PRINCIPAL and ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back

We would like to welcome everyone back to school for what we hope is an enjoyable and rewarding year. All of our students have settled back into school very well and when we visited classrooms on the first morning, it was obvious that the children were happy to be back and eager to learn. The teachers achieved a great deal on their planning days and are energised, ready for the exciting learning opportunities ahead. There was a fantastic ‘learning buzz’ around the school and we look forward to seeing students bringing their work to the office very soon so that we can celebrate their progress with them.

Isn’t it great when…. Our Preps get into the swing of school so quickly? Many of the children attended our Step into Prep program last year, followed by our transition program. This gave both teachers and children a wonderful opportunity to develop relationships which is the corner stone of everything we do. We have had an extremely smooth start to the year which proves that our transition program is working very well. To our new Preps and children at each grade level, we hope that you make the most out of every opportunity.

Student Leaders

We are very proud of our leadership profile at Maramba. We have appointed 52 children to leadership positions including School, House, Arts, Science and Environmental Captains and we are currently in the process of selecting our SRC representatives, Meeters & Greeters and the Grade 5 peer mediators. When that process is complete, we will have over one hundred students in leadership positions and we really value their positive contribution to making Maramba a better place.

Personal belongings

The beginning of another school year provides an opportunity for timely reminders about personal belongings coming to school. The school is not responsible for the loss of or damage to personal belongings of students, teachers or visitors to the school. It is your responsibility to keep them safe and secure. This is why we recommend that valuables do not come to school, as we cannot guarantee their safekeeping. The last thing we want to see is the disappointment of a young child who has lost their valued possession so please support us with this. We understand that some parents would like their children to have a mobile phone for safety reasons, so these can be stored with their teacher and collected at the end of the day.

Children injured at school

Further to the schools positon with personal belongings, the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for their injured children and student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

Andrew Groh and Sue Peterken

Maramba Primary School’s values are ‘Respect, Responsibility, Relationships and Resilience’
### 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

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**School Photos**

**Thursday 5th March 2015**

Students will receive the ordering envelopes closer to the date. Below is an example of a new package option available this year. Packages range from $26 - $50 or an online only option for $16.
Zahra
1R10
Settling in very well at her new school.

Thani
2GP8
Being a very helpful class member who cheerfully completes her work.

Brooke
3H18
Having a great start to the year by being a good listener, polite and always completing her work to the best of her ability.

Nandana
4M16
Being a great role model at the start of the year and displaying excellent organisation.

Megan
4/5L
An amazing start to her Grade Five year. She has displayed good work habits and is striving to do her best. Well done Megan.

Cassie
6NW3
An excellent start to Grade 6 and for being a great support helping around the classroom.
Help us spread the school news and events and go live on Konnective

Join the current 151 school members already signed up!

What parents have to say.................................

I am finding the new Konnective App very useful and to anyone who is yet to download it, I would strongly recommend it. With 3 boys and the excessive paper trail they generate, it is very handy to be able to refer to the App to double check dates and extra requirements whilst on the go. Case-in-point, the friendly reminder that the special food money is due in this week means my boys will not miss out (as may have happened without the reminder!). Instructions on how to download are in the newsletter every week.

Trudi

Love it, perfect to get all the school information, including notices. Very good.

Deb

Like it, Great to get notifications straight to your phone about the school.

Ari

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.
Have you visited............................
www.maramba-ps.vic.edu.au

What you will find??

-Maramba Flyer in colour
-An option to subscribe and have the Maramba Flyer emailed straight to your inbox (fill in below slip if you would like us to subscribe for you)
-Current notices available to re-print
-Calendar of events and excursion payment due dates
-Classroom blogs – find out what is happening in your child’s classroom
-Specialist blogs – visit the specialist classrooms through the blogs
-Access school forms: change of student confidential information forms, absence forms & enrolment forms
-Read School Council news online

To subscribe and receive your weekly edition of the Maramba Flyer directly to your email inbox, simply go to www.maramba-ps.vic.gov.au and click on subscribe tab located on the front page or fill out the slip below and return it to the office and we will happily subscribe for you.

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Please subscribe on my behalf
Child’s Name: .............................................. Room: ..........
Parent Full Name:  ..........................................................................................
Email address:  ..........................................................................................
Parent signature: .................................................................

Please note once we subscribe for you, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing further instructions on how to complete your subscription.
## Friends of Maramba
### Canteen Menu Term 1

**Canteen will be open this Friday 6th February!**

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<td>350ml Focus sports water (raspberry, lemonade or fruit fix)</td>
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**FROZEN**

- Icy pole tubes $0.50
- Mini Calipo (raspberry) $0.80
- Icy Twist (lemonade) $1.00
- Paddle Pops $1.20
  - Chocolate or Rainbow
  - Dragon popper $1.50

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The canteen will ONLY be open on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. Students in Grades 2-6 can purchase items from the canteen window. Prep & Grade 1 students must order through their class lunch tubs. Please place money in an envelope with your child's name, class and order on the front.

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**Canteen Volunteers Needed**

If you can help out with Canteen duties either Wednesday or Friday and have a current Working With Children's card, please contact Paul on 0412 038 346. Without parent volunteer help, the canteen cannot open. 1pm-2.30pm.
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KEYBOARD/PIANO LESSONS

Keyboard/Piano lessons are held at Maramba Primary School on Fridays during Recess, Lunchtime, school time and after school. For information about lesson books and term fees please:
- complete the form below and return to the office;
- or contact Mr Chris Davies for further notices; or
- directly contact the teacher (Mrs Joanne Clark) on 0413 260 896 or via email on jmwsclark@icloud.com

Name of Student ..........................................................Grade and Room No...........................................

Signed by Parent/Guardian ....................................................................................................................

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