



# MAROOTA MATTERS

Welcome, welcome, welcome to Term 3, Week 6.

This year is really slipping away... and haven't we packed some great stuff in?!

## Maroota Muster

Wow! We did it!

And we did it AMAZINGLY well.

Congratulations, Maroota, on a spectacular 2022 Muster. We really did come back with a BANG!

Many, many heartfelt thanks go to everyone who donated, contributed, organised, volunteered, set up, packed up, picked up, delivered and attended. What an amazing, generous and supportive school and extended community we have.

The way our community bands together with friendship, kindness and mutual respect is unrivalled. It is surely the reason for all of our success. I love the way we can build each other up during the difficult times and celebrate positivity in our successful times.

I feel so very honoured to be able to call myself the principal of this amazing school. Every day I feel prouder and prouder of Maroota PS and the wider community, its achievements, its resilience and its comradery. I can't imagine ever wanting to be anywhere else!

## Longneck Lagoon

We are back on! Third time lucky?!

Notes will be sent home, soon, about our rescheduled Longneck Lagoon excursion. If you ever need another note (we all know what the inside of a child's school bag looks like!) head on over to Skoolbag. All notes sent home are stored there for you to print off, as you need to.

Thank you to our parents who are able to assist us in transporting students to and from Longneck Lagoon. Your sacrifice makes this excursion a whole lot more affordable.

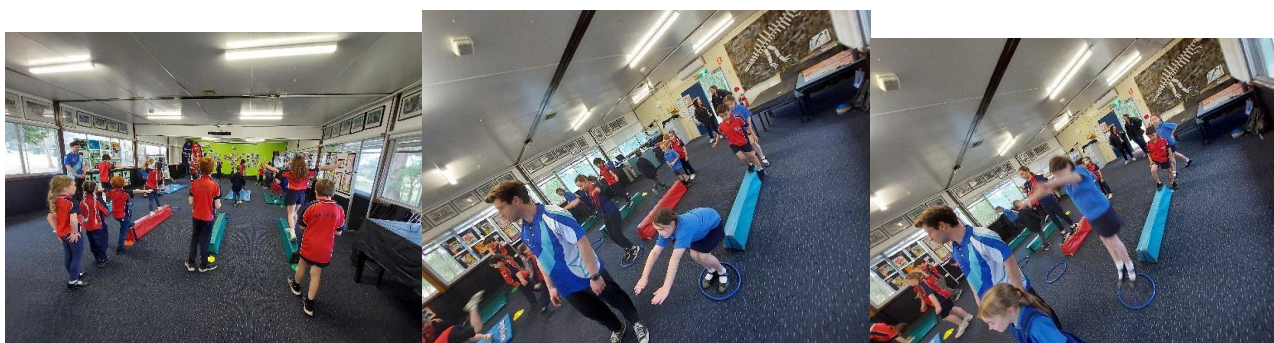
## Sport

This week saw us participate in our first 'Moving Bodies' session. As usual, Maroota PS students outdid themselves with their participation, behaviour and positive attitudes towards any challenge thrown their way. It was great fun and we used up a LOT of energy!





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We also congratulate our relay team who competed in last week's Zone Athletics Carnival. Gemma, Lucy, Lewis and Jack ran their hearts out and did Maroota PS proud. They are wonderful sports and are absolute proof that small schools grow great champions.







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## Education Week, Open Day, Book Parade, Book Fair and Grandparents' Day

The weather was a little chilly, but the atmosphere was very warm! It was so lovely to see our families back at school, enjoying education and learning alongside us. We thank our Maroota PS community for the lengths that they went to, to ensure that they (parents, siblings, grandparents and other relatives) could be with us on the day we use to celebrate public education and to celebrate Maroota Public School. It was so lovely to catch up and meet with so many family members and the students just adored having their families with them at school. Witnessing our students share their love for and excitement in learning was extremely heart-warming. All in all, it was the most amazing day. Many thanks must go to Mrs. Hanckel for her organisation and to Mrs. Aylward for single-handedly running the Book Fair sales.

We are very aware that parents work and that some were unable to join us on the day. Please contact the school and we can arrange a time for you to come in and have a 'mini education week' at a time that suits you.







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## **Literacy Exhibition**

Keep your eyes peeled for information about a new and exciting little event that's on its way.

## **Friday Fun with Friends**

Last Friday we had our second 'Friday Fun with Friends'. Students and teachers from MacDonald Valley PS joined us for an afternoon of fun. I know that our Maroota kiddos really look forward to seeing their 'Mac Valley Buddies' every three weeks and it is just delightful to watch these new friendships blossom. We are so lucky to live in this corner of the world.



## **School Photos**

Our group photos have arrived at school. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of a specific group photo, pop into the office, take a look and order, if you'd like to.

## **Swimming Lessons**

We are currently working on organizing K-6 swimming lessons for Term 4. We don't have ALL the details yet, but we just wanted you all to know that they are on our agenda. We are working really hard to have the cost of swimming lessons covered by a sporting schools grant. Fingers crossed! We are also negotiating transport to and from the swimming centre. Watch this space!

## **The ZOO!**

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 sees Maroota Public School students head off to Sydney Zoo. We are super excited and are looking forward to seeing our favourite animals and enjoying sometime in the sun (hopefully!) with our friends. Students are reminded that they are required to wear full school uniform, including their hat, and should bring a full packed lunch, recess and crunch and sip as well as a full drink bottle. If we're very lucky, there might just be a little treat for everyone... just to cap off a wonderful day, perfectly!



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# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Happiest of happy birthdays to these marvellous Maroota-ites!

September

9<sup>th</sup>– Ruby

18<sup>th</sup>– Georgia

We hope you have

BEST

the day!

## One last thing...

We've had a fair bit of feedback around our newsletter. It seems that most families are accessing our newsletter online, through the Skoolbag app. This makes sense because we can enlarge the photos online and get a closer look at what's happening. This will be the last newsletter that we will print for everyone. From the next newsletter (in week 9) we will post our newsletter to Skoolbag and inform everyone that it is available, via Facebook. If you prefer a paper copy, of COURSE we are still happy to print it for you. Just let the office know and we will ensure that you receive a printed copy of each newsletter.

Incidentally, a number of people have asked about an email or notification from Skoolbag outlining fundraising for our school. We have had nothing to do with this and understand that it has been generated by Skoolbag. We ask that you ignore this message. We have contacted Skoolbag, expressed our dissatisfaction and have instructed them to discontinue. We apologise for appearing to ask for more money after we have all worked so hard to produce the GOAT fundraiser, in the form of Maroota Muster. That, honestly, is not the way we roll.

Thank you, all, for an amazing, jam-packed few weeks. Thank you, also, for making Maroota Public School the happiest, most productive and joyful place to work, learn and belong.

Until Week 9...

Ann Smith

Principal

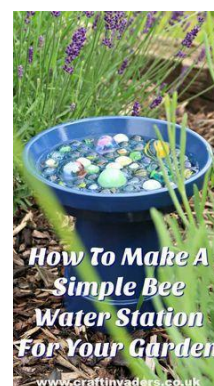


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## The students at Maroota are working on our garden and need your help!

We want to build an environment that encourages more wildlife into the area. We are determined to use what we've learnt while studying the needs of bees, butterflies, worms, ants and birds to build an inviting and colourful garden.

We would love it if you could donate any materials or plants to help us achieve our goal. We are planning on building a bug hotel, bee and butterfly water station, bird feeders and a worm farm using the images below as inspiration.



If you have any of the following things around home that you no longer need, please drop them to the K-2 classroom.

- Plants- lavender, marigolds, rosemary, mint, nasturtiums
- Crates/scrap timber/plywood
- Small logs, branches/sticks
- Terracotta pots (base plates/saucers too)
- Pinecones
- Dowel
- Bird seed
- Gardening equipment eg watering can etc
- Soil, gravel
- Spray bottles

Keep an eye on our newsletters and Facebook to follow our progress.

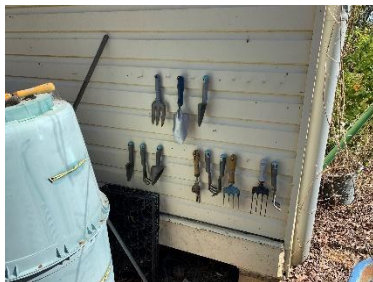




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## Day 1- Surveying the garden

We went exploring to determine what sorts of birds and minibeasts we could find in the existing garden (there weren't very many). From here we worked out what we wanted to build and the materials we would need.





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## Reading with your child at home

Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school. When your child sees you reading- recipes, street signs, cards and books, it teaches them that reading is a useful life skill.

## What can you do at home to help?

Read aloud to children! It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.



Talk about books, read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity.

Make sure there is a wide range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.



Borrow books from the library or see your child's teacher if you would like to borrow books from the classroom.

Listen to your child read every day, even for a short time.

Give books as treats and presents.

Make a special time for reading with your child, away from distractions. Before bed is a great time!







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## NETBALL & FUTSAL



COMPETITION FROM SEPTEMBER 2022 TO MARCH 2023

### Play sport indoors

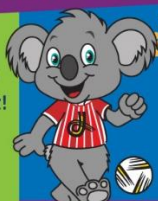
at The Centre and never get rained out!

Midweek games keep weekends free.

On-site parking and cafe available.

Players of all skill levels welcome in  
supportive and friendly environment.

Active Kids vouchers accepted.



### Futsal

Fast & fun version  
of indoor soccer.

Friendly referees help  
guide new players.

Small teams mean  
everyone gets a go!

### Netball

Play "outdoor rules"  
on full size indoor court.

Quality & nurturing umpires  
and competitive leagues.

Connect with your team over  
Summer and grow your skills!



Competition Starts  
12th September 2022



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At  
Maraylya Hall  
(Boundary Rd, Maraylya)  
on  
Friday 9th September  
6pm  
Prizes to be won.

Presented by Cattai Public School P&C Assoc.

5 games of Bingo and a Burger for Dinner for \$10pp.

Soft drinks/water available to purchase.

All welcome.

Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/CBROK>

This is a child friendly event. Enquiries to Kim on 0419 435 022

## **Kids Holiday Bowls!**

kids bowls day + sausage sizzle

Thursday 29th September - 11am

bookings preferred - 02 4566 4609

**Grub on the Green**





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*You need to pack up your really important things.*

## The Pillowcase Project

Join us for this  
**Free School  
Holiday Activity**

**Wednesday 28 September  
2.30pm – 4.30pm**

**at Wilberforce School of Arts  
Hall, 531 Wilberforce Rd,  
Wilberforce.**

**Afternoon Tea provided**

The Pillowcase Project is a disaster resilience education program designed to help children prepare psychologically and practically for an emergency.

Aimed at students in Years 3 and 4, the one hour workshop involves engaging discussions and interactive activities to help students:

- Understand and discuss the importance of being prepared
- Prepare their mind for the thoughts and feelings that may arise before, during and after an emergency
- Know the difference between need and want items and what to pack in an emergency kit.



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Each student is then given a pillowcase to decorate and take home, to start their own personal emergency kit.

Parents are welcome to stay at this event to speak with services about how they can best support their children in a crisis. Feel free to join the discussion!

For information, please call Lyn on **(02) 9290 8912** or Vesna on **0427 970 392** or [redcross.org.au/pillowcase](http://redcross.org.au/pillowcase)

