

MAFFRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Student Awards

Mitchell Mahoney	Catching the Walking School Bus 30 times
Marni Bosman	Excellent story of a frog
Cara Dowe	A great gold game
Nick Wozniak	A fantastic gold story
Jasmine Peel	Always being very attentive during class discussions
Shay McCalman	Being one the best art monitors that Mrs Chomley could wish for!
Tyson Davison	Having a fantastic attitude on camp
Mahli Oldham	Making a great box car
Kaitlin Waddington	A fabulous box car

2009 CALENDAR



November

Monday 23 rd	Finance Subcommittee meeting at 9.15am. Active After School Program with Michelle – Prep to 2.
Tuesday 24 th	Prep Transport excursion to Raymond Island
Wednesday 25 th	Puberty Presentation for Year 5 Boys – Roger Spencer. Instrumental Music Performance from 7pm – 8pm. (Ms McDonald and piano students) in Library. Active After School Program with Michelle – Prep to 2.
Thursday 26 th	New Building – Defects Inspection. Puberty Presentation for Year 6 Boys – Roger Spencer.
Monday 30 th	School Council Meeting at 7.00pm. Commence Year 5/6 Swimming Program at Maffra Pool.
Wednesday 2 nd	December Music Concert – Strings and Mr Rickard’s students from 6.30pm – 7.30pm in Library. Retirement Dinner – Maureen Smith
Thursday 3 rd	Preschool Transition Visit 4 – 2.30pm – 3.25pm. Parent Information Session for 2010 preps from 7pm – 8pm.
Friday 4 th	Celebrity Dress Up Day fundraiser for State Schools Relief Committee.
Tuesday 8 th	Orientation Day at Maffra Secondary College.
Wednesday 9 th	Grade 6 Graduation 6.30pm for students and 7.30pm for parents.
Friday 18 th	Last day of 2009 school year.
Friday 29 th	January 2010 Uniform Shop Open from 10.00am to 12 noon.
Monday 1 st	February 2010 School Year commences for students.

Maffra Sports Recognition

At our school assembly this week, we acknowledged the efforts of fourteen students who advanced through local levels of competition and competed at state level during 2009. The following students were presented with a certificate on behalf of Maffra Primary School and the Victorian primary Schools Sports Association:

Sam Tudor	Athletics
Daniel Hadden	Athletics
Cara Dowe	Hockey
Kate Ingram	Hockey
Chloe Robinson	Cross Country
Sean Day	Football and Athletics
Kade Renooy	Football
Ben Brunt	Athletics and Basketball
Brady Cronin	Basketball
Nick Wozniak	Basketball
Will Brunt	Basketball
Mitch Hawkins	Basketball
Annabelle Lamb	Cross Country
Sam Whelan	Basketball, Football and Athletics

Prep Transport Excursion

To fit in with their unit on Transport, the prep classes will head off on an excursion on Tuesday. They will travel by bus to Sale, then catch the train to Bairnsdale. The next leg of their journey will be back on the bus to travel to Paynesville where they will catch the ferry to Raymond Island. They will head off from school at 9.45am and return at about 3.15pm.

Active After School Communities

The federally funded Active After School program will wind up for 2009 next week. A big thank you goes to co-ordinators Fran McGowan and Michelle Mowat, and their leaders from Maffra Secondary College. Fran has decided to hang up her running shoes after 6 years as program co-ordinator. Fran’s enthusiasm and commitment to the program has been quite exceptional and her efforts have been greatly appreciated. Michelle will conduct the sessions next week for Preps to Year 2 on Monday and Years 3 to 6 on Wednesday. The Program will return in 2010.

Puberty Program

School Nurse, Roger Spencer, will return to the school next week to run two Human Development programs for our senior boys. He will present a Puberty Program for Year 5 boys on

Wednesday afternoon and for Year 6 boys on Thursday afternoon.

Parents' Club Fundraising

After a very successful year of fundraising, the Parents Club have pledged to provide \$22,500 towards the 2010 school program budget. \$2500 will be used to fund the return of the Life education Van to Maffra Primary School, without cost to parents (normally \$8.50 per head). The expenditure of the remaining funds will be determined at a later date.

Staffing Changes

Nikki Bourbaud will continue in the specialist teacher role for the remainder of 2009, whilst Heather Pocknall is on leave. Nikki's role includes teaching library skills, PE in Years Prep to 2 and ICT.

At the end of the school year, Maureen Smith will be retiring, and Jessica Jacobson and Rachael Herriot will be taking Family Leave.

New teachers to the school in 2010 will be Simone Allen, who is currently teaching grade 5/6 at Boisdale Consolidated School, Stephanie Cameron, who has completed her fourth year internship in a grade 3/4 at Maffra Primary School, and Paygen Holmes, who has completed her internship in a grade 4/5 at Rosedale Primary School.

Judith Lamb, who is currently teaching a grade 1/ 2 at St. Patrick's Primary School in Stratford, will replace Robyn Stothers, whilst she takes Long Service Leave in the first semester of 2010. The class structure for 2010 will remain the same as 2009, with 2 Prep classes, 3 Year 1/ 2 classes, 3 year 3/ 4 classes and 4 Year 5/ 6 classes. Student class placements are currently being determined, and will be made known during the last week of this term.

Riding Champ

Well done to Emma Hellings, who has been performing extremely well at recent horse riding events. Her successes include a third placing in the dressage section of the East Gippsland Primary Interschool Gymkhana held in Bairnsdale last Monday.

Chet Dervish

BIRTHDAY BOOK

Best wishes to the children who are celebrating birthdays:

November 21	
Nathan Clarke	turns 12
November 22	
Meg Stonehouse	turns 8
November 23	
Cal Hennig	turns 7
November 24	
Bevan O'Doherty	turns 6
November 26	
Neil Robinson	turns 9
November 27	
Olivia Jansen	turns 6



Book Club Orders
Due Back on
Monday 23rd November.



Celebrities Visit Maffra Primary School – ABBA performed for the students at Maffra Primary School's Year 5/6 Talent Quest. Benny, Bjorn, Anna and Freda performed 'Mama Mia' to an audience of children who were thinking..... those faces look familiar!!!!

Gymkhana – Emma Hellings

On Wednesday the 18th November, I participated in the Interschool Horse Riding Challenge at Bairnsdale Pony Club. There were two things that you could choose and two things that you had to do. The two things that you could choose were dressage or the activity course. I did dressage and I came third. I got 10 points. The things that you had to do were jumping and novelties. You could only do jumping at your specific level of jumping. There is F grade, E grade, D,C,B and A grade, but there was only F,E,D and C grade at Bairnsdale. I did E grade jumping (which is 55-60 cm high). The novelties were bending, the mug race, and the milk bottle race. At the end of the day, we had a presentation. My team didn't win, but I still had a great day!

Student Council News

Celebrity Dress Up Day – Gold Coin Donation for State School's Relief – December 4th, 2009.

Card Fundraiser – We are again offering the families at school the opportunity to purchase 30 occasional or birthday cards in a box. These cards are all hand crafted and have a 3D element and matching envelope. The cards will be sold for \$27 per box which is just 90c per card. Cards can be purchased directly from the office. Sample boxes will be displayed at the office also!

BOISDALE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Market - Fun Day

Sunday 29th November
Boisdale Recreation Reserve
9.00a.m. – 2p.m.

Drinks, Hot Food & BBQ
Stall Bookings & Enquiries
Phone: 5145 4391

CRE Christmas Celebration - Helen Collings

A warm invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and friends to attend the CRE Christmas Celebration on Thursday December 3rd.

Where - St John's Anglican Church Maffra

Times - Grades 3/4 at 9.30am -10am

Grades 5/6 at 10.20am -10.50 am

Morning Tea will be provided at 11am

Grades P - 1 / 2 at 11.30 - 12 noon