



Maroota Matters

Wednesday, 17th March 2021

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

Term 1 Important Dates

Friday 26th March- Assembly Parents welcome

Wednesday 17 March- PSSA Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 25th March- Barefoot Bowls

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

Monday 22nd March- Leaders Morning Tea with Hawkesbury City Council Mayor.

Wednesday 24th March- 91 Storey Treehouse performance

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

Great Work with Mrs Pattison



Welcome to Week 8 of Term 1.

Emily shared her creative writing on dragon slayers and Xavier showed me his writing on a ginger bread man. Georgia is doing well with her letter formation. Keep up the great work everyone!

Staffing Update

The permanent Principal position was advertised however, there were no successful applicants. The position will be advertised as an Expression of Interest and the successful applicant will be appointed for Term 2.

Wisemans Ferry Barefoot Bowls

All Students have enjoyed our excursions to Wiseman's Ferry Bowling Club to learn the basics of lawn bowls. The club kindly provided lunch for all students and everyone returned to school excited to share their new found bowling skills.

Swimming

Good luck to our Sydney West PSSA Swimmers who are representing Hawkesbury Zone and competing at Sydney Olympic Park today. We are very proud of you all.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's reading challenge for 2021 has opened online!

All students in K-2 will have their reading records registered for them by the school, using books that they have read in class.

For years 3-6, Please go to <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/> and use your child's school username and password (the same one your child uses to log into the computers at school) to login and begin registering books on your Premier's Reading Challenge.

For a video on how to register your books, please see this website

here <https://prcsupport.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/24000023273>

Books read from September 2020 onwards can be counted towards this year's challenge.

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.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Lucy- March 15
Emily- April 6
Liam- April 9

Leaders Morning Tea with Hawkesbury City Council Mayor

On Monday 22nd March, our School Leaders have been invited to a morning tea with the Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councilor Patrick Calvert. Students will meet the mayor, learn about local Government and experience a debate role play in council chambers. Students were asked to pose some questions for the mayor and the students have written some excellent responses around environmental impacts on the Hawkesbury and ways in which we could improve things.

Knox would like a designated swimming area/ beach on the banks of the river and would like more businesses such as shops to open in the area. He would especially like the water to be a bit cleaner so that "...we can swim and know what is under us". (We unanimously agreed on this!).

Matilda had a great idea of creating a loop over the Hawkesbury Bridge so tourists and locals could climb it, much like the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and she would like to share her childhood experiences of "...how amazing it is living in the Hawkesbury".

Emily would like to see more "...places of culture for people to learn and look at what people did in the past". She would also like to see a cleaner environment with less littering and pollution.

Tarnoo would like the Hawkesbury show to be held twice a year and he would like more outdoor locations for leisure activities. He also wants to ask about what big projects the council has completed recently.

Easter Hat Parade

Students will design and create their Easter parade hats at school, however if you wish to make a hat at home then bring it along for the parade that is also fine. We will have a parade on Thursday 1st April at 9.30am, followed by an Easter Egg hunt. All are welcome. Please let Mrs Pattison know if you are bringing siblings and they would like to stay for the Easter Egg hunt and we will arrange for extra eggs.



Don't Forget Library Day is every Tuesday for all grades.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day occurs on 21st March each year and coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The ongoing theme of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'. Maroota Primary School is recognising Harmony Day this **Friday, 19th March**. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Since 1999 Harmony Day has been widely celebrated across schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies. There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day – through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place. To encourage celebrations, Maroota PS classes will participate in a variety of activities.

Harmony Day Mufti clothes

Children will have the option of **wearing multicultural dress** that may be relevant to their culture (e.g. saris, Irish dress, Aussie clothes etc), **orange** which is the colour for Harmony Day or any **rainbow colour**.

Homework

Please remind students to return homework each Friday so that it can be marked and new homework given on Monday. If your child is not completing homework please let your child's teacher know.



Sports Day is Friday for all grades.

School Captains Report

Knox: Last week on Wednesday we went to bare foot bowling at Wisemans Ferry. Everyone had lots of fun. We will also be doing it this Wednesday and next week on Thursday.

Tarnoo: On Wednesday Knox, Emily, Matilda and Gemma will be going to the PSSA Swimming in the mixed relay, Go Maroota.

Have a great week,
Nicole Pattison
Acting Principal

P&C Minutes of Meeting – 10th March 2021

Start: 3.14 pm

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

Apologies: Amy Williamson

Correspondence: President 2, Treasurer 5, MOOSH 1, Uniform 1, Fundraising 2.

Treasurers Report – Presented at the meeting.

Sandra to be set up as a new signatory. Olivia Graham to stay on until this is completed. Currently we have \$41,522.76 available, MOOSH has \$5,788.42

Tuck Shop

We are looking for volunteers for Term 2. For those who would like to volunteer please see Sandra Rahe. Thank you to Amy Williamson and Mel Kemlo who have kindly volunteered for Term 1.

Fundraising

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

**** SAVE THE DATE ***** We will be holding the annual Maroota Muster this year on Sunday, 15th August 2021. We will keep updated on COVID restrictions and regulations prior to the event.

Please let us know what stall/event you would like to volunteer for ASAP!

Please donate any unwanted/unused items around the house for Chocolate Wheel prizes. You can take them to Leanne in the MOOSH room.

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.

Uniform

We have plenty of second hand uniforms available for \$2 each. Please see Irene in the Office and grab yourself a bargain. Prices will go up to \$5 on the 1st April 2021 so get in quick!

MOOSH

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

Principals report – Attached

Other Items Discussed – Basketball hoop needs replacement, call out for helpers to move the current hoop configuration around. Request for Little Athletics be run for sport in Term 2. Camps. Personalised pavers to be laid. Enrolments for 2022 now due.

Next P&C Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st April at 3 pm. Meeting Closed at 4.00 pm.

Principal's Report

Upcoming Dates for Term 2:

- On the 20th and 21st May Leadership Camp for Maroota, Mac Valley, Wisemans, Cattai and Maraylya 30 students in total.
- On the 10th June MMWaC Connecting to Country Day at Brewongle.
- All the MMWaC schools staff members will join Londonderry PS for the Term 3 SDD for the Aboriginal Education Day.

Staff PL- All teaching staff are currently undertaking professional learning on Visible Learning which outlines best teaching practice and centres around Learning Intentions and Success criteria.

Still looking at Stage 3 overnight camp.

Staffing Update:

The Principal position was advertised. The position will be readvertised as an EOI for Term 2 and will be out hopefully this week. Will readvertise early next Term for permanent position. Thanks to Valerie for being on the panel.

Miss Leanne Martin is working half days Monday and Wednesday and all day Tuesday. She is doing targeted reading and phonics lessons for individual students K-2 and in class support with mathematics. Mr Bessell continues to work in the 3-6 class with targeted intervention in reading and writing and also maths support. All programs are running well and we are seeing growth.

3-6 class- Mr Simon Gray is teaching Thursday and Friday and doing a great job.

Basketball Hoop- backboard broken. We need to swap with a side one and was looking for the contact details of who installed or do we know of anyone who could do that for us? Otherwise, look at warranty?

SAM- Our SAM allocation has been reduced and Irene's hours will be reduced to reflect the funding. She will now work on a 5 day fortnight.

Maroota Muster- Handover of information from Ellen Vaughan who dropped into school and offered support/ sponsorship of the Maroota Muster.

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 \$349 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 \$349 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 \$194 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 \$349 and 2 demerit points

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Please find below details of our free groups and activities coming up.

All have a hyperlink to the flyers in the name of the group/activity.

20 West Market Street Richmond NSW 2753

Tel: 02 4588 3501 (Mon, Tues, Wed 9.00 – 4.00 pm and Thurs 9.00 – 2.30 pm)

www.rcsi-neighbourhoodcentre.org

Helping the Anxious Child WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 24th March 2021	6.30 - 9pm
Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD) - Help for Parents WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Monday 29th March 2021	9.30am—1pm
Stress Management for Mums WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Mums	2 x Tuesdays: 20th & 27th April 2021	9.30am—12noon
Calm Kids	Primary School Children aged 10-12years who have anxiety	4 x Wednesdays 28th April, 5th, 12th & 19th May 2021	3.30-50m
Music Together	Dads, Mums and pre-school children	4 x Thursdays 29th April, 6th, 13th & 20th May 2021	9.30-11am
Helping Kids Deal with Anger WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 21st April 2021	10am –12.30pm
Supporting Your Teen Through High School	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of teens	Weds 28th April 2021	6.30-9pm
Managing Challenging Behaviours In Kids WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	3 weeks ongoing 3 x Saturdays 24th April. 1st & 8th May 2021	10am –12.30pm
Supporting Kids through Grief & Loss WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 5th May 2021	6.30 - 9pm
Navigating Your Childs Anxiety Through Primary School WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Saturday 15th May 2021	10am –12.30pm
Be A Great Dad WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 19th May 2021	6.30 - 9pm

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Kind Regards,

Helen Phillips

Administration and Finance

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