Message from the Principal

Thanks everyone for a great start to the year. Our five new Preps (Matty, River, Hugo, Logan and Blake) have settled in quickly, as have our other new arrivals (Joey in Year 2, Michael in Year 3, Leighton in Year 5 and Crystal in Year 6). Welcome again to our new students and their families! I am very pleased that our new student leadership team has demonstrated early commitment and initiative through helping out and assisting younger students at break times and preparing for parade. Well done and thank you to our school captains, Shaylee and Kent and also to Brock, Imogen and Crystal. Keep up the good work!

With the return of Ms Hanak and our valued teacher aide team plus Ms Thomas (administration relief), Mr Arnold (music), Ms Erlangsen (Japanese) and Mrs Dwyer (PE), I am sure that this will be another fantastic year at Maroondan.

I urge all parents to share in the further success of our students by involving themselves in school and class activities throughout the year. One way you could do this is by joining our P&C. All are invited to our AGM on February 16th (see below).

Regards,

Robert Lawton,
Principal

P&C News

Failing any hiccups with paperwork, our P&C Annual General Meeting will be after school on Thursday, 16th February (in Ms Hanak’s room). This meeting will be preceded by a school information session, focused upon our continued school priority of reading (see over).

All community members are invited to attend the meeting and to join the P&C. This organisation supports and helps to fund many of our school activities such as camps and rewards days. Vacancies for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are open for election. Please see Mr Lawton at the earliest opportunity if you are interested.

A BIG thank you goes out to everyone that helped at our P&C Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on the Sunday before Christmas. Well over $1000 was raised on the day - a great result!

School Wide Positive Behaviour Awards.

No students managed to attain the Marvellous Maximiser Award (20 Max Bands) in our first short week in school, but some were close!

The House Award for Week 1 went to Marauders, with 149 bands against 136 for Bombers. Well done Marauders!

Students of the Week

It was hard to select just two students for our Week 1 Student of the Week Awards as every student made a great start to the year. In the end, Ms Hanak chose to reward Brock for displaying a great work ethic. Mr Lawton selected Cory for his concentration and hard work.

School Attendance

Maroondan continues to aim for attendance rates of over 95% to ensure that our students don’t miss out on important learning opportunities. However, we do understand that from time to time events and illnesses occur which prevent students from attending. If your child is away for any reason, please call the school as soon as possible to let us know why. When we do not receive notification of absence we will text or phone parents, confirming that their child is absent and seeking a reason.

FORTNIGHTLY DIARY

Every Monday - Parade 2.45pm, Visitors welcome
Every Thursday - Tuckshop
Every Wednesday - Library - Don’t forget your book bags

FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday, February 14th - Year 6 Leadership Conference, Bundy
Thursday, February 16th - Information Session + P&C AGM 3.15pm
Monday Feb 20th to Friday Feb 24th - 3 Way Reporting Interviews this week
Monday, March 13th - School Captains Leadership Conference in Brisbane
Friday, March 24th - Years 3-6 T-Ball Competition at Gin Gin SS
Tuesday, March 28th - Rewards Day
Thursday, March 30th - Maroondan Cross Country Competition on the oval from 1.30pm - Visitors welcome
Thursday, March 25th - Term 1 ends

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2017 School Priority
The ability to read promotes student confidence and enables success in areas across the curriculum. Hence, in 2017 reading improvement will continue to be our main priority here at Maroondan.

Our Teacher Aides Mrs Bechly, Mrs Adams and Mrs Young have already started the Daily Rapid Reading Programme for Term 1. This term, all Year 1 and Year 2 students, along with some upper grade students, will receive 15 minutes one on one reading tuition daily.

Reading comprehension also continues to be a priority in our day to day classroom teaching. In ability level groups, all of our students receive a half hour of reading comprehension skills lessons each day, Monday to Thursday.

You can help your child to improve their reading by sharing books with them at home, listening to them read and asking then follow-up questions about what they have read. As we go through the year we will make you aware of the comprehension strategies we are teaching at school and you will be able to assist by reinforcing these strategies at home.

To further your knowledge around our reading programme you are invited to a short information session prior to our P&C AGM on February 16th - see opposite;

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MAROON DAN STATE SCHOOL

Every Monday Morning, 9.00 to 11.00am

Parents of babies, toddlers and pre-school children are invited to bring your kids along for a morning of LEARNING, SOCIALISATION, PLAY & FUN!

- Learning and play activities supervised by experienced playgroup co-ordinator
- Refreshments provided for parents/carers attending
- Option to stay on to 11.30 to share morning tea (parent provides) + play with Maroondan students
- All for just a gold coin donation each week!

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First day of the new school year at Maroondan - Monday, January 23rd, 2017