PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Isn’t it great when…. children have developed such a sense of community spirit? We are going through a particularly difficult time at the moment with one of our families who have children in grade six and two. The grade six children had a meeting where they spoke about compassion and how to be supportive. From this meeting one of the children approached Jeff Smit and made the suggestion that it would be good to raise some money and do something for a family that is in need. Today, the children just in the grade six area, raised a significant amount for this cause. This is another example of how the Maramba community is always there when the chips are down. Moments like this, provide me with another opportunity to reflect on how extremely proud I am to be associated with Maramba Primary School.

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Jenny Hudswell is the Local Marketing Coordinator for Bakers Delight at Fountain Gate & Cranbourne Centro. She will be presenting us with a cheque for $138.20, which will be issued to our school this week from the funds raised from commencement of the program last year to the end of term 2. This is still an ongoing program and funds are still accruing when our families mention our school’s name when making a purchase with Bakers Delight. We are reminding you of this, as it is an easy way for us to make some money. Bakers Delight supports Maramba's Breakfast program with bread donations, bread donations for sausage sizzle events, voucher donations and Doughraiser. They look forward to continuing to support Maramba Primary School and are open to any other suggestions you may have to raise awareness of the program within our schools community. Jenny is also a member of our School Council and has supported us in many roles over the years and looks forward to making this program more successful in the future.

DISTRICT ATHLETIC SPORTS

Yesterday, I was once again involved in the District Athletic sports where I had my normal role of starting all races. This is something I have done for many years, so it provides me with an opportunity to view many children from eight different schools. Not only did our children compete well on the day, with a number of children going to the next level, they also exhibited exemplary behaviour. From the moment we met in the gym, boarded the bus, competed and returned, the children listened well and did everything that was expected of them. We also had the assistance of Rowena Esslinger, a parent who helped on the day and allowed us to participate in this event. Further more one of our dads, John Keramidas helped another school with the Long Jump raking the pit for them. This was not one of our responsibilities so once again it shows our great community spirit. Once again, we had a most successful day supported by parents and enjoyed by all. From my perspective, I couldn’t have had a better day because I was surrounded by well-mannered children who are absolute pleasure to spend time with.

Andrew Groh

Maramba Primary School’s values are ‘Respect, Responsibility, Relationships and Resilience’
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Isn’t it great when……our students continue to work hard at developing their writing skills. As many of you know, our grade 5 students do quick writing every day. Since February, they have all progressed from writing just a couple of sentences to over a page within 20 minutes. Liams in Room 1 has made remarkable growth in this area, learning a range of skills which has really improved his confidence. He gets his ideas through reading more books than he did early in the year. Liams also finds that TV or YouTube are a great resource and he puts new concepts into his own words. He says that his teachers, Mrs Male and Mrs Mann, have taught him how to use adjectives to make the writing more interesting. He now also uses more verbs and includes speech marks.

The Grade 5 students have also learnt how to set their writing out correctly, depending on whether it’s a narrative, a report, an exposition or a procedure. Liams prefers writing procedures and narratives as he feels that they are easier than the other styles and can be fun.

Please take the time to read his amusing story which he wrote on Tuesday.

Shot from a cannon

“So, your dream is to get shot from a cannon?” I asked Nathan. He replied, “Spot on!” I knew he was a crazy boy but who could blame him? We were just heading to the circus when a man walked up to us and said, “Do you want to get shot from a cannon?”

I was about to say “No thanks”, when Nathan butted in and replied excitedly, “Yes, where can I get shot from it?” The man pointed to the circus. Nathan ran in and I ran after him. When I got there, Nathan was in the rocket ready to do. This has gone wrong…

“Nathan! Get out of there; you haven’t even been practising yet!” I yelled. “This is my dream though”, he replied. The only thing I could do was to watch. What else could I do? When the cannon was ready, the cannon shot him right out of the tent and I ran outside. Instead of landing in the pond, he landed on the sidewalk.

The next day I met him in hospital. “Have you learned your lesson?” I asked him. “No, my second dream came true. I always wanted to be in hospital with a broken neck,” he replied smiling with those broken teeth. I laughed and patted him on the back. I always knew he was a crazy boy.

Sue Peterken

### PLANET SAVING COMPETITIONS Week 4 Term 3

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**Planet Savers tip:** In many cases, a litre of bottled water is more expensive than a litre of petrol.

**Prep Enrolments for 2015**

Enrolment forms can be collected from the office or printed off www.maramba-ps.vic.edu.au and returned to the office along with your child’s birth certificate and Immunisation certificate.
## NOTICES

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Students will not be able to participate in the activities if payment has not been received by the due date. Notices also available on our website www.maramba-ps.vic.edu.au

We are looking for volunteers who can sew / make costumes for the 2014 Maramba musical. If you are able to help please see Janette in the Library or leave your name at the office.

Thank you
Lily  
Prep T11  
Being a friendly and caring member of our grade and for improving with her reading and writing.

Toby  
1A7  
Working so hard at home and showing great improvement in his reading and writing. Well Done Toby!

Pamod  
2R15  
Consistently doing excellent work and caring for everyone in the grade.

Grace  
3P20  
The enthusiasm she brings to all classroom activities.

Jack  
4HP24  
Being a helpful, respectful and hard working student.

Tanya  
5L22  
Excellent concentration during maths rotations and making an effort to complete all her work on time.

Mackenzie  
6RC3  
Demonstrating maturity and support under difficult circumstances. Well done and thank you.
Maramba Primary School is going mobile!

Friday 8th August 2014

Konnective is a mobile app solution that will allow us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. We will be sending news, events, photos and more so that you can be even more connected with your children’s activities and events at the school. Using the Konnective app, you can add events directly to your phone’s calendar, set reminders for things you need to do and receive important alerts (similar to a text message) as soon as they are released.

Via the app, we can send communication to specific grade levels, so you will receive information specific to your child’s grade as well as general news, events and updates that will go to everyone. This will extend and enhance our existing communications (eg. Newsletter, website).

To access via your Smartphone:

Download Konnective App through your smartphone app store. (Apple, Play Store etc)

Register here using your email address and create a password. You will then receive a confirmation email requesting you to click on the link in the Konnective email.

You are now ready to use Konnective and stay up to date with the latest school news.

-Login using the registered email and password you created
-Click on top left hand Menu button
-Select My Connections
-Click on Add button – top right of screen
-Scroll down and select Maramba Primary School

Then request approval for general updates and your children’s year level updates. You will be prompted to enter your relationship to the school, type parent/guardian/grandparent etc. Once accepted by school administration you will receive the latest news straight to your phone.
Doo Wah Diddy

a rock’n’roll musical

9TH, 10TH & 11TH
SEPTEMBER, 2014
7.00P.M.
CRANBOURNE COMMUNITY
THEATRE
FRIENDS OF MARAMBA

Would like to remind all children and parents about the 2014

FATHER’S DAY STALL

THURSDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

GIFTS ARE PRICED FROM $1.00 TO $8.00

INCLUDING: Tools, Soaps, Photo Frames, Car Cleaning Sets, BBQ Sets, Note Books & Pens, Gift Cards, Key Rings, Travel Mugs, and many more lovely gifts for Dad.
**What is Step into Prep at Maramba Primary School?**

The Step into Prep concept is a fun and exciting program at Maramba Primary School. This discovery learning program allows pre-school aged children to come to school and participate in a variety of play-based activities. The sessions are held in our prep and specialist classrooms on some Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2:25pm to 3:15pm.

The Step into Prep program commences on Thursday, 8th of May and is open to all interested pre-school aged children. Parents will have the opportunity to meet other parents and families, ask questions and tour the school. For students who choose to enrol their children for prep in 2015, our Prep Transition program commences in term 4.

Further details about our Transition Program are available by contacting the school on 97967150.

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**What’s involved in Step into Prep?**

The children will participate in many prep based activities where they will learn through discovery and play. Some of these experiences will include:

- Painting and drawing
- Construction
- Craft
- Dress ups
- Creative movement (singing and dancing)
- Story Time
- Interactive Whiteboard activities
- A visit to the library and the computer lab
- Exploring the school grounds
- A specialist session (e.g., Art, P.M.P. Perceptual Motor Program, Music)
- Meeting Year 3 students who will be their buddies in 2015

**What to do next?**

If you are interested in our Step into Prep program, please call Maramba Primary School on 9796 7150 and then simply bring your child to school on Thursday 8th of May. You will need to sign your child into each session at the office. It would be wonderful if your child could participate in as many sessions as possible. If need be, come along after your Kindergarten session has finished to join in the fun!

This is an excellent chance for you to see the school and its wonderful facilities and learning environments. We hope that the program will assist in the transition process for families who choose to make Maramba Primary School their school in 2015.
Maramba Primary School Breakfast Club is held in the new gym between 8.15-8.45am every morning.

This valuable program cannot operate without the generous support of parents who donate the food. We really appreciate the support we’re receiving but we are running low on the following items:

- Milk
- Orange Juice
- Apple Juice
- Butter
- Jam

Thank you
2015 Prep 
Enrolment and Transition Program

Meet the teachers and hear details of our transition program. To assist in planning for your child’s Prep year we are requesting that all parents intending to enrol children in Prep for 2015 should do so by Friday September 19th.

Our planning and staffing arrangements are greatly assisted by early confirmed enrolments.

Please contact the school for an individual tour of our facilities and to see the students at work.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Open Morning
You are invited to attend our open morning and have a tour of our school, visit the Prep classrooms, meet our teachers and much more
Saturday 9th August 9.00 am to 11.30am

Transition Information /Prep Readiness Night
Wednesday 15th October 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Baby sitting will be available

Children’s Transition Program / Parent Sessions
Tuesday October 21st 2:25 pm - 3.15 pm
Wednesday November 5th 2:25 pm - 3:15 pm
Tuesday November 18th 9:10am - 10:30 am
Tuesday December 9th 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
Voting For CUA Community Care Now Open!

Voting for CUA Community Care is now open and we’re keen to get as many votes as we can!

To recap, we have entered this community-focused initiative run by CUA to be in the running to win $5,000 for a school project of our nomination – **Maramba Primary School are going to use this grant to purchase new sport uniforms for our students who participate in all sports both in and outside the school.**

We’re up against 6 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner is determined by community voting, we need your votes!

To learn more about the program and our project proposal, please visit [www.cuacommunitycare.com.au](http://www.cuacommunitycare.com.au) and select our school from the drop-down menu.

Voting is simple. You can place your vote via this website or go to the local CUA’s Dandenong branch located at Shop 394, Level 3, Dandenong Plaza Shopping Centre

Don’t forget, every person can vote once online **AND** once in the branch. Also, please feel free to get friends and families involved and voting.

So, place your votes and help us be in with a good chance of winning $5,000 to improve our school!

Thank you for your support.

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**Stick on / Iron on Labels**

To make it easier to label your children’s belongings, That’s Mine Great labels can be purchased online, [www.thatsmine.com.au](http://www.thatsmine.com.au) or an order form can be collect from the office.

All orders placed support Maramba Primary School.
Community News

LUKE DONNELLAN MP
State Member for Narre Warren North

Luke Donnellan MP invites you to a free
SELF DEFENCE CLASS FOR WOMEN

Due to the success of the first Free Women’s Self Defence Class of 2014, Luke is running another event!

This is a free community class for women providing practical self defence advice from well known women’s self defence instructor, Tricia Clarke.

You’re welcome to bring along women friends or family members.

Places are strictly limited so please book early!

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER
TIME: 7PM-9PM
WHERE: Maramba Primary School
Maramba Drive, Narre Warren
(Front School Hall)

RSVP
Luke Donnellan MP
State Member for Narre Warren North
Ph: (03) 9706 0566
E: luke.donnellan@parliament.vic.gov.au
PO Box 126, Endeavour Hills, VIC, 3802

Help support Maramba Primary School and mention our school when making a purchase at Bakers Delight, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre, Level 1.

5% of every purchase is donated back to Maramba Primary School.

Thank you