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## Maroota Matters

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Koby, Rocky and family to Maroota Public School. I am sure that they will enjoy the experiences that our wonderful community school has to offer. Our first school assembly will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9:15am in the school hall. We hope that you can all join us as we meet our new SRC representatives and library monitors and watch K/1/2 present their class item.

### Term 1 Calendar 2018

All families have received a Term 1 calendar. Please note that while we aim to provide families with prior notice of school activities, dates are subject to change.

We look forward to regularly sharing with our community the wonderful opportunities and achievements of our students. Stay up-to-date with news and events through the skoolbag app.  
<https://www.moqproducts.com.au/skoolbag/parents>



View class activities, whole school and student stories on ClassDojo



**ClassDojo**

### Staff Professional Development

Professional learning is a key component of continuous improvement for all teaching and non-teaching staff in schools. It allows staff to develop skills, knowledge and understandings which facilitate the learning outcomes of students. There will be days when staff are required to attend professional learning sessions and, on these days, teachers will ensure that there will be minimal disruption to students and their learning.

As part of my own professional learning, I will be attending the Principal's Induction Conference from Wednesday through to Friday of this week. The conference will be beneficial in allowing me to deepen my understanding of the role and build networks with other principals and departmental staff.

## Diary Dates

### Week 4

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**

**Book Club Iss 1 due**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

**Sport**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

**NO Tuckshop**

### Week 5

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar**

**Sport**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar**

**Tuckshop**

**Clean Up Aust Day 9-10am**

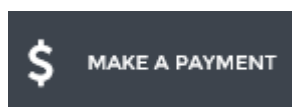
## Best Start

Kindergarten students are currently undertaking Best Start Assessments. Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is not a test. Its purpose is to help the teacher gather information to guide the teaching of individual students within the class. It looks at the child's early reading and writing, their ability to communicate with others, and how they recognise and work with numbers, groups and patterns.

Feedback will be provided to parents/carers about what we have learnt through the assessment process by the end of week 7.

## Activity Levy

At Maroota Public School we endeavour to make it easier for families and let them know how much it will cost for their child/ren to participate in various activities throughout the year. The School Activities Levy covers expenses and activities which relate to ALL children in the school. This means that exercise books, specialist art materials, textbooks, photocopying and **some** whole school excursions/incursions are covered by the levy. Where families have not paid the activity levy or made arrangements with the Principal, payment for excursions will be requested. A note has been sent home with your child providing further details about the 2018 School Activities Levy.



## Parent Online Payment (POP)

Parents are able to make payments for their children using the POP option on our school website [www.maroota-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.maroota-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2019

Year 6 parents are invited to complete the Expression of Interest form in the *Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2019 booklet* to indicate their preference for the school in which they would like to enrol their child for Year 7. If you are unsure of your child's local NSW government school please contact Mrs Reinicke. If your child will not be attending a NSW government school in 2019 please advise Mrs Dorbis.

## Leadership Camp 2018

Congratulations to Maddison, Clayton and Darcy on their representation at the 2018 Leadership Camp. By all reports they had a fun time and enjoyed getting to know and working with the other 2018 school leaders from across the Hawkesbury.

## Coles Sports for Schools

Our school is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools program. For every \$10 spent at Coles customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher. Students can bring their vouchers and place them in the collection bin in the front office. Each voucher received will go towards the school's tally and help to order sports equipment. If you shop online select our school from the drop-down menu and we will be given a digital voucher.

## Busways – Opal Cards

Busways have asked us to remind families about the need for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they are travelling to school on the bus. Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services.

If students don't Tap on and Tap off, services may be cancelled or reduced due to the lack of recorded patronage. We remind students each afternoon about the importance of having their opal card with them and about Tapping on and off during each trip.

Busways will also continue to conduct boarding checks on School Opal cards over the coming months. Students without an Opal Card will be given a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card. School bus passes are issued by Transport NSW. The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel from home to school. To check out student eligibility or apply for a bus pass visit:

[https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolTravelPasses#/  
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If your child has commenced Year 3 in 2018, you will be required to apply for a new bus pass, as it is not automatically issued.

## School Uniform

Our school community endorses, supports and expects students to be in uniform. In endorsing the wearing of uniform by all students in the school, we recognise the principles of equity and safety for all students. Uniform is an important part of the development of the school as it presents the first (and often lasting) impression people form about our school and its students.

It is pleasing to see that all students are wearing correct school uniform. Please continue to ensure that students are wearing the correct uniform as they leave for school each day. Just a reminder that coloured sneakers and laces are not part of the school uniform.

*Deirdre Dorbis*  
(Rel)Principal



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Jordin	5	10/02
Tarnoo	8	12/02
Emma	5	25/02



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# SPOTLIGHT ON

## Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to our elected SRC representatives for 2018. These students will be working with Mrs Coleman to promote the views of students and participate in school decision making.

Year 1 - Alina

Year 4 – Jett and Madeline

Year 2 - Lillyamber

Year 5 - Mathew

Year 3 - Knox

Year 6 – Maddison, Clayton, Darcy



*EASTER Service Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March*

*SCHOOL PHOTOS Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March*

Family student photo orders – please contact office for envelope



## SPORTS REPORT

### Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the Maroota Public School Swim Team who competed at the Hawkesbury OASIS on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. All students swam extremely well and their behaviour was outstanding. Congratulations to Darcy and Lucy on placing in a number of events. Our mixed relay team consisting of Darcy, Clayton, Lucy and Jett also won the Peter Dobson Relay. The Hawkesbury District Carnival will be held at Hawkesbury OASIS on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Ribbons from the Smalls Schools Carnival will be presented at assembly on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## Parking Rules & Penalties

**Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.**

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. When an offence is detected, you will be fined.



**NO STOPPING**  
You must not **STOP** at any time. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

**SCHOOL ZONE**  
Penalty from \$330 and 2 demerit points



**BUS ZONES**  
You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

**SCHOOL ZONE**  
Penalty from \$330 and 2 demerit points



**NO PARKING**  
You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

**SCHOOL ZONE**  
Penalty from \$183 and 2 demerit points



**DRIVEWAYS**  
You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway. You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

**SCHOOL ZONE**  
Penalty from \$257 and 2 demerit points

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**THE HILLS**  
Sydney's Garden State



Free - Come and Try BMX Day on 25/2/18



**RIDE IN 2 BMX**  
Your chance to try BMX!

Club  
Hawkesbury Hornets  
BMX Club

Date  
25/2/18  
11am &  
1 pm

Location  
Colbee Park  
Bismarck St  
McGroths Hill

