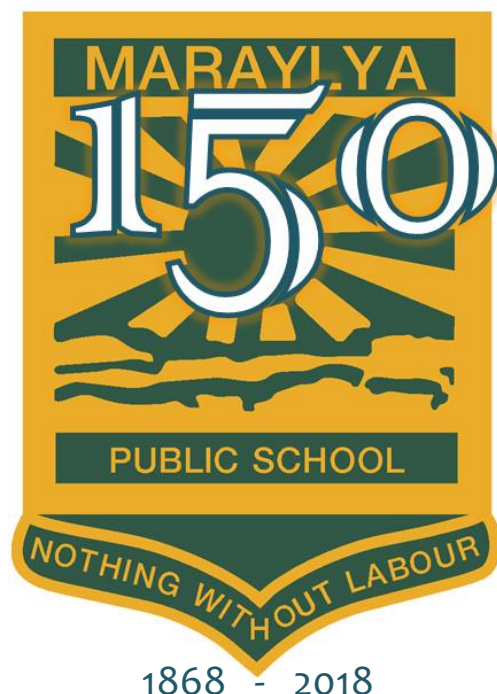


# The MARAYLYAN



Charlotte reads The Ode to the assembly for ANZAC Day.



13/ 26th<sup>th</sup> April TERM 1 WEEK 11  
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## Principal's Message

By Stewart Gaffey

ANZAC Day was observed at Maraylya Public School on the Friday before the holidays commenced.

Our annual service was led by our captains with a great sense of reverence and respect as we learnt more about the purpose of the day and the ANZAC spirit itself that represents all conflicts within which Australia has taken part.

This year students learnt about the campaign and battle in Villers Bretonneux, France which took place exactly a century ago this month. Students were made aware of the great respect held for the Australian soldiers who successfully defended their town. Students were also shown pictures of the sign in the rebuilt French school that reads, 'Do Not Forget Australia'.

Perhaps our some of our students will get the chance as adults to visit this town in northern France to gain a greater insight into the true Aussie spirit and unimaginable sacrifice of these brave Australians.

As a way of highlighting this unique spirit of looking after each other, we are planning our first May8 (Mate) Day to highlight how we can make things better for each other.

## Coming Events...

ANZAC Service + Last Day of Term 1	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr
School Development Day – no students in attendance	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr
First day of Term 2	Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Power of One Anti Bullying Program	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May
'May8 Day'	Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Mothers Day Stall	Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> May
Small Schools X-Country	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> May
NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5	15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May
Queen's Birthday Holiday	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun
Athletics Carnival	Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun
Stage 3 History excursion – Scheyville National Park	Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun
Small School Field Events Carnival	Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul
Small Schools Track Carnival	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
150 <sup>th</sup> Celebrations	Fri Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Presentation Night	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Year 6 Farewell	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for this semester's interview program. It was a great opportunity to share progress, ideas and information regarding student learning. Many goals have now been set and refined for the term ahead and we look forward to monitoring progress and reporting on this at the end of Term 2.

As many parents were told at interview, we are looking to move towards a three-way interview process to help students set goals, work towards their completion and articulate their own perception of what they have achieved and where to next.

### School Fees and Contributions

Just a reminder that contributions and school fees for specific programs will need to be paid early next term i.e. Reading Eggs, Ty Fitness, Athletics etc.

Ty fitness has been sought and supported by parents as a way to help our students raise not only their fitness levels but levels of resilience and sportsmanship. The school partially subsidises Ty Fitness to help make it more affordable for families. Athletics and reading eggs are significantly cheaper using the Small Schools Cluster agreement – an approximate saving of \$60 off the normal costs of these resources.

Letters of account will be sent out Week 1 of Term 2.

We thank you for your attention to this. If there are any issues with making payment, please contact the office.

### Stewart House

Stewart House run programs to help students in need have a break from home and continue their schooling at the beach.

All Stewart House donation envelopes need to be handed back into school by Friday 11 May 2018.

### Mrs Mackey

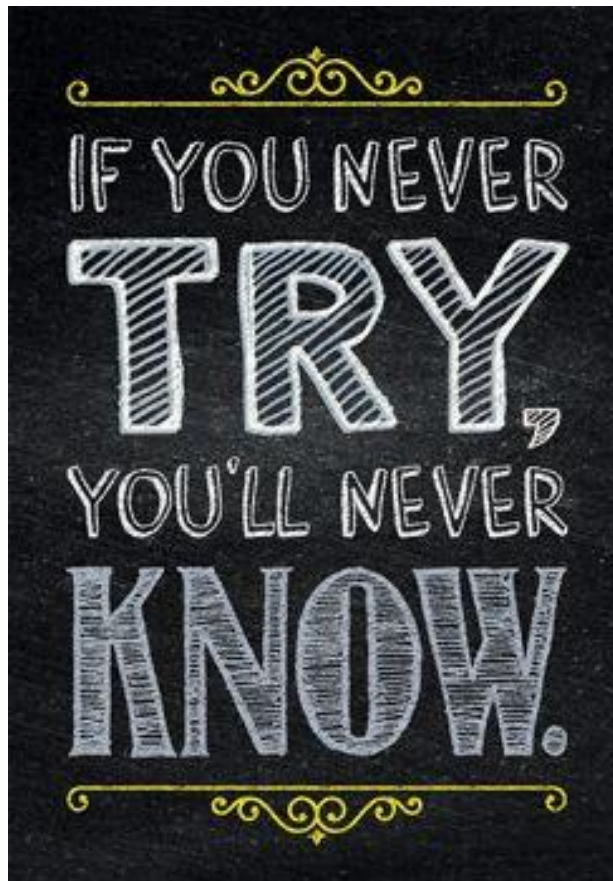
Last term, each student at the school was asked to write down and illustrate something that had occurred at school during Term 1. This was put together into a book to let Mrs Mackey know what she had missed while being away.

I'm happy to pass on that she messaged me late last term to say that she absolutely loved the book and to thank all the kids for their contribution to it.

### New Carpet

Five classrooms have now had new carpet laid over the break, as part of our scheduled programmed maintenance . This brings all of our rooms up to date in terms of equipment, painting and furnishings.

## Growth Mindset



## Student Leave

Each year we remind our families of the processes around student leave. This leave may involve a late arrival due to unforeseeable circumstances or an early departure from school for an unavoidable reason or even a full day away from school due to illness or specialist medical appointments.

The school will be more closely monitoring the late arrivals, early departures and full day absences of all students in 2018 due to periodic increases in partial and full absenteeism.

As stated many times before, it is the school's and Department of Education's expectation that students will be present at school every school day. When this is not possible due to illness or some other worthy reason, notification explaining the absence must be supplied to school. Emails to the principal for day to day absences are no longer accepted due to the difficulty in monitoring this within an already heavily loaded inbox. Please phone the school after 8.15am or send a note to school on the child's return to school. If a child is arriving late or departing early for an appointment, we request that documentation regarding the nature of the appointment be supplied. **Sporting training is not a valid reason for partial absence and should always be scheduled for outside of school hours.**

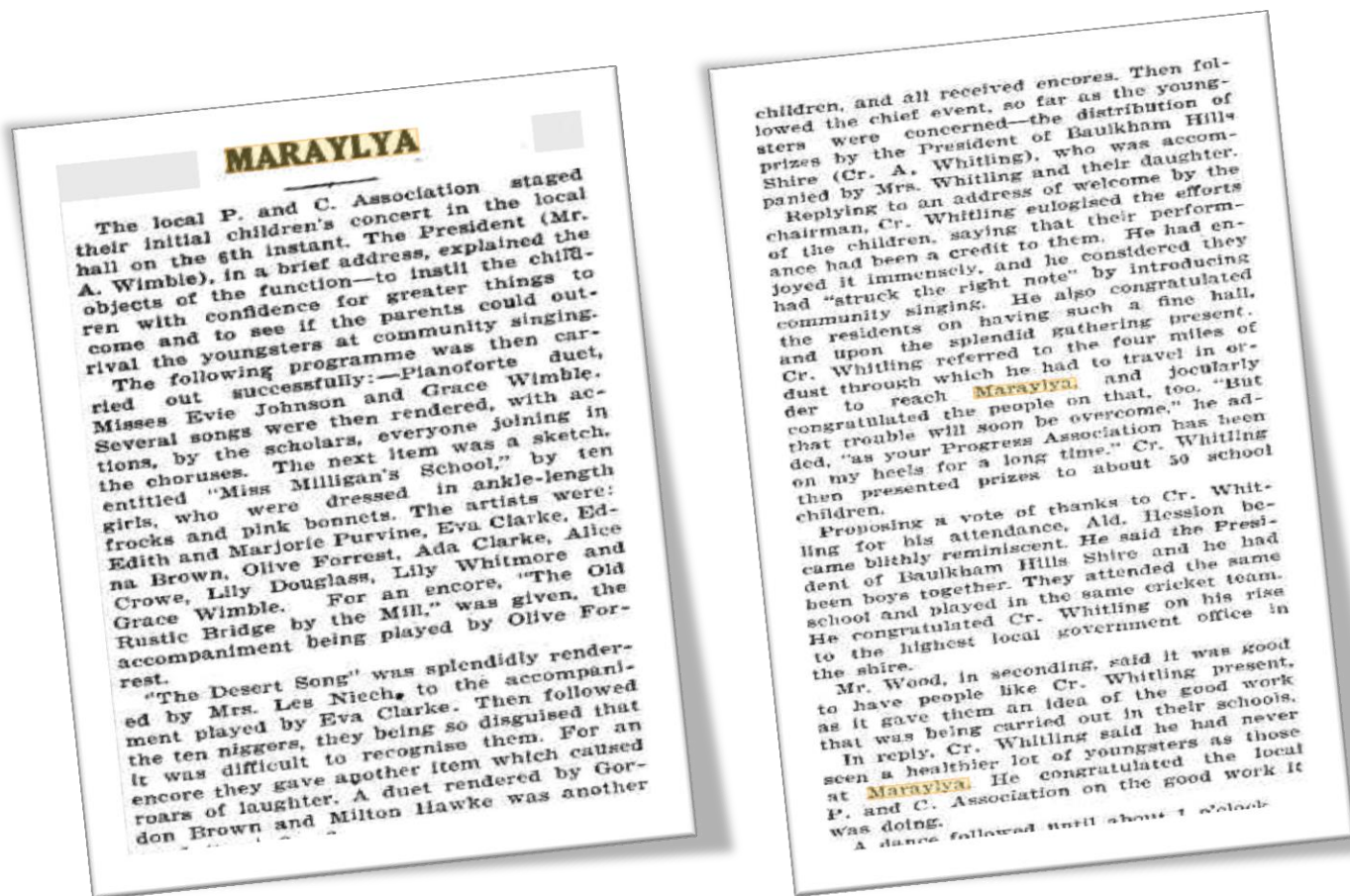
Remember, 95% attendance sounds respectable however it equates to 10 days off school or two full school weeks.

**If a student is late for school they must be accompanied to the office by the adult bringing them to school. Parents are required to provide a valid reason for their child's late arrival in the interests of the child's wellbeing.**



### Did you read the Gazette last century?

(In each newsletter, throughout our sesquicentennial year, we will aim to include a newspaper clipping from the Hawkesbury Gazette about the Maraylya of last century – enjoy!)



### Sesquicentenary Projects

#### Our orders for commemorative pavers have now closed.

Thanks to all families who have taken part in this initiative. We will now have the pavers manufactured and we aim to lay them mid-year to have ready for our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations in Term 4.

Our celebration date is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018. We look forward to hosting our present and past school community on this day for a variety of events. More information will follow in the coming months.



## MPS Equestrian News



Any families wishing their child to take part in representative equestrian events in 2018 should have their names recorded at the front office with Mrs Carrington or Mrs May. Risk must be then assessed appropriately and permission granted through the school. Representation in these events, like any other sporting representation, must be at the discretion of the school.

**Absence exemptions from school can only be considered if performing at an elite/national level. This exemption must be sought in writing from the New South Wales team.**



Thanks to Saddleworld Dural for their continued

## RED Reading Folders

In K-2, our R.E.D reading folders are well under way.

All students have been provided with a red folder – which is separate to a homework folder.


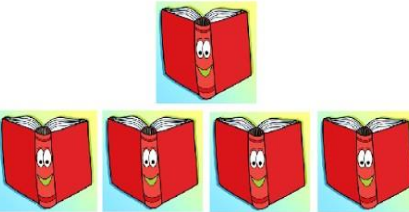

Students can bring in their folder as many days a week as they choose... it's up to you – how much do you want to read?

Teachers will then ask students to read the book they have been practicing, and decide if this book needs a little more practice or can be swapped.

Students have a 'punch' card and will earn a Star Award once their card has been filled.

Well done to all those students who have already brought in their red reading folders this year, and have their homereading under way.

# Why read 20 minutes at home?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

## Want to be a better reader? Simply read.



**Wellbeing and PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)** our students have continued to maintain a positive atmosphere in the playground. Staff are continuing to follow-up on the lessons previously taught in 2017, asking students to think about what safety, respect and responsibility looks like in particular areas.

### Current PBL focus – ‘Village’

Students are taught / reminded of the rules around correct behaviour in the Village area where students are involved in creative and constructive play.

Students are allowed to use natural materials for building and creating games and are reminded about how to use these materials including sticks safely. There is only walking in the village with sticks and certainly only safe and respectful play when holding sticks. Students are reminded to care for others’ creations and destructive behaviour is discouraged.

We recognise that there will always be small issues amongst students. Please encourage your child to talk to their teacher or principal if they have any concerns in regards to social interactions in the school.

If this is not appropriate, please make contact with the school as soon as possible so smaller issues can be attended to before becoming bigger. Staff take great time and care in working to ensure that students feel happy and secure at

	Merit Awards		Maraylyan of the Moment
K	Sophia D	Aiden H	Ashlee L
1/2	Piper D Kara H		Ruby H
2/3			Annabelle D
4	Gretchen A	Hunter B	Jayden A
5/6	Megan S	Jonah B	Ray B

**Happy Birthday to the following students for the month of April**

Victoria H

Pippa S

Elly K

Emily D

Skye J

Sienna K

Kara H

Jayden H



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## CLASS NEWS



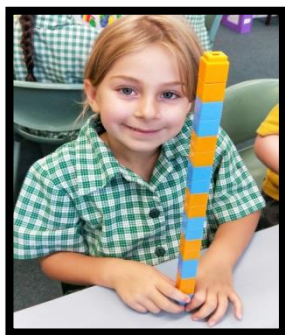
### K

Kindy has been learning about 'growth mindset' through stories. We learnt a lot about taking a risk in our work by reading "The Dot" by Peter Reynolds. Students used the concepts in this book to paint our class sheep! It is now ready to be displayed at the Hawkesbury Show.

"Giraffes Can't Dance" by Giles Andreae taught us to NEVER GIVE UP! Gerald the Giraffe felt like he couldn't dance (and it didn't help that all the animals laughed at him for trying)! When Gerald found his own rhythm he realised he sure COULD dance... it just wasn't the same dance as the others. Great lessons to be learnt! In Maths, we've been looking at creating and repeating patterns.

We've really challenged ourselves this week and given our brains a workout!

Congratulations Kindy on an amazing first term at school! Have a great holiday families, see you next term!



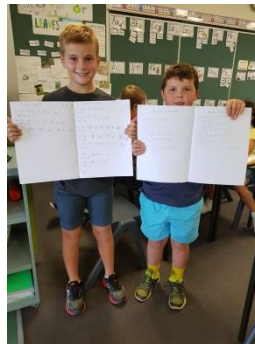
### 1/2

What a busy last two weeks of Term! We have had fun channelling Monet to paint a waterlily Scene on our sheep for the Hawkesbury Show. All children present participated and have done a wonderful job. We have also been building up towards the Cross Country with a run every day, as well as joining Ty for Fitness and dancing for Sport on Fridays! We are finalising our Science topic about mealworms by measuring our own growth in height, weight and head circumference. It is great to see the interest children are developing in research. A number of children have found information in non-fiction books showing how other insects have similar life cycles to mealworms and similar names for their stages of growth. The class has developed an interest in dictionaries and a number choose these when given free reading time. If you have a dictionary at home you can help them learn how to use them by looking up interesting words including their spelling words. We will begin to use dictionaries in Literacy groups after the holidays.



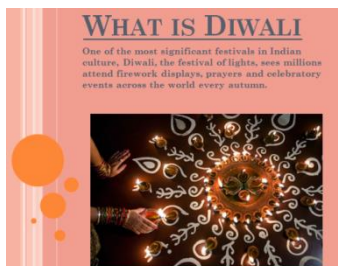
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Class 2/3 has been learning about number patterns. The students have been learning to describe number patterns and to determine missing numbers in a pattern while Year 3 students have been learning to identify and describe patterns when counting forwards or backwards by threes, fours, sixes, sevens, eights and nines from any starting point. As an extension of their work, the Year 3 students have made up patterns to challenge their classmates to find out what rule has been applied and what the next numbers will be.



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In year 4 students have been collaborating with a partner to research and create a PowerPoint on an International Holiday. Some students chose Easter Sunday and Dwali. Here is a sample of ome of the work produced....



By Pippa and Sienna



By Parker and Harry

We hope you all have a restful and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in Term 2! Mrs McLeod and Mrs Pearson

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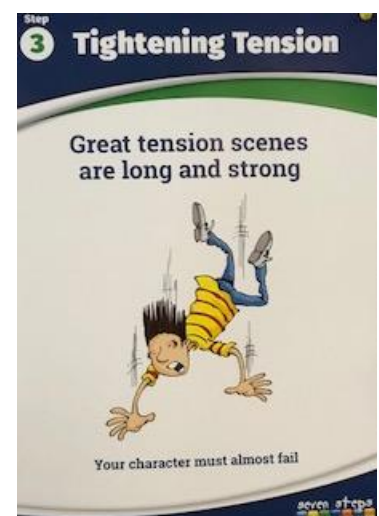
We had planned for our ANZAC service in the lead up to Friday.



Writing – We have continued our work using the Seven Steps to Writing Success process for narrative and persuasive texts.

Our starts to narratives were certainly sizzling, using various literary devices to grab the reader's attention. We only have seven seconds in which to do it, so we have to be good. We have worked on building tension to add interest to the story and keep the reader engaged.

Even in persuasive texts, we have used rhetorical questioning to get the reader onside and have them more likely to agree with us. We are working on using more effective examples drawn from our own lives or the real world. We are quite successful at using appropriate modality in our language to give it greater strength.





## Cross Country - 2018





## Are you Konnected yet?

To join our information feeds ...

Families connect themselves –

1. download the app, register and then login.
2. Then search for 'Maraylya Public School' within the app and request to be added to the 'Feeds' that are relevant to your child.

We have **92** current members receiving this service. Every family should be **Konnected**. In the event of an emergency, we will use this service to inform families of any urgent information if necessary.

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## Planning a Holiday?

Booking.com is helping us raise funds! How?

1. Book your accommodations via [www.booking.com/maraylyaps](http://www.booking.com/maraylyaps)
2. Check in.

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Remember to share with friends and family to get as many people involved as possible! A little bit on Booking.com

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## P&C News

**President** – Angela Latter

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**Secretary** – Melissa Beer

**Uniform Manager** – Wendy Phillips

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**Disco Coordinator** – Rachel Smith

**Grants Coordinator** – Charmaine Swift

**Canteen** – TBA

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### Canteen News...

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Our canteen remains closed until such time as a volunteer is able to assist in its running.

Tendering had been discussed and while this is still an option, some of these businesses who provide this service have reduced their operations during 2017/18.

There will be several specialty days like the previous Monday Meal Deals. Further information will be forwarded when dates are finalised.

Friday 'Ice Block Days' have been a big hit each Friday. Thanks to Charmaine, Danielle and our other volunteers for staffing this so our students can have a Friday treat.

**Next Meeting**  
**@7pm**  
**in the Library.**

## Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will continue to be open on Monday mornings. Orders can be filled by completing the form below and bringing to the office.

While Wendy has been able to juggle her own routine to ensure this is available to our families, she now needs some help.

**We are now asking for a volunteer or two who can spare 30 mins, one morning/afternoon a week to sell uniform items in the shop only.**

Wendy will continue to order stock and manage the role as usual. If you are able to help, please contact the office.

## **P & C News - April**

### **Maraylya Public School - Sesquicentenary**

November 2018 marks 150 years of Maraylya Public School. The date has been set to Friday 2nd November, 2018. Along with the day's format an afternoon activity will be included which is intended to extend after school hours to allow those who work to take part in the celebrations.

### **Grants**

In December the P and C were notified that we were successful in obtaining a partial grant of \$26,000 by the Community Building Partnership. The application was signed and sent off for Assets approval to extend the existing COLA area by 4 metres. The seating will be replaced to become portable. Existing seating will be utilised in other areas of the school grounds.

### **Canteen**

Birthday buckets are available to purchase. Orders will need to be prepared on a Monday and will need to be submitted and prepaid a week in advance with proof of purchase provided, \$1 per ice cream. Please complete the order form with the Office. Please contact a member of the P and C if you are able to assist with providing canteen services in any way.

### **Uniform Shop**

#### **Change of Hours to Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop will now be open from 8:20 – 8:45am on Monday mornings. 8:45 is lock up time, last arrivals for uniforms shall be no later than 8:40am. Please continue sending orders through in the usual way and Wendy will continue to efficiently process them.

### **Fundraising**

Mother's Day Stall will be held at the school on Thursday May 10th. Thank you to Tamara Evans for organising this stall. Please send your donations to the office. A raffle is also being held. More information will be sent out shortly.

### **Disco at Pitt Town Sports Club**

The venue for our discos this year has changed. The first disco will be held on Friday 22nd June from 6 - 8pm. The disco format will also be changed - incorporating dance moves, singing, motivational activities. Further details will be made available during Term 2.

### **Monster Fest**

This event will be on again in October, more details will be provided closer to the time.

### **Shopping Bus**

Save the date and come aboard for an exciting day of shopping with our hostess Danielle, Sunday 16th of September, 2018.

Stops include the following - a home and gift wares, manchester, toys, gelato and chocolates. 10% of all sales goes towards the school. Cost will include bus and lunch. Stay tuned for more details.

Enjoy the school holidays everyone!

Regards,

Melissa Beer

P and C Secretary



# MARAYLYA PUBLIC SCHOOL - P&C UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Uniform shop opens Monday 8.20 - 8.45am, orders can also be left at the office and will be filled on a Monday

Payment methods : Enclose exact cash, Cheque made payable to Maraylya P&C OR

EFT: Maraylya P&C BSB 032274 A/C 383324, writing your child's surname as the reference

Name:

Class:

Phone:

UNIFORM ARTICLE	COST	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST	COMMENT
<b>Summer</b>					
Unisex Summer Short Sleeve Polo, Size 4-16	\$ 22.00				
Boys Grey Shorts, Size 4-16	\$ 18.00				
Girls Summer Pleated Dress Skort, Size 4-16	\$ 24.00				
Girls Summer Dress Size 4-8	\$ 50.00				
Girls Summer Dress Size 10-16	\$ 55.00				
Unisex Microfibre Summer Sports Shorts, Size 4-16	\$ 16.00				
Girls Green Sports Skort, Size 4-16	\$ 20.00				
<b>Winter</b>					
Unisex Winter Long Sleeve Polo, Size 4-16	\$ 26.00				
Boys Grey Trousers Double Knee Size 4-16	\$ 22.00				
Girls Winter Slacks Size 4-8	\$ 42.00				
Girls Winter Slacks Size 10-16	\$ 46.00				
Girls Winter Pinafore Size 4-8	\$ 50.00				
Girls Winter Pinafore Size 10-16	\$ 55.00				
Girls Winter Skirts Size 6-16 (Year 3-6)	\$ 45.00				
Unisex Microfibre Winter Sports Pant, Size 4-16	\$ 28.00				
Girls Bootleg Fitted Winter Sports Pant, Size 4-16	\$ 24.00				
Unisex Zip Jacket, Size 4-16	\$ 30.00				
Unisex V-Neck Jumper, Size 4-16	\$ 26.00				
Unisex Weatherproof Fleece Jacket, Size 4-16	\$ 45.00				
<b>Other Items</b>					
Unisex Hat, Size 55/57/59 (Sml/Med/Lge)	\$ 10.00				
School Back Packs	\$ 44.00				
School Library Bag	\$ 10.00				
School Art Smock	\$ 15.00				
Girls Replacement Button	\$ 0.50				
Lunch Bag Small - not insulated Yellow, Blue, Purple, Pink, Green, Grey and Red	\$ 10.00				
Lunch Bag Large - insulated Red, Grey and Blue	\$ 12.00				
TOTAL \$					