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”

District Cross Country
Kurtis Mulholland-Bryde, Jarad Latif, Dominick Haggarty and Frank Tulloch representing Mareeba State School at District Cross Country.

EVERY DAY COUNTS FOR YOUR CHILD!
Every day you are at school is one more day of learning!
What a huge week we have had this week! Academic, Sporting and Cultural activities have been in full swing with Mareeba State School students again excelling in all arenas.

**NAPLAN:**
Well done to our Year 3 and 5 students for remaining focussed this week and taking these important tests in their stride, with only the Numeracy test to go. It has been wonderful to see students calm and confident and feeling so thoroughly prepared on each of the mornings of the tests. Well done, everyone! Thank you also to our wonderful teaching staff who perform a diligent role in preparing students for these NAPLAN tests.

**AUSLAN Kindy Visits:**
Well done to our AUSLAN group who has been visiting local kindys and teaching the young members of our community about AUSLAN. Thank you also to the AUSLAN teaching team for co-ordinating these community visits.

**High School Transition Day:**
Year 6 students are excited about their first formal visit to Mareeba State High School on Monday 18th May. This visit constitutes part of the extensive transition programme offered to students to assist in their preparation for the move to high school. Students can look forward to meeting key high school staff and starting to become familiar with the facilities and routines that are in place at the school.

**John Fleming Visit:**
Critical friend and coach, Mr John Fleming, will be visiting our school on Tuesday 19 May. John will be working predominately with the Year 1 cohort of teachers although he will also deliver a professional development session to the

John’s role is to further assist our school in the area of developing effective consolidations (Warm ups). Consolidations are designed to help our students retain key concepts in their long term memories. Examples of content that would fall into this category are sight words and times tables. We look forward to showing Mr Fleming the great work we do in this important area of student learning.

**Sporting Success:**
Congratulations to all the students who have been representing our school at Peninsula trials across a wide range of sports. Well done and all the best with your selection!

**Chaplaincy Fund Raiser:**
On Saturday 23rd May a bike ride will be held to raise funds for school chaplaincy programs. The ride commences in Cairns and ends up at Port Douglas. Riders will be in Mareeba for breakfast on Saturday morning. Chappy Wendy has all the details of how you can support this worthy event.

Mrs Mandy Whybird  
Principal (Prep)

Mrs Hannah Simpson  
Deputy Principal (Years 4-6)

Mrs Nyree Burton  
Deputy Principal (Years 1-3)

**CASUAL TEACHER AIDES REQUIRED**
We are looking for more Casual Teacher Aides at Mareeba State School. If you are interested, please drop your resume off at the front office.
DATE CLAIMER
May 12th-14th  NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5)
May 18th     MSHS Transition Day
June 19th    School Fete

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:

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P&C matters
Hi Everyone,

Well it’s that time of year again, when the Mareeba State School P&C will be holding its biennial Fete. Yes, only five weeks left until the big night. **Friday 19th June** is the night to put in your diaries. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever with entertainment, food, stalls and spectacular fireworks. Again, we will be looking for volunteers to help set up and help on the stalls for the evening so if you can spare some time please let us know by contacting the office. We will be holding our monthly P&C meeting Tuesday the 19th May and will be discussing lots of information about the Fete so please feel free to come along and offer your support and ideas to help make this a great year for all.

Cheers,
Marita, Sherri and Jess.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be administered to students in years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (May 12 – 14). NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not students are meeting educational outcomes. It also gives information about how education programs are working and what areas need improvement. Students will be tested in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

**Literacy** includes: Reading (comprehension of what they have read), Writing (either composing a narrative or persuasive text), and Language Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

**Numeracy** includes: Number, Measurement, Space and Chance & Data. Year 3 & 5 students at Mareeba State School will sit the test during the first session of the day ie. 8:55 – 11:00am. If you have a student who is undertaking the NAPLAN test you can support them by ensuring they have a good night’s sleep the night before each test; start the day with a healthy breakfast; arrive at school early on these days and remind them to “do their best”.

Valerie Dayes
HOC
NEW OFFICE HOURS
Please be aware, effective Term 2, the new office hours are as follows:
Monday to Thursday  8.00 am 4.00 pm
Friday 8.00 am 3.30 pm

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Wow! We are nearly half way through Term 2 already. It’s been a positive start to Term 2 and we have a busy term ahead with plenty of learning happening throughout the school. Congratulations to Prep A, 3MC and 5G for winning last term’s Subway party. These classes were the classes who, on average over Term 1 earned the most I CARE tickets. Remember to keep making those right choices around the school to earn I CARE tickets for your class. There will be another party at the end of Term 2. Our fortnightly focus rule has been "I work co-operatively and allow others to learn." It’s great to see students following our school rules and I know there have been loads of I CARE tickets handed out for making those positive choices. Our next fortnightly rule for weeks 5 and 6 is "I care about myself and others" and is, "I use good manners and make good choices." Try asking your children what the current rule is and have a conversation about what they can do around the school to demonstrate good choices. Have a great week! -The PBL Team

HEARING HEALTH
Hearing Health is important for our students to be able to listen and learn in the classroom.
Mareeba State School liaises with hearing health agencies such as Australian Hearing Outreach Service, Mulungu Medical Services Inc. and Mareeba Community Health, to provide hearing tests and hearing screening checks of our students.
Hearing tests/screenings may be conducted at the school or be health centre-based.
During 2015:
⇒ Mulungu Medical Services will be conducting hearing screenings for students in the school library on Thursday mornings.
⇒ Australian Hearing will be conducting outreach clinics for students in the school library and at Mulungu Medical Services—times to be advised later in 2015.
A hearing report will be available to parents on request. If you do not wish your child to access the above mentioned services or require further information, please contact your child’s class teacher.

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC
PHONE 4092 1575
The Dental Clinic offers a free service available to all students. If you would like your child to visit the clinic, please don’t hesitate to phone for a suitable appointment time.
Please note the dental clinic will be closed every Wednesday for the rest of Term 2.

BOTTLE STALL DONATIONS
The Prep classes will be managing the Bottle Stall at the school fete this year and would appreciate your donations of clean, empty bottles or bottles filled with goodies. Donations can be handed in to Prep C.
WHAT WE’VE BEEN DOING IN PREP...

Prep O has started using their individual whiteboards and red/green response cards in their literacy warm ups to answer different questions. They are very excited with the new introduction of these things in warm ups. Every Day Counts. Keep up the good work!

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

District Cross Country was a success for all of our competitors. Most finished in the top ten placings with eight students continuing to Peninsula Trials in Cairns. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Mareeba District at Peninsula Trials:

Dominick Haggarty
Cain Hastie
Shae Crooks
Kaysan Miles
Joshua Srhoj
Liam Waters
Owen Christopher
Rhys Crooks

Mareeba State School won overall on 93 points!
Congratulations to all competitors for representing our school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

Please send your unwanted uniforms and shoes to the school office.

We greatly appreciate them.

SUTHERLAND ST PARKING

A friendly reminder to please leave the parking bays outside Sutherland St Kindy free for Kindy mums to use.

DON’T FORGET!

On Wednesday, 27th May, Mareeba Mayor Tom Gilmore will be reading.

All parents/carers and children are invited to come and listen.

Last week the children enjoyed the visit from Senior Constable Ah Chee. "I am an elephant and I stomp my foot." So the children stomped their feet. What fun!

Hoping to see you there. -Julie Gillman

Prep Storytime in the Prep Hut

Every Wednesday morning before school.
Stories, songs, rhymes and puppets.
NEWS FROM OUR YEAR 1 COHORT

The fabulous year 1’s have been working very hard writing character descriptions about Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley. We have spent a lot of time learning about physical traits and personality traits then writing sentences describing the characters traits and actions. Here are some samples of wonderful pieces of writing.

We also had our first talk last Friday with our local Firemen about fire safety. It is very important that children know what to do in the event of an emergency and what to do if there is a fire. Please discuss with your family a meeting point in case there is ever a fire and also please check your batteries in your fire alarm. The children will get to talk more with the firemen next Friday 15th May and have a play with the fire hose. Later in term 3 we will visit the fire station.

YEAR 6 UPDATE

Last week, Mr James Howe talked to the students about Panama Disease in the local community.
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