



Welcome to Week 9. How is it Week 9, already?

We've had a busy couple of weeks and as we head towards the end of the term, it's about to get even busier!

Sport

Moving Bodies

Students have been participating in the Moving Bodies Program, during Term 1. This has been funded by The Sporting Schools Grant, successfully obtained by Mrs Aylward. It has been a great deal of fun and students have enjoyed using the variety of equipment that they bring with them, that school can't supply. Unfortunately, the remaining lessons for the term are a little all over the place as we work to fit in the lessons around school activities. Moving Bodies sessions are as follows:

Tuesday 21/3,

Tuesday 28/3 and

Friday 31/3.

Students will need to wear their sports uniform on these days.

<u>Athletics</u>

We have arranged for Term 2's sporting activity to be athletics. This will tie in nicely with our Athletics Carnival, due to be held at the end of Term 2. The day of the week has not yet been confirmed. As we have organised that athletics sessions be held at Wisemans Ferry and Macdonald Valley on the same day as us, we need to take into account the company's availability, as well as which day suits all schools. Keep an eye on Facebook, the information board at the front of the school and Compass for updates.

Election Day

Saturday the 25th of March sees the polling booths open for the state elections. As usual, our school will act as a polling place. Come on down, cast your vote and treat yourself to a Democracy Sausage. We will also have a craft stall and a cake stall which will be run by our friends at the Maroota CMRI. We still have some empty spots on the barbecue roster. If you can spare an hour, we'd love to have you stand beside us in the snag turning and Banger Sanga selling assembly line. Those snags are not going to cook themselves! If you can help, please call the office and we'll secure you a position!

Harmony Day

On the 21st March, Maroota Public School students and staff donned their orangest of orange to celebrate Harmony Day. We all participated in a variety of activities that promoted acceptance, inclusion, understanding and empathy. It was a very harmonious day.





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Stage 3 visit to WFPS

On Friday, 17th March, stage 3 students headed down the hill to attend a workshop run by Richmond Centre of Excellence in Agriculture. The workshop focussed on students of the greater Hawkesbury, developing their understanding of the river and its role in nature and enabling them to express their connection to the Hawkesbury.







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Skyworks

On Monday, 27th March, Maroota Public School students will be treated to a Skyworks experience. A huge dome will be inflated and we all get to enter. For a couple of fun-filled hours we get to stargaze, view the planets, check out some constellations and gain some understanding of where we sit in our solar system. This is perfect timing as both classes have been studying their own 'Earth's Place in Space' science units. We can't WAIT!

Easter Play

On Thursday, 30th March, our students will be viewing an Easter play, during their scripture lesson time. We thank our lovely scripture teachers for arranging this for us. There is no cost to students and parents are welcome to join us. Thank you to the P & C for their kind donation for the cost of the play.

Healthy Harold

Notes will come home next week for our annual visit to the Happy, Healthy Harold Van. The visit will take place on Wednesday, 5th April. Sessions will complement our Personal Development/Health units of work. The topics will be shared via the permission note. Keep your eyes on the kiddos' bags!

Cross Country

On the 6th of April we will welcome Wisemans Ferry Public School and Macdonald Valley Public School to join us for our annual Cross Country. It will be a great day of community and friends and we warmly invite you to attend. There will be a sausage sizzle, run by the P&C, and zooper doopers for the runners. Sausage sizzle orders will go home soon and more information about the running of the day will accompany them.

Holidays

The last day of school for Term 1 will be Thursday, 6th April 2023. Students return to school, for Term 2, on Wednesday, 26th April 2023. We wish all of our wonderful MPS families a relaxing Easter break.

ANZAC Day

In keeping with our long-standing ANZAC day tradition, Maroota Public School Students are invited to join us in the ANZAC march from Wisemans Ferry Public School on 26th April, 2023. Finer details have not been confirmed, as yet, but save the date if you're interested in joining us. It's a lovely event, commemorating an important Australian occasion.

Environmental News

We are proud to announce that Maroota Public School has been successful in procuring a grant to assist in our ongoing development of Environmental Education including our gardening and sustainability focus. We will be working closely with Wisemans Ferry Public School and Mrs Duncan from the Penrith Environmental Education Centre. We are very excited and have some amazing plans! More information, including an invitation to be involved, will follow.





Tuckshop

Our tuckshop runs every Friday, providing lunches and snacks to our very lucky students. There are a variety of lunch choices, drinks, ice blocks and snacks. We have been very fortunate to have a committed team of parents who join us for an hour or two, to enable this to happen. Next term we will be needing more volunteers to help us keep our tuckshop operating. If you can spare an hour or two on just one or two Fridays throughout the term, please call the school and we will pass your details onto our Tuckshop organiser. We have managed to keep Tuckshop happening every Friday of Term 1. We hope to be able to do the same in Term 2. For weeks that have no volunteers, Tuckshop will need to be non-operational.

Compass

We are now using Compass e as our school management program. The program has a downloadable parent app. If you have misplaced or not received the log in sent home in the last few weeks please let the office know. We are still learning all the features but parents will be able to submit absentee notes, complete permission slips, access reports and view students attendance just to name a few. If you require any help setting up the app please come into the office on a Monday-Thursday and Mrs Aylward will do her best to help you.

Toastie Cheese Tuesday

Next term will see the return of toastie cheese Tuesday, this will run for Term 2 & 3. Please send your order in a brown lunch bag with your child's name, order and correct money. \$2/toastie.

We look forward to seeing everyone back next term. Enjoy a well earned break, relax and please remember to over-indulge in chocolate! Take care. Until next time...

Ann Smith Principal ©



Happy birthday to these MPS birthday buddies!!

April 4th Jaxon 9th Evie 9th Liam 13th Vincent 23rd Molly

May 4th Josie 8th Amelia

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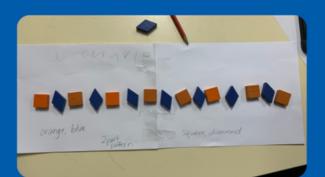
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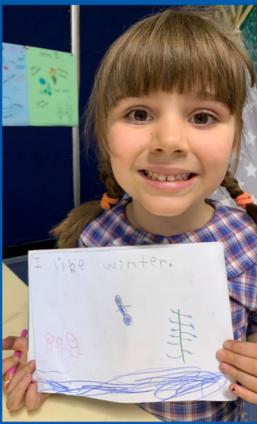
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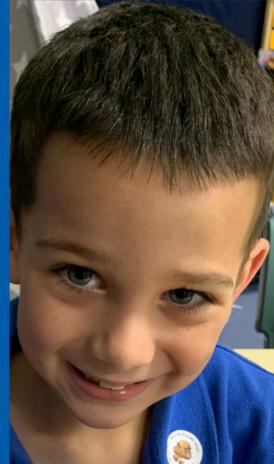














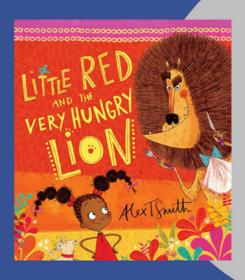


LITTLE RED AND THE VERY HUNGRY LION

With such a small group at school on Friday we combined our classes for a STEAM day (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) based on the fractured fairytale Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion.







We started the day reading the story 'Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion'. Everyone offered a reward to find the cheeky lion displayed on their Wanted Posters. The afternoon was spent following a directed drawing to make a forest scene. It is lovely to see how each child added their own creative twist.



We all agreed it was just too dangerous for Little Red to leave her house to deliver treats to her Aunty, but we didn't want to leave her sick in bed with nothing. The solution...we built catapults of Course.

Students partnered up to build a catapult that could launch the basket of treats over the forest and straight into Aunty's backyard.









HARMONY DAY 2 0 2 3



At Maroota we love to celebrate our differences while remembering our similarities. During our Harmony Day activities we read Jeannie Baker's 'Mirror', examining the lives of the two families in the story, one from Australia and one from Morocco. In response to the story we played a mirroring game. We also used Google maps to find and compare where we live to various places around the world.





HARMONY DAY POSTER COMPETITION

Some students decided to create a poster to submit in the Harmony Day Poster Competition. Others decided to work on our collaborative colouring activity. Some did both!





































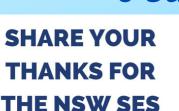


25th March 2023 From 8am

Please bring your cash and support our local community.

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We are encouraging the community to say thanks for the NSW SES volunteers by writing a small heartfelt thank you note that we will send to the local SES Units. Please limit notes to 100 words Messages can be sent via email to rs@peppercorn.org.au



SESSIONS INCLUDE

- A behind-the-scenes tour of our shelters
- Making enrichment toys
- Meeting a variety of shelter animals
- Talks from various roles at the RSPCA
- Exploring how our Inspectors perform rescues and enforce the law

PROGRAMS







Sydney Adoption and Education Centre 201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

To express your interest, please visit our website: rspcansw.org.au/what-we-do/education /school-holiday-program/

If you would like more information, contact the Education Team on:

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STAY AFTERWARDS TO EXPERIENCE OUR CLUB RACE DAY!

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- John Paulson

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