

Maroota Matters

Friday, 4th March 2022

How on Earth are we ALREADY at the end of week 6 of Term 1?! Obviously, time DOES fly when you're having fun!

Staffing

As you probably know, by now, last week we farewelled one of our favourite 'long-timers'. Mrs Irene Reinicke, School Administrative Manager at Maroota PS for 19 years, has decided to call it a day. She did keep it very quiet. To quote Mrs Reinicke, she didn't 'want any fuss made'. So, out of respect for her wishes, only a 'tiny fuss' was made on her last day. Mrs R will be sorely missed and we wish her well and hope that she enjoys her retirement.

The SAM position was advertised as an Expression of Interest, through the Department of Education channels. Mrs Lisa Aylward will take on the position, in a temporary capacity, until such time that the permanent position is advertised.

School Photos

School Photos are being taken on Wednesday, 9th March. Envelopes for individual and family photos can be collected from the office. There are a few payment options; photos can be paid for online. Follow the instructions on the photographer's envelope that has been sent home. You can pay in cash by popping the EXACT amount required in the envelope. Envelopes can be returned to school prior to or on the day of photos.

P&C

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th March, at 3pm, at the school, near the school play equipment. In the event of rain, a decision will be made by 12pm on the day and a Zoom meeting will be formed. People who are interested need only call the school and the meeting code will be emailed to you.

Visitors to our School

We are excited to inform you that parents will, once again, be allowed onsite. That means assemblies and helping out in and around the school! We are madly working to get our canteen area ready so that our Friday tuck shop can recommence, too! We are currently aiming to get Tuckshop happening in Term 2... just in time for cooler weather! We will keep you posted!

Speaking of visitors... check out the mega-moth that visited us here, today! Thanks to Justin and Lewis for ...ahem... alerting me to its presence. So beautiful! We don't do things by halves, here at Maroota



Diary Dates

Week 7

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Tuckshop

Week

Thursday

Friday

Tuckshop



Class News

Our 3/4/5/6 class has jumped straight into our learning. We are becoming increasingly AMAZING at writing!

We have been concentrating on creating the perfect sentence and experimenting with different writing techniques to stretch our understanding of writing. We have been reading 'The Black Book of Colour' by Menena Cottin and have written some personal responses to our chosen colour:

We have also been working on creating FABULOUS Persuasive texts. We've nailed the Statement of Position part and are now working hard to create amazing, hamburger-like paragraphs! Here's what we mean...

...and here's how we do it! This was a jointly written text. Students, in small groups, formulated each paragraph. It was edited as a class.

We have also been studying the work of Australian artist, Pete Cromer. We have investigated his techniques and studied his selected artwork muses. We discovered that Pete uses a combination of printing, painting and collage. We understand that Pete's work is simple and not realistic. We love that his animals are super cute and that he generally uses a plain background that influences mood or relates to where the animal is found.

Check out our Pete Cromer inspired artworks... they're a work in progress!

Our K-2 class has been working tirelessly, too!

Lots of writing, reading and maths happening... and how great are those easels?



Happiest of happy birthdays to these amazing people:

March...

4th - Maria

9th – Justin

15th – Lucy

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following award winners from this week's assembly:

K-2

3-6

Twosday 22.2.22

What a day! Who WOULDN'T want to celebrate?



PBL Focus (Weeks 6-8)

Our PBL focus for the next little while is:

Be Safe: Use the bathrooms in a safe and sensible manner.

All this wet weather makes for wet feet and slippery floors. We've had a couple of students slip on the tiles, thankfully without injury. This seems like the right time for a reminder to be careful!

Well, that brings us to the end of this newsletter. We hope you enjoy the newish format and the fact that it's jam-packed full of learning and fun for you to read about! While we are extremely happy to print copies for you to enjoy, photos aren't able to be enlarged (although I bet we've all tried! 😊) Head on over to Skoolbag so that you can get up close and personal to all of our photos!

Until next time,

Ann Smith

Principal