



# Maroota Matters

## Diary Dates

### Week 6

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

- Scripture
- Sport

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

- Sport
- Tuckshop
- Assembly – 9:15am

### Week 7

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

- Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

- Toasty Cheese Tuesday

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

- P&C meeting – 2pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

- Scripture
- Sport

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

- Sport
- Tuckshop

### Week 8

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June

- MMWaC Connecting on Culture Day



Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
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Education

## From the Principal's Desk

We are now past the half way mark of term 2. We have enjoyed many great learning opportunities already this term and are looking forward to participating in many more. Over the coming weeks, we have the following events to look forward to – MMWaC Connecting on Country Day; 3/4/5/6 NSW PSSA Knockout touch football match; a visit from Healthy Harold and our athletics carnival. During the colder terms we are also enjoying toasty cheese Tuesday, every second week.

**Do not forget the Queen's birthday long weekend and enjoy the day off on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

### School Community Charter

NSW Public Schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for. The best education happens when students, parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive. The School Community Charter is attached to this week's newsletter.

### Maroota's Biggest Morning Tea

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is the easiest way to bring people together to raise funds that will make a big difference to those impacted by cancer; and our morning tea did just that!

The cold conditions and windy weather did not prevent us from gathering around to enjoy a cuppa and a nibble on something sweet.

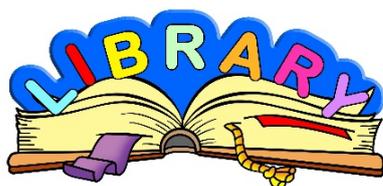
We raised \$155, a great effort for our small community.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on the day and contributed to our delicious morning tea. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of the Maroota community.



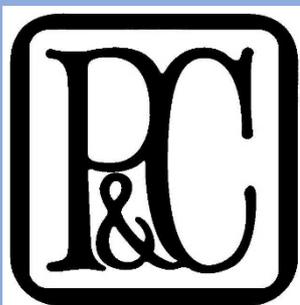
Belated wishes to:

Jett 27/05 11  
Santina 03/06 6



K/1/2 – Monday

3/4/5/6 - Monday



Meeting Date:

June 12 @ 2pm

MOOSH building

All Welcome

### Illness

As we move into the colder months, children become susceptible to colds, flus and other ailments. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. Whilst we all ensure good hygiene practises, it is easy for winter bugs to spread and infect others. For safety's sake, if your child is unwell you should keep them home from school. If your child is sick and displays the following symptoms, it may be best to keep them away from school and see your family doctor.

- A fever of 38 degrees or above
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Severe cold or flu symptoms
- Rashes of an unknown origin

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illnesses and how long sick kids need to miss school. Additional information can be found by following the link below>

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/family-wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

### Hawkesbury Enrichment Program

Yesterday I handed out acceptance letters for the Hawkesbury Enrichment program. Our school had a 73% acceptance rate but unfortunately some children did miss out, due to high demand and restricted numbers for each course. The successful nominees need to complete and return the permission note/medical details form for me to sign and then take it with them to their respective course. May I suggest that each parent phones the nominated school the day before each course is presented, to double check dates/times/course? If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask me.

### Henny Penny Hatching Program

Over the last two weeks our school was involved in the Henny Penny Hatching Program. The program enabled our students to watch chickens hatch from the egg and grow and develop into soft fluffy chicks. Students were involved in caring for the chicks and learning about their needs during the beginning days of their life. In science and technology, we learnt about the life cycle of the chicken and also about what they needed for survival. There was much excitement among the students and staff as each chick hatched. We loved checking them out each morning and especially loved holding them. It was great to hear the squeals of delight and excitement from all students as they interacted with the chicks. I would like to thank the P&C for funding this program for our students.

### Kindergarten Enrolment for 2018

It's that time of the year when we start planning for Kindergarten orientation and transition. As we are all well aware, school staffing allocations for the following year is based on actual numbers and therefore applications of enrolment are needed for accurate projection.

We are currently accepting enrolments for 2020. If you have a child, or know of a child, who will be starting school next year, please contact the school office to organise their enrolment.

**Please note:** a child can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five on or before 31 July in that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.

Deirdre Dorbis  
(Rel) Principal



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3PM-6PM

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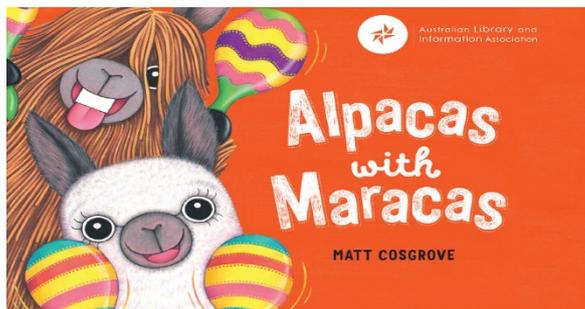
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# Spotlight on National Simultaneous Storytime



On Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May all students at Maroota Public School got to participate in a special event known as the 'National Simultaneous Story Time' day. This event involves all students across Australia simultaneously reading a story with their class teacher and class mates at the time of 11:40am. This year's story was called 'Alpacas with Maracas' which is written by Matt Cosgrove. The students at Maroota thoroughly enjoyed hearing the story and continued talking about it for days after the event which was wonderful. After the story was read, all of the students were then able to create their very own alpaca with help from Mrs Coleman, Miss Bennett and Miss Leanne. They turned out great! The students were then able to take them home to show their families.

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## Alpacas with Maracas

MATT COSGROVE

### NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Wednesday 22 May 2019

#NSS2019 #1millionkidsreading  
[www.alia.org.au/nss](http://www.alia.org.au/nss)

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## Sports Report

### Small Schools Cross Country

The track was harsh that day, my friends. Sweat pouring like a waterfall, heart beating a percussion, legs on fire...and that was just me walking up the hill to my observation post on the course.

The Maroota team performed admirably and more importantly, were great sports and really well behaved. There were some very impressive individual results with a number of high finishing positions. Congratulations!

From watching this event unfold and sitting at my post on top of the hill, I started thinking. You see, for me, life is a lot like a cross country race and while getting a good start is important, it matters far more where we are positioned when we finally reach the finish line. Navigating our way through life involves effort and there will inevitably be a lot of ups and downs and twists and turns along the way. Having endurance and the ability to stick to the course and not give up even when things get difficult will serve us better than short-lived bursts of effort every now and then.

They won't send me up a hill again 😊

Mrs Coleman

### District Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations Knox, Jett and Mathew on your representation at the District Cross Country Carnival on Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> at Cattai National Park. All boys were competitive on the day. Knox placed first in the 8/9 year old age group and Jett placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 11 year age group. Knox and Jett will compete at the Regional carnival to be held at Eastern Creek on Wednesday June 12. We wish them all the best.

## HOUSE POINTS

JAMAL

1630

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1775

MARIONG

2920

### Positive Behaviour for Learning:

#### Focus Behaviour

This week we will be reminding students that at Maroota we:

Applying effort in all areas of learning.



# P&C Minutes of Meeting – 15<sup>TH</sup> May 2019

Start: 2.00pm

Attendees: Lisa Aylward, Kate McDonough, Olivia Graham, Lucinda Harrex, Sharyn Davies, Valerie Harper

**Apologies:** Deirdre Dorbis, Kirsty Higson

## **Discussion Points:**

Trees in the concreted area around where the kids have their lunch need to be removed.

Henny Penny Chicks Program, commenced on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. They will be based in the K,1,2 Classroom with Miss Bennett.

Discussed uses for the unused area behind the MOOSH building – Look at turning this into a veggie garden, or possibly a chicken yard? Need to look into getting a grant or doing a working bee for this area.

Earn and Learn stickers through Woolworths are being collected by the school. Look to purchase more sporting equipment, basket balls etc?

Toasty Cheese Tuesday – Could we possibly make it an option to pay online for a term in advance?

School behaviour policy review – held over to the next P & C meeting when Mrs Dorbis is present. As Mrs Dorbis will be addressing this policy at the next P&C meeting, if anyone has any issues please see her in advance.

## **Treasurers Report**

Currently we have \$32,719 available.

## **Fundraising**

Maroota Muster is fast approaching, need to start assigning jobs etc. Notes to go out for parent helpers on the day and also for baked goods to be made and donated for the cake stall.

Mel Hayes Photography Fundraiser will happen again this year on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> November. There is a \$20 sitting fee which also includes 1 Family Photo Framed, then families have the option of purchasing a USB of all of their photos.

Krispy Kreme Fundraising possibility to be held over to next meeting as we ran short on time.

## **Uniforms**

Sport uniforms have been sourced and we can continue getting stock of our current sports shirt.

## **MOOSH**

We will be holding another MOOSH disco or movie night at the end of this term. Date and details to be advised.

We have received an email from the OOSH Association stating that all incident reports need to be filled out for every incident, this is a requirement by the governing association.

P & C Have reviewed the MOOSH policies and these new policies must be adhered to by all MOOSH participants. If you choose to use the MOOSH service you are agreeing to the policies and therefore must adhere to them.

Any act of physical violence against other students, staff or volunteers will result in an immediate review and possible suspension or banning. This is at the discretion of the P & C. This has been voted on by all present P & C Members and accepted by all.

## **Tuckshop**

This term we will be looking for a new supplier who will comply with the new regulations that are being brought in for all tuckshops and school canteens.

## **Principals report – See Attached**

Next P&C Meeting to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. (date subject to touch footy gala day)

Meeting Closed at 3pm.

## Principal's Report - P&C Meeting – May 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Term 2 Calendar**

- Attached to the Week 2 newsletter.
- Please note that dates are correct at time of printing but are subject to change

### **NAPLAN**

- Affects students in Years 3 and 5
- 2019 we are doing NAPLAN online
- Two week window from May 14 until May 24
- Students sat Writing test on Tuesday. Order of exams are Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy.
- NAPLAN testing will resume when Mrs D returns to school from illness, hopefully tomorrow

### **Assessment and Reporting**

- Semester 2 reports will be sent home on the last day of term 2
- As part of their teaching, teachers are continually monitoring and assessing student progress
- Teachers discussed student progress with parents who attended Parent/Teacher interviews at the end of last term.

### **Sport**

- Thank you to the P&C for all of the new basketball hoops and to Mr McDonough for installing them. They are being well utilised.
- Term 2 sport will take place on Thursdays and Fridays this term
- Student will participate in Athletics training on Thursdays. I would like to thank the P&C for continuing to fund this program
- School Athletics carnival to take place on Wednesday July 7. High jump for children aged 8 and up will take place in our sports session on a Thursday to be advised under the instruction of Margaret our qualified athletics coach.
- Tentative date for 3/4/5/6 Knockout touch football game is Wednesday June 12 and it will take place at Hillside Public School

### **Wakakirri**

- Show date will be between August 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Parramatta Riverside Theatre.
- All student will be participating as part of the school's Creative and Performing Arts program
- We will be asking assistance from parents and families to help with costumes and props
- We will be working with Footsteps to create a dance story of between 3 and 7 minutes to perform

### **School Counsellor**

- Running a resilience program on the Fridays even weeks with students in year 3/4/5/6
- Note will be sent home shortly

### Toasty Cheese Tuesday

- Students decided that it was better being held in the colder months.
- Will take place on Tuesdays of the odd week (opposite to newsletter week). Dates are on the calendar

### Professional Learning for staff

- Week 4 (next week) – Leanne and I are attending a two-day literacy course.
  - All teaching staff attending training with MMWaC community of schools Wednesday May 22 after school
- Week 5 – Mrs D. Principal’s network meeting (May 30)
- Week 6 – Mrs D. Small Schools Principal’s meeting (June 6)
- Week 9 – Hawkesbury Principal’s conference (June 27 and 28)

### Small Schools Athletics Carnival

- Term 3 Week 3 – Field events August 6; Track events August 9
- We are organising field events carnival
- P&C have opportunity to run the BBQ and canteen on the day. You will need to consider whether you wish to do this or whether I give the opportunity to another school.
- Good opportunity to make extra money, but will require extra work to organise and run on the day.
- I will need to know your decision as soon as possible because if you do not wish to run canteen I have to open it up to the other small schools.

Mrs Dorbis

Relieving Principal





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# **IT'S MOVIE NIGHT @ MOOSH!**

## **WEAR YOUR PJ'S OR ONESIES!**



You are invited to come to our Term 2

Movie Night & Mini Disco.

When: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Time: 3pm to 6pm



Theme: Wear your Winter PJ's or Onesies!

Book in advance: 0490 850 738 so you don't miss out!

Movie will be rated G or PG.

