



Maramba Flyer

Term 1 Week 7

Thursday 16th March 2017



Principal's Message

2017 Diary Dates

March 17

School Leadership
Presentation Assembly,
9.15am

March 22

School Cross Country
Book Club Due

March 30

MPAC, 12.10 - 1.10pm
School Colour Run
Fundraiser, 2.30pm

March 31

End of term,
Assembly 2.00pm
Dismissal 2.30pm

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,

School Leadership Presentation Assembly

A special presentation assembly will be held tomorrow Friday 17th March starting at 9:15am. We have arranged for a special guest to present the badges to the students. This is a tremendous time to publically recognise the student leaders for the New Year and I hope you are able to attend the assembly.

City of Casey Student Leaders Reception 2017

In March each year the City of Casey hosts a reception to acknowledge the newly appointed school captains and leaders of all schools within the City of Casey. Each year, a motivational speaker is invited to address the student leaders to inspire them to achieve success in their leadership roles.

Our School Captains and Vice Captains will be attending this year's reception accompanied by Miss Banovic.

Parent and Teacher Interview Feedback

The last of the parent and teacher interviews are today so thank you to all the parents who were able to make an appointment. To assist us to continually improve, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. Please let your class teacher know or drop into the administration office to see Di or myself.

Foundation Picnic

We will be holding a Foundation picnic on Thursday 28th March for the newest members of our school community. It is a great opportunity for the parents and carers of both Foundation classes to get to know each other and celebrate the end of the first term of your child's first year of school. We will provide a BBQ sausage sizzle for those that would like a sausage in bread, or you are welcome to bring along your own picnic dinner. We look forward to seeing all of the Foundation parents there. Please RSVP by Friday 24th March by returning the reply slip on the class letter.

School Cross Country

We will be holding our annual school cross country next Wednesday morning. Hopefully the weather will be kind as I am sure all the students will be trying their best to be selected for District representation. Good luck to everyone!

Kind regards,
Darren Wallace

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Isn't great when the whole school can be involved in the seventh National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 17 March 2017, each student at Maramba will receive a wristband to wear as part of our school's involvement.

Talking about bullying

Children and young people who know what bullying is, and know what to do about it if it happens, also know they are not alone in dealing with it.

They know that parents and teachers will be willing to help if needed.

Do not wait for bullying to happen to talk about it.

Use opportunities in conversation

Words to avoid

Keep communication open

Use opportunities in conversation

Parents can use the many opportunities that arise to talk with their child about how people behave in various social situations and how people get on with each other.

If your child tells you about things at school or you see things in public that involve conflict or bullying, and if it's appropriate, take the opportunity to talk about what bullying is.

Talk about what bullying is before it happens so children can recognise it and know what to do.

Point out that bullying is not just when someone is mean to you once, but it happens repeatedly and makes you feel like you cannot stop it. If you want, you could use some of these questions:

- What do you think 'bullying' is?
- Have you seen bullying happening? What did you do? How did you feel?
- Why do you think some people bully other kids?
- Who are the adults you would talk to when it comes to things like bullying?
- Have you ever felt scared to go to school because you were afraid of someone bullying you?
- Has someone tried to bully you? What ways have you tried to change it?
- What do you think parents can do to help stop bullying?
- Have you or your friends left other kids out on purpose? Do you think that was bullying? Why or why not?
- Have you ever tried to help someone who is being bullied? What happened? What would you do if it happens again?

Tell children that bullying can happen to anyone but it is never okay.

Make sure children know what to do if it happens to them or they see it happening to someone else. Talk about how to respond to bullying safely.

Most importantly, let children know how to get help if bullying happens.

Encourage them to speak to an adult if it happens, and to keep on asking for help if the bullying does not stop. Read more about what to say at Responding to bullying.

Talk with students about how they might handle other challenging social situations as well.

Parents and carers have an important role to help children and young people learn how to manage their own feelings and to work out how to argue or disagree with other people in appropriate ways. Everyday activities and issues can be valuable learning opportunities.

Words to avoid

Avoid describing a child as a 'bully' or a 'victim'. Although these words are often used in research and in the media, they are not very helpful for finding positive and lasting solutions.

Talk about bullying with the understanding that children and young people are growing and still learning how to be effective members of the community.

When you talk about bullying, focus on more appropriate ways to act with others and positive ways to get on with other people.

Children can change the way they behave with support from parents and teachers. If the labels of 'bully' or 'victim' stick, it can make it harder for them to change. Using these words can suggest that bullying and being bullied are due to unchangeable things about the children involved.

The labels of 'bully' or 'victim' can also cause further harm if a child accepts them as part of their social identity.

Keep communication open

Children and young people will ask for advice and help with problems if they think parents and caregivers are interested in them and their concerns.

When parents and carers spend some time each day asking about what happened during the day, and show genuine interest in their feelings and experiences, children will know that they can talk to their parents if they have a problem.

Check in with kids often. Listen to them. Know their friends, ask about school, and understand their concerns. Ask them about issues they tell you about, but do not jump in to solve their problems. Ask them what they think they can do about it

Diane Morwood

Maramba leadership badge presentation on Friday 17th March at 9.15

Steven Kidd will be presenting our school leadership badges on Friday. He grew up in Narre Warren and was a talented footballer from an early age. He is a life member of the Narre Warren Junior and Senior Football Club and is the club record holder, playing 269 games. After playing in three premierships at Narre Warren and spending 6 years as an Assistant Coach, he embarked on the role of Senior Coach at Warragul Football Club. He has taken a club struggling at the bottom of the ladder to be finalists, in only 2 years. He also won the AFL Gippsland Senior Coach of the Year in 2016.



Dear Parents and Carers,

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

- 1. Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
- 2. Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.
- 3. Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
- 4. Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
- 5. Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
- 6. Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

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- 5. Contact** the school.
- 6. Check in** regularly with your child.



Student of the Week – Term 1: Week 7

Year	Student	Reason
FAP8	Jaxon T	For being able to read all the Golden words. A great effort Jaxon!
FC10	Allan D	For looking and successfully finding Golden Words in his take home readers! Fantastic reading Allan, well done.
1P6	Santoshya S	Gaining confidence and having a go at writing tasks on his own.
1M7	Kaylee C	For working hard to stay focused on her work and being a great team member during inquiry learning sessions. Keep up the good work Kaylee!
2M	Megan T	Producing all her homework to a high level. Well done Megan.
2L11	Jacob N	For consistently showing respect to others and putting effort into every aspect of his learning.
3H13	Menal K	For always working to the best of her ability, challenging herself and taking on new ideas.
4LT16	Braydon D	Always completing his work to a very high standard and for his very impressive handwriting! Well done, Braydon!
5B18	Jade G	Increasing her confidence in mathematics and increasing her input during classroom discussions. Keep it up.
6RC3	Luke D	Luke has displayed an improved work ethic. He has exhibited resilience and respect.

Specialist Awards – Term 1: Week 7

P.E Award

Relationships

3G15

For helping each other with athletics skills

Music Award

Relationships

5B18

For working wonderfully as a team to create their class song.

Maramba Primary School

Cross Country Event

Come along and support the students for our annual

Maramba Primary School Cross Country Event

All students will be participating in the Cross Country run on

Wednesday 22nd March 2017.

The event will begin at 9:10am and conclude at 11:00am

Students in Foundation to Year 2 will run first, followed by the older students.

Students should wear suitable running shoes, bring a drink bottle, and can wear their house colours as they are running for their house team and a shield will be presented to the winning team.



Payment Due Dates

Year Level	Excursion/Incursion	Cost	Due Date
6	Winter Interschool Sports	\$21.00	Friday March 17
5 & 6	Australia Bound	\$7.00	Friday March 24
4, 5, 6	High School Musical JR	\$10.00	Friday March 24
3 & 4	Murrundindi Incursion	\$6.00	Wednesday March 29



FOM (Friends of Maramba)

March 2017

5c Fundraiser

This month each grade has a challenge to fill a tin with 5c pieces.

The grade with the most 5c pieces will win a prize.



Tins will be collected on Friday 31st March 2017.

Maramba Primary

Colour Run – Fundraiser

Thursday 30th March

Maramba Primary School will be holding a *Colour Run Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on **Thursday 30th March** within the school grounds. The *Colour Run Fun-Run* is a healthy fundraiser that promotes being active and having fun while raising valuable money for our school.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. Our School Representative Council (SRC) will discuss with their class where our students believe the money raised should be spent at Maramba. Ideas have included new playground equipment, purchasing new school laptops and update school grounds for sports related activities. In the Sponsorship Form you will find many other benefits such as the chance to win a \$30,000 Ultimate Webjet family experience!

Students who raise \$10 or more will be able to choose a prize from the appropriate section. We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, please reiterate this at home. The best people to ask for sponsorship are people you know (e.g. friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours).

Once fundraising is complete please help your child fill out *How To Claim My Prizes*, on the back page of the Sponsorship Form. Then tear it off and return it with all money raised to the classroom teacher on or before **Friday 31st March 2017**. Student prizes will arrive shortly after.

Special Needs:

The children will have non-toxic brightly coloured powder thrown at them by teachers that may stain their clothes. We encourage students to wear old clothes to school on the day, (school uniform is not required to be worn). White clothing works as the best backdrop to contrast the bright colours. The powder is completely safe to have on their skin. It is a natural product made out of starch and vegetable colours.

We would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the *Colour Run Fun-Run* event at the school on **Thursday, 30th March**, starting at 2:30 pm and concluding at approximately 3:15pm, to help cheer on the students. Parents are also welcome to take part in the fun run if they would like to run with their child.

Thank you for your support.

Scott Hunter



Foundation Family Picnic Night

Thursday 28th March 2017

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm



Come along and celebrate your
Foundation child's first term
at school.



BBQ sausage sizzle will be provided
or BYO your own picnic.



RSVP by Friday 24th March



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



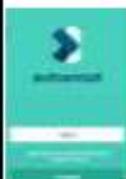
is a mobile app solution that will allow us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. We will be sending news, events, photos and more so that you can be even more connected with your children's activities and events at the school. Using the Konnective app, you can add events 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.

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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.