

Maroota Matters

Term 4 Week 3



Welcome to Term 4.

It's time to strap ourselves in for the wild, downhill slide to the end of the year! Just an FYI... 9 weeks till Christmas! You're welcome!

Camp

Our stage 3 students were given the opportunity to attend the Small Schools' Combined Camp. Boarding the bus at Vineyard, the students excitedly headed to Canberra for three days of fun, learning and friendship forming. Visits to Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, Questacon, The National Dinosaur Museum (for dinosaurs AT NIGHT!!) are just a few of the experiences that our lucky Stage 3 students encountered.



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Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are fully booked and are ready to go! They are being held at Pitt Town Swimming Centre and students will be grouped according to ability and confidence in the water.

Notes will come home in the next couple of weeks so that we can gather the necessary information to place students into groups and safely transport and care for them while at the venue and travelling to and from it.

HUGE thanks go to:

- Mrs Aylward who successfully obtained a \$1500 Sporting Schools grant to cover part of the costs of our week-long, K-6 swimming program.

- Our MPS P&C, who are covering the remaining \$2350. This covers the remaining swimming lesson charges and the bus.

- The Wisemans Ferry Senior Citizens Association who have very generously allowed us to use their bus, making swimming lessons affordable to all and easy to get to.

The generosity and commitment shown by these people, to our school, means that swimming lessons will run for ALL students, K-6, at no cost to families.

Kinder 2023/orientation

Notes have been sent to our 2023 kindergarten students. Watch out for the weekly 'What's Happening' post on Facebook and Skoolbag for details around these visits. If you know someone who has an MPS, 2023 kindergartner be sure to encourage them to fill out the online enrolment form so that we can forward the Transition and Orientation information to them. We would hate for them to miss out!

Bunnings Visit

Many thanks go to Mrs McDonell for connecting with Bunnings at McGraths Hill. They are sponsoring us and our continued endeavours to establish our kitchen, Indigenous and Bush Tucker gardens. They will be bringing their team to MPS on the 9th November and we're inviting parents to join us, if they are available, in an 'all-in gardening FIESTA'! Notes will come home next week with more information.

Longneck Lagoon Stage 2

Friday 18th November. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the day. Those that haven't returned your notes yet please return them by Monday 7th November.

iPads

Thanks to VERY generous donations from our P & C and Galston Bendigo Bank we have been able to purchase 30 new iPads!! We are super excited and can't wait to be able to use them in class. THANK YOU!!!

Carols at Maroota

December 2 will be a date to record in your diaries! Pastor Peter Goldstein will host the 2022 Community Carols Night, right here, at Maroota Public School. Ordinarily, the event is held at Wisemans Ferry Park but, with repeated flood inundation, the park will be unavailable this year. Rather than miss yet another event (thanks, COVID and floods...) Pastor Peter has agreed to proceed with the carols, in a different location. Keep an eye on Facebook and Skoolbag for upcoming information.



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Wishing this Maroota legend the HAPPIEST of happy birthdays!

October

20th - Mrs McDonell

Class News

3/4/5/6 has been a very busy little class.

We have been working tirelessly on developing and improving the writing of our texts. Most recently, we have been writing to entertain. We understand that 'entertaining' takes on many forms; it could terrify you, make you laugh, make you cry, make you angry or give you the 'happily ever after' that you might seek. Our text structure is really developing, as is our use of sophisticated vocabulary. Many of our texts have ended with a sneaky plot twist and some have finished on a cliff-hanger!

The Drama King

Once upon a Tuesday I, Steve Joington, was living the dream. Little did I know that dream was going to become a nightmare...

It was another day in the town called Success. The sun was shining, the birds were singing, the robot was destroying the town. Wait WHAT?! We have to get out of here!

EVACUATE!

Everyone got to the shield except me and Timothy Toe. The robot didn't show any mercy...

'Steve. Steve. Steve! We have to go!!!,' screamed Tim.

We ran with the robot on our tail. We nearly got squashed until we ran into a cave and the robot, or should I say Drama King, left.

We escaped and were finally safe.

'Let's think of a plan to destroy that robot,' suggested Steve.

'No, we have to keep moving... NOW!'

'We must destroy the robot,' insisted Steve.

'No, keep moving'.

'Destroy the robot'.

'Keep moving'.

'Stop bickering. It's NOT going to help,' Shouted Steve.

'We must find a solution', mumbled Tim.

'Yes, a good solution', agreed Steve,

'For the town'.

'For life... But how?' Steve wondered aloud.

'If we run we will be the only survivors... but how do we fight the robot?'

'We're inferior to it', agreed Steve

'Calm down', demanded Tim. 'We will find a way'.

'But what way?' Asked Steve.

'Come the village has a wizard he can help,' mentioned Tim, 'So let's go'.

So we went.

'It took a long time but we made it. Now let's find the wizard!' said Steve. Come on Tim!

'Alright let's go.'

It took a while but we found him and he agreed to help.

Suddenly, he heard, then felt the shot.

'Who did that?' cried Steve.

Steve turned around to see Tim holding a gun...

To be continued...

By Thomas

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Zombie Age

Gemma Jones had an idea for New Years. Her friends were vacant in the brain. As soon as she sprouted her idea, everyone said that she was crazy! Thomas Tart said, 'JINKS!' Then everyone looked at him with a lame face. It had been five minutes, and everyone was at the park. They started to play hide and seek (in the DARK!). Gemma Jones hid with Lucy Lime. They used their grip to stay in the middle of the slide. Once the seeker said that the game had ended, they let go and slid down. They peaked under the slide to see if Thomas Tart was waiting for them. Instead, they found a decaying, deceased body... Well, that's what they thought! Lucy screamed with fright, getting louder and louder, when Gemma covered her mouth. Gemma whispered, 'There's something roaming around... we've gotta be quiet!'

Jack and Thomas came to the slide to see what was going on. They saw and were in shock. They suggested the body looked quite fresh, which meant it hadn't been there long. The bite marks resembled those of a human. Gemma and Lucy said that they'd heard running when they were in the slide's tunnel.

Suddenly, the body started growling...

'It isn't dead!' they quietly said, 'It's ALIVE!'

They ran faster than ever. They were like little flies darting. They didn't dare look back until they were safely inside.

When they finally settled, Thomas was gone. They went upstairs. Thomas had a bat and was hiding under his bed. They asked why he was hiding. Thomas told them that there was a zombie somewhere. He was the fastest one so he got to the house first. He saw a zombie in the hallway of the house and he ran upstairs. Then the group understood. They grabbed weapons and were ready.

They heard growling downstairs. 'Lucy and Jack, Thomas said that there was only one zombie.' Gemma said that the door was locked. But Thomas shivered, saying, 'It's upstairs!' The whole group became silent as the thumps became louder. The zombie peeked around the corner, where they were standing. Thankfully, they weren't there. They had hidden under the bed hoping that they wouldn't be found.

Gemma and Lucy decided to end this for once and all. They got up from under the bed and charged at the zombie and cracked its skull. It started bleeding then Jack and Thomas got up from under the bed. Then Thomas said, 'That isn't normal...'

Thomas explained to us that he had read a bunch of books about zombies. Then he said that when zombies were defeated, they shouldn't bleed. Only humans do. They got a glass of water and rubbed some water on the face of the zombie. They saw the creature turning out to be... GRANDPA?!!?? The group felt horrible, and they had nothing else to do but bury him. They thought that maybe they had time to take him to the hospital. Thomas said, 'No. It's too late. He's gone.'

One year later, the group still felt horrible. Gemma says she sees Grandpa's ghost in the hallways sometimes. He looks frustrated and sometimes slowly shakes his head.

They could never be sorry enough. All they had was guilt inside their hearts forever.

By Justin

In maths we have been learning to partition numbers, both in the standard and non-standard form. Partitioning is useful as it helps us to add and subtract large numbers, easily; helps us to order numbers, quickly and gives us a sound understanding of a number's worth. We have also been learning about fractions to the thousandth and have discovered that the larger the denominator, the smaller the fraction. We then converted our fractions into decimals. We have a cool trick to help us know just how many decimal places are needed after the decimal point, when converting! Our next step is to partition decimal numbers. We. Are. So. CLEVER!

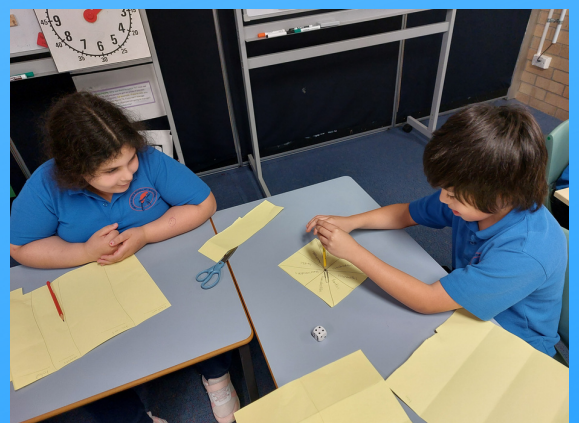
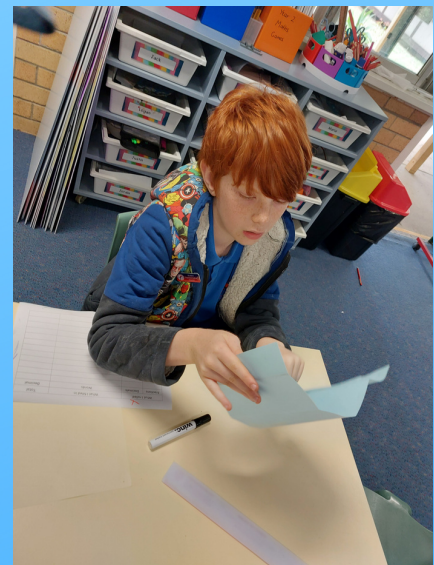
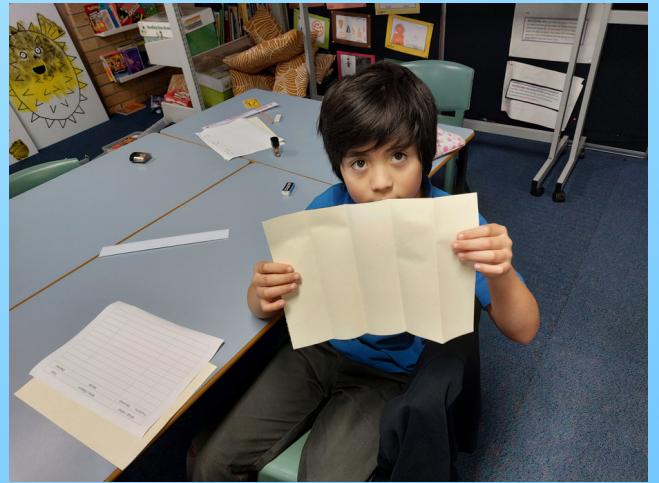
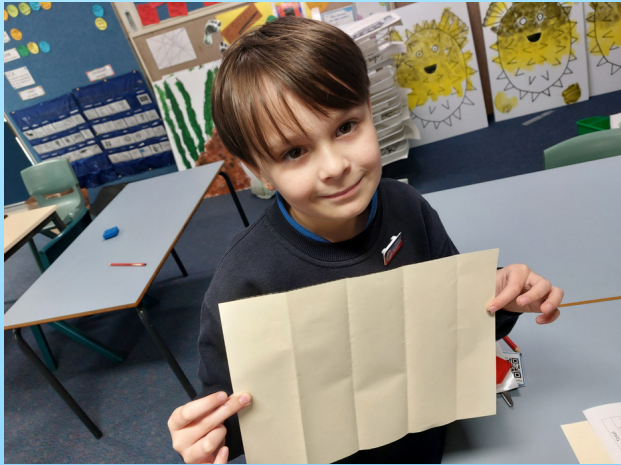
It's all happening in our garden! Last term, we planted some corn seeds. We have been busy watering some Worm Wee into the soil, along with some rain and sun, our corn plants have EXPLODED! We are really looking forward to harvesting our corn, cooking it up and lathering it with butter! Yum!

We are working hard on developing and perfecting a musical item to perform in the not too distant future. Watch this space for a sneak peak... and for information about the actual performance!



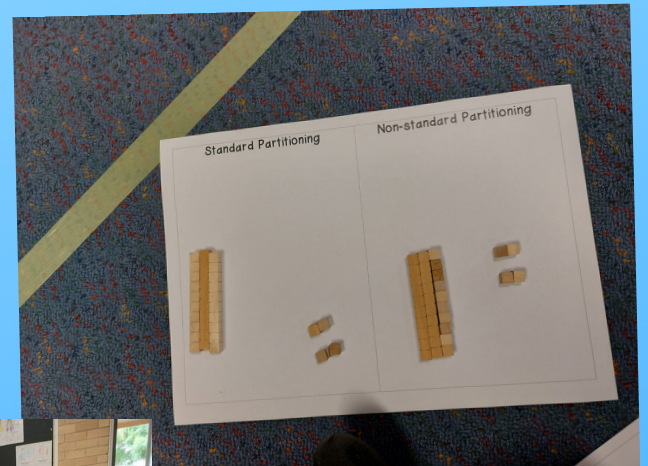
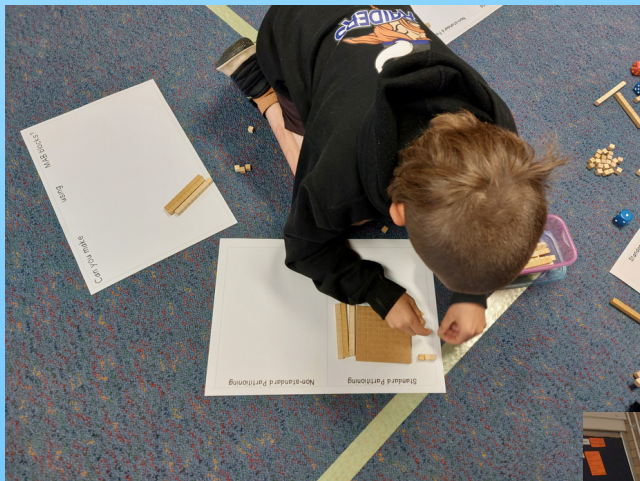
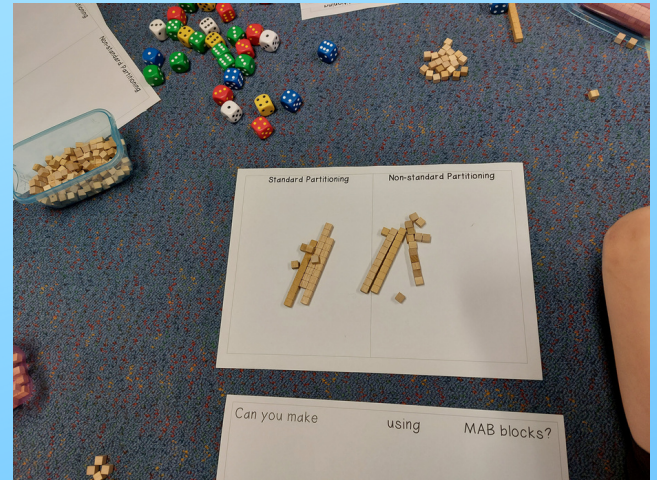
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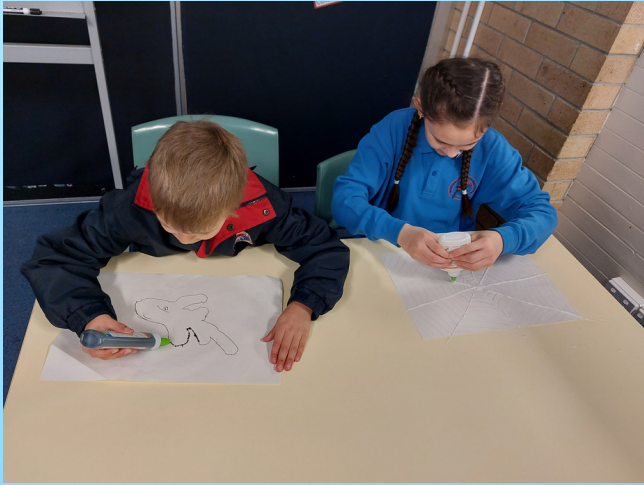
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Maroota Public School Community Garden

9/11/22
Working Bee
10am

On Wednesday 9th November a team from **Bunnings McGraths Hill** will be working with the staff and students of our school to finish our new garden space.

We would love to invite you and your family along to help in the garden. We aim to set up two new vegetable patches, install a compost bin and tidy up the existing garden areas.

If you are interested in joining us you are welcome to come to the school at any time between 10:00am-1:30pm. Donate as much or as little time as you can. Stay during recess or lunch to enjoy a picnic with your children.

We hope to see you there! (BYO wheelbarrows welcome!)