



# Maroota Matters

## Diary Dates

### Week 4

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February

- Scripture
- Dance lessons

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

- Sport
- Tuckshop

### Week 5

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

- Cool Kids Music –  
1:45pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

- Scripture
- Dance lessons

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February

- Dr. Suess Day
- Clean-up Australia  
Day
- Sport
- Tuckshop

### Week 6

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

- District Swimming  
Carnival



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Education

## From the Principal's Desk

The New Year at Maroota is fully underway with students settling well into their new classes, new routines, new places to line up, and new relationships with their teachers. Being a teacher is such a wonderful privilege - sharing the lives of your amazing children five days a week for a whole year! Creating a positive, nurturing and inspiring learning environment is a difficult but hugely rewarding task for classroom teachers, so crucial to maximising the personal growth of each child in every room, every year. At Maroota our teachers work together to evaluate and problem-solve along the way towards this goal – so please let us know how it is going from your point of view!

### School Uniform

Thank you to our parents and students for ensuring that they are in full school uniform. Just a reminder that the only jewellery that should be worn to school are watches and studs or sleepers for those students' that have their ears pierced.

### Procedures when Visiting our School

Whilst we actively encourage an inviting and welcoming school, the safety of our students, staff and resources remain our highest priorities. Visitors are defined as all people other than staff members, students, and parents/carers involved in the task of delivering or collecting children at the start or end of the school day.

All visiting parents including canteen helpers, carers, workers and contractors are required to report to the School Administration Office prior to undertaking any activity within the school, where they will be required to complete and sign the Visitors Register. They will be given a Visitors badge, which must be worn at all times whilst they are within the school. All visitors will be required to report to the administration office at the end of their visit to return their badge and to sign out in the register.

Apart from keeping your children and the staff safe, the school's emergency management procedures will ensure that visitors within the school at the time of any emergency or practice drill will be recognised and appropriately catered for. Thank you for your understanding of this very important issue.

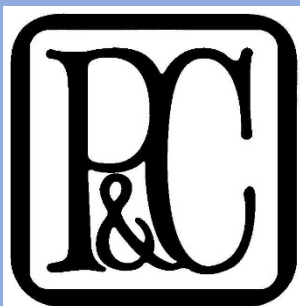


Jayla	19/02	5
Mrs Reinicke	20/02	
Emma	25/02	6



K/1/2 – Monday

3/4/5/6 - Monday



**Meeting Date:**  
**March 13 @ 2pm**  
**MOOSH building**  
**All Welcome**

### Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease;
- having an unavoidable medical appointment;
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday;
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral).

Following an absence from school, you must ensure that within 7 days you provide the school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 14 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Attendance certificates are awarded at assembly to students with 100% attendance in Weeks 1-5 and Weeks 6-10 of each term. Students who achieve 100% attendance, as per the school's attendance policy, for the entire school year will be presented with a certificate at the Presentation Ceremony in Term 4.

### Punctuality

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day;
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine;
- give students time to greet their friends before class;
- reduces classroom disruption.

Students arriving after the 9:00am bell must report to the office prior to going to class. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### Morning Tea with Mrs D.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of entertaining our first group of safe, respectful, responsible learners at recess. Jett, who was the recipient of the Principal's Award, Ryan and Cristian who were recipientS of the PBL award for being respectful and Emily and Elias who were chosen by their teachers for the hard work and dedication in the classroom joined me. We chatted about school and what they enjoyed and what they would like to see happen in 2019. Jett, Cristian and Emily enjoy learning with Mrs Coleman. Jett and Cristian told me that they enjoy Mrs Coleman's hugs and that she is funny. Emily loves all the teachers' at Maroota and enjoys all aspects of learning.

### School Photos

A reminder that our annual school photos will be taken on Monday 18th March. Envelopes explaining package and purchase options will be sent home shortly. It is important that each child is dressed in full school summer uniform including blue or red hair pieces and clean black shoes. (No sports uniform or jewellery please.) If you would like to arrange a sibling photo, please contact the front office.

### Travelling by Bus

An important requirement of School Opal is the need for students to Tap-On and Tap-Off when they travel to and from school. Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students do not Tap on and Tap off, services may be cancelled or reduced due to the lack of recorded patronage.

Please direct all School Opal Card and bus timetable inquiries to 131500. For school bus service issues contact [info@busways.com.au](mailto:info@busways.com.au) or your local Busways depot.

### School Clean Up Day –1<sup>st</sup> March

School clean-up day is a great way to inspire students to learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment while playing an active role in their community. This year at Maroota Public School, students will be encouraged to bring in no waste and have a clean lunchbox that does not include packaging. To also support School clean up day and Australia Clean-up day, we will do a school rubbish clean up. Remember if we all do our little bit, we can make a difference in our environment.

### Crunch and Sip

As a proud Crunch & Sip school, Maroota PS values the importance of encouraging children to eat healthily while looking after their minds and bodies. Our Crunch & Sip break is a time to introduce children to fresh fruit and vegies as well as an opportunity to encourage the habit of drinking water.

We would like to encourage all parents to support us in the implementation of this worthwhile strategy by ensuring that Crunch & Sip is packed in the school bag every day.

#### CRUNCH:

Easy-to-eat seasonal fruit such as a small apple, a container with hulled strawberries, a mandarin or banana OR Vegetables such as carrot or celery sticks, cherry tomatoes or snow peas; AND

#### SIP:

A clean, clear water bottle filled with plain water

\*Please do not pack roll ups, packaged fruits with juice or whole oranges

Deirdre Dorbis  
(Rel) Principal

#### Positive Behaviour for Learning:

##### Focus Behaviour

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

**Value and respect every person.**



## MOOSH

Maroota Out of  
School Hours Care

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# Spotlight on Miss Bennett

## MEET THE TEACHER

### HELLO! Meet Miss Bennett

I am very excited to be joining the team at Maroota Public School as the K-2 teacher this year. I am looking forward to watching the students grow in their learning, friendships and school values. I am positive it is going to be a fun-filled and fabulous year with many things planned for the students to enjoy and learn.

### IN THIS CLASSROOM..

I look forward to hearing and exploring new ideas, strengths and adventures in the world of learning. I am excited to see the students evolve into safe, responsible and respectful learners ready to face new challenges and achieve personal goals. It will be wonderful to see their unique strengths shine and thrive among their classmates.

### CONTACT ME:

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I would love to work with you to best support and guide your child to where you want them to be.

### THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS..

I love horse riding and am out riding at competitions most weekends. I love playing all kinds of sports, but especially soccer, netball and volleyball. I also love eating chocolate, especially Tim Tams ☺



## Sports Report

### **Small Schools Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to our Small Schools Swim Team – Alina, Jack, Tyler, Knox, Jacob, Matilda, Emily, Jett, Cristian, Lucy, Madeline and Mathew. These students did our school proud at the Smalls Schools Swimming Carnival.

### **Soccer**

This term students are participating in soccer drills led by Miss Bennett and Mrs Coleman for sport on Friday's.

## HOUSE POINTS

**JAMAL**

**140**

**BURU**

**185**

**MARIONG**

**385**

Small Schools Swimming Carnival



3/4/5/6 Cicada Workshop





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# choose HEALTHY SNACKS

Healthy snacks are important to help meet children's nutrition needs. Choose snacks based on vegetables, fruit, milk, cheese, yoghurt and wholegrain breads, crackers and cereals.

## TIPS TO PLAN HEALTHY SNACKS



Include a  
vegetable and  
fruit snack  
each day



Keep a range of  
healthy snacks  
in the fridge  
and pantry



Add vegetables  
into homemade  
snacks (muffins,  
pikelets, scones  
and slices)



Get your kids  
to help prepare  
snacks



Cut up vegetables  
and fruits so they  
are easier to eat  
for snacks during  
the week



Show kids you  
enjoy eating  
healthy snacks

## WHAT IS A HEALTHY SNACK?



INCLUDE FRESH FOODS & WHOLEGRAIN VARIETIES AS SNACKS



\*wholegrain rice crackers



\*real cheese from dairy section



✗ SOMETIMES FOODS - NO MORE THAN 1 A DAY AND ONLY SMALL AMOUNTS



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### School Opal Card

As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

**All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare.**

**Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.**

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go online to [www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/](http://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/)

Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.



# WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL *Open Day*



**When: Wednesday 27th February 2019 | Times: 5pm - 7pm**

**Where: Windsor High School, Mulgrave Road, McGraths Hill (Phone 4587 7122)**

A brief presentation by the Principal, Mrs Jennifer Hawken will be given in the school hall at 5pm, followed by a tour of the school in smaller groups by our student leaders.

Parents and students of the Hawkesbury community are invited to come and learn about the great facilities and wide ranging opportunities including a specialised Gifted and Talented program that are currently available at Windsor High School. This may be particularly relevant to parents and students of primary school age who are deciding into which high school they will be enrolling in the future, as well as parents of students new to the school.

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