PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

ISN’T IT GREAT WHEN……….. children are given the opportunity to write lyrics and perform songs. The children from grade 6W4 were exploring different rhythm patterns which they could then write their own lyrics to. The lyrics had to be about being late for school. The beat they chose was the Bo Diddley beat which is a kind of syncopated five-accent rhythm. Bo Diddley was an American R&B vocalist, guitarist and songwriter. He was also known as The Originator because of his key role in the transition from the blues to rock, influencing a host of acts, including Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, Elvis Presley and The Beatles, among others. Jason came up with the lyrics and then we changed them a little. We all just decided that we could work together and some of us already had some background with an instrument where for others it was for the first time. Mr Davies helped us with keeping to the beat by following the drummer but he certainly gave us the opportunity to explore what we wanted to do. I was lucky enough to see the finished product and was not only impressed what they achieved but also how such a diverse group came together and supported each other.

The band consisted of the following children who all had comments to make.

Sean I got a lot of good comments about my singing even though I usually play the guitar.
Jason I was really impressed with our performance because we all kept in time and I played the drums.
Tony I was playing keyboard but I forgot to keep in time so I needed to follow Jason to keep the beat.
Jackson I forgot that the G string was a little bit higher than it was. I was playing the bass guitar.
Bryce It took me a while to get the hang of the glockenspiel.
Cody I loved playing in the band as well as playing the glockenspiel.
Taimania My biggest challenge was keeping my fingers in the same positions on the guitar.
Rachel I am happy that I tried something new as the singer.
Daniel I played keyboard and at first forgot to keep time with the drummer.

6W4, Bo Diddly Beat

VERSE 1
Here’s my story strange but true
It could be your story too
One bad day I broke the rules
One day I was late to school

VERSE 2
One day I was late to school
Because I jumped in my pool
It was a really freezing day
It was raining anyway

VERSE 3
When I got out of my pool
I had to run to get to school
Then my teacher yelled at me
Cos the time was half past three

ATTENDANCE

Could parents please come via the office if your child is late, so that the office ladies can record this and then transfer it to a memory stick? This is vital as it is our means of checking off children if there is an emergency and we have to evacuate outside

Congratulations to PrepM12 who have achieved perfect attendance for the fourth week in a row. This is an amazing result and will be recognised at assembly next week. We had four other grades with excellent attendance and we congratulate 1P6, 3G19, 6S2 and 6W4 for leading the way this week. In particular we note that 6S2 is very close to attaining perfect attendance for four weeks in a term.

Although our absence data isn’t as good as our past week I am pleased to inform you that we have arrested our slide on lateness. I once again thank you for your support with this because it has such an enormous influence on learning.

Andrew Groh

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

Isn’t it great when….students work collectively to successfully produce something wonderful? Our Grade 1 and 2 students have been looking at communities, exploring how to work with others effectively, make and sustain friendships and resolve problems. They learnt about where they fit within the whole structure, starting with themselves, friendships, school and the wider community. During their trip to Dandenong, they examined how people function to assist each other through the exchange of goods and services, by visiting the library, the Drum theatre and the market.

Each grade had a team of planners who oversaw the construction of their community. Using their knowledge, they worked together to build their own communities in the Gallery – they look amazing!

Chloe & Sienna R14: When kids finished their buildings we told them where to put them in our community. We learnt about people who help us and how communities are not just made of buildings. There were some really old trees with signs on them at the park. At the market Chloe’s mum bought the group jam donuts. It is a very different place to buy your food – it’s not just inside like a supermarket.

Charli & Riley R15: Mrs Rodwell put us in groups & we got to choose what to make. We had a shops group, emergency services, houses and a school. We put the roads down on the carpet and then people put their buildings where they wanted. We sat on the stage at the Drum theatre and we saw all the lights, which can change colours if they use a special fire proof cellophane.

Kiarn & Holly R16: First we drew a bird’s eye view plan of where the roads and buildings would go. Mrs Lazer had a list of things we had to include in our community and she choose who was making different things. Then we had to show kids where to put them in the community. The Dandenong library was very new and we were the first school to visit. The Drum theatre is 9 years old and used to be the town hall. When they fixed it up they had to keep the outside walls the same so it still looked like a town hall.

Yashal & Binul R13: We have parks so people have space to play. We went to the market and saw some Indian food, some animal bones and a really big fish shop which sold all kinds of fish and crabs. We saw a pig’s head at the butcher!

Sue Peterken

PLANET SAVING COMPETITIONS

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Planet Savers Tip: Recycling one aluminium can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours. One in three aluminium cans is still not recycled. Please help the Earth by recycling your cans.
### 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

### 2014 Term Dates:

Term 1 Ends: **Friday 4th April 2014 at 2.30pm**  
Term 2: Tuesday 22nd April—Friday 27th June  
Term 3: Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September  
Term 4: Monday 6th October - Friday 19th December
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
- Juice
- Jam
- Vegemite
Maramba Primary School

Have you ever wondered what happens in a prep grade?

Well you don’t need to wonder any more. On **Wednesday the 30th of April** from **9.30 till 11.00** you will have the opportunity to spend time in a prep room. You will also have the opportunity to listen to some children talk about their school experience and ask questions which either children or members of our staff will answer. It will be a chance to be introduced to the journey before attending prep and from that point on. We hope to see you there.
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

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Phone: 9796 7150 Fax: 9704 0029
email: maramba.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au / www.maramba-ps.vic.edu.au
Maramba Primary School OSHC

Before School Care
With the mornings becoming cooler, Before School Care may be a cosy option for children to prepare for the school day.

We will be providing a warm and inviting environment for children, plus some warm options on our Breakfast menu.

Activities are focussed on being ready for the school day ahead by getting the brain and the body moving.

Josh C is our most recent OSHC Weekly Legend. Well done Josh!

Keep Smiling!
Alan, Karina, Lara and Lizia

Junior Blue Light Disco

Saturday 5th April 2014
Time: 6.00 - 9.00pm
Cost: $10
Where: Hillsmeade Primary School
(The Promenade, Narre Warren South)

For students in grades 4, 5 & 6 only.

Any enquiries to Narre Warren Police Station: 9705 3111 or visit www.bluelight.org.au

Maramba Primary School & DEECD does not endorse any of the above advertising.

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The store will be closed on the following days:

18th April 2014 - Good Friday
19th April 2014 - Easter Saturday
21st April 2014 - Easter Monday
25th April 2014 - Anzac Day