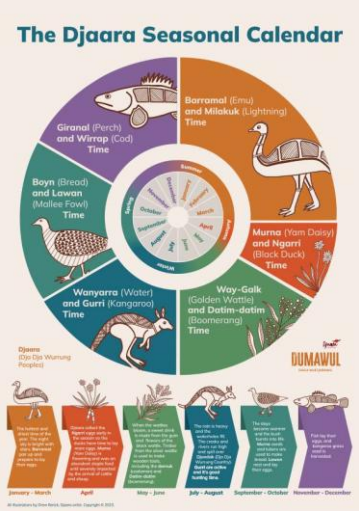
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Principal – Katie Lovel
Asst Principal – Hamish McCartney

On behalf of the students of Marong Primary School, we would like to respectfully acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung as the traditional owners of the land and pay our respects to elders past and present. We are grateful to learn, play and grow surrounded by the plants, animals & waterways that the Djaara people have watched over and cared for, over thousands of years.
We are heading towards the end of Boyn (bread) and Lawan (mallee fowl) time and heading into Giranal (perch) and Wirrap (cod) time.

ACHIEVEMENT	BELONGING
We learn, grow and aim for excellence.	We help everyone feel welcome, safe, and valued in our community.
RESPECT	**RESPONSIBILITY**
We listen, care and show understanding to ourselves, others and the environment.	We make good choices, take ownership and look after each other.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Camps – Our camp program has now concluded for the year with our year 2s enjoying their experience on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you for showing your gratitude for the staff who put in so many hours to ensure everything is organized for these extra curricula activities. Please ensure any final payments are made.

Logo update – with a review of our school values, we were reviewing the logo with many school community members indicating a more modern and updated logo was needed. Given feedback we will just update our values on the current logo at this stage and revisit it next year with a wider range of options.

Concert – we can't wait for the concert. Please save the date and get your tickets when they go on sale tomorrow Thursday 29th .

2027 BOOK PACKS ARE ON SALE NOW – SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION.
This will save you time, they will be delivered to school for pick up and your child will have their own items.

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PFA UPDATE

Mango orders need to be in via QKR by Wednesday 28th for December delivery. (see attached flyer). This week we have opened up the fundraising for our upcoming Colour Fun Run this will run from the 26th of October till the 27th of November. The fundraising window is to allow all prizes earned by the students to arrive before the end of the term. We will provide information on how to make profiles via Sentral and Facebook pages.

Sizing sessions for the 2027 Grade 6 Legends were held this week. If you were unable to attend reach out and we will do our best to accommodate having your student/s sized up for ordering.

STEM REQUEST - BOXES

A call out for small boxes or thin cardboard (not big thick boxes) for STEM please! Leave at the office ☺ thanks

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

School Council met on Monday night after having to postpone our meeting from last week. We discussed the feedback from the Logo survey, 2027 planning and grade structure, updates to the Child Safe Standards protocols, Parent Payment policy, school budgets, the altered lunch break and upgrades to the grounds.

The decision was made to look at further options for the logo design taking into account all feedback and pursue this next year. The lunch break is providing many benefits including students more ready for learning, way less rubbish in the yard, less conflict and students eating more. We received a letter from a student not happy about the change and acknowledge their initiative in writing to council. Parent payment policy which gives you an indication of extra curricula activity costs for next year will go home shortly.

KIDS AND WORRY



Join us to talk about it.

This 90 minute workshop will explore the reasons why children worry, and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas as well as practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

Come along and be reassured, reminded of something, or perhaps learn something new.

Presented by Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting Service.

Tuesday 1st December
9am - 10am
Marong Primary School
Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

Open to Marong Primary School parents and carers.

Register to come along by contacting the Marong Primary School Office.

E: marong.ps@education.vic.gov.au
P: 5435 2288

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CRICKET BLAST

On Friday, students from Grades 5/6 attended CMC in Junortoun for the Regional Cricket Blast Tournament.
The boys had a fantastic day, winning all four games and showing huge improvement from their first game to their last. They made our school very proud with their sportsmanship, teamwork and encouragement of one another throughout the day. A special highlight was Zaiden taking his very first hat-trick! Well done also to Prithvi for his steady hands behind the wickets.
The girls also had a successful day, winning two of their four games! With a fantastic eagerness to learn and great resilience out in the field, the girls continued to improve throughout the day.
We finished with a group of girls who, many of whom had never played cricket before, walked away with a newfound love of the game and an eagerness to hopefully pursue it further.
Sorry, parents! Looks like we may have a few budding cricketers on our hands!
Congratulations to all students on a fantastic day representing our school! We couldn't be prouder of the way you conducted yourselves, showing great sportsmanship, teamwork and encouragement throughout the tournament.
Well done, everyone!





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2027 BOOK PACK ORDERING

Our Parent/Carer Payment Policy will be coming out soon, but we wanted to give you plenty of time to purchase book packs. You can choose to buy learning materials for your child to individually use and own. These items can be bought from any supplier. Marong Primary School has an arrangement with Education Plus located here in Bendigo. If you do not buy these items, your child will still be provided with what they need, however they may not be provided with these items to own, or keep, on an individual basis. If you wish to buy items through the supplier, please see the attached year level book pack lists with all details using the website

www.edplus.com.au

Items such as mini whiteboards can be maintained each year meaning they are a one off purchase.

Education Plus

DATES FOR OCTOBER

14th - 2027 Book pack ordering through Education Plus open
26th-27th – Grade 2 Camp
28th – PUBLIC HOLIDAY – BENDIGO CUP DAY
29th – Tickets on sale for Marong PS Concert - QKR
30th – World Teacher's Day & Day for Daniel

Marong Primary School 2027 Prep

Your 2027 school booklist can be purchased on line at Education Plus.
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Click on the "Booklist" tab in the top menu, then enter the code above in the "Code" box. Press enter, follow the instructions to complete you order. Make sure you go all the way to the "Place Order" tab. Once you have done this you should receive a confirmation email confirming your order, if you do not receive this email please contact our store. All book packs will be delivered to the school in January, your school will organize the distribution of these packs.

BOOK PACK TOTAL: $135.50

The Prep bookpack contains the following items:

Artline Supreme 0.4mm Fineliner Black	1
Artline Supreme Whiteboard Marker Black	10
Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	10
Book Tub - Red	1
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	6
Display Book A4 Refillable 20 Pocket Red	1
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Clear	2
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Exercise Book Writer A4 48 Page 25mm Solid Ruled	2
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	2
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 12	2
Writer Library Bag 390x 285mm Red with Reinforced Corners	1
Lyra Groove B Graphite Pencil	4
Project Book #523 - 24 Page 335mm x245mm	1
Protext Display Book 20 Pocket Fixed	1
Sharpie Permanent Marker Fine 1.0mm Black	1
Staedtler Noris Wax Twister Crayons Assorted Wallet of 12	2
Triangular Barrel Metal Sharpener 2 Hole	1
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium Writing Book 64page 24mm Dotted 330x240	1
Little Learners Diary Foundation	1

You will also be required to purchase a pair of scissors. When placing your order online please select only one pair of scissors left or right handed and select the scissors that apply to the students year level.



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Marong Primary School 2027 Grade 1

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$132.00

The Grade 1 bookpack contains the following items:

Artline Supreme Whiteboard Marker Black	10
Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	7
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	6
Crayola Twistable Crayons Packet 12	1
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Blue	1
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Red	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Exercise Book 225x175 64 Page	1
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	1
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 12	1
Writer Library Bag 390x 285mm Red with Reinforced Corners	1
Protext Mesh Pouch A3 with Zipper	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Sharpener Pencil Shaker 2 Hole	1
Staedtler 351 Whiteboard Marker Bullet 2mm Assorted Wallet of 6	1
Staedtler Highlighter Wallet of 4	1
Staedtler Tradition Pencil 2B Box 12	1
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium Writing Book 64page 18mm Dotted 330x240	3
Writer Premium Writing Book 64pg 14mm dotted thirds + margin	3
Little Learners Diaries Grade 1	1

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$136.50

The Grade 2 bookpack contains the following items:

Artline Supreme Whiteboard Marker Black	12
Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	5
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	6
Crayola Twistable Crayons Packet 12	1
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Blue	1
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Red	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Exercise Book 225x175 64 Page	1
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	1
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 12	1
Writer Library Bag 390x 285mm Red with Reinforced Corners	1
Protext Mesh Pouch A3 with Zipper	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Sharpener Pencil Shaker 2 Hole	1
Spirax 315 Super Size Grid Book 10mm 96 Page 320x235mm	2
Staedtler 351 Whiteboard Marker Bullet 2mm Assorted Wallet of 6	1
Staedtler Highlighter Wallet of 4	1
Staedtler Tradition Pencil 2B Box 12	1
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium Writing Book 64page 18mm Dotted 330x240	3
Writer Premium Writing Book 64pg 14mm dotted thirds + margin	3
Little Learners Diaries Grade 2	1

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Marong Primary School 2027 Grade 3

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$100.00

The Grade 3 bookpack contains the following items:

Artline Supreme Whiteboard Marker Black	10
Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	3
Book Tub - Red	1
Celco Eraser Maxi	1
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	4
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Red	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	1
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 12	1
Highlighter Premium Pinstripe Wlt 4	1
Pencils Sharpener Oval Double Barrel	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Sharpie Permanent Marker Fine 1.0mm Black	1
Staedtler Hexagonal Graphite Pencil HB	6
Staedtler Noris Wax Twister Crayons Assorted Wallet of 12	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Blue (Individual)	4
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Red (Individual)	4
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium A4 96Pg 10mm Graph Book	2
Writer Premium Writing Book 64pg 14mm dotted thirds + margin	3
Berry Street Student Diary	1

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Marong Primary School 2027 Grade 4

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$100.00

The Grade 4 bookpack contains the following items:

Artline Supreme Whiteboard Marker Black	10
Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	3
Book Tub - Red	1
Celco Eraser Maxi	1
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	4
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Red	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	1
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 12	1
Highlighter Premium Pinstripe Wlt 4	1
Pencils Sharpener Oval Double Barrel	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Sharpie Permanent Marker Fine 1.0mm Black	1
Staedtler Hexagonal Graphite Pencil HB	6
Staedtler Noris Wax Twister Crayons Assorted Wallet of 12	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Blue (Individual)	4
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Red (Individual)	4
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium A4 96Pg 10mm Graph Book	2
Writer Premium Writing Book 64pg 14mm dotted thirds + margin	3
Berry Street Student Diary	1

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Marong Primary School 2027 Grade 5

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All book packs will be delivered to the school in January, your school will organize the distribution of these packs.

$122.00

The Grade 5 bookpack contains the following items:

Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	2
Book Tub - Lime Green	1
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	4
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Clear	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Exercise Book Protext A4 48 Page - 14mm PVC Cover Cat	2
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	2
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 20	1
Notebook Spirax #570 A5	2
Pencil Case 1 Zip Neoprene Jumbo 340mm x 170mm	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Staedtler 351 Whiteboard Marker Bullet 2mm Assorted Wallet of 8	1
Staedtler Eraser BT30	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - blue Box 10	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Red Box 10	1
Staedtler Tradition Pencil 2B Box 12	1
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium A4 96Pg 10mm Graph Book	2
Berry Street Student Diary	1

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Marong Primary School 2027 Grade 6

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$124.50

The Grade 6 bookpack contains the following items:

Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	2
Book Tub - Lime Green	1
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	4
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Clear	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Exercise Book Protext A4 128 Page PVC Cover Owl	3
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	2
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 20	1
Notebook Spirax #570 A5	2
Pencil Case 1 Zip Neoprene Jumbo 340mm x 170mm	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Staedtler 351 Whiteboard Marker Bullet 2mm Assorted Wallet of 8	1
Staedtler Eraser BT30	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - blue Box 10	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Red Box 10	1
Staedtler Tradition Pencil 2B Box 12	1
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium A4 96Pg 10mm Graph Book	2
Berry Street Student Diary	1

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THIS FRIDAY

Australia will celebrate teachers on World Teachers' Day on Friday 30 October 2026.

You are invited to *Shine a light* on Australia's teachers who inspire, support, and empower our children and young people every single day.

From lightbulb moments to helping someone find their way, teachers make a difference in ways big and small. This World Teachers' Day, we're putting that impact in the spotlight. We'd love you to share a moment when a teacher made a difference in your life and help *Shine a light* on the amazing work they do.

If you're posting on social media, use **#WorldTeachersDay2026** and tag **@aitsl** to be part of the celebrations.

Find out more and see how people are celebrating at www.worldteachersday.edu.au



I encourage you and your child to show your gratitude for your teacher and the efforts they go to in supporting students to be the best they can be. This might be a card or a letter or a drawing.

Katie

TERM 4 DATES

- ~~**THURS 9TH OCT** – 'BEING INDY' PERFORMANCE (INCURSION)~~
- ~~**SAT 10TH OCT** – MENTAL HEALTH DAY~~
- ~~**FRI 16TH OCT** – GRANDPARENTS DAY~~
- ~~**WED 21ST – 23RD OCT** – GRADE 3/4 CAMP~~
- ~~**FRI 23RD OCT** – GR 5/6 CRICKET BLAST~~
- ~~**MON 26TH – TUES 27TH OCT** – GR 2 CAMP~~
- **WED 28TH OCT –** BENDIGO CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)
- **FRI 30TH OCT** – DAY FOR DANIEL
- **TUES 3RD NOV –** PREP TRANSITION (OPTIONAL) 9:15 - 10AM
- **TUES 10TH NOV –** PREP TRANSITION (OPTIONAL) 9:15 - 10AM
- **TUES 17TH NOV –** PREP TRANSITION (CORE) 9-10AM
- **MON 23RD NOV –** REPORT WRITING DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- **TUES 24TH NOV –** PREP TRANSITION (CORE) 9-10AM
- **TUES 1ST DEC –** PREP TRANSITION (CORE) & KIDS AND WORRY PRESENTATION FOR ANY PARENTS/CARERS 9-10AM IN THE PAC
- **FRI 4TH DEC –** GR 6 STEAM EXCURSION
- **TUES 8TH DEC –** STATEWIDE TRANSITION (ALL STUDENTS) 9-11AM
- **WED 9TH DEC** – GRADE 6 GRADUTATION
- **THURS 10TH DEC** – GRADE 6 BIG DAY OUT
- **FRI 11TH DEC** – COLOUR FUN RUN
- **SUN 13TH DEC** – MARONG COMMUNITY CAROLS

CHECK SENTRAL'S CALENDAR AND WEEKLY NEWSLETTER REGULARLY FOR MORE DATES AND INFORMATION.



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are back every Thursday in Term 4!
$1 through Qkr! by *9am, Wednesday*

GRADE PREP

What we achieved this week!

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GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

We have had a busy week in Grade 1/2, with our Grade 2 students heading off to camp and our Grade 1 students staying back at school!

Well done to all of our Grade 2 students who attended Billabong Camp! It was wonderful to hear that everyone had fun, gave everything a go and showcased our school values throughout the experience. On the first day, students enjoyed a range of activities, including pedal boats, bungee trampolines, horse grooming and beach volleyball. After a good night's rest, the adventures continued on Day 2, with students taking on bouldering and archery! Super work, Grade 2s! We hope you had the best time and made some wonderful memories.

Back at school, our Grade 1 students were AMAZING! We had the best two days together in Miss Williams' room. Students enjoyed some fantastic free writing sessions, with some even creating their very own books! We also continued learning about directions and had lots of fun completing two scavenger hunts to crack a code. Although the start of the week looked a little different to our usual routine, everyone adapted so well and made the most of our time together. Well done, Grade 1s! Enjoy the rest of your week!

Mr Riordan, Miss Williams, Miss Thorn, Hayley, Brandi, Jai, Jobe, Toby, Tamina and Charli.

GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

What an amazing time Grade 3/4 had on camp last week!
A big well done to all our Grade 3/4 students for representing Marong Primary so proudly and showing our school values throughout camp. It was wonderful to see so many of you step outside your comfort zones, face your fears and grow in independence over the three days. You should all be very proud of yourselves!
We had lots of fun taking part in canoeing, archery, bouldering, orienteering, the flying fox and team challenges. Unfortunately, we had to swap the giant swing for the Kookaburra Trust on Day 1 because of some annoying bees, but it was just as much fun!
We are sure there have been lots of stories and memories shared with families since returning home. A big thank you to all the teachers and ES staff who helped make our camp such a fantastic experience!
We are also looking forward to celebrating World Teachers' Day on Friday and recognising all the amazing work our teachers do.
Back in the classroom, we have been busy writing recounts about our favourite camp memories. We have also started reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to help us develop our imagination and add more detail to our narrative writing. We have continued working on our Viking villages and practising our dances for the school concert.
We are looking forward to another great week!

Reminders:

Thursday, October 28: School concert tickets go on sale through QKR.
Friday, October 29: Day for Daniel Police Talk incursion and World Teachers' Day.

GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

Literacy – Bumping Up Our Persuasive Writing

This week in Literacy, we are focusing on *bumping up* our persuasive writing to make our arguments clearer, stronger and more convincing. We are revisiting our existing writing and working on improving one section at a time, including introductions, body paragraphs, counterarguments and conclusions. We are exploring how to use more powerful persuasive language, include relevant evidence to support our opinions and strengthen our paragraph structure. By the end of the week, we aim to produce more detailed, effective and convincing persuasive texts.

Mathematics – Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication Strategies

In Mathematics, we are developing our confidence and efficiency when solving number problems. We are exploring a range of mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction, including partitioning, bridging, compensation and finding the difference. We are also strengthening our multiplication skills by using known multiplication facts, breaking numbers apart and applying the distributive property. Through these activities, we are learning to select the most efficient strategy for each calculation and check that our answers are reasonable.

Integrated Studies – Mystery Detectives

We are continuing to put on our detective hats as we investigate mysteries and work to uncover the truth! We are analysing clues, examining witness statements, checking alibis and using evidence to identify suspects and solve cases. We are applying our critical thinking, comprehension and problem-solving skills to separate fact from opinion and determine which information is reliable. We are also using mathematical skills, including calculations involving time, measurements and money, to test whether the evidence supports our conclusions. This engaging unit encourages us to think like real detectives, justify our decisions and build a convincing case using evidence.



CURRENT YEAR 5 FAMILIES

GRADE 6 LEGENDS - 2027

- TRY ON DATES 26-27 OCTOBER IN PAC FROM 3.30-4.00PM
- KANGAROO FLAT SPORTS CLUB SPONSORING 1 X POLO
- ADDITIONAL POLOS CAN BE PURCHASED AT $50 EACH
- SIZING: PARENTS CLUB WILL HAVE KIDS AND ADULT SIZING SAMPLES FOR TRYING ON
- SHORT SLEEVE AND LONG SLEEVE POLO OPTIONS
- NICKNAME: OPTIONAL (PARENT APPROVED) NICKNAME FOR REVERSE
- HOODY FOR PURCHASE AT $65 EACH (WITH NAME)
- ORDER AND PAY VIA QKR ON DAY OF TRY ON

NEW POLO DESIGN FOR 2027!



If you missed the sizing sessions please contact us to arrange to get this organised.

Congratulations to Our Chinese Language Competition Participants!

Congratulations to our Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 students who participated in the Chinese Language Competition on Saturday! I am incredibly proud of their courage in stepping onto the stage, sharing their talents, and giving their best after putting in so much time and effort to practise. A special congratulations to **Tessa F**, who received **Commended Award** in Solo Singing, and **Abi P**, who received the **Highly Commended Award** in Speech. I would also like to recognise **Phoebe R, Willow F and Aurora S** for their wonderful group singing performance, which brought joy to the audience and showcased their teamwork and dedication. Well done to all our participants for their confidence, perseverance and enthusiasm in celebrating Chinese language and culture!



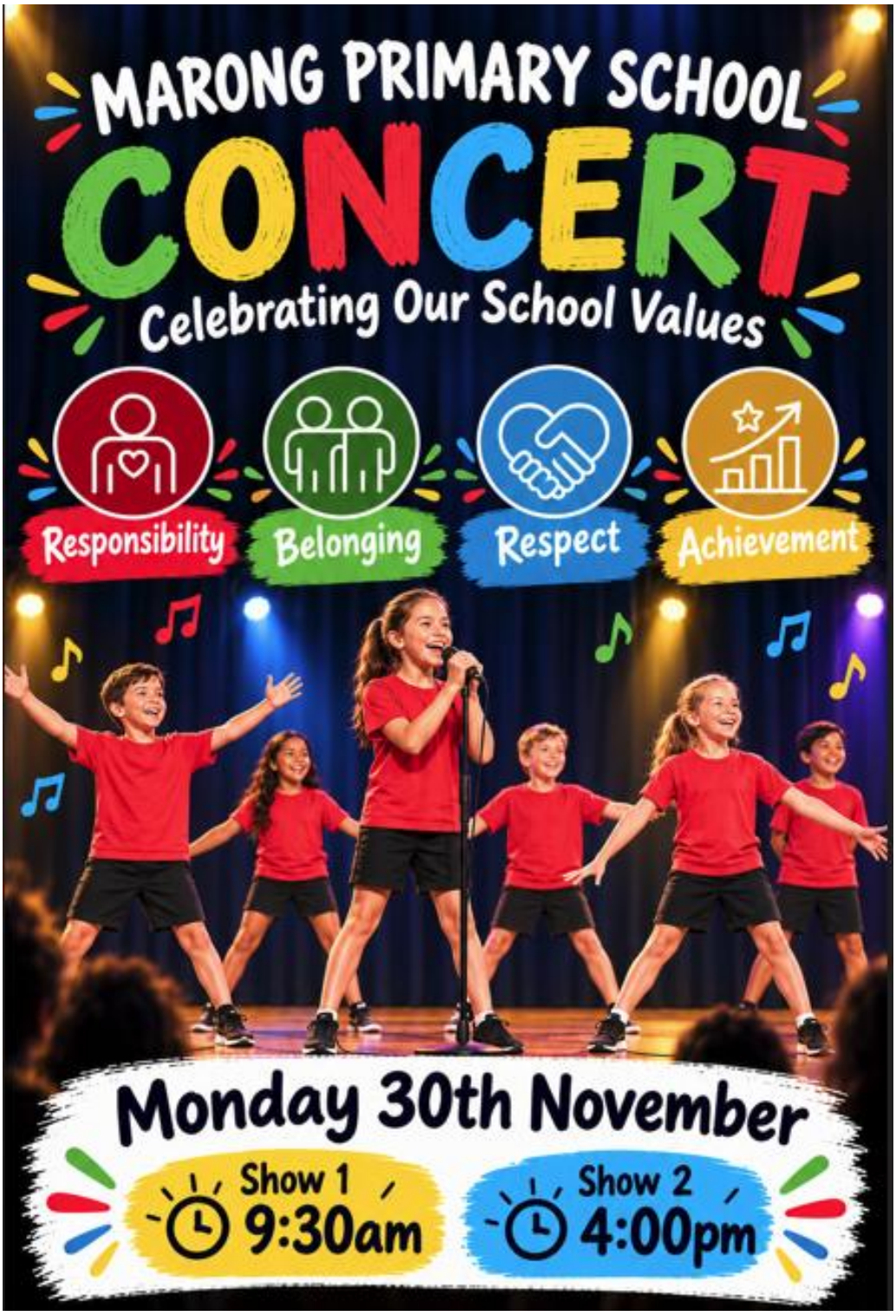




Prep Cook – Oscar M Oscar, it has been wonderful to see your confidence grow! You are always incredibly respectful and consistently demonstrate our school values and are a fantastic role model for your classmates. You have also been doing a wonderful job with your writing and have shown great progress when solving addition and subtraction equations over the past couple of weeks. It is fantastic to see you giving things a go and continuing to grow as a learner. Keep up the amazing work, Oscar! I am so proud of you!	**Prep Jess - Hunter J** Hunter has impressed us with his independent writing. He created a wonderful narrative about a dog and made some pleasing attempts at unknown words. Hunter has also demonstrated great confidence during our math sessions on subtraction this week. Super effort Hunter, we are very proud of you!	**Year 1/2 Williams – Mitch H –** I am SUPER proud of Mitch this week! Mitch was an absolute superstar on camp. Both Mr Riordan and Hayley spoke so highly of Mitch. He was listening, gave everything a go and was showing some amazing leaderships qualities amongst his peers. Super work Mitch! Keep it up.
Year 1/2 Riordan – Lennon Cola For demonstrating all of our values this week. Lennon was amazing on camp, giving every activity a go, and remaining her kind, calm and helpful self. Lennon always puts in effort to her learning, producing some wonderful work along the way. Well done on a super week Lennon.	**Year 1/2 Thorn/Hayley – Isabella J-S** Congratulations to Isabella for being a great sport on camp, giving every activity a go, and being a kind and supportive friend to others. She showed a positive attitude throughout the camp and was an excellent role model for her peers. Well done, Isabella!	**Year 3/4 Lamb – Whole class!** WOW! 3/4L have made it very hard to choose just one Student of the Week because they have all done such an amazing job! Everyone represented Marong Primary with pride on camp and showed our school values. I was so proud to see their leadership, respect for their camp leaders, and the way they included others and showed independence. You should all be so proud of yourselves! Well done, 3/4L!



Year 3/4 Westcott – Taj S Taj had an amazing experience at Camp Kookaburra! He pushed himself outside his comfort zone by attempting the flying fox and felt proud of his achievements. Taj also demonstrated respect towards all staff and consistently thanked the camp staff after each activity.	**Year 3/4 Atkins – Aiden B** Congratulations Aiden on always giving 100% to his work and showing kindness to others.	**Year 5/6 Johnstone – Winnie C** Winnie has been awesome these last few weeks, her attitude has shifted and she's really challenging herself in maths. She's challenging herself with more problems, sticking with them when they get tricky, and celebrating the wins along the way. Well done, Winnie!
Year 5/6 Burton - Ellie W Ellie has been working incredibly hard across her learning and enthusiastically participates in all aspects of school life. She demonstrates our school values in all that she does and is developing into a reliable leader. Great work, Ellie!	**Year 5/6 Fry – Sophie K** Sophie consistently demonstrates our school values and is a wonderful example of caring and kindness She is a supportive friend to everyone in our grade, helping to create a positive and inclusive classroom where everyone feels welcome. Well done, Sophie, for being such a thoughtful and valued member of our school community.	**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD – Olivia N** Olivia consistently demonstrates our school values particularly out in the yard. She is caring towards others and the environment, encouraging others to be careful of wildlife and our plants. Well done Olivia, keep it up!



SCHOOL CONCERT TICKET DETAILS

Tickets for the School Concert will go on sale **TOMORROW** Thursday 29th October at 9:00am via QKR App (under Events and Activities - Performances). Due to limited seating we only have 180 seats for each show.

Show 1 - Monday 30th November 9:30am

Show 2 - Monday 30th November 4:00pm

Tickets are free but limited to two tickets per family - please book through the oldest child in your family. Or you can book 1 ticket for the 9:30am show and 1 ticket for the 4:00pm show. As noted in previous correspondence - if you can make the morning show, please try to prioritise this instead of the 4pm show.

THE BRIGHTEST DAY AT SCHOOL!

Australian Fundraising Specialists
school RUN4FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION

Marong Primary School are excited to present the

2026'S RUN4FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION!

Parents and carers are invited to watch students weave and dodge through the obstacle course around Malone Oval in a rainbow of colour and chaos on **Friday December 11th!**

Students will be required to *bring in their bags,* **a white t-shirt** and join in on fundraising to support our school. Cyber safe fundraising profiles can be created at http://myprofilepage.com.au/ and shared online with friends and family.

Cash donation booklets will also be available from the front office, as well as the option to pay via Qkr!. We are hoping to raise a minimum of **$10 per student**. *Online fundraising is open now to the 29th of November.*

All colour used for the purpose of this event is non-toxic, gluten free powder. If you do not consent for your child to participate, please contact your child's classroom teacher prior to the day.
Parents Club are also looking for volunteers to man colour stations.







Day for Daniel

On Friday 30th October we are acknowledging Day for Daniel. This day is about raising awareness about being safe in our community and online, which fits in with our school value of Responsibility. We have two police officers, Senior Constable Billings and Leading Senior Constable O'Donnell (one of our school parents) from the Eaglehawk Police Station. They will be presenting to our P-2 students and then our 3-6 students. We are looking forward to collaborating with Victoria Police to help build our students' safety awareness and help-seeking strategies. The officers will also engage with the staff and students during lunchtime. If you would like to know more about Day for Daniel click here to find out more.

Do you know which junior sports are available in Bendigo, when they are played and when to register?



Visit
www.sportsfocus.com.au

Check out the Bendigo Junior Sports Calendar for all the information

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BLAST OFF

WITH BENDIGO EAST BASEBALL... THIS SUMMER

GET INVOLVED



FREE EVENTS 2026/2027:

CHILDREN'S WEEK
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28, 6-8PM
BASEBALL ACTIVITIES, PRIZES, BBQ
AGES 6-12

SUMMER IN THE PARKS
WEDNESDAYS DECEMBER 2 + 9, 6-8PM
WEDNESDAYS FEBRUARY 17 + 24, 6-8PM
BBQ AND COME AND TRY BASEBALL
ALL AGES WELCOME

AUSTRALIA DAY AT LAKE WEEROONA
INFO, SIGN-UPS, DEMOS + MORE

FIND US!

ALL EVENTS AT*:
BENDIGO EAST BASEBALL CLUB
QUARRY HILL REC RESERVE
HAMLET STREET, QUARRY HILL
*EXCEPT FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AT LAKE WEEROONA

SIGN UP...

AND FOR OTHER ENQUIRIES:

BENDIGOEASTBASEBALL.COM

BENDIGO EAST BASEBALL CLUB
East
1901

NORTH BENDIGO FNC
2027 JUNIOR NETBALL TRIALS

Looking to play Netball for a fun, friendly, family orientated club affiliated in the HDFNL?

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are seeking players for our 13/Under, 15/Under & 17/Under 2027 junior teams.



For more information regarding trials, dates & contact details, please scan the QR code below & register by 15th Nov 2026

Free cat and dog microchipping day in Marong



- **Thursday November 12, 2026**
- **2pm to 4pm**
- **Marong Neighbourhood House**
  39 High Street, Marong

Bendigo Animal Relief Centre (BARC) are holding a FREE cat and dog microchipping day in Marong for Greater Bendigo residents.

This is a good opportunity to:

- Have your best friend microchipped for free! ($40 cash only fee applies for non-Greater Bendigo residents)
- Check your pet's microchipping details are up to date
- Learn more about becoming a BARC foster carer

Please note cats and dogs must be in carry cages or on leads.

Bendigo Animal Relief Centre
20 Piper Lane, East Bendigo
t. (03) 5441 2209
www.bendigoanimalreliefcentre.com.au

BARC
Bendigo Animal Relief Centre

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO


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FORCE
JOIN US FOR A HOCKEY CLINIC WITH COBRAS PLAYERS BEFORE MATCH DAY!
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COBRAS
SUN, 8 NOV | BENDIGO HOCKEY CENTRE

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TENNIS COACHING

@ MAIDEN GULLY TENNIS CLUB

TERM 4 – 2026



HOTSHOTS GROUP LESSONS

- FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS OF ALL AGES & ABILITIES
- TUES & WED, FROM 4PM, SUN 10AM+
- 10 WEEK TERM, STARTS 5 OCT

GIANT TENNIS PLAY PARK - 5&UNDER

- A JOYFUL INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS THROUGH PLAY - SUNDAY 9-10AM
- 3 WEEK SERIES - $60
- BLOCK 1: 11OCT - 18 OCT - 25 OCT
- BLOCK 2: 15 NOV - 22 NOV - 29 NOV

FIND OUT MORE & BOOK YOUR SPOT:

gianttennis.com.au

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Wednesdays

TIME: 8:20am- 8:45am

ROOM: Large Decking

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REAL SUPPORT

BREAKFAST CLUB

children's health & wellbeing local
Free support for children and their families

PARENT SUPPORT AND EDUCATION SESSIONS TERM 4, 2026

The Loddon Children's Health & Wellbeing Local offers free weekly education sessions that address mental health and wellbeing. The sessions are run by a mental health or allied health clinician at the Local.

Sessions are open to any parents or carers of children aged 0-11.

Why join in?

- Talk to Local staff about your child.
- Ask any practical questions you have about parenting now.
- Gain support for yourself as a parent.

Where: The Loddon Child and Health Wellbeing Local, 19 Helm St KANGAROO FLAT 3555. Enter via the green porch at the back of the site.

Dates and topics: Wednesdays (Face to face) please call us if you want to attend online to see if we can accommodate that.

WHEN	TIME	TOPIC
Oct 7th	9.30am	ADHD What is it and How Can I Help?
Oct 14	9.30am	What Is Autism and How Can I Help?
Oct 21	9.30am	Parent Wellbeing
Oct 28		**Bendigo Cup Closed**
Nov 4th	9.30am	Managing Big Feelings
Nov 11	9.30am	Navigating transitions
Nov 18	9.30am	Anxiety in Kids
Nov 25	9.30am	Social skills and self esteem
Dec 2	9.30am	Sibling Rivalry
Dec 9th	9.30am	Family rules and consequences



Book in via email icfhwlocals@bchs.com.au. **Please state your name, your child's name and the session(s) you wish to attend.**

The Children's Health and Wellbeing Local is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and the Australian Government through the Head to Health Kids initiative.

In partnership with Bendigo Health, Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative, Nemda Aboriginal Cooperation, Echuca Regional Health, North Central LLEN, Maryborough District Health, Dhelkaya Health and Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health

Bendigo Community Health Services

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Want to support the program? Contact us to sponsor and provide more fruit to your school.

after the BELL
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

MARONG PS
CHRISTMAS VACATION CARE
21–24 December 2026

MONDAY 21 DECEMBER
Santa's Workshop



Get creative with handmade Christmas decorations, colourful gift tags and festive keepsakes. Make something special to take home or give to someone you love.

Cooking: Gingerbread Cookie Creations

TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER
Christmas Mystery Mission



Santa's presents have gone missing! Follow picture clues, solve playful puzzles and work together on a festive treasure hunt to find the missing gifts.

Cooking: Mac and Cheese

WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER
Build It Big!



Become an architect for the day using boxes, construction blocks and recycled materials. Then create it big in the kitchen by making some yummy foods.

Cooking: Cheesy Potato Bites and Jelly with Candy Cane Bark

THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER
Christmas Carnival Celebration



Finish the program year with festive games, craft stations, music and Christmas cooking.

Cooking: Christmas Toffees

EARLY FINISH: 4.30 pm
Reduced session fee

COSTS & BOOKINGS
$85–$90 per child, per day

Prices are reduced with eligible Child Care Subsidy.

Enquiries: bookings@afterthebell.com.au
Head Office: 1300 977 599

PROGRAM INFORMATION
Address: 2 Leslie Street, Marong VIC 3515
Room: Beehive Building
Program phone: 0428 247 072
Hours: 7.30 am–5.30 pm
Thursday 24 December closes at 4.30 pm.

WHAT TO BRING & PACK
- Healthy morning tea and lunch
- Refillable water bottle and SunSmart hat
- Closed-toe shoes and weather-appropriate clothing
- No foods containing nuts
- No lollies, soft drinks or high-sugar foods
- No food requiring refrigeration, heating or reheating

Note: Days will operate with **15 or more bookings.** The account holder will be notified via email by **11 December 2026** of the operational status of the days. ***Bookings to be made via Kidsoft**