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”

ANZAC Day Parade

EVERY DAY COUNTS FOR YOUR CHILD!
Every day you are at school is one more day of learning!

OUR POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS
I CARE ABOUT LEARNING.
I CARE ABOUT MYSELF AND OTHERS.
I CARE ABOUT MY SAFETY.

Wednesday 29 April 2015

Mareeba SS Sentinel

Working Together As One

OUR P&C MEETS THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00PM
CONTACT US: Phone - 4092 8100  Fax - 4092 4396  Email - the.principal@mareebass.eq.edu.au
Student absence line - 4092 8166
Welcome back to what’s shaping up to be a busy and exciting Term 2. I trust you and your family had a lovely break.

**ANZAC Commemoration:**
On Friday, school leaders performed a wonderful job of leading the whole school ANZAC Day ceremony. The ceremony which focused on commemorating the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli reminded the students of the values of mateship and courage in the face of challenge and how these qualities are especially important at school. Many thanks to Mrs Simpson and all the staff who contributed to this very special ceremony.

Many thanks also to the families who represented our school at the community commemorations.

**School Visits:**
Since the beginning of this term we have welcomed staff from two visiting schools through our gates to observe the effective instructional practices that our teachers have in place. Once again, I would like to acknowledge the dedication of the teaching staff at Mareeba SS and also their generosity in sharing their work with their colleagues on a regular basis.

**NAPLAN:**
Students in Years 3 and 5 will spend time in the next three weeks preparing for the NAPLAN tests which will occur in Week 4 (12–14 May). This preparation is important in assisting students to know what to expect in the tests and to feel well prepared and confident to do their best. Parents and carers can assist in their child’s preparation for the tests by re-assuring their child that they are well prepared to take the tests and encouraging them to do their best.

**Cross Country:**
Congratulations to the cross country champions of 2015. We wish those attending the District Event in Dimbulah on 30th April all the very best.

Mrs Mandy Whybird
Principal (Prep)

Mrs Hannah Simpson
Deputy Principal (Years 4-6)

Mrs Nyree Burton
Deputy Principal (Years 1-3)

**School Jackets**
- Black and yellow, light-weight polyester
- Jade ‘MSS’ embroidery
- Full zip, mesh lining, pockets
- Adjustable at wrist and waist

Youth sizes 4-14 $34
Adult sizes S, M, L (limited stock) only $15

**Uniform Shop**
8:30-9:15 am school days

Bucket Hats $10
sizes 52, 54, 56, 58cm

Sports Shirts
Sizes 4-14 $22
adult sizes available

**SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS**
Please send your unwanted school uniforms and shoes to the school office.

We greatly appreciate them.
Hello parents/caregivers,

Scholastic Australia recently released a new, very simple platform, allowing parents to pay for their child’s Book Club by credit card.

You simply:
⇒ Login to www.scholastic.com.au
⇒ Click on Parent Payments and follow the prompts
⇒ Select your state and enter Mareeba State School
⇒ You will be redirected to the LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment) Platform where you can order your child’s books

Once you have completed the order, it’ll be sent to the school for submission and delivered to your child’s classroom. There is no need to return the Book Club order form or payment receipt details to the school. If you are unable to order online, you can still pay via credit card or over the phone, or by cash to the school by returning the paper order form plus payment receipt number attached to the back of the form.

Return dates for Book Club will now be notified to you through the Parent-Net. If you are not currently on the Parent-Net, please call in, or phone the lovely office ladies to update your details.

We look forward to your next Book Club order!

DATE CLAMER
Apr 30 District Cross Country
May 12th-14th NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5)
May 18th MSHS Transition Day

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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BOOKCLUB NEWS

AGE CHAMPIONS
10 year old girls: Shae Crooks
10 year old boys: Dominick Haggarty
11 year old girls: Cayla Wiseman
11 year old boys: Joshua Srhoj
12 year old girls: Kate Walker
12 year old boys: Owen Christopher

POINTS
- Barron: 246
- Granite: 292
- Mitchell: 296

Congratulations Mitchell for winning! Well done to all students who competed!

PE UPDATE

The Learning café will start WEEK 2 TERM 2, Tuesday 28th April at 8:30am.

Cheers, Valerie Dayes
There are now two junior classes located in the Inclusive Practices Unit. Welcome to Lesley Annesley who will be teaching Family Group A alongside Mary Everingham in Family Group B. Family Groups A and B have had a busy start to Term 2 with all students working hard on new curriculum units. PE and Music lessons have commenced on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Katie Martin will be taking the students for Music Lessons on Monday and Daniel Samanes will teach PE on Tuesday.

Students from 4,5,6T sold ANZAC Biscuits on Friday outside the tuckshop.

Some of the great work we have been doing in class!
Prep Story Time
Every Wednesday Morning before school.
Stories, songs, rhymes and puppets.

Great News!
We have visitors to read for us!
On Wednesday, 6th May,
Senior Constable Ah Chee will be reading.
One Wednesday, 27th May, Mareeba Mayor Tom Gilmore will be reading.
Come and listen.
Hoping to see you there,
Julie Gillman

Thank you to the staff and students who marched proudly with me at the Annual Mareeba ANZAC March held on Saturday 25th April, 2015. It was fantastic to see so many students from across P-6 march for our school and their respective clubs.
Congratulations to the 22 students who wore our badges representing the 22 diggers that died in World War 1, to Ellie Fink for doing an exceptional job reading the second resolution, our school captains (Chase, Ellie & Kara) for representing the school whilst laying our wreath and to Miss Susi, Georgia Brettell (AUSLAN captain) and our AUSLAN group for their stand out performance signing the NATIONAL anthem.

Regards,
Mrs Simpson

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC
Please be aware, effective Term 2 the School Dental Clinic will be closed every Wednesday.

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

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
On Friday 24th April Mareeba State School staff, students and parents commemorated the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli. School Captains, Chase Burns and Ellie Fink, led the service by paying respect to the men and women who fought for our country and for those who are still fighting today. This was followed by our Indigenous leaders Johanne Radel-Madsen & Sparticus Body welcoming everyone to Country. The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey on Sunday April 25th, 1915, 100 years ago. What they didn’t know at the time was the beach they landed on was not ideal for an attack, with more than 8000 soldiers dying and more than 20,000 soldiers wounded during the fighting. While many young men and women’s lives were destroyed by war, it is important that we remember that these brave hearts shaped our history and that we as Australians, are proud and remember them.

Petty Officer John Jarvis from the Royal Australian Navy Reserves addressed the parade with a heartfelt message of mateship; lending a hand and helping out fellow school mates. School vice captains Kara Trimble and Ben Dayes recited the poem “In Flanders fields” (1915) by John McCrae and each of our 35 classes laid a wreath in memory of soldiers past.
Mareeba SS was also privileged to have Mr Dan Salisbury present the school with 22 badges, each badge representing the 22 soldiers named on the Mareeba War Memorial who died in World War I. The 22 badges and poppies were a gift from the Mareeba RSL Sub Branch and will be worn proudly by our students at each ANZAC service and used by staff to teach students about the importance of ANZAC day. To conclude our ceremony the students from our school choir, orchestrated by Mr Tannock and the students from our AUSLAN group, led by Miss Susi performed the song "The Last ANZAC" by Michael Traver. Following our service, invited guests, parents and staff enjoyed a visual presentation of Gallipoli from the Australian War Museum and morning tea hosted in the library.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABOUT ATTENDANCE

PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL SOON RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES FROM THE SCHOOL

As you are aware attendance is a priority at Mareeba State School with student attendance significantly increasing in term 1 to 90.8%, up from 87.8% at the end of term 1, 2014. This is a significant improvement and all parents, students and staff need to be congratulated for their efforts in improving this data. To continue to further improve this data, in particular the number of unexplained student absences and late arrivals, Mareeba SS has implemented a new process using the text messaging system implemented by MGM Wireless. At present, our number of unexplained student absences is 53.77%, an increase from the same time period in 2014 from 53.9%.

How does the text messaging system work?
Each morning, Mareeba SS teachers mark class rolls identifying if a student is present or absent from school. These rolls are marked on our system called One School and occur daily before 9:30am. At 9:30am, the MGM Wireless system does a sweep of our One School rolls and gathers information about any student that hasn’t arrived to school, or arrived late (after 9am but before 9:30am). This information gathering occurs between 9:30am and 11am. At 11am, the MGM Wireless system will start sending an SMS text message to parent mobile phones to say a child is absent from school or has arrived late to school for the 3rd time, similar to the messages below:

What does this mean for parent/guardians?
If a parent/guardian receives a text message that states our records show your child is absent, your task is to send a reply text message stating your child’s name, the reason they are absent and the date of absence. (EG: Hannah Simpson, medical appointment, 12/05/15.) The office staff will receive this message and update our One School records to show the absence is now an explained absence. It is also very IMPORTANT that parent mobile contacts are current. Please ensure the office staff have your current contact details up to date.

When does this system start?
Monday the 18th May is our ‘go live’ date. From this date parents/guardians will start to receive these text messages.

For more information Hannah Simpson & Marcia Koolatah will run a workshop for parents in our school library on Monday 4th May at 9:30am and a community workshop at the Community Church on Tuesday 5th May at 2pm.

Everyday Counts at Mareeba SS and our target is 95%!
Ask any student at Mareeba SS and they will tell you ‘everyday counts’ and our target is 95%. In term 1, we had a significant number of classes achieve our 95% target with the students in 4A achieving 100% each day for an entire week – a super achievement by all students and their teacher Mrs Alba-Aue. On Thursday 23rd April I was fortunate enough to host a morning tea for our 101 students who attended school 100% of the time for term 1, and I am happy to announce these figures rise each term.

Attendance statistics:
4A achieved 100% for an entire week (first time in 2yrs for any class)
On average P-3 achieved 29% of classes achieving 95% attendance each week
On average 4-6 achieved 32% of classes achieving 95% attendance each week
As of the end of term the average attendance for each year level is:
Prep: 90.59%, Year 1: 89.75%, Year 2: 91.69%, Year 3: 89.4%, Year 4: 92.17%, Year 5: 91.36%, Year 6: 90.16%
Year 4 has the highest attendance average for the term (92.17%)
Year 1 has the lowest attendance average for the term (89.75%)
Year 2 has the highest rate of unexplained absences (63.87)
Year 6 has the lowest rate of unexplained absences (46.15%)
On average, the most absences occur:
Prep: Monday, Year 1: Friday, Year 2: Monday, Year 3: Monday, Year 4: Monday, Year 5: Monday, Year 6: Friday