



# Maramba Flyer

Term 1 Week 8

Thursday 23rd March 2017



## Principal's Message

### 2017 Diary Dates

#### **March 28**

Foundation Family Picnic,  
5.30 – 6.30pm

#### **March 30**

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

#### **March 31**

Year 3 & 4 Murrundindi  
Incursion  
End of term,  
Assembly 2.00pm  
Dismissal 2.30pm

#### **April 18**

Term 2 Begins

#### **April 20**

Year 5 & 6 Australia Bound  
Incursion

#### **April 21**

Year 5 & 6 Interschool  
sports

#### 2017 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**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend the School Leadership presentation assembly last Friday. It was a great morning and fantastic to see all the adults and students smiling, enjoying the occasion.

### **Thank You!**

I would like to thank a couple of our mum's (Jennifer Fagundez and Anne-Maree Thomas) who have painted the gazebo at the front of the school to breathe some life back into it. The Maramba Kindergarten donated the paint for the mums to use so it is truly great to have such a supportive community who are able to donate their valuable time and resources to the school which benefits all the students. You are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

### **School Cross Country**

From all accounts the cross country went well today with a high participation rate and enjoyed by all. A big thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to support the running of the event. Your support is invaluable in making these occasions possible! Well done to Mrs Houlihan for organising a great event!

### **Foundation Picnic**

We will be holding a Foundation picnic on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March for the newest members of our school community. It is 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 24<sup>th</sup> March by returning the reply slip on the class letter.

Kind regards,  
Darren Wallace  
Principal

## Assistant Principal Message

**Isn't it great when** our school captains can represent the school. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2017, the four school leaders, Jacob, Praveenaa, Jaxyn and Jasmine went to the City of Casey, Student Leadership Program at Cranbourne Racing Centre.

When we got there, there were two big tables with delicious food and drinks. We settled in a 5-person row with Ms Banovic.

We first listened to Kara speak about being a leader and how we can be the best leader ever! They chose two random students and played a game with a chocolate. Both of them lost but still got to keep the chocolate. They had to make eye contact and have a small conversation with Kara, and then she dropped the chocolate to see if they could catch it with their index finger and thumb.

A Year 12 student called Abdul Mohammed spoke about the characteristics of being a good leader. Another Year 12 student spoke about who was the best player in her team for basketball. She mentions that she had an accident and the doctor said that she could not play for a year. She scored a three pointer to win the grand final.

Later we listened to Corey sing and play two of his own original songs on his guitar.

Kate Evan, the founder of Pinchapoo spoke about her business. She spoke how she had problems at Primary School and often got suspended. Kate's parents abused her as a teenager and one day Kate's mother threw a metal pole at her. Kate was saved by her brother and received some minor head injuries. Kate decided to run away from home for a couple of days and stayed at her friend's house. Kate only took her toothbrush but did not take her phone, clothes and many other important things she needed. **Jacob 6N , Praveenaa, Jaxyn and Jasmine 6H4**



## Badge Presentation

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March at 9:15am, a special assembly was held in the amphitheatre. We had a very special guest presenting the badges to us and his name was Steve. Steve had been coaching a football team and he took a bottom team to the top of the ladder. He also was announced as West Gippsland Coach of the year.

The first badges were presented to the new peer mediators of 2017. Next up were the new Meeters and Greeters, Science Captains, Visual Arts Captains, Performing Arts Captain (Music Captain), Junior House Captain, Vice House Captain and then House Captains of 2017. After those very special leaders got their badges, it was time for the new 2017 School Captains and Vice-Captains to receive their brand new 2017 leadership badges.

After the badge presentation we had a special morning tea for the parents and the student leaders. There were biscuits, cakes, cordial and tea for the parents and also some other special treats. At about 9:50am the parents left and the children went back to their classrooms.

Thank you to Steve for helping us present our special new 2017 school leadership badges, and also a big thank you to Mrs Connell for also helping us present our badges and a really big thanks to the all of the students who helped organise the presentation. **Jacob 6N2, Praveenaa, Jaxyn and Jasmine 6H4**



**Diane Morwood**

**Assistant Principal**

## 2017 Cross Country Results – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

A fantastic effort by all who participated. Congratulations to all the top 12 place getters in each age group. Mrs Houlihan will speak to you next week with more information about District.

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](http://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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## Student of the Week – Term 1: Week 8

Year	Student	Reason
FP8	Chloe G	Able to read all the Golden words. A great effort Chloe!
FC10	Millie W	Demonstrating fantastic manners and remembering our classroom rules about respect. You raise your hand, wait your turn and are ready to listen and learn. Well done Millie!
1P6	Finley M	Staying on task and her wonderful writing about 'The Rain'.
4W14	Ebru B	Excellent participation in our Harmony Day activities. Well Done Ebru!
4LT16	Hannah D	Her excellent attitude towards all of her tasks and being a helpful and kind member of our grade.
5W20	Nadia M	Great concentration while doing Aboriginal dot painting on Harmony Day.

### SPECIALIST AWARDS – TERM 1: WEEK 8

P.E Award

Relationships

3H13

Working well together as a class

# FOM

## 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.

## *FOM – Easter Raffle*

To help make this raffle a success we are asking families to bring in a donation, big or small, of Easter Eggs to use in the raffle.

Donations can be left at the school office by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

All sold raffle tickets are due by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

The raffle will be drawn Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Thank you for your support.



## Payment Due Dates

Year Level	Excursion/Incursion	Cost	Due Date
5 & 6	Australia Bound	\$7.00	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
4, 5, 6	High School Musical JR	\$10.00	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
All	FOM Easter Raffle	Various	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
3 & 4	Murrundindi Incursion	\$6.00	Wednesday 29 March
All	FOM 5c Fundraiser	5c	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March



Maramba  
Primary School



## Foundation Family Picnic Night

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> March

# Maramba Primary

## Colour Run – Fundraiser

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 30<sup>th</sup> 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

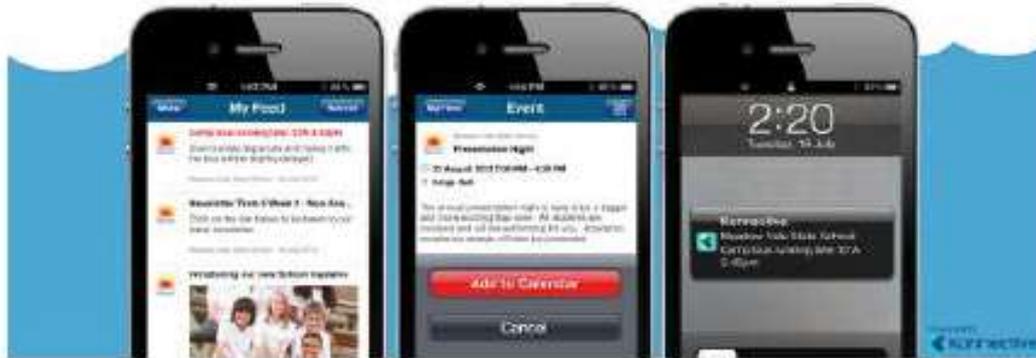


## Maramba Primary School is going mobile!

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](http://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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



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