**PRINCIPAL’S AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Welcome back to another term and from listening to or reading stories from the children, many of you had the opportunity to spend quality time with your children. We look forward to you joining us to provide your children with many exciting educational opportunities. Your interest and support with school activities optimises your children’s chances for learning and this has been widely researched. One of major events this term is the Musical Production and the planning for this has been underway since last year. We also have the Kids Conference presentation coming up on Tuesday 19th August. Before that presentation, the children will be presenting to Staff and at the next School Council meeting. These opportunities provide children with the chance to experience enormous personal growth and we as a school will continue to rigorously support such initiatives.

**MARAMBA’S MARCH ON MANNERS**

When meeting as a staff we always reflect upon children’s behaviour and what we need to focus on to continuously improve our environment. Just as we see reports in the media about a lack of manners in society we are a part of that society, and we see it as our collective responsibility with you, to ensure that children in our school are well mannered. This will be a focus all the way from the ladies in the office to every teacher in the school. We, as adults, need to role model the desired behaviour and set high expectations with children. We will have posters displayed around the classrooms and other areas when we have agreed upon our behaviours. We look forward to your support with this matter, as from past experience, we have always worked together to make a difference.

**ABSENCES IN GRADE ONE**

Unfortunately, we have had a number of absences in grade one due to unforeseen circumstances in two cases. Over the holidays, it was made known to us that we would have to replace Jenny Peril for a term. We shuffled our replacements around so that Kim Smith would be teaching for the whole term in Room 6. Kim has been a real stalwart at the school, has a very clear understanding of how the school operates and was aware of the curriculum planning for grade one. We were able to replace Kim in Room 7 with Rosa Yanko who has also worked across the school and is very clear on planning expectations. Obviously, we would prefer that this did not happen but we work hard to ensure that any transitions like this are seamless. We develop sound relationships with our Casual Relief Teachers to guarantee that when they replace someone, they are surrounded by people they already know, so that any possible issues can be dealt with effectively.

**Isn’t it great when…….our students return excitedly to school after the holidays, keen to share their experiences with their classmates through their writing? When we get to the middle of the year we often find that the Preps writing skills seem to suddenly ‘take off’. This week we have seen some great writing examples from Mrs Tilley’s students. It is obvious the work that parents have done at home to support their children in further developing their reading, writing and spelling skills - even through the school holidays. This constant reinforcement of what they have learned at school means that the children don’t lose any time and their skills develop steadily. Some of our Preps have also made great gains on their individual learning plans which is very gratifying for them, their parents and Mrs Tilley.**

Here are two very different examples of Prep writing by Chanul and Dustin, and both of these boys have shown excellent growth with their writing in the past month.

Andrew Groh & Sue
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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

**Term Dates:**

**Term 3 Begins:** Monday 14th July 2014

**Ends:** Friday 19th September 2014

**Breakfast Club**

- Breakfast Club will be open from weeks 2 - 9 of Term 3

**Pupil Free Days**

- Wednesday 3rd September 2014
- Monday 3rd November 2014

**School Crossings**

- Please remind your children to use the school crossings before and after school to ensure the safety of all children.

Thank you
Matthew
Prep H8
Being a friendly, happy student who has made big improvements with his writing.

Luca
1P6
Always listening carefully and being a fantastic member of our class.

Harley
2R15
Doing his best work and caring for others.

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Over the holidays our lost property and wet clothing cupboard was sorted and consequently we have an excess of clothing items in different sizes. If you are in need of clothing items or your child has misplaced items during the year, we will be having a free clothing week, commencing next Monday after assembly, where items will be displayed in the Old Gym. Please come down and have a browse.

Visual Art - Materials needed

The Art room is in need of Newspapers and Subway or McDonalds cups. If you can help with any of the materials mentioned, please hand into the Art room.

Thank you for your help.

Christine & Sharon
Join Daniel & Sandra on a musical journey through the jukebox back to 1964.

Doo Wah Diddy

There'll be surfers, bikers, sports jocks, cheerleaders, a waitress, beatniks, the romantic nerds, and, of course, the villains... all in one place — Arnold's restaurant.

It's more rock'n'roll than anyone could possibly handle.

Maramba's 2014 Musical Production.

September 9th, 10th, & 11th

7.00pm

Cranbourne Community Theatre
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
Maramba Primary School
Welcome
Our Journey Begins

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

Education Week 2014
Open night invitation
You are invited to attend our open night to view and celebrate in our student’s work
Wednesday 21st May 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm

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

Maramba Drive NARRE WARREN 3805
Phone: 9796 7150 Fax: 9704 0029
email: maramba.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au / www.maramba-ps.vic.edu.au
If you are eligible for the second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance and did not complete a form in Term 1, please complete the form on the following page and submit to the school office with your eligible concession card. See below for eligibility and dates. If you have completed a form in Term 1, you do not need to hand a new form in. Forms and concession cards must be submitted to the school by **Friday 1st August 2014**.

**EMA Eligibility:**

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 18 years of age, and the student is enrolled at a Government or non-Government School in Victoria on census day, 28 February 2014 for instalment 1 and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment.

The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must:
- on the first day of 1st Term (**28 January 2014**) for the first instalment and
- on the first day of 3rd Term (**14 July 2014**) for the second instalment:
  - (a) be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
  - (b) be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder. OR
  - (c) be a temporary foster parent AND
  - (d) submit your application to the school by the date/s listed below.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance (formerly known as Child Disability Allowance), or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink are not eligible for the EMA unless they also comply with one of (a), (b) or (c) above.

**Submission dates**

The application form must be lodged at the school by:
- 28 February 2014 for the first instalment or
- 1 August 2014 for the second instalment.

**Important information**

A separate application is required for each school if you have children attending different schools.

If your child transfers schools during the year, you will need to make an application at the new school.

**How to Complete the Application Form**

**NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT / PARENT**

1. Complete the APPLICANT/PARENT DETAILS & STUDENT DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card – unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner card to the school.

2. Nominate your payment method for EMA. You can choose to have your EMA payment;
   - Paid by direct deposit (EFT) into your nominated bank account or
   - Paid by direct deposit (EFT) to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses.
   - Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or

3. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
   - Enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
   - Enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2007.
   - Enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or Language Centre, then enter “UNGRADED” in the YEAR LEVEL column.

4. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

**LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED**
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
Parent/Guardian Application Form - 2014

The following details must be completed by the applicant (the concession card holder). EMA is payable by Direct Deposit (EFT) to the applicant, Direct Deposit to the school, or as a cheque payment.

SCHOOL NAME _______________________________________

APPLICANT / PARENT DETAILS

SURNAME ____________________________________________
FIRST NAME _________________________________________
ADDRESS ___________________________________________
TOWN/SUBURB _______________________________________
STATE ______ POSTCODE ______

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: ____________________________

CENTRELINK PENSIONER
CONCESSION / HEALTH
FOSTER
VETERANS AFFAIRS
CARE CARD NUMBER (CRN) OR PARENT (*) OR PENSIONER

* Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Human Services (DHS) or Courts, etc.

EMA PAYMENT METHOD Please TICK the box below for your nominated EMA payment method

☐ Direct Deposit to parent
   Payment will be made to your bank account by Electronic Funds Transfer (provide bank account details below)

☐ Direct Deposit to school
   Payment will be made to school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses.

☐ Cheque
   Payment will be made as a cheque which will be posted to the school

ACCOUNT NAME (e.g John Smith) ___________________________

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (e.g Westpac) AND BRANCH ___________________________

BSB No. ____________ BANK ACCOUNT No. ____________

* If you are unsure of the above details check your Bank Statements or enquire at your Financial Institution.

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The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development collects your personal information for the purpose of administering the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment. Some personal information may be disclosed to other Victorian Government departments, such as the Department of Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development may disclose some of your personal information to Centrelink to confirm that the details provided matches Centrelink’s records. This is to be used for testing eligibility for EMA applications for 2014.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will provide the above bank account details to Westpac Bank for the sole purpose of making the EMA payment into your nominated bank account. The bank account details provided will not be disclosed or used for any other purpose. You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT __________________________________ DATE / / /
A career working with older people is possible, get your qualifications with the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre

CHC30212  
Certificate III in Aged Care  

CHC30312  
Certificate III in Home and Community Services

Enrolments being taken now  
Start date Tuesday July 29th, 2014  
Tuesday and Wednesday’s 9am to 3pm

Learn locally with a highly qualified, very experienced and dynamic trainer.

Dual qualification widens the scope of employment opportunities in this expanding service industry.

**Payment plans and Government funded places available**

For more information and enrolment please contact the Community Centre on 5944 3484 or by email to office@ubcc.org.au

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**Free Uniform!!**  
For Term 3, 2014

Bookings available for term 3, 2014

**TUESDAYS:**  
FOUNTAIN GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PROSPECT HILL DRIVE, FOUNTAIN GATE  

JUNIORS: 7 TO 13 YEARS; 6:00PM TO 7:15PM

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The Prominde  
Narre Warren South

**Saturdays:**  
Dandenong Primary School  
Cnr New St & Foster St  
Dandenong

**TUESDAYS ALSO AT:**  
Heany Park Primary School  
Buckingham Road  
Rowville

**FRIDAYS also at:**  
St Leonards Prim. School  
349 Springvale Road  
Glen Waverley

For Bookings Phone 9887 4098

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