



The Marra Memo



Principal's message

Welcome back to Term 2! Term 1 was an absolute whirlwind and I am sure that Term 2 will continue to be just as busy. I hope that you all managed to get some rest and a chance to reset over the school holidays.

It has taken us some time to find our feet in school with staffing changes an ongoing complexity for us, and building adaptations required, alongside trying to ensure that we are doing the best for each and every student. We really do appreciate the support of all our families as we have navigated so many curve balls through Term 1.

My own challenge now is to ensure that I start using the talents of our team to keep channels like our social media up to date (which I have been terrible at!)

This term we have a few things planned, see information below from our wellbeing team about our very first coffee morning. The team are aiming for these to be a chance for families to meet and spend time together connecting with people who may be in a similar situation, as well as providing some external agencies to be there to have a chat or provide information that may be of use. This term we also have our Mother's/Special Person's day celebration. Tammy has sent a post on Compass about this, so please register if you are able to attend. School photos are also on Monday 4th May. Flyers have gone home with your unique code. If you have not received these please let us know.

Finally we have been working through our school captain's process. We will be announcing these in our very first school assembly on Friday next week.

Lindsey



Wellbeing update

The SWPBS team met for the first time last week. Each term we will focus on one school value and each fortnight staff will be encouraged to teach the students one of the expectations linked to the value. This term we are focusing on 'Respect' and this fortnight students will be reminded about speaking positively to each other. It is really important that we model this to the students so that they can see what this looks like.

SWPBS Matrix Expectations

Respect



We speak positively to each other



The wellbeing team are organising a Pirate Day for all staff and students for Friday 15th May – Pirate Day is to raise awareness of Childhood Brain Cancer. All students are welcome to come dressed as a pirate on this day and we will be accepting gold coin donations.



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Child Safe Standards

Each fortnight we will share with you information about what the standards mean and how we are implementing them. We will also give you some ideas of what you can do at home to help.

Child safe standard 5:



- We have set up a range of supports in school, including access to a range of leaders, the wellbeing team, and classroom staff
- We are supporting the whole staff with professional learning to increase knowledge of the different needs that all of our students have, including PDD training, trauma informed practice and other external agencies such as Sexual Health Victoria (for our secondary students)

What can you do at home?

- Keep us up to date with any new diagnoses that your child has
- Keep us informed of any concerns that you have

Marra's Marvellous Megastars

This week our Megastar awards go to:

Prep: Samantha O, Ricky R, Josiah F, Aaniya C

Year 1/2: Axel P, Layla C, Aameen K, Adnan A, Amaziah T

Year 3/4: Rayaleh A, Braxton S, Abdil B

Year 5/6: Sarina P, Pari S, Spencer P

Year 7: Savannah B

Year 8: Layla C

Year 9-12: Durmus B

Music: James T



Dates for your diary:

Curriculum Day – No students required at school	Friday, 1st May
Photo Day	Monday, 4th May
Marra Parents Coffee & Chat	Tuesday, 5th May
Curriculum Day – No students required at school	Friday, 5th June
SSG's Meetings – Early finish 1pm	Tuesday, 9th June
SSG's Meetings – Early finish 1pm	Tuesday, 1st September
Curriculum Day – No students required at school	Monday, 2nd November
SSG's Meetings – Early finish 1pm	Tuesday, 24th November