MARAMBA COMMUNITY NEWSTHOME PRIMARY SCHOOL

The latest news and updates from Harvest Home Primary Year 6 Community.



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The year has started strong in the Maramba community with many students wearing their Year 6 orange polo tops with pride. Students are happy to be back and have settled into their new space remarkably well, showing the school values of Being my Best, Respectful and Safe.

We understand the year has begun with a few challenges. We are very proud of our entire school community and how they have shown resilience, flexibility and transparency.

Please enjoy reading our first newsletter for the year to stay up to date with your child's learning.



READING

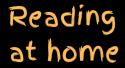
'TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER'

In Term 1 we are learning about the learning behaviours and attributes of a good reader. Students have had time to explore their new library and have selected books based on interest and reading ability to fill their book boxes with and enjoy reading. Some of the skills we will be developing are:

- building on ideas through collaboration
- improving our stamina to read for longer periods of time
- use their readers workbook to respond to reading
- confidence to contribute and share thinking with a group
- use a range of reading strategies to find deeper meaning

Our Year 6
students are keen
to see where their
reading takes them
this year and the
goals they can
achieve!





It is important that students are completing Independent Reading at home for 30 minutes each day. We encourage students to discuss their individual reading goal with a family member at home so they can talk about the strategies they are using and share their success.



We celebrate Independent Reading through a Reading Night's Wall display. Here, students can track how many nights they have read and it is displayed right here in our community.

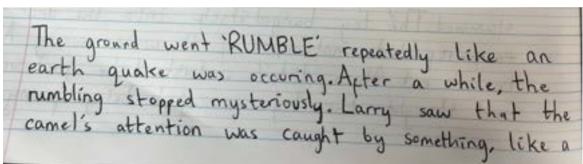
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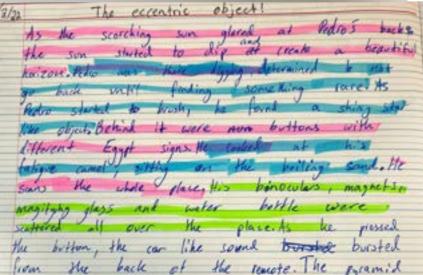
'WORDS HAVE POWER'

In Term 1 students will delve into the narrative writing genre while also developing their writing skills and traits to publish a creative piece of writing they're proud of. At the beginning of the term we are setting the students up for success by focusing on ideas, learning from other writers and building our stamina.

Writing skills we will be focusing on are:

- using words for impact
- using the narrative writing structure to stay on track
- using a variety of punctuation for greater effect
- use a range of connectives to maintain flow
- sentence structure
- being a self aware learner by reflecting on our sentences and revise









NUMERACY

'MISTAKES ALLOW THINKING TO HAPPEN'

It's been a great start to Numeracy. The students have been using the learning behaviours of determination, being self aware and feedback to challenge themselves in a range of problem solving activities. We are encouraging students to make mistakes, use resources and different strategies, and work collaboratively to retain or build an interest in numeracy.

Through explicit teaching, focus groups, independent work and collaborative tasks, students will have the opportunity to experiment, consolidate and apply their knowledge in multiple ways.

Below are the topic we will be covering this term. If you would like to get a head start on these for home learning then there are plenty of activities on Mathletics or My Numeracy on Essential Assessment that students can access and practice further.

Term 4 topics

Place Value

Identify and describe prime, multiples, factors, composite, square and triangular numbers. Investigate everyday situations that use integers. Locate and represent these numbers on a number line.

3D Shape

Construct prisms & pyramids. Revisit Year 5- Connect 3D objects with their nets and other 2D representations.s

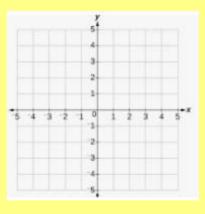
Operations

Mental and written strategies to solve problems involving all four operations with whole numbers.

Home Learning Module

Integers:

Introduce the Cartesian coordinate system using all four quadrants









PERSONAL & SOCIAL



At the beginning of the year students are focusing on building a deeper understanding of themselves and others through the learning dispositions of curiosity, collaborate, reflect, self awareness, determination, brave and problem solve.

Through open ended tasks students will have the opportunity to learn and develop their strengths while also putting in place strategies to support areas of growth.









Prep Buddies Program



The buddy program has commenced and every student has a prep buddy. This will allow students to build a relationship throughout the school, take responsibility and support the prep students first year of primary school.







Celebrations



COMMUNITY

Congratulations to our amazing Kaizen award winners so far this term...

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SPECIALIST & OTHER

Home Learning Expectations

It is recommended that students in Year 6 participate in a minimum of 30 minutes of home learning per day. Students are expected to read their take home book on a daily basis (or a Just Right Book agreed upon with their teacher) and return it every day. Please record the book read each night in their School diary. After reading, parents are encouraged to discuss the meaning of the text with their child to develop a deeper, richer understanding of what has been read.

Being a 21st century learning school we have school and home access to some exciting online programs to support the curriculum. In your child's orange home reader book you will find the login details to the following websites:



Reading Eggs- www.readingeggs.com.au

Mathletics- www.mathletics.com.au

Readiwriter- www.readiwriter.com.au

Sunshine Online -www.sunshineonline.com.au









Student Voice Ψ

Let's hear what the school captains have to say about the beginning of Year 6!



I'm Looking forward to what's to come this year. I'm enjoying the extra responsibility. Simple being in year 6 with friends is a great feeling

- Amelia (School Captain)

I am looking forward to being a leader this year and I am wanting to get better at self managing my learning







I see maturity and the learning dispositions are helping us be great learners

- Haydar (Vice Captain)

Students are showing the school values and stepping up as Year 6's. We learn in a great environment with new teachers and positive attitudes

- Inshirah (vice captain)



Learner Dispositions

In Year 6 we will be focusing on building the whole learner. Helping our students become learners. This will set them up for success for the year and moving into High School. Here are the HHPS Learner Dispositions

"Curious helps me in my learning by making investigate possible ways of thinking"

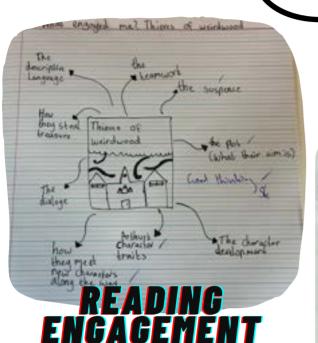
- Leonardo Year 6



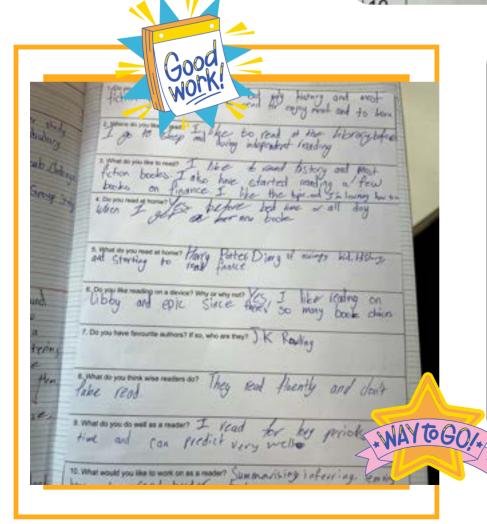
Collaborations build my thinking by sharing and discussing different ideas to get a stronger answer

- Maryam Z Year 6





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SAFE ONLINE

5 TOP TIPS FOR A SAFE PASSWORD

- NEVER USE PERSONAL
- 2 INCLUDE A COMBINATION OF LETTERS, NUMBERS, AND CHARACTERS
- 3 PRIORITIZE PASSWORD
- A NEVER REPEAT
- 5 AVOID USING

Events





SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 8th March



LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 14th March



GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Monday 24th March

END OF TERM 1

Friday 8th April

+HAPPY: HOLIDAYS







Reminders

The Maramba teachers appreciate all of your hard work and communication over the first few weeks of school and we look forward to helping your child achieve their goals this year.

If for some reason your child is absent from school, you can explain the absence on Compass or make contact with the school on 8468 9000.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email one of us via Compass.

Kind Regards, Steph, Kyle, Elana, Christina and Andrew (Year 6 Community Teachers)