



Maramba Flyer

Term 1 Week 1

Thursday 2nd February 2017



Principal's Message

2017 Diary Dates

February 22

Twilight Sports
Carnival, 5.30 – 7.30pm

February 28

District Swimming

March 8

Divisional Swimming

March 10

School Photos

March 22

School Cross Country

Term Dates

Term 1

January 30 – March 31

Term 2

April 18 – June 30

Term 3

July 17 – September 22

Term 4

October 9 – December 22

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome and Welcome Back

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone had a great summer break with family and are looking forward to the year ahead. All the staff at Maramba would like to give a big welcome back our students and families for another great year at Maramba. Of course, we would also like to give a special welcome to the new students and families who have joined our amazing school community this year!

We are all very excited for the students, our community and ourselves about some of the new initiatives the school will be undertaking during 2017. A special year ahead!

School Leadership Program

Congratulations to all the students who have been elected to represent their peers in a range of leadership roles across the school. At Maramba, we are extremely proud of our extensive leadership program and the manner in which our students represent not only themselves and their families but also the school. Presenting students with the opportunity to lead others provides them with a range of opportunities, skills and abilities which will continue to serve them well throughout their education and beyond.

A special whole school assembly will be held in a morning later this term commencing at 9.10am to present our 2016 School Leaders their badges. This is always a tremendous time to publically recognise the student leaders for the New Year and I hope you can attend the assembly. The date will be confirmed soon.

GET KONNECTED! School Communication App

Konnective is an amazing school app, which enables us to **communicate** with you at any time and all times during the school year. Not only with regards to notices, payments, events and school camp updates but **most significantly in the event of a school emergency**. This is by far the **quickest and most effective** way for us to communicate with you and the school community **simultaneously and in an instant**.

I strongly recommend and urge you to join many of our parents/ carers who are already on Konnective!

School Uniform Expectations

It is tremendous to see the students have begun the school year so well by wearing their full uniform at all times. I remind you that students should have their hats at school to wear outside in the playground. If they do not have their hat they can only play outside in the shaded areas. The Uniform Policy also states no jewellery is to be worn apart from watches, Fitbits or certain earrings (studs and standard child's sleepers only). After carefully considering some concerns raised by parents regarding sleepers last term, the School Council and I have reinstated them as an acceptable piece of uniform providing they are close fitting around the ear lobe. If your child wears a turban, I would also ask you to ensure it is the colour of the uniform – either black, teal, blue or white. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School Council - Elections

Each year some members of the School Council retire and new members are elected. The School Council election process will commence in the next couple of weeks. I will have more details in next week's Maramba Flyer about the process you will need to follow if you are interested in joining the School Council for 2016. If you have any queries please see myself at school or ring (9796 7150) to make an appointment so I can have a chat about the role.

Student Accident Insurance

At the start of the year, I would like to remind our school community that the Department of Education and Training does not cover the cost of student accidents. However, there are some companies who can offer you inexpensive student accident insurance if you wish to cover your children while they are at school. Use the following address to the insurance company link below:

<http://www.studenthealth.com.au/>

I also inform you that the Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Health and Safety - Before and After School Supervision

Just a reminder that the school only provides supervision of students on the school grounds at the following times:

- Before school 8.45am – 9am
- After school 3.25pm – 3.40pm

Students on the school grounds outside of these times and outside of normal school hours are not supervised or covered by the school's insurance policy should an accident occur.

Bike and Scooter Expectation

One of the school's expectations of students, who ride their bikes or scooters to school, is that they are not to ride them on the school grounds. This expectation is in place to ensure that the safety of all students, parents, carers and other members of the community. We want to ensure the school grounds are a safe environment for everyone by not putting the safety of others at risk. If students repeatedly decide not to adhere to this expectation then they will be banned from bringing their bike, scooter or skateboard onto the school grounds.

Car Parks – STAFF ONLY!

Just a reminder, both school car parks are for **STAFF and EDUCATIONAL AGENCY VISITORS ONLY**. It is too dangerous to allow cars to be moving in and out during school time and at drop off and pick up times.

So please do not enter these areas at any time, including walking through the car parks at drop off and collection times - for the safety of your children and yourselves.

General Courtesy Obeying the Road Rules around the School Precinct

For your children's safety I begin the year with a plea for your consideration and cooperation in ensuring you follow the road rules and display courtesy at all times when parking or driving around the school. Pick Up and Drop Off times are very busy in any school and inevitably there will be a lot of traffic. I suggest you park somewhere nearby and have a stroll on a nice day with your children.

When parking in the surrounding streets, it is imperative that you also follow the parking relations and rules. We must honour the local residents with courtesy also. We have tremendous neighbours around the school so please do not park in their driveways, on nature strips and ensure you obey the parking regulations in place. There are 'No Standing' signs in the area that must be obeyed.

PARENT and CARER REMINDERS

Absence Notifications

If your child is absent from school, please notify the school office on 9796 7150 on the morning of the absence and supply a medical certificate upon your child returning to school. Thank you.

Late Passes

Every minute counts in your child/ren's education. However, if your child is late to school they must sign in at the office to receive a late pass to give to their teacher.

Early Leavers

If you need to collect your child before the end of school, please do not go straight to the classroom. All visitors are required to sign in and the students must be signed out at the office, where you will be given an Early Leavers pass to give to the teacher.

Kind regards,
Darren Wallace
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to welcome you all back for another exciting year together at Maramba. I hope you all had a enjoyable break and look forward to this year's journey together.

Isn't it great when... our students are excited to come back to school after school holidays?

These are some of the comments from our students:

I liked playing in the playground on the slide. **Charlie F8**

I liked everything! I liked doing puzzles. **Hashir F10**

I liked drawing my face. It was so easy. **Sohrab F10**

I was looking forward to going into Year 1 and learning more maths. **Nicholas 1P6**

I was hoping we would go swimming and I was just excited. **Amber 1P6**

You can do fun activities in Year 1 and learn new things. **Lily 1M7**

I wanted to see Mr Wallace and my new teacher. **Aaren 1M7**

I was happy to see Jacob and Louis. **William 2L11**

I like playing with my friends and reading some books. **Caeley 2L11**

I was excited to meet my new teacher again and see my friends. **Eric 2M12**

I am really enjoying making new friends and playing with people, I have not normally played with.
Phoenix 3H13

We are learning new things in Year 3 that we did not do in Year 2. **David 3H13**

I was excited about seeing my friends again. I liked hearing about all the good things we will be doing in Year 4. **Sarah 4W14**

I was eager to catch up with my friends. I am looking forward to learning new things because it is good for my brain. **Jonathon 4W14**

I was keen to come back to school to see my friends and a new classroom. I was nervous because I am going into Year 4 and it seems daunting. **Amber 4LT16**

I was happy and enthusiastic to come back to school because I am going into Year 4. I was looking forward to seeing my friends and to do hard work. **Lavangin 4LT16**

I am looking forward to doing fun activities with my friends and teacher. **Jonny 5B18**

I liked seeing my friends again and learning new things. **Gemma 5B18**

The best thing about coming back to school was to see my friends again. I am excited to learn new things in Year 5. **Avalon 5W20**

I am happy to see my friends and to do maths. **Pamod 5W20**

On Tuesday the 31st, I started a new year of school. I felt nervous at first but I settled in pretty good. Being in Year 6 and school captain there is a lot of work to do and to be responsible. **Jacob 6N2**

When I arrived at school, I was so glad to be back I wanted a new start. I was a little nervous because I had a mystery teacher and I was not sure what to think. When I met her, I was so happy with the people who put me in the class. I will remember this year forever in my heart. **Georgia 6N2**

I am excited about the challenges in Year 6 and a little bit worried. **Tyler 6RC3**

I am excited about being in Year 6 and my leadership roles and a bit worried. **Amy 6RC3**

I felt very excited to come back to school after a warm, fun holiday. I felt happy to be school vice-captain. I was very happy to see all of my friends again after a long time. **Jaxyn 6H4**

When I came back to school, I was happy to see my friends and my new teacher. I am really excited for this year and looking forward to it. **Nandana 6H4**

Diane Morwood

Student of the Week

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Year	Student	Reason
FP8	Charlie C	Being a five star listener and trying her best with all activities.
FC10	Ronav S	Being a five star listener during the first week of school.
1M7	Ryan W	Showing resilience and respect during his first week in Year One.
1P6	Jeriah L	Being a considerate and well-mannered student.
3H13	Angel A	Being a polite and caring member of the grade, who has started the year off well by working hard and contributing ideas.
4W14	Pheobe M	Being a fantastic role model and displaying our schools values of relationship, respect, responsibility and resilience. Well done Pheobe!



Maramba Primary School is going mobile!

Get notices, news and events sent straight to your smartphone

Add events to your calendar and set reminders

Be alerted to new or changed information



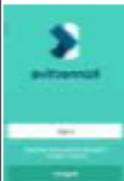
is a mobile app solution that will allow us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. We will be sending news, events, photos and more so that you can be even more connected with your children's activities and events at the school. Using the Konnective app, you can add events directly to your phone's calendar, set reminders for things you need to do and receive important alerts (similar to a text message) as soon as they are released.

Via the app, we can send communication to specific grade levels, so you will receive information specific to your child's grade as well as general news, events and updates that will go to everyone. This will extend and enhance our existing communications (eg. Newsletter, website).

To access via your Smartphone:

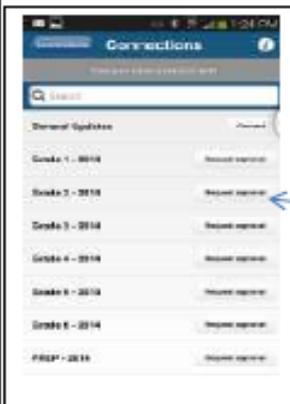


Download Konnective App through your smartphone app store. (Apple, Play Store etc)



Register here using your email address and create a password. You will then receive a confirmation email requesting you to click on the link in the Konnective email.

You are now ready to use Konnective and stay up to date with the latest school news.



- Login using the registered email and password you created
- Click on top left hand Menu button
- Select My Connections
- Click on Add button – top right of screen
- Scroll down and select Maramba Primary School

Then request approval for general updates and your children's year level updates. You will be prompted to enter your relationship to the school, type parent/guardian/grandparent etc. Once accepted by school administration you will receive the latest news straight to your phone.

Maramba Drive, NARRE WARREN 3806
Telephone: 9796 7160 Facsimile: 9704 0029 Email: maramba.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



CSEF Application Forms can be completed at the school administration office.



Swimming Lessons

ENROL NOW

and have access to **Casey Pools*** (Casey ARC, Casey RACE and Doveton Pools) during the **summer holidays**.



*T&Cs apply



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