



Maroota Matters

Wednesday, 17 February 2021

Maroota Public School students are safe, respectful, responsible learners.

Term 1 Important Dates

Friday 5th March and 26th March- Assembly

Wednesday 3rd March- Hawkesbury PSSA Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 9th March School Photos

Wednesday 10th, 17th and Thursday 25th March- Barefoot Bowls

Wednesday 24th March- 91 Storey Treehouse performance

Friday 19th March- Harmony day/ students wear orange mufti

Wednesday 31st March- Maroota Readers lunch with the Principal

Thursday 1st April- Easter Hat Parade and Egg Hunt

2021 School Dates

Term 1

27 Jan to 1 Apr 2021

Term 2

19 Apr to 25 June 2021

Term 3

12 July to 17 Sept 2021

Term 4

5 Oct to 17 Dec 2021

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 1. The Term is certainly flying by already. Our 2021 School Leadership Team presented their first whole assembly on Friday. They did an excellent job and the assembly ran smoothly. We are hoping that restrictions will be lifted in the near future so that parents can once again attend.

Scripture

Scripture classes started back last Thursday and will continue weekly, each Thursday, for the remainder of the year. Scripture classes are short a volunteer this Term and to ensure that the program can continue both Catholic and Anglican Scripture K-2 are combining for their weekly classes.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop has resumed for 2021. Students were very excited to receive their lunch orders on Friday. Thank you Miss Leanne for making sure everyone received their yummy lunches and snacks.

Year 6 Shirt

Students have chosen a design for their Year 6 2021 shirts. A note went home last week with an order form. As soon as we have all forms returned we will place an order.

Wisemans Ferry Barefoot Bowls

We will be heading down to Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club on Wednesday the 10th, 17th and Thursday 25th for some barefoot bowling lessons. A note has been sent home and we ask if any parents could help with transportation to let us know as soon as possible. There is **NO COST** for this excursion. UPDATE: Change of date from Wednesday 24th March to Thursday 25th March.

91 Storey Treehouse Performance

Our trip to Parramatta Riverside Theatre for the amazing 91 Storey Treehouse Performance has been changed from Wednesday 24th February to Wednesday 24th March. We will send an updated permission slip in the coming days. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

School Photos

Our school photos have been booked for Tuesday, 9th March. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

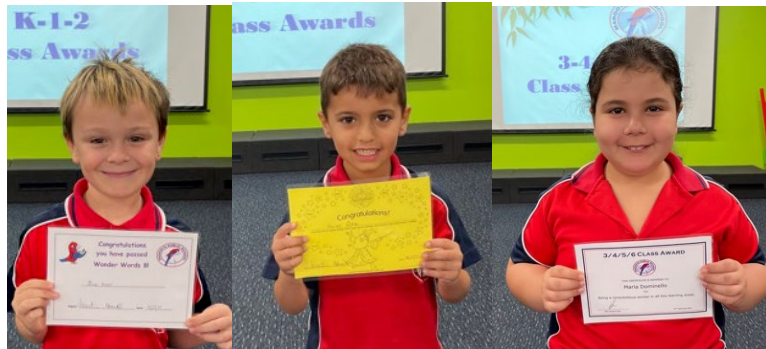
Home Reading Program:

Please continue to encourage regular **Home Reading** and remember to fill out your child's **Reading Logs**. I hope to have all students attending our special lunch for 30 nights of reading in week 10.

Congratulations to our Award recipients from Week 3 Assembly:



Jayla-19th February
Xavier- 27th February



School Captains Report:

Knox: Congratulations to all the SRC students and well done to Georgia for settling in very well to primary school.

Tarnoo: We did the SRC voting on Tuesday and then on the same day we got to know who got SRC.



Sports Day is Friday for all
grades.

Principal's Award

Matilda Maroota Citizen Award



K-2 Class Awards

Jack Demonstrating a wonderful understanding in all Key Learning Areas.

Xavier Coming back to school with a wonderful positive attitude towards his learning.

3-6 Class Awards

Tarnoo Always lending a helping hand

Maria Being a conscientious worker in all Key learning areas.

Library Award

K-2 Liam His enthusiasm in Library lessons

3-6 Amelia Being a helpful and considerate class member during Library lessons

Swimming

Maroota Public School is very proud of our relay team- Emily, Knox, Matilda and Gemma who will be entering in the Zone carnival. Knox will also compete in the backstroke event. Good luck everyone!

Covid-19 updates

The department has issued all public schools with a unique QRCode. All parents/carers and visitors to the school must sign-in via this code in addition to signing in at the front office. Covid-19 restrictions have remained largely unchanged since Term 4 2020, with a few exceptions. We continue to encourage students to bring their own labelled drink bottle to school and practice safe hygiene through regular washing of hands and social distancing where possible. If your child is unwell please keep them home and inform the school. All cases of covid-19 or close contacts to cases should be reported to the school immediately. We are truly grateful for the amazing support our school community has shown in assisting us to adhere to the ever-changing covid-19 climate and we will keep you informed of any updates as they occur.

Attendance

2020 was a difficult year for many students with disruptions to learning, separation from friends and quickly adjusting to unfamiliar routines. This year, our focus will be on highlighting, promoting and encouraging the importance of good attendance to maximise learning time. If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school. Please speak to Mrs Pattison if you need support with your child's attendance.

Parent / Teacher Interviews Sessions

In Week 5 of this term (Term 1), teachers will be holding interviews for parents who wish to meet their child's 2021 teacher. Parents and caregivers have the option of choosing a phone interview. The purpose of these interviews is to get to know your child's teacher, pass on any important information and to set goals for the 2021 year. A separate note with a booking form will be sent home this week.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Students have voted and our SRC members for 2021 have been chosen. Well done to the following students:

Year 1- Xavier, Year 2- Jack, Year 3-Amelia, Year 4-Justin, Year 5-Gemma

We look forward to working with our SRC and the school leadership team and supporting the exciting projects you come up with.



Excursions

Over the course of the year there will be a variety of excursion opportunities provided, if covid-19 restrictions permit. Please ensure that excursion notes and money are returned before the date requested on the note. If you are experiencing difficulties please speak to Mrs Pattison to arrange payment plans or support.

Updated Term 1 Calendar

We apologise for any confusion due to last minute date changes to upcoming events. New permission slips will be sent asap with correct dates, monies will be transferred to new dates. I have updated the Term 1 calendar so please disregard the previous one.

Have a great week,
Nicole Pattison
Acting Principal

P&C Minutes of Meeting – 10th February 2021

Start: 3.00 pm

Attendees: Valerie Harper, Kirsty Higson, Sandra Rahe, Sarah Dobson, Melissa Kemlo, Amy Williamson and Acting Principal Nicole Pattison.

Apologies: Nil. All attendees paid and are financial for 2021.

AGM – New 2021 P&C Position Holders

President – Valerie Harper Vice President – Sandra Rahe

Secretary – Melissa Kemlo Vice Secretary – Amy Williamson

Treasurer – Kirsty Higson Vice Treasurer – Valerie Harper

Uniform – Melissa Kemlo Tuckshop – Sandra Rahe

Fundraising – Sarah Dobson MOOSH Coordinator – Valerie Harper

Muster – Committee – All in.

Correspondence: President 4, Treasurer 5, MOOSH 3, Uniform 2, Tuckshop 2, Fundraising 3.

Treasurers Report & Annual Report for 2020 – Presented at the meeting.

The 2020 financials have been audited by S&R Booking and all is in order.

Valerie to set up a new signatory.

Currently we have \$46,014.90 available MOOSH has 6,663.17

Tuck Shop We are looking for volunteers for this year. Leanne will run it this Friday and do a stocktake.

For those who would like to volunteer please see Sandra Rahe.

Fundraising All ideas are welcome so please have a think about it and let the P&C know.

Attendees were keen to run the annual Muster this year on Sunday, 15th August 2021. We will keep you updated on COVID restrictions and regulations to see if we will be able to run the Muster this year – We will hold a Muster Meeting after the next P&C meeting to discuss restrictions and roles.

Remember – Fundraising is a joint effort as it benefits all of our kids and the more money raised the more we can contribute to programs, equipment and the school in general.

Uniforms All sizes and uniforms are in stock currently.

MOOSH No planned fundraising activities for MOOSH at this stage due to COVID restrictions.

Principals report – Attached (following)

Other Items Discussed – 19 Students enrolled this year. Camps. Personalised pavers to be laid. Teacher positions, Ms Bennett for 12 months, Ms Tosh for Term 1.

Next P&C Meeting to be held on Wednesday 10th March at 3 pm. Meeting Closed at 4.30 pm.

Principal's Report – Nicole Pattison

Building Works

The construction of the path from the carpark to the admin block has been completed. This will allow for wheelchair access.

Upcoming Events

- Bowling- Wisemans Bowling Club has offered our students three free lessons in lawn bowls. These will be held on the 10th and 17th and 24th of March. We will need parent volunteers for transport. A note will go home in the coming week.
- 91 Storey Treehouse- 24 February. Transport via bus. Cost \$25 per student. School is subsidising half the actual cost which is \$50 per student.
- School Activities Levy- reduced to \$45 to cover stationery, this is a voluntary payment. All excursions will require payment on set due dates as outlined in permission slips. I will endeavour to give as much warning as possible.
- Year 6 shirts- students designed their shirts today. I will send home an order form and then place the order as soon as we get them back.
- School Photos- Booking tomorrow, will advise of date. Hoping for Term 1 so we can add photos to reports in Semester 1.
- Assembly- starts this Friday- unfortunately no parent attendance due to Covid restrictions.

Principal position

Meeting with Director on Monday 15 February to discuss position. Valerie Harper is the parent rep and Nicole Pattison is the teacher rep.

WHS

Slippery path at school entrance gate. Trevor to paint with non-slip paint that has been purchased.

Water Fountain at Bubblers

Nicole has got a quote- something to think about if we want to go ahead or if we think it will be utilised. Quotation- \$660 for installation.

Further information and questions-

Leadership camp- Nicole to follow up and get information

School camps for 2021- Nicole to check with MMWAC schools

Tuckshop price list to be sent to Nicole to put on Skool bag and Facebook- start week 4

Personalised pavers- need quote and have them laid

Term 1 Calendar- Nicole to send home

Maroota Muster- add to next agenda (possibly after P&C meeting)

Next P&C meeting Wednesday 10 March