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Message from the Principal
Following awkward circumstances for many at the beginning of term we’re now eight days in and it seems like we’ve packed so much in already! You will have received a couple of letters already regarding plans and changes that are occurring this term and I apologise if it seems like information overload. I’ll try and keep this newsletter as concise as I can.

Please don’t forget that Mr Byrnes and I will be espousing yet more information in our meetings tomorrow after school. Times are;
Mr Lawton – Prep to Year 2 – 3.15pm to 3.45pm
Mr Byrnes – Year 3 to Year 7 – 3.45pm to 4.15pm
If you are unable to attend I’ll send home a summary of topics covered. Don’t hesitate to contact Mr Byrnes or I if you have any further questions.

Regards,
Robert Lawton.
Acting Principal

P&C News
Our P&C did a fantastic job in 2012, getting the tuckshop up and running on Wednesdays and organising a number of fund raising activities. P&C contributions helped keep down the cost of our Cania Gorge School Camp - I doubt there’s a school anywhere that could match the value that we were able to offer. In 2013 it is anticipated that P&C contributions will enable us to introduce more extracurricular activities at Maroondan. All parents are encouraged to involve themselves in P&C activities and can do so by attending and registering at our P&C Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th February at 3.15pm (in the computer room). As well as general members the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are also open for election. Please see me or current P&C Secretary Geraldine Gregory if you’re interested in assuming one of these positions.

Interschool Sports
Years 4 to 7 students will begin this term’s interschool sports programme this Friday, playing softball against a Gin Gin team here at Maroondan. Parents are welcome to attend to spectate. The game will start at about 12.45. The programme for the next few weeks is;
Friday Feb 22nd - Away at Mt Perry (Cricket)
Friday March 1st - Away at Bullyard (Softball)
Friday March 8th - Away at Gin Gin (Cricket)
Friday March 15th - Home (Softball)
I am in the process of arranging transport to the away events and will inform Year 4 to 7 parents as soon as details are finalised.

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Student Leadership Team
Our four Year 7 students will all be assuming positions of responsibility this year with two of them assuming School Captain positions and two becoming House Captains. They will form a committee which will meet regularly with myself to discuss school issues. Thanks go to Alex, Grace and Trey who each delivered excellent leadership speeches at our parade on Monday. Voting has taken place and positions will be announced at a special assembly on Friday morning this week. Parents are welcome to attend.
FORTNIGHTLY DIARY

Thursday, February 14th - Parent/Teacher Meetings, Prep to Year 2 3.15 to 3.45, Year 3 to Year 7 3.45 to 4.15

Friday, February 15th - Special Parade for announcement of school leaders, 9.00pm

Friday, February 15th - Year 4 to 7 Interschool Sport at Maroondan 12.45pm

Monday, February 18th - Parade at 9.00am, Parents welcome to attend

Monday, February 18th - Year 7 Leadership day at Brother’s Sports Club

Wednesday, February 20th - Tuckshop Please place orders at least one day ahead

Friday, February 22nd - Year 4 to 7 Interschool Sport at Mt Perry

Monday, February 25th - Parade at 9.00am, Parents welcome to attend

Wednesday, February 27th - Tuckshop Please place orders at least one day ahead

Wednesday, February 27th - P&C AGM 3.15pm

Max Band Fever

Our newly introduced behaviour programme is working well with students from all year groups working hard to demonstrate our four school rules—maximising respect, effort, safety and self-responsibility. Already, lots of ‘Max Bands’ have been earned by students who have been spotted doing the right things.

Each week we focus upon particular school expectations, teaching these to the students at a special parade and throughout the week in class. Last week we concentrated on safe movement around the school, responsible lining-up and respect for uniform (tucking those shirts in!). This week our focus is upon respecting adults and other students in class through turn-taking and putting up hands to join in class discussion.

Each week our Max Bands are tallied up and last week Bombers house collected the most. Well done Bombers! The following students also became ‘Marvellous Maximisers’ having attained a tally of at least 20 Max Bands; Bailey, Tyson, Anne, Liam, Reece, Levi, Grace, Hayley, Tegan, Anna and Trey. Bailey and Tyson deserve special mention, each having collected the most Max bands for their house.

GIN GIN LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN-ON
Sat 16th March, 8.30-12.noon, At the SUPA IGA
Contact Jackie Walker, Centre Manager on 0429381936 for further details

Maroondan Staff Still Learning

On the two pupil free days prior to the start of term staff were busy preparing classrooms and undertaking professional development activities. Workplace Health and Safety and Behaviour Management were amongst the subjects covered. Mrs Eden and Mr Byrnes are shown below proudly displaying their training certificates.