MAREEBA STATE SCHOOL

“Every day, in every classroom, every child is learning and achieving”
&
“Every day in every classroom, every child is ready to learn and achieve”

YEAR 6 HIGH TEA
Ellie enjoying a yummy treat at the High Tea last Friday in the library.
Excitement is building as the day of the fete – Friday 19th June - draws near. Many thanks to all those families who have volunteered their time or donations of cakes and other goodies to help make our fete a wonderful community event. If you haven’t already, please let your child’s teacher know when you are able to assist on the evening and, if you aren’t able to attend, just selling raffle tickets will help us out immensely! The proceeds of the fete will go towards the very worthwhile project of upgrading the school’s technology.

**Report Cards**: Students have been working hard to complete the assessment items due for this term. It has been fantastic to see the level of determination and commitment in classrooms this week as students finish off their various tasks. Well done to all those students who have consistently tried their best! Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday 24 June.

**Read! Read! Read!**: With holidays fast approaching, please take the opportunity to remind your child to borrow some reading material for the holidays. Reading practice makes an enormous difference to a child’s reading success and it is important to maintain this practice over the holiday period.

**Attendance**: Thank you for your support with the introduction of our new text messaging system. It is very helpful to us when you return a text with a reason explaining a child’s absence. We are seeing some great improvements in attendance across the school and congratulate everyone on their commitment to making every day count in our children’s learning. Special congratulations to 3WB who had 100% attendance for an entire week last week!

**Road Safety**: Safety on the roads at all times is a priority for us. Whilst we regularly remind students of road safety guidelines, please help us ensure that students are safe on our roads by reminding your children to use the crossings appropriately and, if you drive your children to school, ensuring that speed limits and road signage are adhered to.

*Mandy Whybird—Principal (Prep)*

*Nyree Burton—Deputy Principal (Year 1-3)*

*Hannah Simpson—Deputy Principal (Year 4-6)*

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**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 8.00 am - 4.00 pm  
Friday 8.00 am - 3.30 pm

**CURRICULUM UPDATE**

We are nearly at the end of a very busy and industrious Term 2. Teachers and students have been working hard to complete assessment tasks to allow report cards to be finalised. Children will be assessed and reported on in a 5 point scale for the Australian National Curriculum areas of English, Maths, Science and History, and in some year levels, Geography. Students will also be reported on in the areas of Technology, HPE and Music. Report cards will be sent home to parents, via their children, on Wednesday, 24th June.

Nineteen students from Years 1 to 3 participated in the ICAS Science test on Wednesday, 3rd June. The ICAS Spelling test will take place on Tuesday, 16th June and the ICAS Writing test on Wednesday, 17th June. Good luck to all participating students. Over the next three weeks all teachers will be released, in their cohort groups, to participate in a curriculum planning day in preparation for Term 3.

Critical content for the term as identified by the Australian Curriculum will be utilised by teachers who will then work on Explicit Teaching lessons to allow best teaching practice to occur for all students next term.

-Valerie Dayes, HOC
**RESOURCE SCHEME**

Parents and carers are welcome to call in at the office and pay the annual resource fee of $50. EFTPOS is available. If you are unable to pay the total amount, we accept part payments. All monies go directly towards purchasing resources for classrooms. Thank you to the following families who have recently paid:

- Penn (5C)
- Srhoj (3WK, 2W, Prep A)
- D’Alton (5E)
- Alifraco (3A)
- Coyle (Prep C)
- Gentile (3MC, 5G)
- Lyons (1/2/3EZ)

**DATE CLAIMER**

- 19th June: School Fete
- 24th June: Report Cards Out
- 25th & 26th June: MSS Athletics
- 26th June: Last day of Term 2
- 13th July: School Resumes (Term 3)

**Instrumental Music**

Instrumental Music students have been very busy lately. Beginners are in a strong routine of practice and attending lessons and most students are reaping the musical rewards of their hard work. Band students are busy preparing for our next performance of the year at the Fete. Advanced students recently attended and all day workshop at Mareeba State High School. Along with students from Dimbulah State School and Biboohra State School they joined in with the High School band for an intensive day of rehearsal. The students learnt five new songs which they performed at the Dimbulah Lions Festival. I would like to congratulate them on their effort and dedication.

-Kristy Braes, Instrumental Music Teacher

**CASUAL TEACHER AIDES WANTED**

We are looking for more Casual Teacher Aides. Please hand your resume into the office if you are interested.

**PREP STORY TIME**

Every Wednesday Morning before school. Stories, songs, rhymes and puppets

On Wednesday, 24th June, The Rodeo Clowns are coming to read. Come along and enjoy a great story!

**YEAR 6 HIGH TEA**

On Friday, May 29th, 32 lucky year 6 students paid $8.00 to attend the 2nd Annual Mareeba State School “High Tea” Students had a wonderful time sampling various culinary delights and participating in a variety of games including “Teapotting”, “Famous Faces” and “Guess the number of Jellybeans”.

Congratulations to the students who won prizes for “Best Dressed” and “Best Hats”. Thank you to the local businesses of Mareeba who donated prizes for the day. Also, thank you to the staff and parents who donated food. A total of $256 was raised for the Qld Cancer Council.
What’s Been Happening in Year 2?

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Hi Everyone, Our Fete is 1½ weeks away so come on in and get your pre-paid ride tickets from the office or uniform shop. They are a huge saving and you won’t have to wait in the queue on the night! This year the rides include:

- The Incredible Worm
- The Teenage Super Fly
- Tarzan Trek
- Dodgem Cars
- And for the little ones and some Mums and Dads - The Jumbo Slide and Octopus Carousel

It is sure to be a great night, finishing with the Bendigo Bank Fireworks at 9pm. Again, a huge thank you to all our sponsors: **Diamond**: Mareeba Bendigo Bank and Mareeba Transport **Gold**: Soncin Electrical and Mareeba Expess **Silver**: Mareeba Hire, Curcio’s Bakery, Casali’s Mowers, Floral Magic, Moro Auto Repairs Duesbury's Accountants, Steggs Mareeba and Mareeba Glass & Aluminium **Bronze**: TGT, Mareeba, Travel Experience, Hairmania and Mareeba Theatre Group.

Thank you to teachers, parents and all other volunteers who are already helping to make this a great night!!

Cheers,
Marita, Jess and Sherri.

We need some great Dads to help set up the big tents after school on Wednesday 17th June. This is a huge job for a few people so if you could please spare a few hours, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the office and let us know. Thanks!

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**P&C NEWS**

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**Expression of Interest - Teacher Aide AUSLAN Education Interpreter**

EOI is currently open to the general public who may be interested in learning about AUSLAN Teacher Aide: Education Interpreter (AUSLAN) role as an employment option. AUSLAN is the (sign) language of the Australian Deaf community. The Qld Government Dept. of Education and Training (DET) employs staff. The role involves working with deaf/hard-of-hearing students in the education context. A Teacher Aide: Educational Interpreter:

- Contributes to the provision of a quality educational service by providing high level support for teaching and learning.
- Has the following characteristics for this TA004 role: specialised knowledge, initiative, the application of judgement, perform the role with limited direction and make a substantial contribution to the school plan.
- The duties performed by a TA004 may include those performed by TA002 and TA003 roles.

If further information is required, please contact Susi Wahjuningrum—TA:EI Mareeba State School—swahj1@eq.edu.au. Please email your details (name, address and contact number) and a brief resume to Karin O’Reilly—Regional AUSLAN Support Officer—korei7@eq.edu.au.

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**SCAFFLE STALL DONATIONS**

The Prep classes will be managing the Bottle Stall at the school fete this year and are in need of clean, empty bottles or bottles filled with goodies. You could fill bottles with lollies/gum, flower seeds, glow sticks, toy cars, hair accessories, anything! Get creative! Donations can be handed in to Prep C.

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**CAKE STALL**

Prep has been asked to run the cake stall at this year’s fete. For our stall to be a success, we are asking you, our talented families, to bake some yummy treats. Could you please include a label describing what the item is as well as a list of ingredients. Baked goods can be dropped off at Prep O, Prep P or Prep R on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday 19th June (day of the fete) prior to 3pm. Please only bring items that don’t need refrigeration as we don’t have the facilities for this. Thanks for your support and HAPPY BAKING!

Nicole O’Neill (Prep O), Julie Pearce (Prep P) and Deb Ricci (Prep R)

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**SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC**

As the end of Term 2 approaches we wish to thank everyone for their bright happy smiles and support. Forms have been given out to Prep, Year 2 and Year 3 this term for routine check ups and any follow-up treatment that may be necessary. We encourage you to return these forms to the school so we can contact you for appointments. Please also be aware that we will be open throughout the school holidays for appointments.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR DENTAL TREATMENT?**

All QLD school aged children from 4 years to completion of Year 10.

**NEW ELIGIBILITY:**

2-4 year olds and 16-17 year olds with either: Current Health Care/Pension card OR Child Dental Benefits Schedule (Medicare)

If you have any queries regarding your children’s teeth, please contact us. (Please note—the dental clinic will be closed on Wednesdays for the remainder of Term 2)

**SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC - 4092 1575**