



Maroota Matters

Diary Dates

Week 8

Wednesday 19th June

- P&C meeting – 2pm

Thursday 20th June

- Scripture
- Sport

Friday 21st June

- Sport
- Tuckshop

Week 9

Tuesday 26th June

- Toasty Cheese Tuesday
- Cool Kids Music

Thursday 27th June

- Scripture
- Sport

Friday 28th June

- Sport
- Tuckshop



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Education

From the Principal's Desk

The best part of my role as Principal is the daily interactions that I have with the students, whether it is inside the classroom, in our playground or out in the community, like yesterday when we visited Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. Our students are always happy and they are eager to learn and share their stories.

They all work hard in their classrooms and lots of positive learning is taking place, despite what they may tell you about their school day. I regularly complete walk-throughs and I love the enthusiasm that takes place in Mrs Coleman's maths classes and I particularly enjoy seeing the light-bulb moments of the students when the concept that they are learning clicks. There is lots of fantastic learning taking place in the K/1/2 classroom as well and I was pleased to be visited by two Kindergarten students who had completed some great writing about a 'hippo'. Over the past two weeks in Science and Technology, the students and I have been learning to code, that is write a series of simple steps to perform a task. We have been using code to program our robots – Dash and Cue. The squeals of delight and excitement as we interact with our robots is fantastic – who knew that learning could be so much fun.

Hawkesbury District Public Speaking Championships

Last night, Mrs Coleman, Miss Leanne and myself had the pleasure of joining the Graham family at the Hawkesbury District Public Speaking Championships, which were sponsored by Richmond Rotary Club. Cristian was a finalist at the Championships and delivered a speech about 'Holes.'

Participation in the Public Speaking Challenge enables children to:

- Develop skills in planning, organising and outlining a speech based on a central idea that communicates a message
- Improve their speaking skills
- Understand the importance of communication in human relationships.

The competition was tough, with participation of students from across eight schools throughout the Hawkesbury. The audience listened to speeches on 'World disasters', 'Does School Success Determine Success?', and 'Human Rights and Human Wrongs' just to name a few. Cristian overcame his nerves to deliver an engaging and funny speech on 'Holes', which gained him a special commendation from the judges. Public speaking for most people is a very daunting prospect but Cristian stepped out of his comfort zone and took it in his stride speaking in front of over 80 people. We are very proud of his achievement.

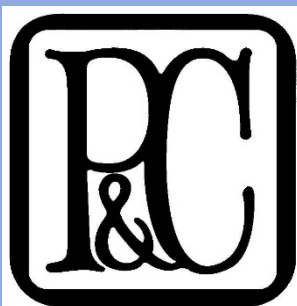


No birthdays this
newsletter



K/1/2 – Monday

3/4/5/6 - Monday



Meeting Date:

June 19 @ 2pm

MOOSH building

All Welcome

Parents Communicating with Staff

We understand that from time to time you may need to speak with your child's teacher about their schooling, please ensure that you contact the office to make a mutually convenient appointment time. Please be aware that teachers are extremely busy during the school day and may be attending meetings before and after school. Staff on duty have the responsibility of supervising the students and ensuring their safety within the playground and I ask that you refrain from discussing any issues with staff who are on playground supervision.

Classdojo is a wonderful means of sending a message to your child's teacher or myself, but please remember that staff do not have to respond to messages outside of school hours. This is also the case if someone attempts to make contact with myself via the school mobile phone outside of school hours. Please do not be offended if we do not respond to your messages immediately. For urgent matters, please contact the school office.

Healthy Harold is set to visit

The Life Education van will be visiting Maroota Public School on Thursday 4th July 2019. Life Education is a not for profit organisation that relies on funding within the community to assist in the functioning of the program. The purpose of this visit is for students to be involved in fun, engaging and interactive lessons designed to reinforce and teach concepts about a particular PDHPE topic. Students will also receive a workbook and a sticker as part of the program.

Students will have the option of purchasing merchandise which assists fundraising and all proceeds support Life Education within the local area. The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with item/s written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

Hawkesbury Principal's Conference – June 28th and 29th

I will be attending the Hawkesbury Principals Conference in Terrigal from 27-28th of June.

Deirdre Dorbis
(Rel) Principal





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Spotlight on Connecting on Culture Excursion



Yesterday, we enjoyed meeting up with our MMWaC friends at Brewongle EEC to learn about local Darug culture and traditions. The students were organised into four groups and rotated around the activities. At the lookout, with stunning views of the Derriban (Hawkesbury River), the students learnt about Aboriginal art and used symbols and ochre to paint their bodies. Gathering around the campfire a group of students assembled at the meeting place to learn the art of weaving and fire making. In the old school house, students were told stories about culture, the Dreaming and Aboriginal song lines by Darug educator, Erin. They were also introduced to artefacts that were used by Aboriginal people in their daily lives. The last activity involved a cultural walk around the grounds of Brewongle learning about local plants and their Aboriginal language names. Students found out about how Aboriginal people used these plants for food and medicines and learnt how the Darug people counted.





Sports Report

Sydney West Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to Knox and Jett who competed at Eastern Creek, last Wednesday as a member of the Hawkesbury team, at the Regional Cross Country carnival. Knox placed third in his age division and Jett placed fifteenth. Knox will now compete at the State carnival to be held Eastern Creek on July 26. We wish Knox all the best.

School Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday July 3rd, we will hold the school's athletics carnival. All students have been eagerly practising our skills through the LAPS program with Mrs Walker. Events to take place on the day will be our running races, discus, long jump and shot put. In order to run this carnival we will require parent assistance, if you are able to help out on the day could you please fill in the note sent home today and return to school as soon as possible. A highlight of our athletics carnival is the annual Year 6 vs Parents relay, so I hope that you are ready year 6.

We will be hosting our high jump competition for students who are 8 years old and up at school during our sports lesson on Thursday June 27 at 11:45am. Mrs Walker will be assisting us with this. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish to watch their children compete in the high jump.

NSW Small Schools Knockout Touch Football.

The students in 3/4/5/6 headed to Hillside Public School to participate in the State knockout touch football competition. After several weeks of practice the students were keen to demonstrate their football skills on the field.

Everybody put in an amazing effort and tried really hard for the duration of the game. Unfortunately, we went down 6-0 on the day. However, for their first competitive game of touch football all students did their best.

Thank you to Mrs Coleman and coach, Ken who worked really hard to teach the students the skills and rules needed to play touch football. Without, the dedication and commitment of our staff, the students would not have had the opportunity to play in this competition.



Positive Behaviour for Learning:

Focus Behaviour

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

Applying effort in all areas of learning.



HOUSE POINTS

JAMAL

500

BURU

610

MARIONG

620