Suggested Ideas to jog your memory...

- Working agreement
- Goal setting
- Warm fuzzies
- Letters
- River of life, Tree of Life, Web of Life
- Sound map
- Self portrait
- Personal coat of arms
- Responses to questions, sentence starters
- Strength cards
- Strengths, Weaknesses, opportunities, threats
- Cartoons, sketches, diagrams, maps, doodles, symbols
- Collages
- Quote Cards
- Photograms
- Acrostic Poems
- Recount
- Sentence starter cards
- Coloured pens & pencils

What is a Maroon Buddy? A Maroon Buddy is a soft toy that the group takes with them on all of their adventures. Each buddy comes with a journal for their time at camp and a journal that can be used back at school.

It is intended that the students write in the journal from their buddy’s perspective. It is intended that the Maroon teacher and the visiting teacher guide the students in their writing by using a variety of strategies. The options are limited only by the imagination. For Example: sentence starters, recording comments from a debrief, or asking students to draw the day or write about the day.

The Maroon buddy can be used as a tool for processing, reflection and the transfer of learning from camp to school.
How to use a Maroon Buddy?

The purpose of the Maroon buddy is to enhance the link between what the students do at MOEC and their everyday lives.

The Maroon buddy can be introduced to the group as a new group member. It can be used as an observer, a focus for discussions, and an avenue for expressing thoughts, feelings and new ideas in a non-threatening manner.

A number of resources have been developed to assist in the use of the Maroon buddy.

**The Camp Journal**
There is a group journal for each Maroon buddy. The journal can be used by students to record and reflect on the Maroon buddy’s experiences.

**Wally’s Journal**
A sample journal has been created for the students to read before they come on camp. It provides some information about MOEC and the Maroon buddies.

**The School Journal**
Maroon buddies are able to be taken back to school after camp. You can use your Maroon buddy to transfer the students learning from camp into the classroom. A journal cover is available for each buddy.

**The Passport Page**
Each group will be required to complete a page of their buddy’s passport. This will create a record of each buddy’s groups and experiences.

The ways in which the Maroon Buddy might be used effectively is only limited by the imagination. The following suggestions are intended as a guide and hopefully a source of inspiration.