



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

Wednesday 4 February 2015

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”**

EXCITED PREPPIES

BEGINNING THEIR EDUCATION



AT MAREEBA STATE SCHOOL!

EVERY DAY COUNTS FOR YOUR CHILD!

Every day you are at school is one more day of learning!



ADMIN NEWS

Welcome back: Welcome back to the new school year! Our year has commenced with a flurry of new enrolments and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome those families who are new to our school. We look forward to working with you and encourage you to take an active interest in our wonderful school.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to new and returning staff:

Ms Jo Jones Laifoo – Guidance Officer

Mrs Lyn Ellis – Head of Inclusive Practices

Mrs Lurelle Hodge – Master Teacher

Ms Trudy Schieb - RATEP

Miss Michelle Conway – Yr 1

Mrs Wendy Tilse – Year 2

Miss Jaimi-Lee Menniti – Yr 2

Miss Gemma Brownie – Yr 4

Miss Emma Diamond - Yr 5

Mrs Cheryl Liebold - Yr 6

Mr Michael O'Neill, Mr Neil Flanders, Mr Shana Aue, Mrs Cheri Gilbert, Mrs Ann Wareing



School Priorities: Teaching staff have already undertaken three days of Professional Development and planning prior to the commencement of the term and we have spent some of that time ensuring that our priorities for 2015 are very clear.



We maintain our very strong commitment to academic excellence through an ongoing commitment to Explicit Teaching. This means that we maintain a strong focus on high academic outcomes through the ongoing use of Consolidations (Warm-ups) and the “I Do, We Do, You Do” approach to teaching explicit lessons. Ensuring that students achieve the targets set in Reading for each year level is also a clear priority. High standards will be set for student bookwork and behaviour again this year and this will be matched by high expectations for students to be in uniform and to attend school on a daily basis. The adage “Everyday Counts!” is as important to us this year as ever! Our goal for student attendance this year is 95%. We can do it!

Open Night: Our partnership with parents, carers and the wider community also remains a priority for us. To assist parents and carers with any beginning of the year procedures or questions regarding routines or school expectations, we are holding an Open Night on Thursday 5 February at 5:30pm. We will also offer a range of parent workshops early in the school year to assist parents and carers to ensure their children’s educational outcomes are the best we

can possibly achieve. Please keep an eye on our newsletter and website for details.

Welcome BBQ: On Friday 23rd Jan families had the opportunity to come along to the school and drop off their children's equipment for the year and help settle them into their new classrooms. The P & C also provided a BBQ to welcome families back to school and meet families new to the school. The day was a great success with many parents commenting on the positive value of the opportunity to avoid the traditional rush and stress of the first day back at school. Many thanks to our wonderful P & C, in particular President Mr Peter Holden, Mrs Marita Roberts, Mrs Lisa Hastie and their helpers, for their organisation. A big thank you to our staff Mr Cifuentes and Mr O'Neill who sizzled all the sausages required on the day! Thank you and well done!

New Playground: I would also like to thank the P & C for all their work during the holiday period towards setting up the additional Year 2 & 3 playground



and the refurbishment of the Prep play area. Both areas look fantastic and will be greatly appreciated by the students and staff. The P & C plays an integral role in our school and new members are always welcome. The next P & C meeting is on Tuesday 17th February.

Finally, welcome to the new school year. Our staff looks forward to working with you throughout another rewarding school year.

Mrs Mandy Whybird (A/Principal)
Mrs Nyree Burton (Deputy Principal: Years 1-3)
Mrs Hannah Simpson (Deputy Principal: Years 4-6)

RATEP NEWS - Movin' on Up

Kids back at school? Bored and restless? Looking for a challenge? Have you ever considered becoming a primary teacher? RATEP could be the answer!

Any indigenous person interested in joining the Mareeba RATEP family, and studying towards a new career, please ring Trudy on 40922556. Applications close soon so don't miss out. Through RATEP, you start at a TAFE level and work your way up to a University degree, with help and support along the way. Ring NOW and find out if this opportunity is for you.

Trudy Schieb
 RATEP Teacher Coordinator

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

A voluntary contribution scheme is administered by our school. This contribution will enable us to purchase a variety of Teaching and Learning resources to support your child's class.

The Voluntary Levy will be set annually and for 2015 it will be:

\$50 for one child
\$100 for two children
\$120 for a family.

This fee will cover items such as literacy and numeracy resources, art and technology resources, extra-curricular resources (e.g. cooking) as well as required spelling mastery books and other valuable learning resources.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

As you can see, this year our school newsletter has taken on an electronic format and is now only emailed to parents/guardians. Hard copies will cease to be printed. Families that wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter will need to put in a request at the office.





PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Please be aware that the school playgrounds are not supervised until 8:30am before school.

BOOKCLUB

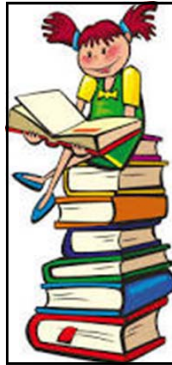
Welcome to 2015!!

A wonderful part of our Library is Bookclub. Bookclub pamphlets are sent home with students twice a term.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to purchase a wide range of reading materials, charts, robotics and other fun developmental tools for your young Einsteins!

Bookclub is also the perfect opportunity to start collecting birthday gifts and Christmas presents to hide under the bed. Every purchase you make provides our library with bonus points, enabling us to purchase more reading resources for our school.

HAPPY READING!!



Everyday Counts at Mareeba SS

95% is our target

Attendance is a key priority for Mareeba SS as 'everyday counts' towards students learning and achieving. This year individual students and whole classes will be rewarded for their attendance. Students who attend school 100% of the time each term will be invited to a special morning tea and those students who attend school 100% for the year will receive special recognition. Classes who reach our weekly target of 95% will see every student in the class receive a reward. If you child is absent please phone the **Student Absence Line:** (07) 4092 8166 or inform your child's teacher.

Attendance statistics:

15 days away each year	=	Missing HALF A SCHOOL YEAR by grade 6
1 day away each week	=	Missing 2 YEARS by grade 10
90% attendance	=	Missing 4 WEEKS per school year
10mins late each day	=	Missing 6 DAYS per school year

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

Welcome to 2015! It's fantastic to see all the fresh faces back at school and getting stuck into their learning. Teachers are doing a great job of setting their expectations for the year. There are a few changes for this year in the Behaviour Management room, we welcome Mr Neil Flanders and Mr Shanna Aue to the BM room. Neil and Shana will be helping out as the new teacher aides in the BM room and already have been out and about meeting students and building relationships. We also welcome Mr Michael O'Neill who has taken on the rewarding role of managing the Mareeba Transition Centre. I'm really looking forward to working with the team on helping class teachers to create and maintain calm, disciplined classrooms and play areas. Please contact the school if you ever have any issues or questions.

Thank you, Luke Cifuentes (Behaviour Management Teacher)

Prep parents and carers are invited to attend a workshop on

Reading



The workshop will focus on the skills your child needs to begin their reading journey and ideas for how you can assist them at home.

When: Thursday, February 12th

Time: 9:00 – 10:00am

Place: School staffroom

Please see your child's Prep teacher for more information.

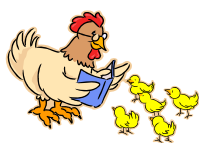
Student Reading & Homework Café

The Student Reading & Homework Café will commence on **Tuesday, February 10th**. Cafes occur every Tuesday and Thursday morning, in the library, from 8:30 – 8:55am.

All parents & carers who are able to volunteer time to hear students read would be gladly welcomed.

If you would like any further information

Please contact Valerie Dayes in the library (4092 8167).



DATE CLAMER - Term 1

- Feb 5 Parent Info Night (5:30pm)
- Feb 16 Presentation of Leader Badges on Parade
- Mar 17 P&C AGM
- Mar 19 & 20 School Photos
- Mar 25 Day Out in Your School (Meet & Greet for Indigenous Parents)
- Mar 30 & 31 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Apr 2 Last Day of Term 1
MSS Cross Country

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.



Looking forward to seeing you soon.



DENTAL CLINIC STAFF

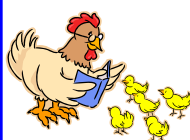
Prep Storytime

The Prep Storytime sessions will occur every Wednesday at 8:25am in the Prep Hut (between the Prep buildings).

All Prep parents & students are welcome to attend and hear some stories before they go to class.

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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:

Mitchell (Prep R)	Harriman (6B)
Radel-Madsen (6S)	Nicholls (6C)
Barbagallo (Prep C)	Saker (2J, 5C)
Hill (5G)	Fink (2J, 4B, 6L)
Carusi (Prep A)	Dayes (1B, 6B)

2015 School Leader Induction Ceremony

16th Feb, 8:55am, Multipurpose Hall

On Monday 16th February our 2015 school leaders will officially receive their badges.

Congratulations to Georgia Brettell our newly appointed AUSLAN captain for 2015.

