



# Maroota Matters

## Diary Dates

### Week 2

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

- S.S Swimming Carnival
- Dance lessons

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

- Sport
- Tuckshop

### Week 3

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

- P&C AGM – 2pm  
MOOSH building

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

- Leadership Camp
- Dance lessons

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

- Leadership Camp
- Sport
- Tuckshop

### Week 4

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February

- Assembly – 9:15am  
Hall – K/1/2 item



Maroota Public School - 2018

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

## From the Principal's Desk

**Welcome back to all our students and their families for 2019.**

I would like to welcome our new students Emily, Logan, Santina and Jayla. I would also like to welcome Emily and Logan's family to our wonderful school. This year we welcome two new teachers, Miss Bennett and Mrs Sadler. I know that they will enjoy working with the students, families and staff at our magnificent school.

I would like to welcome back all our wonderful students. It was fantastic to see their smiling faces on their return to school last week. It has only been six weeks but many of them have grown taller, lost teeth (I am glad that this happened in the holidays), and they are sporting very nice suntans, after many hours of outdoor fun in the holidays.

### **Class Structure 2019**

We currently have 30 students enrolled, which entitles us to two full-time classroom teacher positions.

We would like to welcome Miss Bennett to Maroota Public School. Miss Bennett is excited to be teaching K-2. Mrs Coleman is very pleased to be at Maroota in 2019 and is enthusiastic about teaching 3-6. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Sadler to Maroota. Mrs Sadler is a trained library teacher and will be taking all students for library on a Monday. At this stage, I will be taking on the Learning and Support teacher role and will be teaching Science and Technology to both classes.

Mrs Reinicke will continue to work as our School Administration Manager (SAM), Monday through to Wednesday and every second Thursday. Miss Leanne will also be working with us in her role as our Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO).

The official school numbers must be submitted to the (DoE) Department of Education in the coming weeks, which will determine our 'actual' staffing allocation for 2019. I would like to thank the staff for their enthusiasm and support in these early days of Term 1.

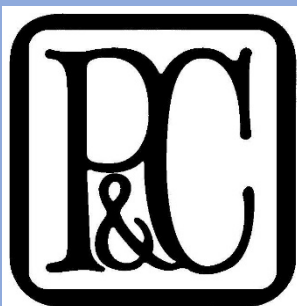


Jordin	10/02	6
Logan	11/02	6
Tarnoo	15/02	9



K/1/2 – Monday

3/4/5/6 - Monday



**Meeting Date: AGM**

**February 13 @ 2pm**

**MOOSH building**

**All Welcome**

### Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet

On Tuesday February 12, we have an opportunity for you to come along and meet your child's teacher. The Teacher Meet and Greet will give you the chance to find out about the teacher expectations and routines in your child's classroom. It will also provide you with information on how you are able to assist your child with their schooling in the home environment.

We will provide afternoon tea from 3:00pm until 3:20pm. Parents of students in K/1/2 can meet Miss Bennett in the K/1/2 classroom from 3:20pm until 3:40pm. Mrs Coleman is looking forward to chatting with parents of 3/4/5/6 students in their classroom from 3:45pm until 4:05pm.

### Communication

Communicating with our families is extremely important. We have a number of avenues that we use to communicate with our families. We have the Skookbag app, which can be downloaded on your Smartphone (instructions included with this week's newsletter). There is the school website - <https://maroota-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> I will be working hard over the coming weeks to update our website. Teachers use the Class Dojo platform within their classrooms and most families have signed up to this platform. If you need the code to join Class Dojo please see your child's teacher. During the school break, I worked on establishing a school Facebook page. You can follow this page by completing a search on Facebook using the tag @MarootaPS. I ask that when you first begin following the school Facebook page that you read the 'Facebook Rules of Engagement' which can be found in the notes section of the page.

With any social media platform or communication with your child's teacher we need to remember to be respectful. I would also like to point out that teachers are not obliged to answer private messages outside of school hours, so please do not be offended if staff do not reply to your messages immediately. If you need to speak with your child's teacher urgently, the best practice is to ring the front office who will get a message to the teacher asking them to contact you.

The school newsletter is another important form of communication with our parents. The newsletter is sent home fortnightly on the even school week. The newsletter contains information about activities and events taking place in our school, along with general information about schooling and education. At the beginning of each term, the calendar can be found attached to the school newsletter. This is an important tool for helping to plan the terms scheduled events. Please note that even though we endeavour to plan the terms events in advance there are occasions when things need to be changed or when extra activities are added to the calendar at the last minute. Thus, all dates on the calendar are subject to change.

### School Uniform

I would like to sincerely thank all the parents who support our school uniform policy. It is wonderful to see students in full school uniform and we do pride ourselves on maintaining high standards. Concerning sports shoes, we ask that parents purchase predominantly white sports shoes or black sports shoes that double up as school shoes with no coloured laces.

Our school has a 'No hat, no play' policy, so if your child does not have a hat they will be asked to sit in the shade during break times. As part of our school uniform, students are required to wear a school hat, please ensure that your child wears a school hat that is clearly labelled with their name. Thank you for your anticipated support.

## School Expectations

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) School expectations underpin everything we do here at Maroota. Our main expectations are:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be a Learner

Last week, teachers had discussions with their class on how Maroota students can demonstrate our expectations in various areas around our school. These discussions form our class rules. For example, in our classrooms we demonstrate safe behaviour by sitting on our chairs correctly, we show respectful behaviour by not swearing and raising our hand to speak. At the toilets, the expectations may be a little different, for example, we are respectful by giving everyone their privacy and we are safe by walking and not running.

Students may receive 'Bundaluck Tokens' for demonstrating our school expectations. Each token earns their house 5 points. We will also be presenting a PBL award at each of our assemblies and the PBL award recipients will join Mrs Dorbis for morning tea.

## Assemblies

Each term we will host three formal assemblies. Our assemblies will take place on Friday and begin at 9:15am in the hall. This term's assemblies are schedule for:

- Week 4 – February 18 – K/1/2 item
- Week 6 – March 8 – 3/4/5/6 item
- Week 9 – March 29 – Whole School item

Due to Leadership Camp at the end of week 3, our first formal assembly will take place on Monday February 18 at 9:15am in the hall.

## P&C AGM

We are extremely fortunate at Maroota PS to have a dedicated and hard-working P&C. The P&C allows parents and citizens to meet with the school Principal to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community. The P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday February 13 commencing at 2pm in the MOOSH building. All families are encouraged to attend.

## Creative Kids

The NSW Government is helping kids get creative with the new Creative Kids program. Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each student aged 4.5 to 18 years old enrolled in school. For further information, use the link below:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

Cool Kids Music has informed us that they are an official provider for the Creative Kids program.

Deirdre Dorbis  
(Rel) Principal



## 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



Phone: 4574 9200



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# Spotlight on Mrs Coleman



## HELLO!

### Meet Mrs Coleman

I am so excited to be your 3-6 teacher. It's going to be a great year full of new friends, new adventures and new discoveries.

## IN THIS CLASSROOM..

I value your ideas, thoughts and actions. You have unique talents and strengths and I can't wait for you to share them with your classmates.

## CONTACT ME:

I love to have conversations with parents throughout the year. Please always contact me with any questions or concerns. I want to partner with you in order to best support your child.

THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS..

Reading

Dancing

Chocolate

Bubbles





## Sports Report

This year sport will be held on Friday's, although the students will be participating in dance lessons on Thursday. They may wear sports uniform on both Thursday and Friday. Students who have represented the school at a sporting event may wear representative clothing on Fridays only.

### **Small Schools Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to our Small Schools Swim Team – Alina, Jack, Tyler, Knox, Rocky, Jacob, Matilda, Emily, Koby, Jett, Cristian, Lucy, Madeline and Mathew. These students will compete in various events at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Thursday February 7. Students are to meet Mrs Coleman in the designated area for Maroota in the outdoor pool area at 8:45am.

Students are at the pool to participate in the carnival and under no circumstances are they allowed to swim or be in the inside pool area. For the duration of the carnival, students are required to be seated with the Maroota students unless they are in the marshalling area or the pool swimming. Mrs Coleman is responsible for the students on the day and therefore students will need to seek permission to go to the bathrooms or the canteen from her. Students are not permitted to play ball games on the grassed area or climb the trees in the vicinity.

We wish all of our competitors the very best in their events.

### **Dance**

This term we are looking forward to Georgia from Footsteps joining us for dance on a Thursday. Students will participate with their class in dance lessons in the hall. Students may wear their sports uniforms.

First Day of Kindergarten – 2019. - Welcome Jayla, Logan and Santina





# MARROTA PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## TERM 1 - 2019



Education  
Public Schools

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2-3/2
	Australia Day Holiday	Staff Development Day	Students Return		Sport	
2	4/2	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9-10/2
	Kindergarten Start	Newsletter		S.S. Swimming Carnival		
	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Dance	Sport	
3	11/2	12/2	13/2	14/2	15/2	16-17/2
	Flag Raising Assembly	3-6 Cicada workshop		Scripture	Hills Council Environment Incursion	
	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Dance	Sport	
		Cool Kids Music: 1:45pm	P&C AGM – 2pm MOOSH Building		Tuckshop	
		Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet – 3:15pm		Leadership Camp	Leadership Camp	
4	18/2	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23-24/2
	Flag Raising Assembly	Newsletter	SRC Mtg.	Scripture		
	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Dance	Sport	
	Assembly 9:15am	Cool Kids Music: 1:45pm			Tuckshop	
	Morning Tea Mrs D	3-6 Cicada workshop				
5	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2	1/3	2-3/3
	Flag Raising Assembly			Scripture	Dr. Seuss Day	
	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Dance	Sport	
	3-6 Cicada workshop	Cool Kids Music: 1:45pm			Tuckshop	
					Clean Up Australia Day	
6	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3	9-10/3
	Flag Raising Assembly	Newsletter		Scripture	Assembly 9:15am	
	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Dance	Sport	
	Hawkesbury District Swimming Carnival	Cool Kids Music: 1:45pm			Tuckshop	
					Morning Tea Mrs D	
7	11/3	12/3	13/3	14/3	15/3	16-17/3
	Flag Raising Assembly			Scripture		
	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Dance	Sport	
		Cool Kids Music: 1:45pm	P&C Mtg. – 2pm MOOSH Building		Tuckshop	
		S.W. Regional Swimming Carnival	Crazy Hair and Sock Day – Leukaemia Foundation		Bullying No Way Day!	
8	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3	22/3	23-24/3
	Flag Raising Assembly	Newsletter	SRC Mtg.	Scripture	Hills Council Environment Incursion	
	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Dance	Sport	
		Cool Kids Music: 1:45pm		Harmony Day	Tuckshop	
9	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3	29/3	30-31/3
	Flag Raising Assembly			Scripture	Assembly 9:15am	
	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Dance	Sport	
		Cool Kids Music: 1:45pm			Tuckshop	
					Morning Tea Mrs D	
10	1/4	2/4	3/4	4/4	5/4	6-7/4
	Flag Raising Assembly	Newsletter		Scripture Performance Day	School Cross Country Carnival – 10am	
	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Dance	Responsible Pet Program – K-2	
		Cool Kids Music: 1:45pm			Tuckshop	
11	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4	13-14/4
	Flag Raising Assembly			Scripture	ANZAC Day Service	
	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Get Up, Get Active	Dance	Sport	
		Cool Kids Music: 1:45pm			Tuckshop	
		3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews	K-2 Parent/Teacher Interviews	NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival	NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival	
					Last Day of Term	

Please note that dates are subject to change.





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**Safer Internet Day 2019** | Tuesday  
5 February  
Together for a better internet

Office of the eSafety Commissioner – Official Australian Committee for Safer Internet Day



### Safer Internet Day 2019

Safer Internet Day (SID) is a worldwide event which raises awareness about internet safety and empowers individuals and communities with tools for more positive online experiences.

In the spirit of the 2019 theme 'Together for a better internet', the 3/4/5/6 class as part of the Digital Technologies strand of the new Science and Technology syllabus participated in an Adobe connect session to learn about the 4Rs – Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning and Resilience and how they can help us in all areas of life – online and off.

We were asked some questions and the majority of students said that they connect with family and friends over the internet. They also indicated that they would prefer to choose an activity that involves communicating with friends offline, like playing UNO.

We made pledges:

"I will be resilient and safe and ignore people who try to hurt my feelings." – Jett

"I will be loyal and respectful. I will block mean messages and be calm." – Jacob

"I will be kind and have a private account and always think about what I'm about to say or send. I will think of other people's feelings and only friend the people I know." – Lucy.

**FROM U6**

## HILLS HAWKS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

**COME & TRY!** Thursday 7th February 2019  
4.30pm - 5.30pm  
Dural Park, Quarry Road, Dural

Ages 4-8/Kindy-Y3 Mini Footy: Focussed on involvement and encouraging learning through play.  
Ages 9-12/Y3 - Y6 Modified League: When you are ready for a bit more  
Ages 13+ Rugby League: The full game

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"I will not use bad language on the internet when talking to friends, family and carers. When somebody comes up and I don't know them I will ask a parent for help." – Emily

"I will be respectful by saying nice things and if they want to meet up with me I will say no thank you' – Knox

"I will be responsible by not saying rude things and I will only send appropriate photos." - Maddy

# 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.**



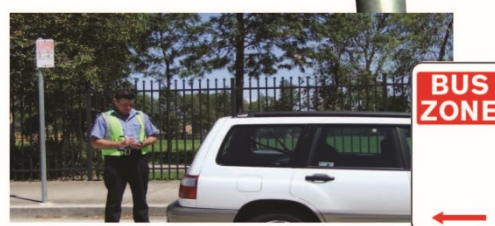
## **NO STOPPING**

**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 \$337 and 2 demerit points



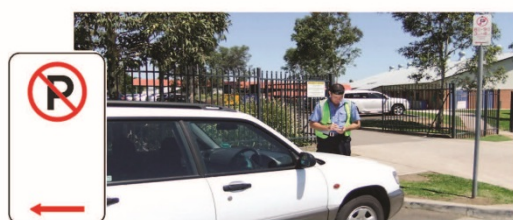
## **BUS ZONES**

**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 \$337 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 \$187 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 \$337 and 2 demerit points

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