

Mrs Simpson's Sizzling Spotlight

Start of Year Events



This week's Sizzling Spotlight is all about our **start of year events**. At Mareeba SS we believe that a strong start will assist us to have a strong finish. This is evident at the start of each year with our annual beginning of year events.

Our events kick off with our teacher **Meet & Greet and Book Drop -Off** sessions held during the Student Free Days and end with our **Welcome BBQ** on the Friday before school starts. These events provide an opportunity for our families to begin building their connection with their child's teacher as well as providing time to bring in those bulky stationery packs during a quieter time rather than on the first school day which is often busy and rushed.

Once school officially starts, we welcome our families on day 1 with a **Welcome Breakfast** in our multipurpose hall, invite families to the school **Welcome Ceremony** at the end of week 1 as well as the **'We All Belong' launch** in week 2. These events again give families another chance to connect with their child's teacher and encourage and promote the value of learning and school.

For our students, the first two weeks of school are

jam-packed with learning opportunities as well as activities to encourage and

promote attendance. At Mareeba SS every day counts and this is incredibly important for our first two weeks. Each day for the first 8 days we will have a **daily attendance prize draw** and in week 2, offer other exciting activities including hosting a **whole school drone photo**, our **Artie attendance launch** as well as a **rotational activity afternoon**.

Information flyers about these events can be found in your child's transition pack. These were handed to students in week 9 during our 'Step-Up' Session. If your child was absent on this day, packs were handed out the next day by their teachers or posted out via the front office. Information can also be found on our Facebook page.

