

Welcome to the 2022 school year.

I sincerely hope that you and your families had a restful and relaxing holiday and that you managed to stay well.

Staffing

At the end of 2021, our student numbers were uncertain, as was the level of funding that we would receive, in order to staff our school. We sadly said farewell to Miss Bennett and Ms Tosh. I was unable to guarantee them the employment that they required (preferred days/full time load, etc), so they did what they had to do and found work elsewhere, that suited their needs. From all accounts, they are happy and are enjoying their new start at their new schools. Naturally, we miss them, but they are in positions that suit their phase of life. I'm sure that, one day, we'll see them at Maroota PS again, either as a teacher or a visitor.

We were lucky enough to receive a one day per week allocation of Assistant Principal (curriculum and instruction). We welcome Mr Ben Van Biljon, in that role. Mr Van Biljon is shared between Wisemans Ferry, Mac Donald Valley, Arcadia and Maroota Public Schools. We were lucky enough to claim his remaining day and he is sharing the teaching load on 3-6, with me.

We welcome Mrs Sarah McDonell who is teaching K-2. She will be with us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with Mrs Hanckel taking over the reins on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Hanckel will also be looking after the library for us, on Wednesdays.

It has been a smooth start to the school year. Students are settled and teachers are keen to teach! Thank you for your patience as we learn all about your children. We always aim to do what's best for each and every one of our students.

P&C

Our Parents and Citizens Association will meet for their AGM, next Wednesday, 16th February. The meeting will take place at 2.45pm and will be primarily via zoom. Please call the school if you are interested in attending and we will share the zoom meeting link with you. While there are some executive positions available, we also would love some new members. With Maroota Muster planned for the end of the year (third time's a charm!). You know how the saying goes, 'Many hands make light work'.

In Our Classrooms

Our teachers and students are working industriously, and we have jumped straight into our learning. Below are some 'action shots'!



From this point forward we will be endeavouring to FLOOD our newsletter with photos and work samples of our everyday school life. It's going to be awesome!

Award Winners

We are aiming to send out our newsletter every 3 weeks, on a Friday. This is because we would like to publicly acknowledge our award winners from our assemblies, held every three weeks. This enables us to publish the names of our award winners and avoid any spoilers! It also gives us the chance to collect and collate as much news and photos as possible from our students and staff. We hope to make our newsletter a little more engaging, and something that our community looks forward to receiving.

Assembly

This week saw the start of our MPS assembly.

Until such time that we are free to invite our community members to join us, we will post photos on Facebook. We will also be using this time to train up our new assembly leaders and to finalise the assembly format so that it is fun and engaging for all!

School Leaders

Congratulations to Gemma who is 2022's school captain. Supporting her are a team of year 5 prefects. Justin, Lucy and Maria will head the school house groups in addition to being an integral part of our school leadership team. Already they have been busy 'learning the ropes'. They are proving to be an amazingly reliable team who are showing considerable intuition.

Congratulations, also, go to our 2022 Student Representative Council leaders. Elections were held last week, and we welcome the following students to our team of leaders.

Year 1- Georgia M

Year 2- Xavier R

Year 3- Jack B

Year 4- Thomas P

Year 5- Lucy R

An induction ceremony is planned to take place as soon as we get the go-ahead to invite large numbers of family members into the school. We sincerely want all the grandmas and grandpas, siblings, aunts and uncles to be able to come along. Watch this space for an announcement regarding the special assembly.

Happy Birthday!



Happy, happy birthday to the following Marootians:

February...

10 – Jordin

11 – Logan

19 – Jayla

20 – Mrs Reinicke

25 – Mrs Smith

27 – Xavier

Skoolbag and Facebook

A great deal of our communication occurs through Skoolbag and Facebook (last minute reminders, urgent messages that need to be distributed immediately, etc). If you don't already have the skoolbag app, I invite you to download Maroota Public School's skoolbag app. Also, feel free to like us on Facebook. Here we share news and information, current events and also post those last-minute reminders.

We come to the end of an epically long newsletter. Thanks for sticking with it!!

We are so glad to be back.

Looking forward to a wonderful year of fun and learning.

Ann Smith

Principal