



# Maramba Flyer

Term 1 Week 2

Thursday 9th 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 13**

Public Holiday

#### **March 22**

School Cross Country

#### **March 30**

School Colour Run  
Fundraiser

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#### 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,

As we start the New Year together, I would like to share with you some exciting news about the year ahead.

### **Our Partnership with The University of Melbourne Network of Schools**

Many of you have probably heard of Professor John Hattie who is based at the University of Melbourne where he often lectures between speaking at conferences in many different countries across the world.. Professor John Hattie is a researcher in education. His research interests include performance indicators, models of measurement and evaluation of teaching and learning. John Hattie became known to a wider public with his two books Visible Learning and Visible Learning for Teachers. Visible Learning is a synthesis of more than 800 meta-studies covering more than 80 million students. According to John Hattie Visible Learning is the result of 15 years of research about what works best for learning in schools. TES once called him “possibly the world’s most influential education academic”.

We are extremely excited about 2017 being our inaugural year of a three year collaborative partnership for select Victorian schools (government, independent and Catholic) created by the University of Melbourne. This is an opportunity for schools to learn from each other and work together with world class researchers on strategies to improve student learning. The Network of Schools offers a framework for achieving our school’s goals and enhancing our teachers’ capacity.

I know that being a part of this network and partnership will have a significant impact on continuing to improve Maramba not only for the students but the whole community. We are excited to be starting this journey together!

### **Human Literacy Pedagogy**

One of the school’s key improvement areas in 2017 is student wellbeing. This is an area we are allocating a lot of time and resources into this year. We are focused on ensuring we create a safe and nurturing environment to enable all students to achieve their very best.

All schools aspire to ensuring their students succeed in learning and life. To do this takes far more than focusing on academic content. It takes a holistic pedagogical approach.

If we are to truly allow our students to succeed we need to focus on Human Literacy first and foremost.

Human Literacy focuses on our knowledge of becoming human. It is defined as the ability to understand oneself holistically and to use this knowledge to empower their learning and their life. It is the essential foundation to progressive and sustainable life-long learning and wellbeing.

If we provide our students with ongoing and rich Human Literacy learning opportunities, based on solid research, this will assist them greatly to understand themselves, their ability to relate to their world, and how they can make positive changes and choices that will help them lead healthier and more successful lives.

Human Literacy goes beyond social and emotional learning and consist of 5 key elements: Cultural (a child's values, beliefs, mindset, attitudes and background that shape their identity); Social (a child's relationships with others and their world); Physical (a child's environment and their own physical and mental health); Intellectual (a child's academic skills and capacities); Emotional (a child's emotional state).

Human Literacy as a Pedagogy, will allow our school to eventually incorporate Human Literacy across every area of learning, within a framework that improves student learning outcomes and creates a high performing school community culture.

This is a great program that we will be delivering across the school this year and for the foreseeable future.

## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

### **Belonging and connectedness improves mental health and learning**

All children need to feel that their world is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out any problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging.

A sense of belonging helps protect children against mental health problems and improve their learning. Children who feel that they belong are happier; more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than others. They are also more motivated and more successful learners.

Being connected is about knowing you can seek support when you need it, that you will be listened to, and that you can work together with the teacher to help your child learn and develop. Support may come from talking with the class teacher or from making connections with other families. Sometimes you might be feeling that things are going well, but just want to have a general chat about your child.

Being connected helps keep parents and carers informed. Parents and carers are better able to support their children's learning experiences when they are informed about what their children are learning and doing at school.

Welcome to our new Foundation families. The children have settled into the classroom routine and are relishing their days at school. Each Friday afternoon we have whole school assembly at 3.00 pm in the Andrew Groh gym and everyone is invited to attend.

**Diane Morwood**

# Student of the Week

## Term 1 - Week 2

Year	Student	Reason
FP8	Virraaj V	Being a five star listener and completing all tasks to his best ability.
FC10	Emma K	Taking care to complete tasks in a neat and organised manner.
1P6	Josh T	Assisting others with writing and finishing his tasks independently.
1M7	Sunny S	Always listening to the person who is speaking and displaying wonderful focus during 'Smiling Minds'
2M12	Dania A	Using her time wisely to complete all tasks in a given time.
3H13	Phoenix D M	Being a co-operative, friendly and hardworking member of the grade.
3G15	Matilda W M	Showing a positive attitude to her learning!
6H4	Mia W	Demonstrating a fantastic attitude to completing her work and approaching Year 6 with a great mindset.

### P.E. Award

#### *Relationships*

2M12

**Taking turns and working together.**





## 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.**

# Working With Children's Check

We are currently updating our Working with Children's Check register. Please present your current card to the office upon your first visit for recording.

Cards are required to be displayed at all times in the lanyard obtained at the office on sign in.

Thank you for your support.



The advertisement features a blue background with a white speech bubble containing the YMCA logo on the left. To the right, the words "Swimming Lessons" are written in a large, bubbly, red font. Below the text are three photographs: a man and a child in a pool, a woman swimming underwater, and a group of children in a pool with an instructor. The text "ENROL NOW" is in large white letters, followed by "and have access to Casey Pools\* (CaseyARC, CaseyRACE and Doveton Pools) during the summer holidays." in smaller white text. A small note "\*T&Cs apply" is in the bottom right corner of the ad.



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Bookings available for term 1, 2017

**TUESDAYS:**  
FOUNTAIN GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PROSPECT HILL DRIVE, FOUNTAIN GATE  
JUNIORS: 7 TO 13 YEARS; 5:30PM TO 6:45PM



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<b>FRIDAYS:</b> Hillsmead Prim. School The Promenade Narre Warren South	<b>Saturdays:</b> Dandenong Primary School Cnr. New St. & Foster St Dandenong	<b>TUESDAYS ALSO AT:</b> Heany Park Primary School Buckingham Road Rowville	<b>FRIDAYS also at:</b> St Leonards Prim. School 349 Springvale Road Glen Waverley
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**First Class is Free - Phone 9887 4098**