



# Maramba Flyer

Term 1 Week 5

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017



## Principal's Message

### 2017 Diary Dates

#### March 8

Divisional Swimming

#### March 10

School Photos

#### March 13

Public Holiday

#### March 22

School Cross Country

#### 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,

#### **District Swimming**

Well done to all the students who participated in Tuesday's District Swimming Meet. Everyone performed well and gave their all, while conducting themselves in a manner we as a community are very proud of them for. Special congratulations to four students, as part of a relay team, who have been selected to progress to the next level of divisional representation. Well done!

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Interviews will begin next week from Monday 6th March. This first meeting is usually about, but not exclusively, sharing information around how the students are settling in and opportunity for parents or carers to get to know the teacher.

Parent and teacher interviews for each year group will be held on separate days. Some classes will have appointments from **8am – 8:30am** depending on teacher availability but all classes will run interviews between **12:30pm – 5:50pm. Again we are using the online booking process – a flyer was distributed last week to all families.** These interviews provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher to discuss their learning and progress. **Interviews are strictly 10mins.**

Year 3 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5 – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1 – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Year 4 – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Year 6 – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Foundation – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

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

The FOM committee AGM was held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm. As part of the AGM nominations were taken for the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Congratulations to:

Melissa Singleton – President

Anita Deed – Vice President

Secretary – Kerri Donovan

Treasurer – Paul and Anita Hutchinson

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](mailto:maramba.primary.fom@gmail.com)

New members and volunteers are always welcome!

### **School Council - Elections**

Each year some of the School Council member's term of service ends and new members are nominated and elected. A call for School Council nominations and relevant forms have been posted on the school website and Konnective. See the nomination forms in this edition of the flyer for more information.

### **Year 6 Graduation Committee**

Each year, some of the Year 6 and 5 parents set up a committee to organise and run the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony, which is held in our new gym. For the past two years, the evening has included the ceremony followed by a disco for the Year 6 students. However, each year the parents have added their own little touches to evening to make it personal and a great success.

We would like to increase the number of Year 5 parents involved this year. The idea is that on Graduation night the Year 5 parents will be able to assist with the running of the event so the Year 6 parents can relax and enjoy it with their children.

If you are interested in being a part of the committee, then please let your child's teacher know and or inform the administration office.

Kind regards,  
Darren Wallace  
Principal

## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

### **Twilight Sports**

**Isn't great when** all our families can participate in an entertaining twilight sport, these are some of the comments from the students that participated in the activities:

I went to the twilight sports with my family. I was in a group called the warriors. I was good at the basketball dribbling. William and I worked well as a team when we used the walking skis. We had fun!

**Ryan 2M12**

All my family went to the twilight sports. Gabby and I were in the Crushers group. There were many games but I liked the leapfrog and the skis. My family said they had fun watching everyone. I also had a sausage and a drink and we had a good time. **Isabella 2M12**

My uncle took me to the twilight sports. I was happy to go and my group was the Avengers. I liked leapfrog and the egg and spoon race. My egg did not spill and it was fun. **Devine 2M12**

There were nine games and we got points for our team. I liked kicking the soccer balls and the sack race. I did not fall over and I did it backwards. There were many other students. **Damdeep 2L11**

The twilight sports were on the second day I was at school. I had just come from another school and there were many games and food to eat. I liked the skis, soccer ball and beanbags kicking. I learnt new things and had fun with new friends. **Nima 2L11**



Diane Morwood

## Berwick Show

Congratulations Maramba on receiving a Merit award and Encouragement Award at the Berwick Show last weekend. Even though we didn't receive the BIG award, we are so proud of our students at Maramba and it's such a wonderful opportunity to promote Maramba PS through the arts. Some of the students were so excited to see their art work on display over the weekend. Please see below a photo of the Maramba display.



## Student of the Week – Term 1: Week 5

Year	Student	Reason
FC10	Manaia G	Speaking with confidence and detail when presenting your family project to the class. Your project was completed with care and quality. Well done Manaia.
1P6	Selena J	Helping others and staying on task.
1M7	James N	Being kind, friendly and helpful to others in the classroom and playground.
3H13	Dilmi E	Demonstrating that she can write an interesting and descriptive narrative. She is a happy and interested member of the class.
4LT16	Michayla A	A helpful and hardworking student, persisting and trying her best with all her tasks. Well done Michayla!
4LT16	Jayden P	Always striving to do his personal best in all areas and for being a super mathematician. Well done, Jayden!
5B18	Jonathan N	Having fantastic work ethic and leading by example, well done Jonathan!
5W20	Absaar K	Settling into her new school in such a positive way and consistently demonstrating all of our school values.
6N2	Shanae A	Great initiative in the classroom, and always being eager to help those around her.
6H4	Erica V	Being a polite and courteous class member who strives to complete 5 star work. Great work Erica!
<b>Specialist Awards</b>		
P.E.	2L11	Relationships – Giving each other encouragement in PE.



**2017 School Council Elections – Information for Parents*****What is a school council and what does it do?***

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

***Who is on the school council?***

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

***Why is Parent membership so important?***

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

***How can you become involved?***

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

***Do I need special experience to be on school council?***

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

***What do you need to do to stand for election?***

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

**Contact the principal for further information.**

## Schedule 4 2017 Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Maramba Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Wednesday, 8 March 2017.

The ballot if required will close at 4.00 pm on Wednesday, 22 March, 2017

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

<b>Membership category</b>	<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Number of positions</b>
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019	6
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Darren Wallace  
Principal

# MARAMBA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

### PROCESS AND TIMELINE

a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 March, 2017</b>
b)	Closing date for nominations	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8 March, 2017</b>
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	<b>Friday</b>	<b>10 March, 2017</b>
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15 March, 2017</b>
e)	Close of ballot – 4:00pm	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22 March, 2017</b>
f)	Vote count	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23 March, 2017</b>
g)	Declaration of ballot	<b>Friday</b>	<b>24 March, 2017</b>
h)	Special council meeting to coop Community members (the principal will preside)	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29 March, 2017</b>
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29 March, 2017</b>

**Note:**

**Self-Nomination and Nomination Forms are available from the School office and on our website: [Maramba-ps.vic.edu](http://Maramba-ps.vic.edu)**

## **Cross Country Training**

As the School Cross Country Event is coming up soon (Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March) we will be holding Cross Country training every Tuesday morning 8:15 – 8:45. Training will begin on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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



**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.

## **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.**

# 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



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](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au)
- Email your order with your credit card details to: [orders@redgumbookclub.com.au](mailto: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](mailto: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



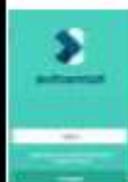
is a mobile app solution that will allow us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. We will be sending news, events, photos and more so that you can be even more connected with your children's activities and events at the school. Using the Konnective app, you can add events 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 7160 Facsimile: 9704 0029 Email: [maramba.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto: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.**