The Marra Memo



Principal's message

Welcome back to the final term of 2026. I honestly can't believe how quickly this year has zoomed past - it has been such a fun year with lots of positives to celebrate.

We have some very exciting news for 2027. The two relocatable classrooms that we had requested from the VSBA (Victorian Schools Building Authority) have finally been approved. This will give us an additional 8 classrooms for 2027, which means that we can expand a little further in the year groups that are not currently full .We have a capacity of 20 places in each year group which means that we can grow a little bit in some of our year groups that are currently not full. We will be planning this increase carefully to ensure that we have enough staff in place as this has continued to be complex across this year. We held a staff information session online earlier this week to provide more information about our lovely school in the hope this will lead to some further applications.



We are slowly getting more disability inclusion profile meetings booked in. We have to go through the disability inclision process to gain funding for every student in our school who does not currently have funding. Some students will still be on PSD (Program for Students with a Disability) funding, however any students brand new to school (Preps) or from interstate, Catholic/Indpendent schools, or have never receieved funding before have to go through this process. This year alone we have had to request 65, alongside those that had already been requested prior to students starting with us. So far we have completed just over 30 profile meetings, with more being booked in every week. The funding received from these meetings goes towards our high level of staffing, enabling us to have smaller classes in comparison to mainstream schools, the Allied Health Team, the Wellbeing Team and the equipment and resources that we provide on a day to day basis to support every child. We really appreciate the support of all families who have been or will be involved in these meetings. We normally receive a report about 6 weeks after the meeting has taken place and these will always be forwarded to the family. Please reach out if you ever have any questions about this.

Finally we have our coffee afternoon booked in for Thursday 22nd October (next Thursday) at 1.45pm in the library. Please come along for a coffee, cake and a chat. Carer Gateway will also be on hand to take any questions you might have. See the flier below for more infomration.

Have a lovely sunny weekend!

Lindsey

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) update

What a positive start to Term 4 for all our students at Marra. We are so proud of how each and every student has continued to demonstrate our school values of Bravery, Resilience and Respect upon returning to school.

This term at Marra our focus value is Bravery. Every day, our students show us just how brave they are when they come to school. Students will continue to participate in SWPBS lessons that allow them to develop and practice their bravery skills each week as part of their learning.

We are excited to share that alongside our SWPBS lessons, we are also in the process of designing mascots to accompany our school values. Last term our students voted on their favourite mascot animals. We can now announce that our Marra mascots will include a Resilient Koala, a Respectful Roo and a Brave Bat! This term, our students are in the process of designing what our mascot's might look like.

Families can get involved at home by designing a mascot with their child. Entry forms can be collected at the office, from your child's classroom teacher or printed at home. Have a look at some of the entries so far.

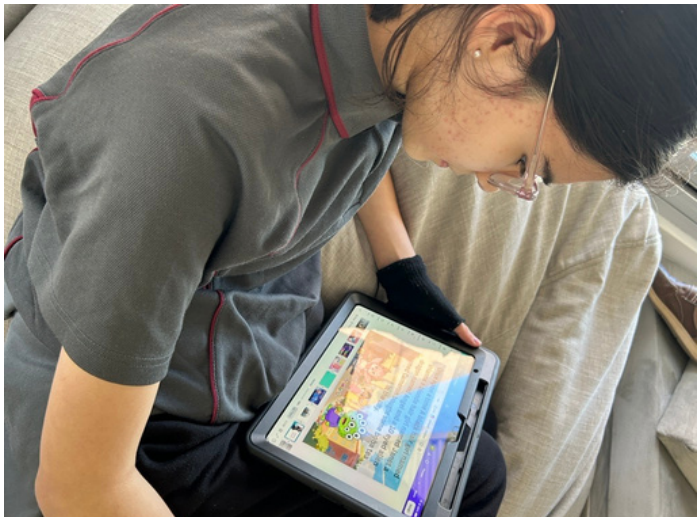


Curriculum update - Secondary School - Term 3 Wrap-Up

Welcome to Term 4! This term, our Secondary students are continuing to build their skills, confidence and independence through engaging, hands-on learning experiences.
Our Term 4 unit, Looking Forward, encourages students to reflect on their learning, celebrate their achievements and think about the future. Students will explore their personal strengths, interests and goals while contributing to shared projects that celebrate our first year at Marra School. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise how far our students have come and support them to look ahead with confidence.
In Literacy, students are exploring the novel Holes by Louis Sachar. Through this engaging story, students are developing their comprehension, vocabulary and understanding of characters, setting and plot. Learning activities are differentiated to support students to access the text in a range of ways, share their ideas and make connections with the story.
In Mathematics, students are learning about collecting and representing data. Through practical, meaningful activities, students are gathering information, sorting and organising results, and exploring ways to represent and interpret what they discover. These experiences help students develop their mathematical thinking while making connections between numeracy and everyday life.
We look forward to another exciting term of learning, growth and celebration as our students continue to develop the skills they need to participate, connect and thrive.







Marra's Marvellous Megastars

This week our Megastar awards go to:



Prep: Bosa Ogbomo

Year 1/2: Axel Pryde, Zidane Hussain, Marco Severi and Cruize Portelli

Year 3/4: Zuhaan Khan

Yeasr 5/6: Sanshi, Spencer Portelli

year 7: Brock Bagatin

Art : Angad (Prep C)

Dates to remember:

Week 3	Secondary camp to Blackwood
Thursday 22nd October	Coffee afternoon - 1.45pm
Friday 30th October	Halloween Dress Up Day
Monday 2nd November	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Public Holiday - no school
Friday 20th November	Coffee aftnernoon- 1.45pm
Tuesday 24th November	SSGs - 1pm finish for students
Friday 18th December	Last day of term - 1pm finish

JOIN US FOR A

COMMUNITY

COFFEE *Afternoon*



THURSDAY
22 OCTOBER
1:45PM-2:45PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AND CONNECTION

INCLUDING GUESTS FROM CARER GATEWAY

MARRA SCHOOL LIBRARY
51 Lockerbie Street, Kalkallo



COMMUNITY COFFEE AFTERNOON

Marra School Library

Friday 20 November @ 1:45pm

BE SUNSMART!

Protect your skin when UV is 3 or above



SLIP

Wear clothing that covers your skin.



SLOP

Apply SPF 50+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.



SLAP

Wear a broad-brimmed hat.



SEEK

Find shade.



SLIDE

Wear sunglasses.

Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours.