

Maroota Matters

Term 4 Week 6



How can it be that we are ALREADY past the half-way mark of Term 4?

Robokids

Last week's Fun with Friends Friday was a hoot! We played, we learned, we built and we programmed. The best part is that we get to do it all over again this Friday AND next Friday! We love Fun with Friends!



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Orientation

Orientation for our 2023 kindergarten has been going swimmingly. Our new friends have enjoyed getting to know their classmates, the school routines, the activities, the playground, and their big buddies. We can't wait until they are with us full-time, next year!

Happy, Healthy Harold: 28th November

Harold will be visiting Maroota PS on the 28th November, to deliver messages to our students around making healthy choices and staying safe. Notes have gone home for permission to attend our Harold visits, in week 8. If you need another note, please head to Skoolbag, where extra notes are available!

Swimming Carnival

Monday 21st November sees Maroota PS students heading down to The Retreat at Wisemans Ferry. We will be joining Wisemans Ferry Public School at a combined WFPS and MPS swimming carnival. Just like our athletics carnival, races will be run (swum??) together, but results will be separate. It promises to be a great day and we look forward to meeting you there and sharing the day with you!

Due to the recent floods down there parents attending will need to bring their own chairs or picnic rugs. The toilets have also been damaged so students and parents will need to use the conference room amenities. No student is to go alone, an adult must accompany them there and back.

Reports

Teachers are currently studiously writing student reports. It's a tough time of year but also one that teachers actually enjoy. We love reflecting on the year and are heartened by the growth and progress each and every student makes. As always, once you receive your child's report, please feel free to call the school to make a time, should you want to discuss any aspect of the report. They are due to go home on the 15th December.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day will take place on the 16th of December. It will start at 9.15. More information will follow. Excitingly, we will be able to invite our families along and have ACTUAL PEOPLE at this year's event. We are really looking forward to sharing it with you!

Christmas Mufti

For no other reason than just to embrace the Spirit of Christmas, Maroota Public School students (and teachers...you just KNOW we love a good dress up!) are invited to shed the uniform and sparkle it up to be as Christmassy as possible! So, no gold coin donation... just festive dress for Tuesday, 13th December... and if we're lucky, a little festive activity!



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Swim School

Swim School 2022 is FAST approaching!

If you haven't returned your child's permission notes, please remember to pop them into your children's schoolbags. Remember, thanks to the Sporting Schools Grant and the generosity of our P&C, there is no cost to families.

Library

Last day to borrow for this year will be 30th November. Please ensure any books at home are returned if no longer needed.

Bailey

We have been very lucky to be joined by Bailey for work experience.

Bailey comes along each Wednesday as part of his High School Work Experience Program. He helps out in K-2 during literacy time and assists 3-6 during maths time. He does laminating and cutting out and helps us teachers to get organised. He's doing a fabulous job and we look forward to seeing him every Wednesday. He is a hit on the playground and has been a fabulous help in the office and the classroom. Bailey is big brother to Jack in year 3.



Maddie WE 28/11-2/12

Hot on Bailey's heels, we have Maddie joining us for some work experience, also!

Maddie will complete a one-week block of Work Experience from 28th November to 2nd December. It will give her a good taste of what it means to be a teacher and to work at a school. We can't wait!



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Scripture

Thursday, 24th November will be our final scripture lesson for 2022. We invite you to join us for our 2022 Nativity play and break-up party, afterwards. Notes have gone home, inviting our families to come along. If you could manage a plate of goodies to share, we'd really appreciate it. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please come and join us for the

*Maroota School Scripture
Christmas Play*

24th November 2022
9:30am in the school hall

After the performance please stay and join us for morning tea.
Please bring a plate to share.

This will be our final Scripture lesson for the year.
So thank you to all the families of Maroota and Merry Christmas from Mrs Andrews,
Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Vargassoff



Wishing these Maroota legends the HAPPIEST of happy birthdays!

November:

6th - Mr Trevor

13th - Thomas



Garden Working Bee



New Vegetable Gardens

Once again we have to say a HUGE thank you to the team at McGraths Hill Bunnings for helping us to build some fantastic new garden beds. We can't wait until we can harvest all the delicious vegetables.



A Bird Bath Too

We were also lucky enough to gain a new bird bath and decorative pebble garden, as well as a new compost bin.

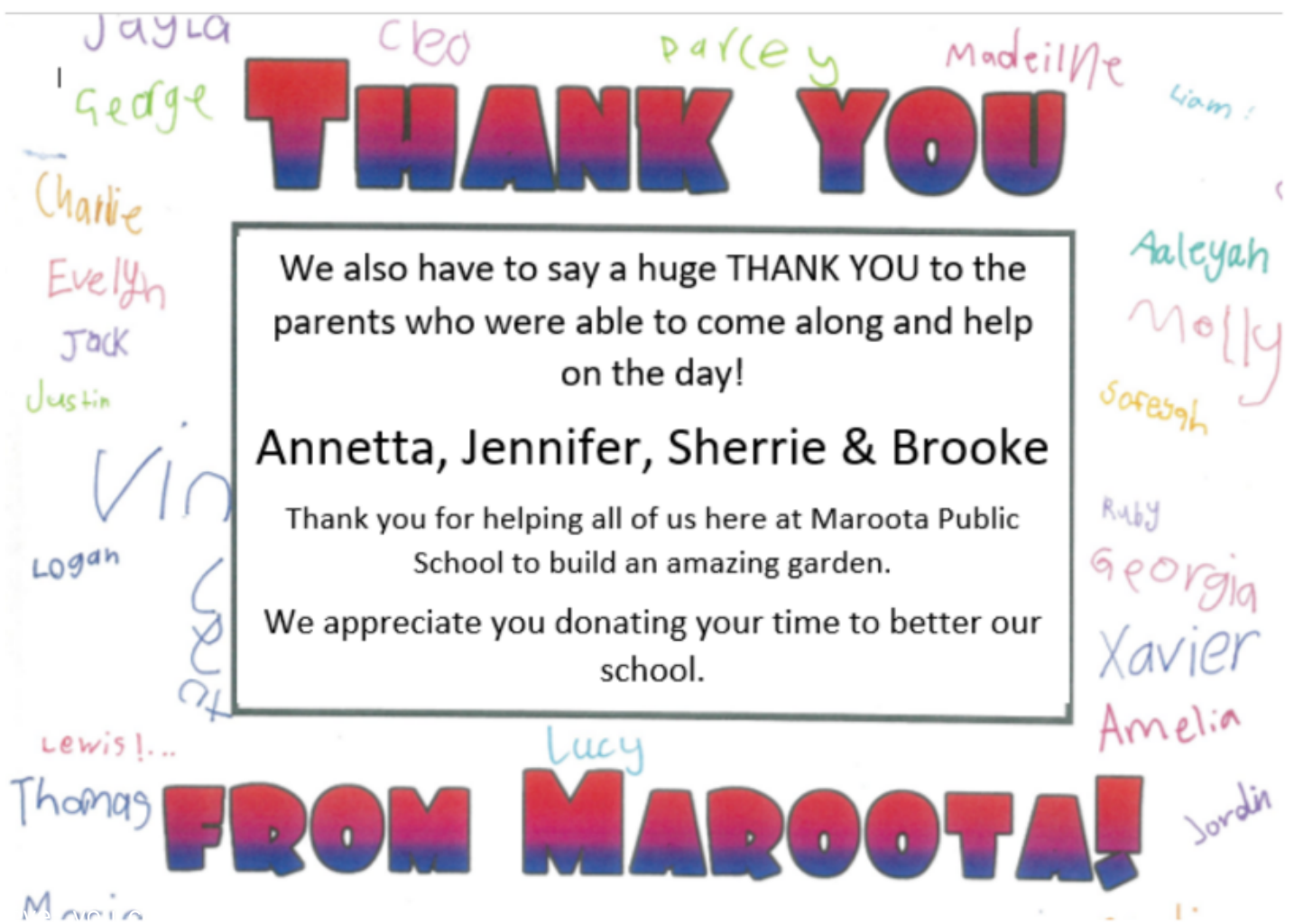


Living Things

This garden project was an extension of the K-2 living things unit of work.

Our goal was to encourage more wildlife to our school. Already we are seeing an increase in the number of bees, butterflies, birds and bugs in our gardens.

The garden, composting and worm farm will be an ongoing project at Maroota Public School.

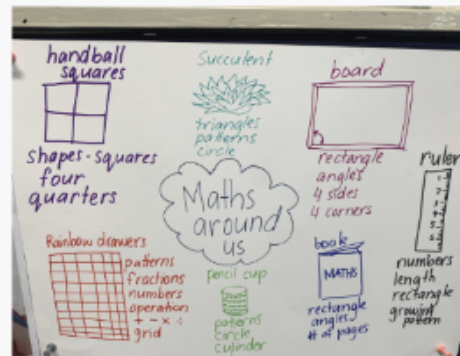


Maths at home

This term at Maroota we have been focusing on improving our numeracy skills and understanding. We have learnt that mathematical concepts are all around us.

Numeracy is necessary for everyday living. From daily activities like telling the time and setting the table to more difficult tasks such as planning a trip, reading a map and understanding timetables.

Here are some fun and simple activities you can do at home to help your child build their interest and confidence in mathematics. Start by going on a MATHS HUNT and see how many ways you use maths in your everyday lives.



Baking!

Measurement, counting, timers, arranging things in rows and columns...Sounds like the perfect way to incorporate a range of mathematical ideas. Bonus: Cookies or cake to reward all your hard work!

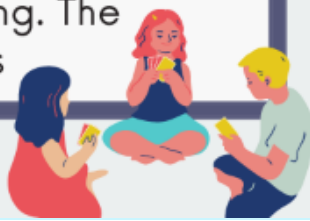
Car Park Counting

Pick a colour and count all the cars of that colour in the carpark. Want to make it harder? Assign an amount to each colour eg. Red- 1 point, Blue- 10 points and Yellow- 100 points. Now add them all up!



Board/Card Games

Not only are board and card games a great way to spend time with your family, think about all of the mathematics involved. Identifying numbers, counting, adding money, patterns, problem solving. The possibilities are endless



At the Playground

- Find a way to balance the seesaw
- Time and compare how long it takes each person to complete the monkey bars
- How many steps from the slide to the swings? How many metres?
- Give directions to find 'pirate's treasure' at the park

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FUN IN K-2 KANGAROOS!



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My kind of paradise, a river honeymoon
Just layin' with my lady on a houseboat in the sun"
- John Williamson**

Celebrate the wonderful

However you celebrate, whoever you're with, may your Christmas be merry, always.

From the Community Bank Galston & District team.

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IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY
WITH THE COMMUNITY AT HEART

Community Carols Night.

*Enjoy an evening with good óle fashion Carol singing
with the Hawkesbury Concert Band led by
Jessica Dickinson and Tom Carter.*

Date: Friday 2nd December, 2022

at

*Maroota Public School
4540 Old Northern Rd, Maroota
7pm - 9pm*

*(with BBQ available from 6pm provided
by the combined Local Rural Fire Brigades)*



Please bring a blanket or chair, a candle or torch and insect repellent.

*For further information contact:
Pastor Peter Goldstien 0428 234 228*