



# MAROON STATE SCHOOL Newsletter

SUCCESS THROUGH EFFORT

Term 1 Week 4 2024

## Principal's Address

by Grayham Tyler

Thank you for taking the time to read our school newsletter.

As we approach the middle of term 1 and the students have well and truly started getting into a routine as parents, you hold a unique understanding of your child, unmatched by anyone else. It's equally crucial for your child's teachers to establish a connection with your child.

Fostering a robust and respectful relationship with your child's school and teachers positions you to provide valuable insights, enabling your child to make the most of their educational journey. Collaborating with teachers allows you to jointly support your child's learning and overall well-being.

When everyone works together for the benefit of your child, a host of academic and social advantages can unfold, including:

- Regular school attendance
- Positive academic results
- A favourable attitude towards school
- Strong social and relationship skills
- A sense of well-being, identity and connection

Initiate a proactive approach from term one by engaging in open communication and building relationships with teachers, fellow parents, and students, not just when challenges arise, fostering a continuous and supportive connection.

Make an appointment with your child's teacher if you would like to have quality time with them to discuss your child's progress.

*The small school making a BIG difference!*

### Just a reminder:

#### Senior Leadership Ceremony Families, Community and Friends

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Maroon State School will hold a special Ceremony to recognise our inspiring senior leaders and their contribution to our community and the future of this incredible school. I would like to invite all the parents and community members to this special event. Please bring a plate to share for an afternoon tea.

#### Fruit break

Each day our students will have a short break at around 10am for a piece of fruit. Can I ask each parent to ensure their child has fruit or a raw vegetable (eg. carrot sticks, celery) to enjoy. The snack needs to be unprocessed to ensure they have the right fuel for their bodies.

#### School Attendance

I would like to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance for your child's academic success and overall well-being. Regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their full potential, build strong relationships with teachers and peers, and develop important life skills.

Thank you to Deb who supplied a delicious cake to celebrate Kai's birthday.



Regards,

Grayham Tyler

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>January</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> Australia Day
<i>February</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> P&C Meeting (6:30pm) 23 <sup>rd</sup> Leadership Ceremony
<i>March</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> P&C – Annual AGM 23 <sup>rd</sup> Plant Stall & Easter Raffle 25 <sup>th</sup> Healthy Harold Visit 28 <sup>th</sup> Last day of term 29 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday
<u>Term 2:</u>	
<i>June</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> 3-6 Camp (Stanly River)

### Tuckshop - Garden to Plate

This week the students were treated to a delicious Mexican dish. I would also like to thank all the students who have donated, to keep this fantastic initiative going.



### Everyday Counts!

#### Presence + Participation = Success

Our current attendance rate for January is: **88.8%** We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

My target is 93% (We can do it)

Success through Effort!



# NAPLAN 2024

Test Window 13-25 March

As you are aware, Maroon State School will be conducting the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) online, along with the rest of the nation. **The 2024 NAPLAN test window is Wednesday 13 March to Monday 25 March 2024.**

Below is Maroon State School’s test schedule and the dates in which each test for both Year 3 and Year 5 will take place during this window. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding NAPLAN 2024.

		Wednesday 13/03	Thursday 14/03	Friday 15/03
		WRITING	READING	CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE
			12:00pm - 1:05pm Catch up tests	12:00pm - 1:05pm Catch up tests
Monday 18/03	Tuesday 19/03	Wednesday 20/03	Thursday 21/03	Friday 22/03
NUMERACY	9:15am - 10:25am Catch up tests	NO TESTS	NO TESTS	NO TESTS
12:00pm - 1:05pm Catch up tests				

## Buddy Reading

Participating in Reading Buddies benefits students in multiple ways. For younger students, they get to hear a more experienced reader model how to read fluently, with expression and phrasing, and they get 1:1 assistance as they build their own skills and practice reading aloud.



## Message from the P&C President



Welcome back to Term 1 2024. Like always our P&C is back busier than ever as we plan for the year ahead and get underway with our first fundraiser of the year.

The annual Plant stall is being held on March 23rd from 7am-12pm. We are in search of donations in anything 'garden' for the stall so please check with family and friends who might have something to donate.

We will also have an Easter raffle and more information will be sent home in the near future in search of some donations.

If you have some spare time on the 23rd of March it would be great if you could pop down to the school and help us sell some plants. Even if you don't know anything about plants (like me) you can still help out.

Our other fundraisers for 2024 are –

- Term 1:** Plant stall and Easter Raffle
- Term 2:** Pie Drive
- Term 3:** Chocolate Drive and in Oct - car club BBQ catering
- Term 4:** - Single Wicket (10th November) and Christmas concert raffle.

Our AGM is being held on March 8th, so please come along and join the P&C. If your interested in taking on an executive role this is the meeting to attend. Meetings are held at the school at 6pm and a teams link is also available on request.

Your P&C President,  
Emma Gnech

### MAROON STATE SCHOOL P&C PLANT STALL

LOCAL PLANTS AND FRESH PRODUCE

THE BEST PLANTS AND PRODUCE FROM THE LOCAL FARMS.

## SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024

23 March 2024  
7:00 am to 12 noon  
Maroon State School Front Oval

Plants/Compost/Fresh Produce/Cuttings/Firewood /Craft/Mulch/Seeds and much more!

### ROLE DESCRIPTION

#### The President

- Understand rules and operations of a P&C
- Good knowledge of P&C meeting procedures
- Provide leadership
- Chair meetings
- Act as your P&C spokesperson/representative
- Foster positive communication between P&C and school
- Build relationships with wider community
- Encourage participation by members
- Ensure everybody has a say in the P&C
- Accountable for employment and business issues

### ROLE DESCRIPTION

#### THE TREASURER

- Ensure P&C complies with the Accounting manual
- Financial statements/reports presented at meetings
- Pay accounts promptly when authorised
- Issue receipts for monies received
- Maintain accountable forms register
- Maintain P&C asset register
- Monitor wages
- Ensure accounts are current and reconciled
- Prepare annual financial statements for auditing
- Ensure accounting is open and transparent

### ROLE DESCRIPTION

#### The Secretary

- Prepare and distribute meeting notices and agendas
- Prepare, distribute and present meeting minutes
- Maintain a register of correspondence
- Distribute correspondence promptly
- Maintain a register of P&C members
- Maintain a register of Volunteers working for the P&C
- Organise, record and maintain P&C documents
- Ensure accounting is open and transparent
- Ensure a copy of Constitution is available and accessible