily reading. Congratulations to the following superstars who have been awarded milestone certificates: A massive 175 nights of reading: William Jarrett; 100 nights: Rowly, Will B, Grace, William B, Max, Eddie; 75 nights: Harry, Archie and Kiora. Congratulations to these amazing readers.

Art
Our guitar pictures are now up in the music room and look fantastic. The students have done a great job decorating their guitar and then mounting them on to a music background. The next piece of art to look out for will be silhouettes of each student’s head which look absolutely stunning!

Welcome back William B
William Barr has been away for 2 weeks as he and his brother Fletcher had their tonsils out. We were all very excited to have William back at school on Monday and to hear all about his trip to hospital. Here is his account of what happened:

My Trip to Hospital - William B
- I went to hospital. We waited. We went in a room. I got my tonsils out. I am back at school.

Lego Masters’ Challenge
The students at Maroona are currently participating in a Lego Masters’ Challenge on Friday afternoons as part of their Design and Technology curriculum. They are loving this new initiative and are coming up with some amazing designs. Each small group has a lego board and a challenge card telling them what to create. The finished products are displayed in the passage-way for the next week for our visitors to admire.

F-2 Beanies
The Foundation students have just received their new beanies just in time for the cold winter months. A lovely 94 year old friend spends many hours knitting these beanies for the students. Every year she checks out how many new students we have in Foundation and then gets those needles clicking. Please ensure your child leaves their beanie at school so they are there when they need them. These last couple of weeks the beanies have been very popular. Thanks to Mrs Fitch for her kindness and thoughtfulness towards the students.
We all went to Warrnambool with our parents on Monday the 3rd of June for Regional Cross Country. It was a muddy, wet and cold day but at least there were less hills than at St Annaud. We had to follow the red and yellow flags around the 2km track. Sophia had to follow the blue and red flags for her 3km race.

At the end of the race we felt proud but also very puffed, we both ran personal best times of 9:54 and 8:38. Sophia came 15th in her race.

It was a great day, we hope we can qualify for next year’s event. Thank you to all the parents for helping us train, taking us and supporting us on the day.

-Kate and George
On 26th of May I woke up with a heebie-jeeby feeling. I woke up at 6:00. We left from the town hall to go to Woorabinda. When my name got called out to go out on the bus, I was so excited.

**DAY 1**

When we got there, it was bucketing rain and I thought it looked like a dump. After that we went to coloured tables and got put in our groups. I was in group orange with Sophia. We went to the old cook out with Freddie, Jesse and Sophia to have lunch. We had snags, then we went to our dorms and had dinner afterwards.

**DAY 2**

The next day group orange did the farm. It was quite fun, but the next activity sounded much better... it was high ropes. My first attempt I was so scared but my next turn I was fine. It was so much fun.

**DAY 3**

My roomy was a boy named Jye Giggs. We did hut building. Surprisingly, we didn’t get soaked, then we did 3b mapping. Then we had lunch, it was nice. After that we had ziplining, it was incredible, incredible [insert singing voice!].

**DAY 4**

We did canoeing. It was fun. Then we did ‘second chance’.

I did hut building and archery - it was terrific.

**DAY 5**

“The Quest”. It was such a once in a lifetime opportunity. I was an early settler. We made fires and planted a tree.

Yellow group won the quest

In the end, I loved it, and would recommend it for any Grade two or three kids.

- Jack

On the 26th of May I woke up at about 5:45am, in time for the bus to go to Woorabinda school camp. I knew some people there. The bus trip was a little bit long. We also went past the power station. When we got there, it was bucketing down rain!

**Day 1.**

The first activity we did was a bush walk, which went for about 10-15 minutes. Then we cooked lunch. Lunch was potato, carrot, and we were sleeping. We also had to find out who our room mate was, my room mate was Rory. After we found out where we were sleeping, we learnt the Woorabinda song and the teacher’s names. The next thing we had to do was have dinner, it was pasta night. Dessert was milk and slice, then we went to bed.

**Day 2.**

We were woken up at 7:00am by ACDC TNT. Then we had breakfast, it was toast, cereal and fruit. It was delicious. Then we went to high ropes, it was super, even though it was terrifying at first. Then we had hut building, boys against girls. I got super wet from the rain and from our group teacher tipping water on us. Our hut nearly caved in on us. But it was still really fun, even though it was a draw. When we got back we went to the Rec hut. After that we went to bed.

**Day 3.**

We were woken up at 7:00am like usual, got dressed and went to breakfast, it was the same as the day before and was still delicious. Then we went to high ropes first. It was 200m long and took 15 seconds to get to the other end. I had roughly 11 goes. It was amazing. We had the next activity of your choice. I did high ropes and fires. Then we went to bed.

**Day 4.**

We were woken up at 7:00am. Red had duty group too, which meant we cleaned everyone’s dishes. After breakfast we went to the assembly. I got to do air guitar. Then we had the farm. It was ok fun. We had second chance, which meant we did an activity of your choice. I did high ropes and fires. Then we went to the Rec hut. After that we went to bed.

**Day 5.**

We were woken up at 7:00am. We went to breakfast. Then we did the quest. I was a hunter and gather. I did archery, that was a - Freddie
**Woorabinda Camp**

On Monday the 26th of May I had to wake up at 5am, when it was really dark like it was midnight. But it was worth it, because I was going to Woorabinda school camp. When we got to the bus it was still dark. I sat near Jack, Sophia, Freddie and Charlotte. It only became light when we got to Ballarat. The bus trip was way longer than I expected, it was five and a half hours. I was in yellow group. There was a thing called the three Cs. They stand for courtesy, cooperation and consideration.

A lot of fun things happened so I will list them in chronological order.

- Bush cooking
- Hut building
- Zipline
- Reptiles
- Canoeing
- Farm
- High ropes

Every night and morning there would be an assembly where each group teacher would give awards to some of the children who used the three Cs best, and a lot more stuff would happen in them as well.

On Thursday, it was second chance day, so we could choose two activities to do again (but some we had not done before). I chose to do archery and zipline.

On Friday morning there was a thing called ‘The Quest’. We had been getting hints about it all camp.

There were three groups. You could be in marines, early settlers and hunters and gatherers, I was an early settler. We had to start a fire, open a chest and make billy tea.

In the end, yellow group won the competition.

Overall the camp was great, my favourite thing was definitely the zipline, but everything else was good too. I would highly recommend it if you get the chance to go.

Jesse

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**Woorabinda School Camp**

Here. The bus trip went for about 5 hours and 30 minutes. On the way we picked up Beaufort, Buangor, Moyston and Ballarat when we got there, it was bucketing down rain!

1. Sweet potato, pumpkin and sausages cooked on the fire, wrapped in foil of course. Then we went to get our bags and find out where we were staying we went to the coloured tables, I was in group red/4. After that we went to the Rec hut (the assembly room). Dessert was apple crumble. Then we went to the Rec hut again, the teachers told us what to do next. We got to have chocolate milk and slice, then we went to bed.

2. We went to the Rec hut to see who won the sustainability challenge (power rangers), boys won! We bragged and bragged, then hut building, boys against girls. I got super wet from the rain and from our group teacher tipping water on us. Our hut nearly caved in on us. But it was still really fun, even though it was a draw. When we got back we went to the Rec hut. After that we had dinner it was awesomely delicious. Then we did assembly. After assembly we had chocolate milk and slice. Then we went to bed.

3. Delicious. After that we went to the Rec hut. Girls won the sustainability challenge and then we went to our activities. I had bush walk next, it took about 10-15 min, it was fun but I didn’t think it would be as fun as the next activity. Our next activity in we had dinner - fish and chips. Yum. We went to the assembly room again. Then we had chocolate milk and slice.

4. We went to the assembly room. Then we had the farm. It was ok fun. We had second chance, which means you could do another activity. I did zipline. Then we had dinner. It was delicious. After that we went to bed.

5. We did archery, that was awesome. It was amazing even though yellow group won.
Woorabinda School Camp

On the 26th of May, I woke up at 5:30am to get to Ararat at 6:45am. When Mum and I got to the town hall in Ararat it was dark and freezing cold! There where only a few people waiting there to go to Woorabinda school camp. But a couple of minutes later there were a lot more people. I got on the bus with Charlotte, Freddie, Jack, Jesse and kids from other schools. The bus trip took about 5 hours. When we were almost there we went past a BIG power station. The power station makes electricity by burning brown coal. It powers the whole of Gippsland.

Day 1:
When we got to Woorabinda I stepped off the bus and it was misty rain. The teachers told us a few things and put us into our groups. I was in orange group with Jack. We walked through the bush until we got to the old cookout. When we got to the new cookout we cooked sausages with carrot, pumpkin and potato. They were cooked over the fire by the teachers. When we got back to Woorabinda we got our luggage and were shown where we were going to sleep. There was the girl dorm and the boy dorm. My roommate was called Nikita and she was from red group. For tea it was pasta night. I had lasagne but I didn’t have dessert, which was apple crumble. I had a good sleep that night.

Day 2:
For breakfast we had the choice of toast or cereal. Orange group’s first activity was going to Woorabinda camp’s farm. We fed the chooks, cows, sheep and alpacas. Our second activity was the high ropes course. The course was 8 metres high and I was a bit nervous. But when I was doing the course it was awesome! After tea, we did reflection writing and then we went into the ‘Rec hut’. In the Rec hut we had assembly. After assembly we did our night activity (also in the rec hut).

Day 3:
We got out of bed at the usual time which was 7:00am. Today’s duty group was orange. Duty group had to be ready for breakfast by 7:30am, but everyone else had to be ready by 8:00am. I stepped outside into the cold and walked to the door of the dining room. We went in and we had breakfast before the other groups came, then we set the tables and had everything ready. The other groups came in and had their breakfast. That day we did a lot of things. The first thing we did was hut building. It was girls against boys to see who could build the most waterproof hut. Boys won. We also did mapping and zip line. The zip line was amazing! We had tea, did reflection writing, had assembly and went to bed.

Day 4:
In the morning we had canoeing. I was with the teacher, Jackie. Then it was time for second chance. Second chance is where we could choose two activities that we wanted to do. I did zip line and high ropes. For tea we had burgers and sausages. The night activity was a night hike. We walked through the bush and into a paddock. The teacher told us all about the power station.

Day 5:
Today was the last day at Woorabinda. It was time for ‘The Quest’. Each colour group got split into three groups but still worked together as one big group. The three groups were, ‘early settlers’, ‘hunters and gathers’ and ‘marines’. I was an early settler, and our job was to find the quest cookout and then light a fire. The marines got the recipe to make tea. The hunters and gathers found the ingredients to make the tea. We then boiled the tea over the fire and then one of the staff had to drink it.

Sophia
On Monday the 26th of May, Grade four and five kids went to the school camp Woorabinda for the school week. It was six o’clock when you had to wake up and for some five or five-thirty. When we got to the town hall we loaded our luggage and said a big goodbye and gave a hug to our mums and dads. It was a five-hour bus trip.

Day 1:
When we got there, we had to go down to the main assembly point where there were coloured tables. At the start we had no idea what the colours meant because on the note it said numbers not colours. Besides that, we didn’t know what number matched what colour. Thankfully they read out the colours as well as the names of the people in that group. None of the Maroona kids were in blue. I was in green, Jesse was in yellow, Freddie was in red, Sophia and Jack were in orange. After everybody was in their group I realised that I was with one of my kinder friends. By the time we got sorted it was lunch. Green group went with blue and orange, red and yellow went together. We cooked sausages and vegetables together in foil - it was delicious. Soon after we ate our sausages we went back to camp. We had to get our luggage. When we got our luggage we had to find our dorms there was a girl’s dorm and a boy’s dorm. I shared a dorm with three other people I was with Poppy, Parker and Hannah, but after a while Poppy’s friend got homesick, so Poppy shared with her. At dark we had an assembly, had tea and we did reflection writing.

Day 2:
Today green group went canoeing. I wore some black leggings and a white tee-shirt, then put on my life jacket. This is when I made a new friend. That didn’t last very long. Anyway, her name was Victoria. I went canoeing with her, we canoed to an island there. Normally it would be covered but it hadn’t been raining.

Day 3:
On Wednesday we did high ropes. I was so excited. We walked up to the low ropes course but that was easy. After the low ropes it was time for the high ropes. I was so excited, but when I got up there I was petrified. It was easy with the metal plank then it had some springy planks, I was surprised I didn’t get blisters on the net.

Day 4:
Today was the last full day. I was excited because we were doing the zip line. When we got up there we had to get our harnesses on. It was hard, especially because I was the big size, which meant I had to pull them tight. Then it was my turn. I was pumped. I jumped off the platform. It was so much fun, we had at least eight goes. I did something different on each go and never landed properly. After zip line it was second chance. For second chance I did archery and art.

Day 5:
Today was the last day. Everybody had to pack their stuff and put it in the luggage rooms. Then it was a quest. I was a marine. The other three groups were the hunters and gathers - they collected ingredients for the recipe. The marines had to get the pieces for the recipe. The early settlers created the fire to cook the ingredients. Then our time was up and we were ready to see which coloured group won. It was yellow! After that we had to get on to the bus to go back to our stops. When we got back to the town hall I gave my mum a big hug, and Grace too.

Charlotte
V.C.O.P. As part of assessment and reporting the F-2 students recently completed a Cold Write titled ‘My Weekend’ in the format of a Recount. Not only will you enjoy hearing about the students’ action packed weekends but you’ll also get to enjoy their great writing:

My Weekend - Max
On the weekend we planted 28 trees. We planted them next to the house and we lit a bonfire. We had some marshmallows. We had fun.

My Weekend - William
My sister Juju had a birthday.

My Weekend - Emma
I did a fire with Hamish.

My Weekend - Ned
On the weekend we went to the footy. My family went to the dreamtime match. We got Lego.

My Weekend - Thomas
I went to the football. I sold tickets.

My Weekend - Rowly
We planted 15 plants. We went to the footy. Max played footy.

My Weekend - Lucy
I played shops with Charlotte.

My Weekend - Charley
My weekend was fun. I had a sausage. I had a fire.

My Weekend - Will
During the weekend I went to my grandma’s. We got the bulls and we brought them back and then hunted the chickens. We hunted the bulls because the bulls kept jumping the fence and then we hunted the chooks up to my grandma and pa’s sheds and put the chooks in. It was the best weekend.

My Weekend - Kiora
My weekend was the best. On Friday we went to the Pub and I ate all my dinner. Then I had a chocolate Easter egg. Then I went home. The next day we cleaned Moyston. Then we watched Aladdin at the movies and it was the best day. I had the best day ever.
**My Weekend - Harry**
On Saturday Scarlett had a birthday. On Saturday the people that were there were Roger, Debbie, Megan and Jessie. We had cake. It was a fun birthday.

**My Weekend - Eddie**
My weekend was the best day because I did lots of things. On Saturday I played football. It was black against red. We won. Saturday night we watched Richmond against Essendon. We won. It was the best weekend. Again, I am looking forward to it.

**My Weekend - Grace**
I had an extreme time on the weekend. On Friday me and Lucy had a party that Charlotte is going to Woorabinda. On Saturday I went to the football. I played the game. On Sunday me and Lucy had a party again. Me and Lucy had an awesome time. I want to do it again.

**My Weekend - Olivia**
During the weekend my Dad broke the boom spray. I also made a cake. On Friday I made a cake. On the same day Dad broke the boom spray. I went to Tatyoon and my mum was on canteen. I helped at the canteen with the lollies. It was fun. Mum made some pumpkin soup and it was delicious. It was fun on my weekend. It was exciting. I am looking forward for another weekend.

**My Weekend - Josh**
My weekend was amazing. Here we go, from Friday to Sunday. On Friday I went to the Pub for at least 3 hours. On fantastic footy day (Saturday) we had a lot of fun footy. Me and Rowly took the raffle around the footy field then got a Mars bar. On Sunday I played computer games. Well that’s the end of the 3 day school break.

**My Weekend - Minty**
It is going to the best weekend. On Friday the Rees and the McAdie’s and the Days had dinner at the Pub. On Saturday we went to Horsham. We saw our cousins. On Sunday we went to Moyston. Mum cleaned Moyston. We went shopping and then went home. It was the best weekend.

**My Weekend - Alice**
What a weekend. I had an amazing weekend. On Sunday Mum, Jackie and I were moving mum and Jackie’s desks to where Mum’s desk is. We did it because we just wanted to. My uncle came over. He went camping next to the dam. It is awesome. I loved it. I bet you would too.

**My Weekend - Archie**
My weekend was a blastar! I will tell you about it... On Sunday I did this first. I had brekkie then I played in my cubby with Meg. Next I went on the computer. Then I rode my bike up the hill to the chooks. Mum took for ages. I went back as she was pulling out. Then I had dinner. It was a really good day. I hope it happens again.

**My Weekend - Emily**
My weekend was so good. It is time for another weekend and it is going to be good. On Friday it was Alice’s party. We played some games. She invited Indi, Scarlett and Annabelle. Then on Saturday we went to the football. My sister played full back. Then on Sunday we had a home day but Mum helped me make a Lego house. My weekend was fantastic and I enjoyed it. What a fun weekend.
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(Barkly Street, Ararat)

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