



Maramba Flyer

Term 1 Week 3

Thursday 16th 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

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 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 presentation assembly will be held in the coming weeks to present our 2017 School Leaders their badges. We are waiting for the delivery of the badges, but all being well, the assembly will be held on Friday 3rd March at 9.15am – to be confirmed. This is always a tremendous time to publically recognise the student leaders for the New Year and I hope you are able to attend the assembly.

Occupational Health and Safety

As is typical with all schools which were built 20 or more years ago, some materials containing asbestos were used. Our school manages the very few items of asbestos very well with frequent inspections to ensure they do not pose a risk.

Message on Behalf of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Dear Parent

As part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling will be installed at our school.

The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school's asbestos register.

Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition.

The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe.

Children's safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.



Maramba Twilight Sports Evening – Wednesday 22nd February 5.30 – 7.30pm

I would like to encourage all our families to support our fun filled Twilight Sports Evening next Wednesday. Last year was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. Mr Hunter has organised another fun filled program and the staff will be running the events so you can enjoy the evening with your child/ren. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available for a gold coin. We look forward to seeing you all there to support the school and bring together the Maramba community.

Friends of Maramba (FOM) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our extremely valuable FOM committee will be holding their AGM on Monday 27th February at 6pm. All members of the school community are welcome to attend.

The committee does a brilliant job at supporting the school community in a range of ways from running the canteen to organising fundraising events and working bees. Without their valuable contribution many of the programs around the school, for all students, would not be possible. If you are interested in being involved on a regular basis, from time to time or even a one of event then please contact FOM through their email at maramba.primary.fom@gmail.com

New members and volunteers are always welcome!

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.

Mathletics

Mathletics can make a significant contribution to a child's learning in Mathematics. Teachers are allocating tasks to students during class times and especially to complete for homework. Please make sure the subscription for Mathletics has been paid to ensure that your child/ren do not miss out on these valuable learning tasks.



Mathletics is the next generation in online Mathematics learning platform, helping students enjoy math, improve and achieve outstanding results. Mathletics is the world's most used mathematics website! It is trusted and used by more than 10,000 schools and over 3.5 million students worldwide. Mathletics covers all aspects of mathematics. It contains more than 1000 learning activities for students aged 5 through to 18 from Foundation to Year 12. Mathletics responds to your child's individual strengths and weaknesses. Students instantly know if they are on the right track and they can improve

at their own pace. Teachers are able to carefully choose activities and set homework tasks for each student and use the data reports to assess their level of progress and achievement.



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.

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.

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 regulations and rules in place. We must honour the local residents with courtesy also. We have tremendous neighbours around the school so please do not park in their driveways or on nature strips. There are 'No Standing' signs in the area that must be obeyed.

PARENT REMINDERS

Absence Notifications

If your child is absent from school, please ring the school office on 9796 0029 on the morning of the absence or send a note with the student on the day they return 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. They 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

Keeping your children safe online is extremely important

Your children's online world is as much a part of their life as offline, so it is crucial that you are as involved in supporting their online wellbeing as you are their physical health. Your skills in rule setting, support, guidance and respect are just as important to helping ensure your kids enjoy positive digital experiences and to help them gain confidence in asking for advice and support. Knowing they are equipped to make sound decisions and manage risks online is so important, especially with the number of internet-enabled devices that can be used without adult supervision.



Explore the internet together

Digital education and communication is essential to the safety of your kids online. This will help instill confidence in your kids—and peace of mind for you! Exploring the internet together and talking about the websites, games and activities they enjoy is a good way to start those conversations. Get to know your children's friends both online and offline and use technology-based solutions to help protect their devices—filters, parental controls and e-security software are all great tools. Remember—there is no substitute for your involvement because no-one loves your kids as much as you do.

Three steps to protecting your kids online

You can help keep your kids safe online using these three basic strategies.

1. Communicate openly with your kids

It's not possible to supervise your kids 24/7 so finding ways to establish and maintain trust is really valuable.

- Talk to them about their online activities, from chatting about their favourite websites to asking who they are talking to and if they are having any online issues.
- Give them strategies to deal with upsetting online content, from turning off the screen, telling a trusted adult, and showing them how to block and report people.
- Research the age ratings for the games and apps your child uses so you can determine age appropriateness and suitability.
- Explore the sites and apps your kids love, play online games together and consider setting up your own accounts with the sites they frequent. This will help you familiarise yourself with the operation of those sites and potential risks. Ask your kids to show you how they work—they'll love teaching you something!

- Set age appropriate rules for using the internet and devices and, where practicable. Seek your child’s input—this will help your child understand risks. As they get older you can review your rules to align with their maturity level.

2. Use technology tools to keep them safe

There are so many technological advances that can enhance the experience for your child online and help keep them safe, both within the site or app and for their devices.

- Use parental controls and install filtering software to help block unwanted content and pop-ups and to restrict access to specific content and pages.
- Help your child to set up the privacy settings on all sites and devices they use.
- Locate the computer in an area of your home that can be supervised. Parents of older children may have an ‘open door’ policy when devices are used in bedrooms and to ensure that screens are facing outward. And make sure you check in regularly to see what they’re viewing.
- Consider rules for internet-enabled handheld devices—where and when.
- Install and update anti-virus and other e-security software to restrict unauthorised access to data on the home computer. Ensure all security features are turned on and set to automatic scan and regular updates to protect against the latest risks.
- Activate safety features on web browsers to protect your devices and personal information.
- Show your child how to block and report users or pages on the sites they use.

3. Encourage safe and responsible behaviour

Setting rules for your child’s internet use and establishing clear boundaries and expectations is imperative. Your rules will depend on the age of your kids and the level of responsibility you are willing to give but is underpinned by conversation, education and trust.

- Consider a family online safety contract as a tool to negotiate agreement about rules and renegotiate as required. It could cover the type of websites that can be visited, time spent online and acceptable online behaviour. This example from [ThinkUKnow](#) Australia can be a good starting point for your own family contract.
- Educate your kids about safe and positive online behaviour and encourage them to think before they post, text or share; be respectful online; avoid posting things that may upset others; and understand that content can remain online forever and can be shared by others without permission.
- Help them keep their personal information private. This means avoiding using full names, phone numbers, home address, school name and date of birth.
- Set their online profiles to the maximum privacy settings. Online conversations, images and videos might be viewed by others and can’t always be removed.
- Ensure your child uses strong passwords on devices and explain the importance of not sharing passwords, even with friends.
- Talk to them about cyberbullying behaviour and how to report and manage it. You can get some great advice and resources about [cyberbullying](#) on our website.
- Explain the dangers of meeting face to face with someone they have only chatted with online.
- Encourage your child to talk to a trusted adult if any content they view or if contact with someone online makes them feel uncomfortable.

Extract from Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner

Diane Morwood

Student of the Week

Term 1 - Week 3

Year	Student	Reason
FP8	Charli C	Showing kindness and respect to others and being a bright and cheerful class member.
FC10	Azghaan A	Staying focussed on set tasks and completing work in a timely manner.
1P6	Avindee A	Striving to achieve personal best in all aspects of her learning.
1M7	Aaren W	Making a fantastic effort to use whole body listening to reach his goal of listening to the person speaking.
2L11	Queenie B	Always persisting to ensure she puts her best effort into her work.
5W20	Charli G	Always having well thought out questions and answers that contribute to the class.
6N2	Summer W	Doing her best in class and consistently striving to follow to our school values.
6RC3	Monique R	Displaying our school values in and outside of the classroom.
6H4	Hailey C	Going out of her way each day to make our class a positive learning environment.

Specialist Awards

Music	1M7	Relationships – Sharing instruments politely and sensibly.
Music	3H13	Relationships – Clapping and supporting each other's rap performances.
P.E.	1P6	Relationships – Showing kindness towards each other in P.E.

School Photo Day

Friday 10th March 2017

Photo ordering packs will be sent home with students in the coming weeks.

Below are some photo packages available to purchase. Go to www.schoolpix.com.au to view more options.

BASE PACK

\$39



IDEAL PACK

A family favourite

\$46

Order online and you can purchase and download a high quality digital portrait image for only \$5.00 extra.



FUN PACK

A fun new pack that all the family will love!

\$55



FRIENDS OF MARAMBA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on Monday 27th February 2017 at 6.00pm in the staffroom.

All positions will be declared vacant and everyone is invited to consider nominating for a position at the meeting.

All executive roles are well supported by the general committee. The support of many makes our job of fundraising for the school easier, and of course, lots of fun.

The positions available are:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Treasurer

Secretary

General Committee

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. Why not come along and hear what FOM is all about. We are hoping to see lots of new faces to join our friendly, hard working group

WHAT IS FOM?

FOM is open to parents, grandparents, caregivers and members of the community to join.

What does FOM do?

FOM is mostly about fundraising however FOM also volunteer to help in many ways around the school.

Including: Canteen (Wednesday & Friday lunchtimes), Mothers Day/Fathers Day stall. Raffles, School banking, Bunnings BBQ, Special Food Days, Special morning teas, FETE and more.

When do they meet?

Monday morning at 9am each month. Members do not have to attend meetings, information can be emailed

How do I join?

You can send an email to maramba.primary.fom@gmail.com or leave your details with the office and a FOM member will contact you. All you need is a working with children's check and a positive attitude.

Please tear off and return to office:

If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to be involved in FOM

President

Treasurer

Vice President

General Committee

Secretary

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Comments: _____



Twilight Sports Evening!



**Wednesday
22nd February**



5.30pm – 7.30pm

Please come and join us for a fun evening of races and activities!

A sausage sizzle will be available on the night.

Please return your notices to your teacher by Monday 13th February

Cross Country Training



As the School Cross Country Event is coming up soon (Wednesday 22nd March) we will be holding Cross Country training every Tuesday morning 8:15 – 8:45. Training will begin on Tuesday 21st Feb 2017 and involve running and other fitness activities.

Students wishing to participate in the training can meet outside the New Gym at 8:15 each Tuesday morning with appropriate shoes on.

Students who qualify for the District Level Cross Country Event will be expected to attend this training each Tuesday morning leading up to the District event.

Mrs Houlihan

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.



Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in Redgum Book Club this term. The catalogues will be sent home next week.

To view the current catalogue, please open the link [Redgum Book Club Term 1 2017](#) You will find many more great titles on their website that you can order this term, with books starting from \$2.00.

The catalogue is now open and closes on **27th February**. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school week commencing **13th March**. Every book order will earn resources and books for our school.

Redgum Book Club newly released books for term 1:

- *Lion: A Long Way Home (Young Readers Edition)* - A true story of survival and triumph against incredible odds, now the major motion Australian film starring Nicole Kidman
- *Alice Miranda Holds the Key* - From Australian best-selling and multi-award winning author, Jacqueline Harvey
- *Red Dog: True Blue* - A charming story of a young boy and his dog adventuring through the outback
- *Middle School: Word of Mouse* - James Patterson's illustrated story follows the illuminating journey of a very special mouse
- *There's a Snake in my School*: From Number One bestselling author David Walliams, comes this spectacularly funny picture book
- *Mr Romanov's Garden in the Sky* - Heartfelt, evocative and compelling – another masterpiece from the award-winning Australian Robert Newton

How to place an order:

- Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal at www.redgumbookclub.com.au
- Email your order with your credit card details to: orders@redgumbookclub.com.au
- Fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue and fax (02) 9997 5850

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au

Thank you

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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 3805

Telephone: 9796 7150 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:

[Type a quote from the document or the summary of an interesting point. You can position the text box anywhere in the document. Use the Drawing Tools tab to change the formatting of the pull quote text box.]



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

COME AND TRY FOR FREE!

Contact Sue:

8790 5600 / 0407 056 801



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