PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

ISN’T IT GREAT WHEN ……………………….. we have children who are supported with writing, so that they have an opportunity to present work which they are proud of? Rearch and Ally from 4K25 both like elephants so they wanted to write a story about them. Rearch had the idea to write a story about them being at school because he thought that would be really funny. The first thing they did was write a plan that included pictures. From this plan, they wrote the story and then they edited their work with help to look at spelling and punctuation. They then typed this up on the computer and illustrated it. They both feel extremely proud of their work and feel it is the best writing they have ever done. Please take a moment to read their stories.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last night’s meeting was extremely productive where many issues were attended to. As part of our requirements to be registered as a school we have to review many policies on our operations. Council members have reviewed these policies and changes have been made to suit our school. Once again, I commend them on their vigilance with their responsibilities and the open discussion that takes place. Our presentation at the beginning of the night was about an initiative undertaken by Josh in 4K25, where he suggested that we organise games for our younger children to play at lunchtime. This was taken to the SRC, so now under the watchful eye of Mrs Lodewyke and Ms Kennedy our SRC representatives organise lunchtime sport for our children in grade one and two. This is something we value and it is important that children do have a voice, so that their great ideas can come to fruition.

ATTENDANCE

We have succumbed to illness and our absence figures are up from last week. However, I have some fantastic news to share with you as our late figures are down. Can I personally thank you for your efforts in getting your children to school on time. Congratulations to 5MM1, PrepH8, PrepT11, PrepM12, I/2P13, 3H18, 320P, 5L22 and 6R3 for being on time every day of last week. Further congratulations to 5H23, 4HP24 and 3P20 for having extremely low absences for last week. As we approach the end of term, our greatest challenges are still to come, so I look forward to meeting them with you.

Andrew Groh

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.

Maramba Primary School’s values are ‘Respect, Responsibility, Relationships and Resilience’
Isn’t it great when….children in homework rewards club have success in the vegetable garden? Mrs Hall’s band of gardeners have been learning all about growing their own food and harvesting their produce. The compost we make from all the food scraps collected each Friday enriches the soil and I’d like to thank the composting and vege gardening teams for their work.

Yuhansa: I took a lettuce home and we made a salad. I’ve also taken home strawberries, potatoes and tomatoes – they taste better than the ones from the shops. I love seeing how they grow. I learnt when we planted the cabbage seed we had to put a light dusting of soil over it so it could come through easily.

Emily: It’s great fun planting vegetables. We have to be careful not to give the rosemary too much water as it comes from hot, dry countries like Greece. I had to be careful of the prickly weeds – next time I’m going to choose the thick gloves!

Almir: I dug up about 5 potatoes. We cooked them and they tasted great. I had to prune the dead, woody parts off the rosemary and lots of people took a bunch home. Unfortunately I lost my bunch but I’ll cut some more this week. I have learnt that gardening is fun. You don’t know what chemicals the vegetables from the supermarket have in them. But ours are all natural.

Monique: We planted bean seeds in a container and we waited for them to grow. Then we carefully took them out of the tub with some soil stuck to the roots to protect them. We made a little hole in the vege garden and popped the bean in. I learnt not to cover the leaves and to gently pat the soil down around it. Then I watered them all.

Mia: On Friday I was weeding around the beetroot. I like doing the vege garden as we get to take stuff home. I have learnt that the worms are good for the soil but not snails!

Sue Peterken
## 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

## PLANET SAVING COMPETITIONS Week 7

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**Planet Savers tip:** Using compost can reduce the need for water, fertilizers, and pesticides.

## Parent Reminders

With winter here we are finding we have a short supply of spare clothes available. Please pack a spare change of clothes in your children's bags; this will assist when they fall over and are wet and muddy.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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<td>Prep 8</td>
<td>Being a friendly and polite student who tries very hard with all her learning.</td>
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<td>Keely</td>
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<td>Being a quiet achiever who demonstrates excellent listening, organisational and presentation skills. Well done Keely.</td>
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<td>Lucy</td>
<td>2HQ14</td>
<td>Having great manners and writing some amazing stories.</td>
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<td>Praveenaa</td>
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<td>Excellent reading and always completing her work in a quiet and conscientious manner.</td>
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<td>Megan</td>
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<td>Trying very hard to complete her work and do the right things in class and in the playground.</td>
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<td>Jordan</td>
<td>5L22</td>
<td>Working hard at focusing on the positivity in situations faced. Well done Jordan keep it up.</td>
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<td>Jeremiah</td>
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<td>Displaying an excellent work ethic, completing set tasks and extending his personal learning. Well done.</td>
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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.pz@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 16 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 STUDET/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 _/__/_____
**Community News**

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**HALLAM STORE**

SHOP 7, 151-159 PRINCES HIGHWAY, HALLAM 3803

PHONE: 9702 3181

TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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**Netball Club**

**Maramba Netball**

**Net Set Go! Program 2014**

Maramba Netball Club will once again be offering an exciting Net Set Go! Junior Netball Program in the second half of 2014. Maramba Netball Club is looking for young enthusiastic children to join our Net Set Go! Team. Net Set Go! is a fun and exciting program that introduces children to netball and teaches them basic netball skills in a fun and friendly environment. This is a great opportunity for children to meet new friends whilst being taught fun netball skills each week by qualified coaches. Net Set Go! is available for children aged 5-10 years.

COST: $95- for season (terms 3 & 4: season) includes netball and t-shirt for each child. Cost also includes Netball Victoria participation fee for each child.

DAY: Tuesday afternoons 3:45-4:30

WHERE: Maramba Primary School Gymnasium, Josephine Avenue Narre Warren 3805

This is a great opportunity for children to experience the great sport of netball. If you are interested in registering please contact Melissa, Net Set Go Co-ordinator on 0425862495 or email melissadenil64@gmail.com

*CALL NOW LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE*

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Maramba Netball Club is looking for new players from beginners to experienced aged from 7-17, boys are also welcomed up to age 13.

- Learn new skills
- Play games
- Meet new friends
- Accredited coaches.

Training is held on a Tuesday night from 4:30-8:00 at Maramba Primary school, we offer competitions on a Wednesday afternoon/night and Saturday mornings. Payment plans available.

All enquiries welcomed please contact our enrolment officers Vanessa 0409 557 711 Jane 0430 367 337

Or visit our website:

www.marambanetballclub.com.au

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