



Maroota Matters

Wednesday, 31st March 2021

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

Term 1 Important Dates

Wednesday 30th March-
Easter Hat Parade and
Egg Hunt

Thursday 31st March-
State swimming
Championships

2021 School Dates

Term 1

27 Jan to 1 Apr 2021

Term 2

19 Apr (Staff
Development Day) to
25 June 2021

Term 3

12 July to 17 Sept 2021

Term 4

5 Oct to 17 Dec 2021

Super Readers

Today we celebrated our Super Readers who have read for 30 nights or more. Each student who had completed the 30 nights received a book prize and lunch with the staff. Well done and keep reading!



Staffing Update



Today we met Mrs Ann Smith who will be relieving Principal for Term 2. Mrs Smith met the students and is excited to start at Maroota PS. She is highly experienced and has been the Assistant Principal at Lapstone PS where she has had a huge impact on teaching and learning. It was so lovely to meet her and I feel so confident that the future of our beautiful school is in great hands. Mrs Smith herself attended a small school as a child and has a passion for small schools realising their great potential.

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.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Emily- April 6
Liam- April 9
Gemma- April 29

Home Reading Program

Please continue to encourage regular Home Reading and remember to fill out your child's Reading Logs. Home reading is so important for children to refine and practice the skills they are learning at school. It is also a time that we, as parents, can spend some quality time with our children and hopefully develop a lifelong love of reading.

Term 2 Dates

Students return to school on Tuesday 20th April, Monday the 19th is a Staff Development Day and all staff will be participating in professional development. A term calendar will be sent home early next term.

MOOSH

MOOSH will be closed throughout the holidays and Week 1 of Term 2. MOOSH will resume Monday 26 April (Term 2 Week 2).

'Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022'

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**.

How to apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2022, you need to apply between **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and **Friday 7 May 2021**. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> . You must **not** use the child's email address.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **Tuesday 20 April 2021**.

Notes have been sent home with all Year 4 students.

Swimming

Our relay team will be swimming at the NSW PSSA 2021 State Swimming Championships on Thursday, we wish them luck and are so proud of how far they have made it through. Go team Maroota!

School Captains Report

Knox: This is Mrs Pattison's last week at Maroota Public School. We would like to wish her the best of luck at her new school. We will also have our Mixed Relay swimmers going off to the State Carnival on Thursday this week. We wish them good luck.

Tarnoo: This is our last week of school for Term 1. On Tuesday the people that read for 30 nights got Pizza for lunch.



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



Sports Day is Friday for all
grades.

As this will be my last Maroota Newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the community for welcoming me. I would especially like to thank the students. You are all amazing and I will miss seeing you everyday.

Georgia- you are fearless, brave and have had a fantastic start to Kindergarten. Keep reading and working hard in class.

George- you quietly evaluate situations and respond accordingly, you have a great sense of humour and your smile is contagious.

Xavier- your eyes light up when you learn new things, you have a genuine love of learning and always do your best. Keep up the great work.

Liam- your sense of humour and laugh makes my day. You're adventurous and love learning new interesting facts.

Jack- you are a polite and respectful person who shows real concern for others; which is lovely to see.

Santina- you have a great sense of humour and you try hard with all your class activities, I am proud of your efforts.

Jayla- you have endless energy and are such a kind friend. Keep working hard in class and being amazing!

Logan- you are so determined and, when you put your mind to something, you are capable of anything.

Lewis- you are working hard and making great improvements in your learning, keep being amazing Lewis!

Jordin- you are a thoughtful and caring class mate who makes sure that everyone is included. I love that!

Amelia- you try hard in all tasks and I am always impressed by how hard you are working in class. Keep it up!

Maria- you are resilient and have a great sense of humour. You always greet me and your class mates with a beautiful smile that makes our day.

Lucy- you are wise and funny! I love how hard you work in class and you always manage to make me laugh!

Justin- you are a thoughtful, confident and kind classmate. Keep being awesome and working hard.

Gemma- you are such a good friend to your peers and I know that you are going to be an excellent role model in Year 6 next year!

Emily- you are so kind and a great role model to all of our students. I have no doubt you will do well in High School.

Knox- what a kind and respectful young man you are. I have no doubt that you will succeed in whatever you choose to do in life. Enjoy High School.

Matilda- you are going to do so well in High School. You can be whatever you choose to be and I know this because you are mature, sensible, funny and a great person.

Tarnoo- you have taken on the leadership role so well. You are always ready to lend a hand and I wish you well in High School. You will be great!

I will be checking in with your new Principal, Mrs Ann Smith, to make sure you are all doing home reading and being amazing!

What a fantastic way to end the Term today with families and friends invited in for our Easter Hat parade. Thanks for coming everyone it was great to see you.

Have a wonderful and safe Easter break. I will miss Maroota terribly but am proud of the community and excited for your future with Mrs Smith.

Kind regards

Nicole Pattison

