



Maramba Flyer

Term 1 Week 6

Thursday 9th March 2017



Principal's Message

2017 Diary Dates

March 10

School Photos

March 13

Public Holiday

March 17

School Leadership
Presentation Assembly,
9.15am

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,

School Leadership Presentation Assembly

A special presentation assembly will be held next Friday 17th March starting at 9.15am. We have arranged for a special guest to present the badges to the students. 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.

The Importance of School Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important factor in school success. Research has shown a direct correlation between good attendance and student achievement. Poor attendance has been linked to poor academic achievement.

Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Did you know that?

- a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of VCE and around one third achieve no VCE grades at all
- poor school attendance is also closely associated with crime as a quarter of school age offenders have truanted repeatedly

VCE may seem a long way off for you and your child but all absences at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their motivation
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their desire to attend school regularly
- affect their confidence in school
- mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra-curricular opportunities and experiences
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews have started this week and have been generally well attended. For those interviews still to take place next week can I encourage all parents and carers to book a meeting time as this is vitally important to get to meet the teacher and discuss how your child is settling in. **Interviews are strictly 10mins.**

Year 6 – Tuesday 14th March

Year 2 – Wednesday 15th March

Foundation – Thursday 16th March

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 Y6 students. However, each year the parents have added their own little touches to the evening to make it personal and a great success.

We would like to increase the number of Y5 parents involved this year. The idea is that on Graduation night the Y5 parents will be able to assist with the running of the event so the Y6 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 or any of the Year 6 teachers.

Kind regards,
Darren Wallace
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Isn't great when our 2017 SRC leaders share their dreams and hopes for the future at Maramba, these are some of their comments:

The SRC is a group of students who discuss ideas to improve our school such as fundraising ideas, possible sporting events and the starting up of different clubs for the students to be involved in. As an SRC member, you have to be a confident speaker and be able to communicate with your team peers. It is a privilege and we are grateful to have this role. **Albin & Isabella 6H4**

It would be a good idea to add a new rug to the foundation room to brighten up the area and new equipment in the play area. **Azghaan and Joanna FC10**

The Year one thought it would be good to have new computers and play equipment. **Lincoln and Lily 1M7**

The Year two students would like to have a hairspray day where students would bring a gold coin donation. They would also like more synthetic grass to play on. **Stevan and Paige 2M12, Nick and Queenie 2L11**

They are all very happy with their role and are confident to speak for their class. They would like to have a new bathroom with mirrors in the junior school toilets. **Ahmed and Emma 4LT 16, Jonathan and Sarah 4W14**

They are enjoying their new role and have many great ideas to share. **Georgia and Ryelan 6RC3, Emma and Jordan 6N2**

Diane Morwood

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.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

Student of the Week – Term 1: Week 5

Year	Student	Reason
FC10	Emma K	Successfully learning to read all of her Golden Words and progressing on to Red Words! Well done Emma.
1M7	Sophie C	Being a kind, friendly and respectful member of our class. Sophie always listens to the person speaking and sets a wonderful example of whole body listening for the rest of her classmates.
2M12	Joshua G	Approaching his work with a growth mindset and completing all tasks given.
5W20	Pamod A	Being a great role model for other students in the class and working consistently, demonstrating all of the school values.

Specialist Awards

P.E. Award

Relationships

6RC3

Working well together as a class in PE.

District Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 28th Feb 2017

District Swimming Results:

Congratulations to all students who competed for Maramba in the District Swimming Carnival this year. Shanae won her events in Backstroke and Butterfly and the U12 Girls team came second in their Freestyle Relay. These students progress to the next Division Swimming Carnival. Well done to all the students who competed!

Today we had District Swimming. When I was going there I was so nervous, and I was the only boy swimming for our school. I did Freestyle and Backstroke and had Fun. We all tried our best. GOOD JOB MARAMBA! **Koby 4LT16**

On the 28th February, our school competed at District Swimming. Our school didn't win a lot of ribbons but we all tried hard and had fun in the pool. We all encouraged each other to keep trying. **Cassie 4W20**

Today 11 students from Year 4, 5 and 6 went to District Swimming. We had fun and tried our best even though we didn't win a lot of races. Well done to all the Team. I hope next time we have more Maramba students competing against the other schools. GO MARAMBA! **Katelyn 5B18**



Division Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 8th March 2017

Congratulations to Shanae, Grace, Erica and Tylah for qualifying to compete in the Division Level Swimming Carnival.

District Swimming Results:

On Wednesday 8th March, Grace, Tylah, Erica and Shanae went to Noble Park Aquatic Centre to race in the Divisional Swimming Carnival. We all swam in the Freestyle Relay. We all tried really hard and we came 6th. Shanae also swam in the Backstroke and Butterfly. She came second in backstroke and third in Butterfly. We all tried our very best and had an amazing day.
By Grace 6N, Tylah 6RC, Erica 6H and Shanae 6N.

Well done girls!



School Photo Day

Friday 10th March 2017

Photo ordering packs have been sent home with students today.

Sibling order forms can be collected from the office.

Below are some photo packages available to purchase.

Go to www.schoolpix.com.au to view more options.

BASE PACK

\$39



IDEAL PACK

\$46

A family favourite

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



FUN PACK

\$55

A fun new pack that all the family will love!



MARAMBA PRIMARY SCHOOL

2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

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

PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Note:

Self-Nomination and Nomination Forms are available from the

School office and on our website: Maramba-ps.vic.edu

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.



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

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

Department of Education and Training



Education and Training



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



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

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.

