Principal’s Report

Constantly monitoring our performance as a school is very important to the leadership team at Mareeba State School. We regularly monitor the evidence and data that we have in order to track our implementation of programs and strategies to ensure that they are working well to produce the best possible learning outcomes for all of our students.

NAPLAN is one of the measures that we use to track our progress. This year the school’s NAPLAN results have again supported the fact that our school’s improvement agenda is well on track. (Continued page 2)
Principal’s Report Continued

Our school performed strongly across all the strands with some outstanding results in both Years 3 and 5.

Some of the highlights of this year’s data include:

- 97% of Year 3 students achieved the National Minimum Standard in Numeracy.
- 100% of Year 3 boys achieved the National Minimum Standard in Numeracy.
- 93.9% of Indigenous students achieved National Minimum Standard in Numeracy this year (88.9% in 2014).

The percentage of Indigenous students in Year 3 achieving in the Upper Two Bands (ie well above National Minimum Standard) in Reading has doubled this year.

The percentage of Year 3 students in the Upper Two Bands for Writing has increased from 33% in 2014 to 45.7% in 2015.

In Grammar and Punctuation a hugely pleasing 57.9% of students achieved in the Upper Two Bands.

In Year 5, 91.5% of students achieved NMS in Reading (This figure last year was 82.0%).

- 83.7% achieved NMS in Writing (compared with 79.8% last year).
- 89.4% achieved NMS in Spelling (80.9% in 2014).
- 92.3% achieved NMS in Grammar and Punctuation (78.7% in 2014).
- 93.1% achieved NMS in Numeracy (up from 80.7% last year).

Furthermore, the number of students in Upper Two Bands in Writing doubled this year.

Finally, the percentage of Indigenous students at National Minimum Standard for Numeracy has risen from 50% to 87% this year. Results indicate that whilst we have done well across the Strands, we need to maintain our whole school focus on Reading to continue to close the gap that exists between our school and the national mean. Congratulations to all the staff, students and parents at Mareeba state School on these wonderful results!

This week we take the opportunity to celebrate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures in our diverse community. NAIDOC celebrations will occur all week with a special parade, concert and footy game being held on Thursday 20 August. Thank you to Mrs Burton, all the staff and community members who have supported this important program this year. We are looking forward to a wonderful week of Indigenous cultural activities.
Early Departures

Just a friendly reminder to always come to the front office first when signing a student out early. Our office staff will sign them out using the computer system and will have the student brought to the office for collection.

Also, if possible, call ahead if the student needs to be picked up during lunch times (10:55 - 11:45 and 1:20 - 1:50) so we can arrange for the student to wait in the office. This way, they won’t have to be found in the playground.

What’s Been Happening in PE?

Preps have been working on gross motor skills such as throwing and catching. Years 1-5 have been completing a unit on AFL and Year 6 students have been doing dance in preparation for their graduation.

NETTA CARNIVAL

Five Year 3 girls from our school competed at the Netta Netball Carnival in Cairns on Friday 7th August. They received medals for their participation. Well done, girls!

(L-R) Tayla Harrison-Nastasi, Kate Blundell, Elenoa Patolo, Sophie Wheatley, Ashley Menniti
Mareeba State School Leaders 2015

As school leaders, we play an important role in the day-to-day activities in the school.

What we have achieved in the first six months:
- We have supported the High Tea by bringing in food. We helped with judging and announcements on the day.
- Kara gave a vote of thanks to James Howe when he spoke to the year 6 cohort about Panama Disease.
- When Ellie came back from camp she was interested in fixing the litter problem so she founded an environment committee to address the problem of litter in the school.
- Ben gave a vote of thanks when the Life Ed van and Harold came to visit.
- Anzac Day involved leaders doing a welcome to country, poetry, the National Anthem and delegating our AUSLAN interpreter, Georgia. We observed a minute’s silence. We used a slideshow to help communicate clearly and we had to make decisions about delegating roles.
- In Mareeba Community Parade, Ellie read the second resolution in front of the whole town. Kara helped to interpret lots of the ceremony. We represented the school and also remembered individual soldiers from the Mareeba area who served in WW1.
- We supported Epilepsy Day by wearing purple for a free dress day.
- We started Student Council and organised a Pirate Day to help raise money for cancer research.
- We have tap monitors and toilet monitors who help model behaviours at lunch times.

What we’d like to achieve in the next six months:
- Raise enough money to erect a gazebo over the garden of memories. This is partly organised with builder Robert Battistin.
- More sports equipment for year 4/5/6 on the oval. We are planning to send a letter to the P&C to ask them to help.

What skills I have improved in:
Ellie: I have improved a lot with my listening skills. Before I went to camp I didn’t listen as well, but now when I listen to people I realise they have good ideas.
Kara: I have improved at communicating clearly. Even my writing at school gets a bit messy and I’m trying to improve on it. I’m also pretty loud when I talk to large groups on parade.
Chase: My confidence has improved. On parade I am now more relaxed when I talk to people.
Ben: Communicating clearly because every time you try to make a decision, you need to talk loudly to the group so everyone can hear you.

What is the best part about being a student leader?
Ellie: Opportunities and privileges. Now I have more friends. I get to meet younger students too with our peer support program.
Kara: You get to meet new and different people, like the Mayor, Tom Gilmore and people at Anzac Day like the Army and Navy people. You get more respect from lots of people.
Ben: Meeting more people and getting to talk to them. Everybody listens to you as a leader.
What’s Been Happening in Prep C?

Prep C has easily settled back into routine after the holiday break and are working harder than ever! Each child has a desire to learn and achieve success everyday. Two of our school priorities are Attendance and Positive Behaviour for Learning. Prep C wanted to share with you some of the positive consequences displayed and in action in our room, especially our Fun Friday afternoon. We are also very proud of reaching out school attendance target in Week 4 of 95% by reaching 96%! We plot out attendance each week and are aware that... Everyday counts!

Our sticker charts with Ryan!
Positive & negative consequences with Chace!

Fortnightly Focus with Roman!
Happy & sad faces with Salvatore!

Attendance record & targets with Jasmine!
Wishing Well Prize Draw with Christopher & Colin!

Under 8’s Day

Where: Mareeba State School
When: Thursday 17th September
Time: 9am - 11am

Come along for a morning of fun, smiles and learning, with a variety of activities for children aged 8 and under.

We also need your great BBQ skills to make this event a super sizzling one! Please, if you could donate some of your time to help cook snags on the BBQ, it would be greatly appreciated. All you super BBQ chefs, keep an eye out for the parent helpers note that will be sent home shortly.

MATERIALS FOR UNDER 8’S DAY

For Under 8’s Day, we are collecting clean, empty sauce bottles and plastic shopping bags. Please drop them into the office. Thanks for your help.
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