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Maroota Matters

As we approach the end of first term, we can look back and proudly celebrate the achievements of our students. All students have worked extremely hard this term and continue to achieve their personal best in all areas. We are looking forward to celebrating a number of special events over the coming weeks – MMWaC Connecting to Culture Day, School Photo Day, Easter Service, Drama Incursion, State Swimming Carnival and Cross Country.

P & C Annual General Meeting

The P & C is a key stakeholder in Maroota Public School that assists with communication between parents and the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the office holders for 2017. It is due to the P & C, that the children at Maroota Public School enjoy such wonderful learning opportunities and access to the latest technologies.

The executive for 2018 is:

President – Kate McDonough

Vice President – Lisa Aylward

Vice President – Kirsty Higson

Secretary – Sharyn Davies

Ass. Secretary – Kirsty Higson

Treasurer – Valerie Harper

Vice Treasurer – Lucinda Harrex

Tuckshop – Lisa Aylward

Uniforms – Kate McDonough

OOSH Chairperson – Olivia Graham

Muster Co-ordinator – vacant

Events Co-ordinator – Olivia Graham

Sandmining Liaison – Lisa Aylward

The P&C are looking for someone to take on the position of Muster Co-ordinator, please see Kate if you are able to help out with this role.

Diary Dates

Week 8

Thursday 22nd March

- Scripture
- Sport

Friday 23rd March

- MMWaC Connecting to Culture Day
- **No Tuckshop**

Week 9

Tuesday 27th March

- School photos

Wednesday 28^h March

- Book club Issue - 2 orders due

Thursday 29th March

- Scripture Easter Play
- Sport

Friday 30th March

- Good Friday - Public Holiday

Week 9

Monday 2nd April

- Easter Monday – Public Holiday

MOOSH

Maroota Out of
School Hours Care

4540 Old Northern
Rd - Maroota 2756

MOOSH Mobile

0490 850 738

7AM—8.40AM

3PM-6PM

Breakfast and
afternoon tea
provided



*MMWaC CONNECTING
TO CULTURE DAY*

23rd March

SCHOOL PHOTOS

27th March

EASTER SERVICE

29th March

Attendance

It is a legal requirement that your child attends school every day unless an illness or other important matter prevents this. If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school, they will have missed over a year of school.

Please ensure that the school is notified as soon as possible if your child/children are absent from school. Parents/caregivers can complete the absentee form on the skoolbag app or contact the school directly on 4566 8231. Alternatively, a note may be sent to school with your child/children upon their return. The note must indicate the specific reason for the absence. This information is required for Departmental records.

Tell them from me survey (TTFM)

The TTFM survey is an evaluation system for measuring student engagement, well-being, classroom climate and other factors known to affect learning outcomes. Information is captured from students, parents and teachers to inform student policy and practice.

Students in years 3 to 6 will be participating in the survey, which will take place this term 1. Consent forms will be sent home by the end of the week – they only need to be returned if you do not wish your child to participate.



MMWaC Connecting to Culture Day

The MMrWaC Connecting to Culture Day is a great chance for our school to combine with our neighbouring schools and celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity and the message is 'everyone belongs'.

The students will participate in four different activities that reflect the cultures of South America, Japan, France and Africa. Students may wear orange (orange does not mean red or pink) or cultural dress. If your child does not wear orange or cultural dress, they will be required to wear school uniform.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge commenced on Monday 5th March and closes on Friday 31st August 2018. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

Maroota Public School urges all students to participate in the challenge, we ask parents and carers to support their child by encouraging them to read each day at home, and we will support them to read each day at school.



Easter Service

We are looking forward to the annual Easter service, which will take place in the school hall on Thursday March 29 commencing at 9:15am. Our very dedicated scripture teachers have been working with our students to coordinate this year's service and we are looking forward to enjoying this very special event with our families and friends.

At the conclusion of the Easter play, I would like to invite all of our families and friends to stay for morning tea. We ask that all families contribute a plate of food to share as we celebrate Easter. The students will participate in an Easter egg hunt provided by the P&C.

Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed

Recently I had a chat with Adrian from the Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed. We spoke about the activities offered at the Men's shed and the exciting plans they have to support our community. Adrian also dropped off sample paint pots so that we will be able to decorate our sheep for the Hawkesbury show.

The members of the Men's shed have been overwhelmed by the community support offered to them in establishing and building their shed and they are offering support back to the community where they can.

The Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed is licensed to hold raffles. They have secured some fantastic prizes for their current raffle and have asked us to send home tickets to our families. There is no obligation for families to purchase tickets and we asked that if you do not wish to participate for you to just to send your booklet of tickets back. Each family has a mini-booklet of five tickets. More tickets are available from the front office. The prizes and details for this raffle are outlined on the back of the newsletter.

Please return all tickets to school no later than Friday 11th May 2018

Deirdre Darbis

(Rel) Principal

Library

Monday 3-4-5-6

Wednesday K-1-2

Students are encouraged to bring a library bag each week and borrow. Sometimes due to Principal commitments library lessons may not happen on the day specified. Every effort is made to ensure that the children are given the opportunity to borrow.

There will also be some disruption to library this term, whilst we get ready to move the current library to its new home. Library lessons may not take place in the physical building but they have been taking place in the classroom. Thank you for your understanding.



Easter Service – Thursday 29th March – 9:15am

All welcome. Morning tea following service.

Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea.



SPOTLIGHT ON 3/4/5/6

The students in 3/4/5/6 have been working extremely hard this term. They are enjoying listening to the story 'Wonder' and we are looking forward to watching the movie at the end of term. We have been working on our persuasive writing and have learnt how to use the OREO technique to structure our paragraphs. The students have been polishing their skills in beginning their writing with a Sizzling Start. The students are enjoying science lessons on Friday's with Mr Eldridge. This term they have been investigating the topic 'What's the Matter' and have loved conducting the experiments. Congratulations to the students on their rap performance of 'Respect' at last week's assembly – a very fitting rap to perform on Bullying, No Way Day.

Science Fun with Mr Eldridge



Term 1 - Sport

- Thursday 10-11am
- Students wear sports uniform.
- Students who regularly wear correct school uniform may wear school representative apparel on Thursdays.

SPORTS REPORT



Sydney West PSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our Peter Dobson Relay team of Clayton, Lucy, Jett and Cristian who swam extremely well winning their race at the Sydney West PSSA Swimming Carnival. We wish them all the best when they compete at the NSWPSA State Swimming Championships on April 12.



Premiers Sporting Challenge

The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) encourages all students in public schools to be more active, more often by increasing their participation in sport and physical activity.

Students and staff will be participating in the 10-week challenge. Award levels for the 10 week challenge reflect a daily activity time commitment - either as part of a class or team or as an individual. All types of moderate to vigorous physical activities can count toward an award. Activities may include time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, before or after school and on weekends



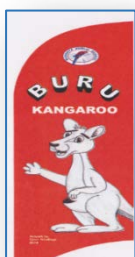
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

No birthdays to report this newsletter.



Phone: 4574 9200

House Points



BURU

110



JAMAL

140



MARIONG

220

P&C Minutes of Meeting – 14th March 2018

Start: 2.00pm

Attendees: Kirsty Higson, Deirdre Dorbis, Lisa Aylward, Val Harper, Kate McDonough, Oliva Graham, Lucinda Harrex, Sharyn Davies

Mail

Treasurer – 3
MOOSH – 0
Fundraising – 1
Uniform – 0
Tuckshop – 2
President - 2

Treasurers Report

Currently we have \$33,937 available
Rebecca Andrews has done the audit

Tuck Shop

Letter out asking for volunteers

Fundraising

Fundraising Initiative – Family Photographer – Mel
\$25 For sitting fee that goes direct to school
Sunday 6th May from 9am
At the school
Arrive 10 mins early
Information flyer available at school
Please see a teacher or contact Kirsty Higson to book your time

Uniforms

All okay at this stage.

MOOSH

Internal MOOSH meeting to be held.

Principals report – see attached

Next P&C Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th April at 2pm – all welcome.

Meeting Closed at 3pm.

Principals Report – P&C Meeting – 14th March 2018

Class Structure

- Current enrolments – 31 students
- K/1/2
 - 16 students – Kindy – 9 students; Year 1 – 4 students; Year 2 – 3 students.
 - Class teacher – Mrs Coleman
- 3/4/5/6
 - 15 students – Year 3 – 5 students; Year 4 – 5 students; Year 5 – 2 students; Year 6 – 3 students
 - Class teachers – Mr Eldridge and Mrs Dorbis
 - Mr Eldridge is programming for Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4
 - Mrs Dorbis is programming for Stage 3 – Year 5 and 6
- Instructional Leader role – Mrs Dorbis
 - I have taken on an Instructional role. This role means supporting both teacher with their teaching practice. It means that I am working in both classrooms in a team teaching role. Monday and Tuesday – 3/4/5/6; Wednesday – K/1/2
- RFF (Release from Face-to-Face)
 - Each teacher is entitled to 2 hours per week. Time is used by teachers for planning, testing, assessment.
 - Mr Eldridge is taking all grades for Personal Development and Health. Topics addressed are Child Protection; Drug Education; Road Safety
 - Mrs Dorbis – K – 6 library

Positive Promotion

- Can I ask that when we are speaking about the school within the wider community that we discuss the positive aspects of what is happening at our school.

Professional Development

- Professional development is essential for all staff, both teaching and non-teaching. It allows staff to develop their professional practise and improve the learning outcomes for students. Staff Development Days are Professional Development opportunities.
- Professional learning will be aligned with our school plan. This year we have already undertaken PD in growth mindset; I attended the Principal's Induction conference; the meetings I attend throughout the term are part of my PD and assist with the operation of the school; next semester we will be undertaking PD in Visible learning (3 year commitment). Mrs Coleman and Mr Eldridge are attending the Beginning Teachers Conference next week and Mr Eldridge is attending training in managing difficult behaviours.

School Plan

- We are currently working on the 2018-2020 school plan
- Strategic Directions – Engaged Resilient Learners and Quality Collaborative Teaching

Bus Bay Fence

- The fence separating the bus bay from the road has been replaced.

Kitchen

- WHS – locks on cupboard doors. Can we please make sure that the washing up is dried and put away.
- We need to look into the functionality of the kitchen/tuckshop space. It is tired and dated. There are a number of WHS concerns. Biggest concern is the outdated cooktop (induction cooktop)
- I am meeting someone from assets management next week and I will be discussing the space with him.
- Possible solution – Kitchen Kart – \$23,500

MMWaC Connecting to Culture Day

- Friday 23rd March joining with Macdonald Valley; Cattai and Wiseman Ferry
- Celebrating 'Harmony Day'
- Students will be involved in four different activities that have a cultural focus. Activities have been organised by the staff at each of the schools.
- Students will take a journey to Japan; France, South America and Africa
- Maroota was responsible for sharing African culture and we have organised for an African drumming group to come in and work with the students.

Drama Incursion

- Wednesday April 4 we have a drama group visiting
- Performance is covered by the activities levy
- Australian Playhouse
- Red Riding Robin Hood

Easter Service

- Morning tea? Easter eggs

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Wish List

- Term 2 sport – athletics – approximately \$800
- Term 3 – Tys Fun Fitness – approximately \$1000
- Finishing hall – organise blinds for the back of the hall; audio-visual setup updated.
- Reading Eggs and Mathletics subscription - \$19 per child – total - \$589

Deirdre Dorbis
Relieving Principal

Richmond Community Services Inc. & Neighbourhood Centre

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<u>Beating Bullying</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 28th March 2018	6.30 - 9pm
<u>Helping Teens with Risky Behaviours</u>	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of teens	Weds 4th April 2018	6.30 - 9pm
<u>Toddler Behaviour - Tactics for Parents</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 11th April 2018	10am - 12.30pm
<u>My Space - Your Space—Socialisation Skills for Primary School Kids</u>	For Primary school children aged 5- 8years	Tuesday 17th April 2018	9.30am - 12.30pm
<u>Stress Management for Dads</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads	2 x Monday evenings 30th April & 7th May 2018	6.30-9pm

**HILLS HAWKS
FOOTBALL CLUB**

2018 SOCCER SEASON

PLAYERS NEEDED.

PLAYERS NEEDED.

REGISTRATIONS STILL OPEN

WE NEED to FILL SPOTS in U5/6/7's and U11/12/13 Ages

Contact: Carolyn Dawson - hfhcregistrar@gmail.com 0412 996 779

Go to - www.hillshawksfc.com.au



Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed Inc 1301543

Raffle Prizes

Ticket Price: \$2.00 each

Drawn on Thursday 24th May 2018 WF Bowling Club

3 metre Flat Bottom Tinnie + Oars + Safety Equipment

Donated by Blakes Marine

1 Railway Road North

Mulgrave NSW 2756

2 Days Accommodation and Meals Wisemans Ferry Hotel Units

Donated by Wisemans Ferry Hotel

5545 Old Northern Rd

WISEMANS FERRY NSW 2775

•\$1000 Landscaping material from Turtle or \$1000 from their nursery

Donated by Turtle Nursery

Cnr Windsor & Rouse Roads

PO Box 3024 Rouse Hill NSW 2155

Two x \$100 Easy Lane food vouchers

Donated by Windsor RSL

36 Argyle St, South Windsor NSW 2756

Ryobi Petrol Blower donated by U-Do-It & Local Wisemans Ferry IGA store
WFCMS

Bunnings Vouchers

Pallet misc Tools and Hardware bundle

Donated by Achesons home hardware @ Forbes

Packs of fruit or vegs

Donated by Barry Roberts (local identity)

Ladies personal makeup bundle

Donated by IGA Wisemans Ferry