



# *MAROOTA MATTERS*

## *Term 2 Week 9*

### **Principal's Report**

So, here we are at the end of Week 9, Term 2.

How did THAT happen?

Almost half a year down! And what a 6-months it's been!

### **Fabulous Fun Day**

If you haven't already heard, Friday saw Maroota and MacDonald Valley Public Schools head to Wisemans Ferry School for a day of celebration and fun. We had SO much fun. Fun that wouldn't have been possible without:

- Teachers' Mutual Bank, who paid for the Science show and activities.
- Galston Public School (Mr Ison and Mrs Date... who stayed for the whole day, cooked us lunch, set up and packed up)
- Galston Public School P&C who orchestrated the cards of well wishes and the humungous pile of books, gifted to our students...just because...!
- Hornsby Shire Council for our delicious BBQ lunch and Eric's Tender Meats from Galston who donated the sausages and the onions.
- Hornsby Shire Council for Retro Birdie and his delicious ice creams.

Because of these generous people, we had an AMAZING science show, a day full of fabulous activities, a DELICIOUS sausage sizzle lunch AND the choice of an ice cream from a visiting ice cream van. ALL FOR FREE!

Thank you so very much to our sponsors. We are so appreciative for what you've provided for our amazing little schools. We are truly humbled by the amazing community spirit that we see, not only for this event, but for so many others.

### **Art Show**

On Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Maroota Public School hosted its very first Art Show. It was a huge success! So many artworks to peruse, so much art for everyone to DO! So much fun having our families with us to share in this aspect of our learning! So much discussion between students and their families! So much community art created!

Many thanks to everyone who came along. It was fabulous to see everyone and catch up after what seems to have been an eternity. Thank you, also, for your feedback. This has gone a long way to helping us to figure out 'what next?'

Many thanks, also, go to Mrs McDonell for her vision, organisation and less than gentle encouragement to get this event up and running. Thanks to our teachers who rallied tirelessly to get the art happening, the 'gallery' set up and the whole showcase experience off the ground. Thanks to Mrs Aylward for volunteering to organise, set up and cook afternoon tea. There's nothing quite like a Devonshire Tea! What a classy event!



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## **PBL**

The PBL focus for Week 10, Term 2 and Weeks 1 and 2 in Term 3 is:

Be Safe: Move around the school carefully and sensibly.

We'll be talking about walking on hard surfaces, walking carefully around corners and moving to lines in an orderly fashion. We've had some near misses and a few painful stacks. These can be reduced, or even avoided, if we just slow down!

## **New Interactive Whiteboards**

Our school has been so very lucky to have had 4 new interactive whiteboards installed. They are very impressive, state of the art and came at the perfect time... as our older boards had begun to fail... quite spectacularly! We are just learning to drive them... but we should be experts in no time, at all. The replacement boards came as part of the Rural/Regional Upgrade Gap Program; the same program that updated our Wi-Fi at the beginning of this year. It all took place last Friday, while we were down at Wisemans Ferry. So lovely to come back to school to find new toys!

## **Athletics Carnival**

Notes have gone home asking for athletics carnival volunteers and offering students and their families the chance to order a sausage sizzle lunch. We ask that orders are returned to school by Friday 24th June. This will enable sufficient sausages, bread, drinks, etc to be purchased, ready for the day. It will also allow us to calculate how much time we need to ensure that everyone can receive their lunch at the appropriate time. Thank you to our P&C for providing this important community service to us. What's a carnival without a snag?!

## **Time to Celebrate**

Our K/1/2 class has been learning all about the ways that different people celebrate, all around the world. K-2 have decided to celebrate half a year of learning together! They have invited 3-6 to attend a pyjama party, culminating in a cosy movie with snacks and hot chocolate. This will take place on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July.

## **Time to Celebrate, Part 2**

We have been tracking the days that we have been at school, this year. We are fast approaching 100! Watch this space for some 100's fun. It's going to be a great 'old' day!

## **Term 2/3 Information**

As stated in the last newsletter, the last day of Term 2 is Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July. Students return to school, for Term 3, on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July.

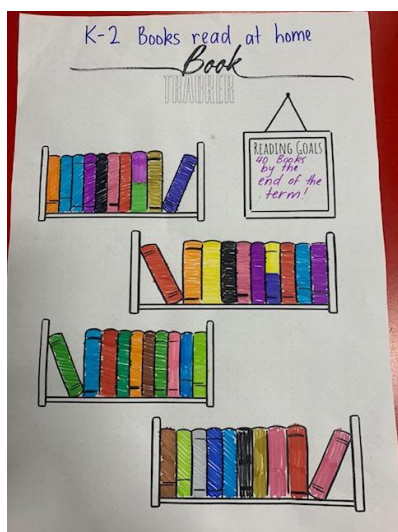
Until next Term!!

Ann Smith  
Principal



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## Class News



K-2 Kangaroos have worked hard the last few weeks attempting to reach our goals of 40 books read at home by the end of the term. I'm happy to say that we smashed that goal and reached 40 books read at home Monday Week 9!

Keep up the great work Kangaroos! Don't forget to return your home reader every Wednesday and borrow from the library for new books to read!

Georgia has been working hard practising her reading at school and home and was our first Guest Reader this week. She had the opportunity to read to the whole school. Great job Georgia! It is lovely to see you so enthusiastic about reading to the class!





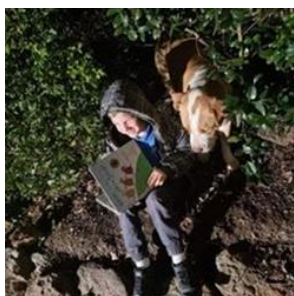


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Wow! It has been amazing to see the photographs sent in for this week's reading challenge! It was great to see your forts and the wide range of books being read. Thank you everyone who participated.

Congratulations Darcey the K-2 winner, Gemma the 3-6 winner! Both of you have won a \$20 voucher to spend as you like (hopefully on more books!).

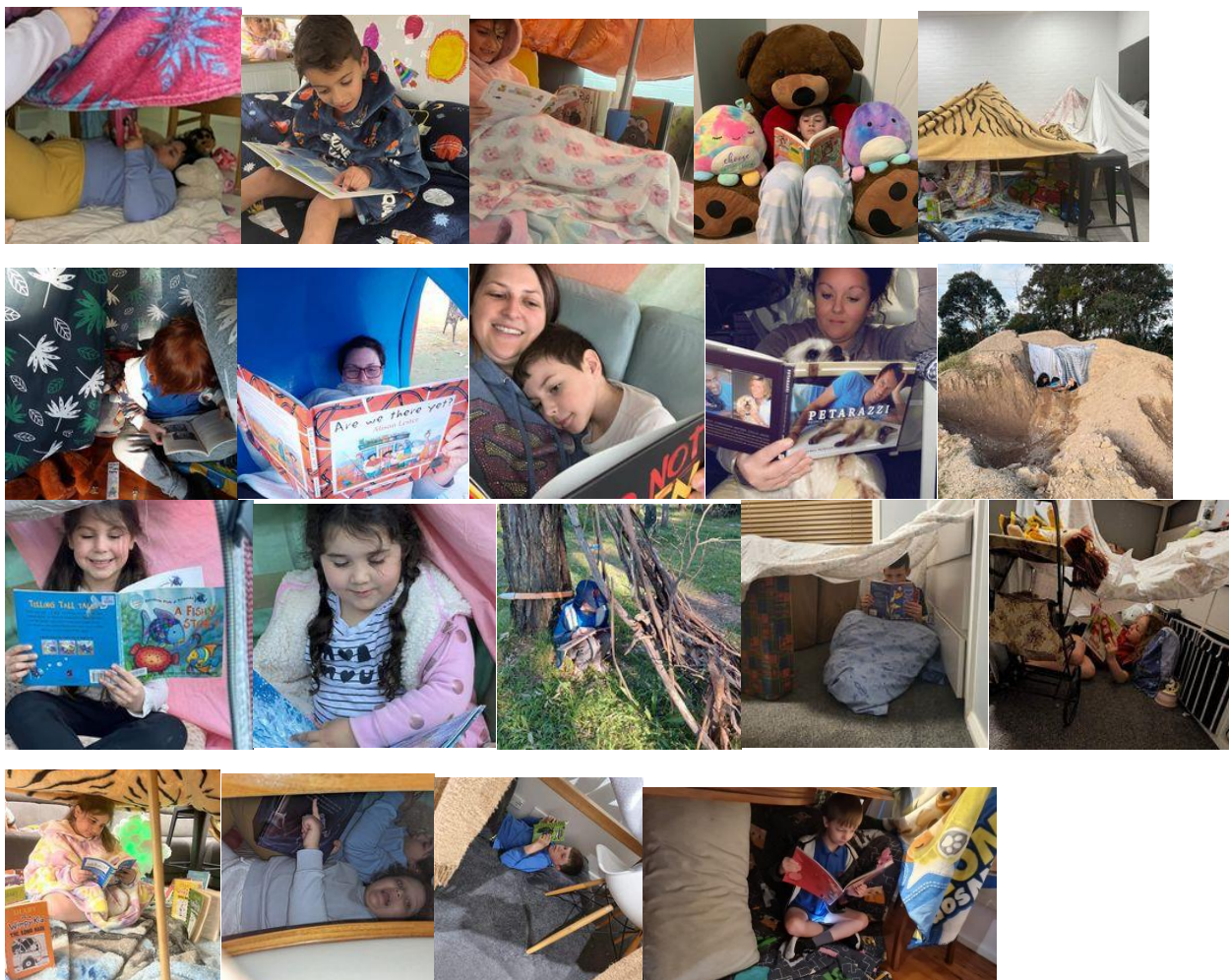
Darcey's Fort



Gemma's Fort



Some of the other fabulous forts!!

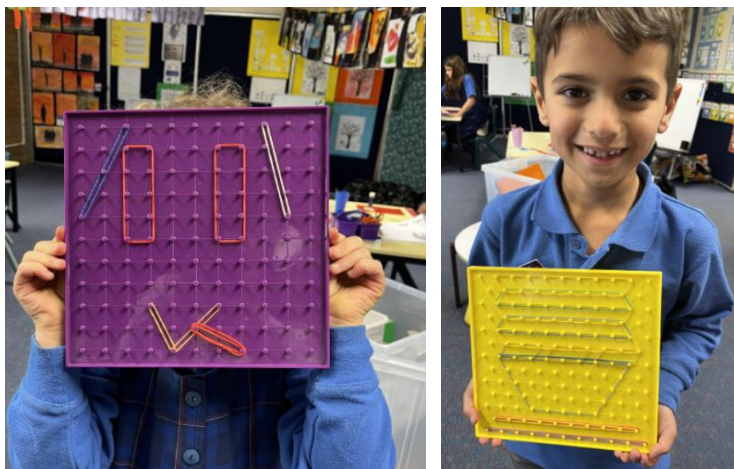


Next term we will start with a new challenge so make sure you continue to practise your reading throughout the holidays!



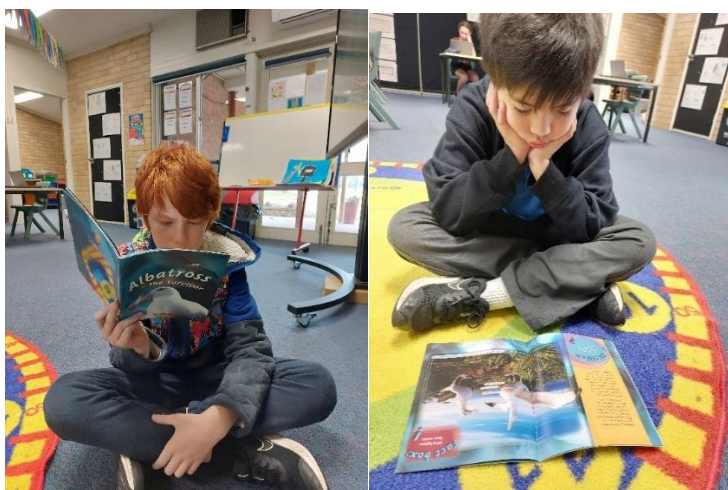


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K/1/2 Had fun with Geoboards learning about and creating 2D Shapes.

## Reading in Class





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## Library News

Take the kids to see Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers at [Riverside Theatres](#) these upcoming school holidays! Especially made for ages 6 and up, the show is an immersive and interactive performance involving games and imaginative play, while exploring Roald Dahl's extraordinary stories, including The BFG and The Twits along the way! Mon 4 - Thurs 7 July. Book here: <https://riversideparramatta.com.au/show/roald-dahl-and-the-imagination-seekers/> #HDMadvertiser






Maroota students have been enjoying the literary works of Roald Dahl this year in the Library and in class. A great immersive school holiday activity that students might enjoy at Riverside Theatre is the 'Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers'.

Mrs Hanckel



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**K/1 /2 invite you to**  
**Pyjama & Movie Day**

Friday 1 st July you are invited to wear your warmest and most comfortable pyjamas to school.

There will a screening of a movie and refreshments in the hall for you to enjoy to celebrate the last day of term 2.

We hope to see you in you there in your sleep wear!





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## Student Work

### My Best Days

As I play on the soft, warm sand making a huge sandcastle, I realised the sun had started to set.

I didn't really care, but it had started to get cold so I decided to just get a jacket. I marvelled at the sight before me. It was a truly amazing sunset. It was just spectacular at that moment. It was like a magnet had drawn my eyes towards it and I couldn't break eye contact.

Days later I was still at the beach. Well, I guess I just love the sand and water... especially the sand. You can get so creative with it. Like I said, I can make huge castles. It's one of my many specialties. Thankfully, I live at the beach so I can play in the sand and look at the sunset every night over and over again.

Yeah, I may be poor but it's not all about money. I have come to terms with it and like the saying goes "money doesn't buy you happiness" and well, that's the truth. I prefer spending my days on the sand than in a posh fancy house with chandeliers and fancy crocodile skin lounge. I just want a simple, amazing and modest but rewarding life. It's just the way I was brought up. That's all I need. I'm going to live here till the day I die.

#### 59 years later...

**Breaking news:** A skeleton has been found at the beach. It seems that whoever it was must have lived on the beach, here till the day they died. Were they living rough? Or were they living in paradise?



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## Local Events and School Holiday Fun

**PITT TOWN'S**  **MASSIVE**

**MARKET DAY & GARAGE SALE**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 25**  
At the Uniting Church, Bathurst St.  
**9AM - 2PM**

**BOOKS, PLANTS & CAKES**

**FREE STALLS**  
Book a spot & sell your garage items, books, clothes, old wares etc.  
"Your stall, your money"  
Take home what profit you make!

**WE WILL BE OPERATING UNDER COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES**

**TEA & COFFEE**

**HUGE FRUIT & VEG STALL**

**LIVE MUSIC & SINGING**

**PLUS LOTS MORE**

**OUR MISSION IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CLEAN WATER WELLS IN WEST PAPUA!**

All enquiries call 0439 309 303 or for stall bookings call 4572 3518

**School Holiday Workshops for Kids & Families**

**Monday 4 July**

**Workshops include:**

- Harry Potter
- Science
- Mad Science
- Creative Crafts

**\$5 each child per workshop**

**WORKSHOP BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. TICKETS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE**  
Visit: [www.hca.org.au](http://www.hca.org.au) what's on page for more info and to purchase tickets. Enquiries: 96398620

**Location: Turner Buildings 4 and 5, Balcombe Heights Estate 92 Seven Hills Road Baulkham Hills**

**Naidoc Family Fun Day & Open Classroom Displays**

**Wednesday 6 July**

**FREE**

**9.30am - 1pm Acknowledgement to Country & Cultural Dance followed by Family Fun Day Activities including:**

- African Drumming
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Photo booth
- Garden games
- Open Craft activities
- Open Learning in the Hills Classroom displays
- Information and activity stalls from a range of service providers and much, much more!

**Visit: [www.hca.org.au](http://www.hca.org.au) "what's on" page**  
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**Limited Food and Drink available to purchase**  
**Location: Balcombe Heights Estate car park and Turner Buildings.**  
**92 Seven Hills Road Baulkham Hills**







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Celebrating 100 Years!

## Tennis Open Day

Sunday 26 June  
8-11am

**8am - 9am**  
Free 20 mins group coaching sessions (all ages)  
Free 15 mins ball machine sessions  
Free court hire

**9am - 9.30am**  
BBQ breakfast  
Mobile café  
Meet and greet our special guest

**9.30am - 10.45am**  
Parent & child social round robin comp  
Adults and teenagers social comp

**10.45am - 11am**  
Raffle

*Everyone Welcome!*  
Venue: Richmond Tennis Centre

Hosted by  
Hawkesbury District Tennis Association Inc & Inside the Lines Tennis Academy  
For more details and to RSVP ring us on 02 4578 8999

Community Festival

## HAWKESBURY FEST

CELEBRATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

Hawkesbury City Council

**SUNDAY 7 AUGUST | 10AM—3PM | GOVERNOR PHILLIP PARK** *Free*

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FOOD STALLS AND TRUCKS • INTERACTIVE FUN  
AND GET TO KNOW YOUR COUNCIL

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