

MAREEBA STATE SCHOOL CURRICULUM EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Purpose:

Outlines available curriculum opportunities to maximise students' learning and achievement in our school.

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1	Reader's Cup	5-6	Readers Cup is organised by the Qld Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia. It is a state wide competition for young readers. Teams of four students together read a set of books, and then compete with other school to answer quiz questions from the books	Senior Experienced Teacher 2023 Shannon Hurst Select students to participate (in consultation with cohort teachers), organise students to read texts and complete lunchtime activities to promote understanding, accompany students to competition, complete all nomination forms, communicate with parents, organise transport.	Teachers nominate students in years 5/6 – 2 per year level.	http://www.readerscup.org.au/
1	Spelling Bee	1-6	The MSS Spelling Bee aims to give interested, nominated students a chance to pit their spelling skills against other students in their cohort level and against students from other local schools. The Spelling Bee occurs in week 10, Term 1.	HODCs	Complete a nomination form and return to HODCs by week 5, Term 1	Resources stored in G Drive
1-4	Student Council	3-6	Students are invited to nominate to be their class representative on the Student Council. Elected students attend Student Council meetings as required and report back any messages to their class.	Student Council Mentor 2023 Ethan Mann	During Weeks 1-3 of Term 1, classroom teachers provide the opportunity for students to nominate a Student Council Representative for their class.	
1-4	AUSLAN Choir	P - 6	Students are invited to become a member of the MSS AUSLAN Choir. The AUSLAN choir performs at a range of school and community events. Students are required to attend rehearsals as required.	EI – Suzi W Wendy Tilse – LOTE teacher	Interested students attend lunchtime rehearsals and public performances.	
1-4	Environmental Club	P - 6	Students who are interested in the preservation and sustainability of the environment complete projects at Mareeba State School to promote this across the whole school community. Projects include whole recycling, composting and litter reduction.	2023 Jo Lilly	Interested students are invited to attend meetings and work on projects.	
	Peer Support Program	Term 2/3 – Yrs 5/6	Students from years 5 or 6 support younger students in the playground to develop a range of social skills through modelling and demonstrating. These skills include turn taking, sharing, getting along, resilience.	Zena Coyle	Interested students from years 5 or 6.	
1-4	MSSN News Team	5-6	MSSN News Team is a student led group that reports on the weekly happenings at MSS. Students digitally film and edit their news broadcast each week, that is then shared with the school community.	Brooke Maslen, Teresita Nastasi	Students who show an interest and demonstrate capable ICT skills.	
1-4	Reading Café	P-6	The Reading Café operates every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:30 – 8:55am in the library. Students are encouraged to attend to practise their reading skills. Younger students read with older students or volunteers.	HODCs	Come to the library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Lanyards provided for Prep students	Resources stored in G Drive Donations of milk and milo called for.
1-4	Gifted Global Green Program	5 - 6	The Gifted Global Green program aims to increase students' skills and competencies in 21st Century Skills, using the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development as the framework. In 2015, world leaders agreed to 17 Sustainable Development Goals. These goals are a call to action to create a better world by 2030.	2023 – Jo Lilly		https://tinarooec.eq.edu.au/curriculum/pedagogy/gifted-global-green-program-2022
1-4	Instrumental Music Band	4 - 6	Instrumental students participate in the MSS Instrumental Music Band. This band performs at a range of school functions. Opportunities may also arise to perform with the Mareeba State Highschool band throughout the year.	IM teacher – Jackson Payne	Enrol in the MSS Instrumental music program.	

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1-2	Hermitage Schools Plant Science Competition	P-6	Organised by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Hermitage Research Facility (HRF) Schools Plant Science Competition (SPSC) offers engaging ways for students to gain understanding and skills in key areas identified within the Australian science curriculum.	Experiences/Senior experienced teacher		https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/agriculture/plants/schools-plant-science-competition																
1 - 3	Creative Generations		<i>Creative Generation—State Schools Onstage (CGEN)</i> continues to give students, teachers and school communities the opportunity to be involved in a professionally produced, award-winning arena spectacular. MSS AUSLAN students audition each year to participate in this event on Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 July 2023	2023 Wendy Tilse	HOSES co-ordinates staff to manage this event.	https://creativegeneration.education.qld.gov.au/cgen																
2	A Round of Maths Destruction	1-6	A Round of Maths Destruction aims to give interested, nominated students a chance to pit their maths facts knowledge against other students in their cohort level and against students from other local schools. A Round of Maths Destruction occurs in week 10, Term 2.	HODCs	Complete a nomination form and return to HODCs by week 5, Term 2	Resources stored in G Drive																
2-3	Premier's Reading Challenge	P-6	The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge children and students are given an opportunity to develop their appreciation of the English language, and additional languages, and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.	Library Teacher Aide	Library TA emails classroom teacher to register class for Challenge. Class teacher gives reading forms/logs to students to complete, students return completed forms to Library TA. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Activity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>24 April 2023</td> <td>Online database registrations open</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 May 2023</td> <td>Reading period commences for Prep to Year 9 students*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14 to 25 August 2023</td> <td>Early childhood participation period</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25 August 2023</td> <td>Reading period finishes for Prep to Year 9 students* Student reading record forms submitted to schools</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 September 2023</td> <td>All reading data must be finalised in the database and Certificate of Participation available for download</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 2023</td> <td>Certificates of Achievement issued</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30 October to 10 November 2023</td> <td>Premier's Reading Challenge celebration weeks</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Activity	24 April 2023	Online database registrations open	8 May 2023	Reading period commences for Prep to Year 9 students*	14 to 25 August 2023	Early childhood participation period	25 August 2023	Reading period finishes for Prep to Year 9 students* Student reading record forms submitted to schools	8 September 2023	All reading data must be finalised in the database and Certificate of Participation available for download	October 2023	Certificates of Achievement issued	30 October to 10 November 2023	Premier's Reading Challenge celebration weeks	https://readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au/
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2	Forensic Science Workshop	3 - 5	Selected students 3 – 5 are invited to participate in A Forensic Science workshop in Term 2 every year. Students who achieve an A for Science on their latest report card are invited.	HODC P - 2	Respond to invitation by completing payment and permission form, and returning to HODC P – 2 and office	http://educationinteractive.com.au/primary-school/																
3	Writers and Illustrators Camp	6	A 4 day camp at Daradgee Environmental Education Centre. Students work with a real-life author and/or illustrator to create and publish their own story book. Identified as a gifted and talented opportunity.	Senior Experienced Teacher 2023 Shannon Hurst	Interested students who achieved an A or B in English, show resilience at school and are able to cover the costs of the camp.	https://daradgeeec.edu.au/programs/our-programs/writers-and-illustrators																
3	ICAS	3 - 6	Drawing on 40 years of international assessment experience and academic rigour, ICAS is a school competition that inspires, celebrates and challenges millions of school students across Australia, New Zealand and the world. The competition questions are set in modern, real-world scenarios where school students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.	HODC 3 - 6	Parents and students' complete nomination form and send in payment.	https://www.icasassessments.com/																
3	AMT	3 - 6	The AMC is an engaging 30-problem competition that demonstrates the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives; it is open to students in years 3 to 12. Australia's leading educators and academics, with a deep understanding of our national curriculum standards, actively design the unique AMC problems each year.	HODC 3 - 6	Parents and students' complete nomination form and send in payment.	https://www.amt.edu.au/																
	The Opti-MINDS Challenge		The Opti-MINDS Creative Sustainability Challenge is an inclusive team challenge which EMPOWERS participants to THINK, CREATE &	2023: Vanessa Doyle & Zena Coyle & Ainslee Fraser	Interested students attend lunch time practices, and can attend the performance day on a weekend at JCU.	https://opti-minds.com/																

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			COMMUNICATE. Opti-MINDS is a creative problem solving event for teams of participants. They are required to solve demanding, open-ended Challenges from one of the following categories: Language Literature Media Communication Science Engineering Social Sciences			
3	Solid Pathways	4 - 6	Solid Pathways–STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) online program is an extension program for high-achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attending Queensland state schools. The program enables students to develop STEM capabilities and nurtures their scientific curiosity through critical and creative thinking. Solid Pathways–STEM enables students in Years 4 to 6 to engage in an innovative, enriching STEM-focused academic curriculum through the online platform iSee. Round 3 (Term 3)	2023 Pedagogical Coach Responsibilities: Organise consent forms Supervise students in the computer lab	Indigenous students who achieve an A in Maths and/or Science	https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/grants/state-schools/core-funding/solid-pathways
4	Rotary Youth Speaking	6 (2 students)	For the past 15 years the Rotary Club of Mareeba has conducted a Junior Speaking Competition 'Youth Speaks' for the students of Year 6 from schools throughout the area.	Experienced Senior Teacher 2023 Zena Coyle Jennifer Jones	Interested students who achieve outstanding results in English.	
	Life Education – Let's Talk About It	4-6	Life Ed Qld is the largest non-government provider of health and wellbeing education to children in Queensland. Programs introduce and reinforce key health messages about nutrition, physical exercise, online safety, legal and illegal drugs as well as cyberbullying	HOD-C 3-6	Students return permission slip and money to attend.	https://lifeeducationqld.org.au/
4	Student Leadership Positions	5	Year 5 students are invited to apply for leadership positions for the following year. - School Captain - Barron Sports Captain - Granite Sports Captain - Mitchell Sports Captain - Auslan Captain - Instrumental Music Captain	DP 4 - 6	Students self-nominate, present speeches on parade to students in years 3 – 6 and parents. MSS students' years 3 – 5 and MSS staff vote for students to fulfil student leader positions.	
3	Art Show	P - 6	The artwork of all students at MSS is displayed in the library. Art Show opens on Monday of week 10, Term 3 and goes until Thursday, week 10 12pm. An official opening is held with invited guests, AUSLAN choir performs, and any other relevant art performances.	Visual Arts teacher	Student art work is collected throughout the year by Visual Arts teacher for display at Art Show. Individual students, with an artistic flair, can contribute items if approved by Visual Arts teacher.	Previous resources stored on G Drive
1 - 4	Indigenous Dance Groups	P - 6	Boys and girls indigenous dance groups are formed to perform at school and community events throughout the year.	Deidre Brumby/Fallon Patolo	Interested students attend rehearsals and performances.	
	School musical/Talent Show	P - 6	A school musical or talent show is offered on alternative years for interested students to show case their talents to the school and wider community.	Senior Teacher, Experienced Senior Teacher, interested teachers 2023 Talent Show Jaki Pope-Sitters	Interested students attend rehearsals and performances.	
1 - 4	Zoo to You	1, 2, 3	Students in these year levels attend Zoo to You as organised by their class teachers. This incursion supports their curriculum.	Cohort teachers + HODC	Students return permission slip and money. (If curriculum related, all students attend – HODC budget covers non-payers)	https://www.zootoyou.com.au/
1 - 4	Community Garden	4 - 6		Bill White		
1 - 4	Schooling Sports		Before school or afternoons	Dan Samanes	Before or after school Students return completed parent permission form	

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July 31 st – one week festival	Writing Workshop	7 – 10 year olds	Daily writing workshop presented by authors on topics of imaginative, persuasive and informative writing.	Teresita Nastasi & Shannon Hurst	Students are identified through Oneschool data (Semester 2 English) and invited to participate. \$5 entry for students to pay	https://www.littlescribe.com/mini-writing-festival/
2	Gifted & Talented trials	Year 4 & 6 – identified students	Cambridge University Press and Assessment. Gifted and Talented assessment trials for year 4 and 6 students. Covers thinking skills, mathematical reasoning, reading and writing	Teresita Nastasi	Students are identified through Oneschool data (Semester 2 English, Maths and Science results).	
6 th March – 8 th September	Premier's Coding Challenge	Years 3 - 6	The Premier's Coding Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative for all Queensland students in Year 3 to Year 10. The Premier's Coding Challenge aims to encourage an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in Queensland students.	Brooke Maslen	Incorporated through technology lessons, students can enter individually and outside of school	https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/events-awards/awards-competitions/premiers-coding-challenge
TBA	VPG Junior Respect	Year 5/6		Social Worker – Tina Taylor		