

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	October		November
18th	Prep One Maldon Excursion	1st	Bendigo Cup Holiday
19th	2024 Preps– Parent Info Session 5PM	7th	Melbourne Cup
		13th/14th	Billabong Ranch Camp– Grade 2/3
		21st/28th	Prep Transition Program
		12th	Grade 6 Transition Day

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

HONESTY

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

School Recourses Levy

Each year our school sets a figure for a resources levy. This levy covers all the items students will require for the year within their classroom. It includes exercise books, pens, pencils, textas, art materials , photo copy paper ,glue sticks, rulers, ICT resources etc. Following a decision by the DET two years ago schools can no longer charge parents a resource fee. It is now deemed as being voluntary. However as you can imagine the cost to the school is significant for these items and the only alternative is for parents to be presented with a book list, whereby they are required to purchase the items for their child/ren for the entire school year. Our levy remains at \$170 for P-2 students and \$195 for students in grades 3-6. The school has used these funds to purchase everything the students need in bulk saving parents the hassle of purchasing them themselves.

A check of our records indicates that very few people have opted to pay the levy this year. Whilst I can't be sure, it is possible that this is due to the fact that the school has not sent out invoices for the levy. Unfortunately under the Parent Payment policy we cannot send out invoices for the levy. However we are able to add an option for payments via QKR. Please see the screen shot below . If you want to pay the levy and don't use QKR, payments can still be processed at our office.

In bringing this to your attention I would like also to also remind families of the many subsidies that the school applies to a wide range of activities to help make education at Marong PS as affordable as possible. This year we have subsidised : School Camps, the Swimming Program ,the Gym Program , Excursions as examples. These subsidies apply to all families, unlike the camps and excursions funds, which are means tested.

SunSmart Policy

All students are required to wear a hat during outside breaks such as lunch and recess and during outdoor educational activities during term 4. We have noted this week that a large number of students are wanting to borrow hats from the office. Spare hats are for emergency purposes only and consequently, each student should have their own hat. Please check that your child has one and if necessary a new hat can be purchased from our office. Having had a number of spots removed from my arms and face, that were precursors to skin cancer, I cannot emphasise enough how important hats are this time of year.





Referendum Saturday 14th, October

The PAC will be open on Saturday October 14th, as it is being used by the Australian Electoral Commission as a polling booth for this weekend's referendum. Access will be available from the Lelsie Street entrances and the Calder Highway side of the school.

Parent Information Night– 2024 Preps

An information session for parents of 2024 Prep Students will be held at the school on Thursday 19th October 2023. This session will commence at 5pm.

Payment

	Grade 3-6 School Fees	\$195.00
	Grade P-2 School Fees	\$170.00
	Outside School Hours Care	\$0.00
	Family Account part payment option	\$0.00

Russell Jeffrey

Grade Prep/One

Week two has been fabulous with our grade preps/ones as we continue to learn about water. This week we learnt about how we access water and how it runs from wells into pipes through our homes. Students have written facts in an information style and focused on sentence structure. Students have begun sharing in mathematics and have introduced to fair division. It has been great to see students manipulating counters, unifix and blocks to show equal groups. We are loving seeing some of the students fly through their learning now that we are heading towards the end of the year.

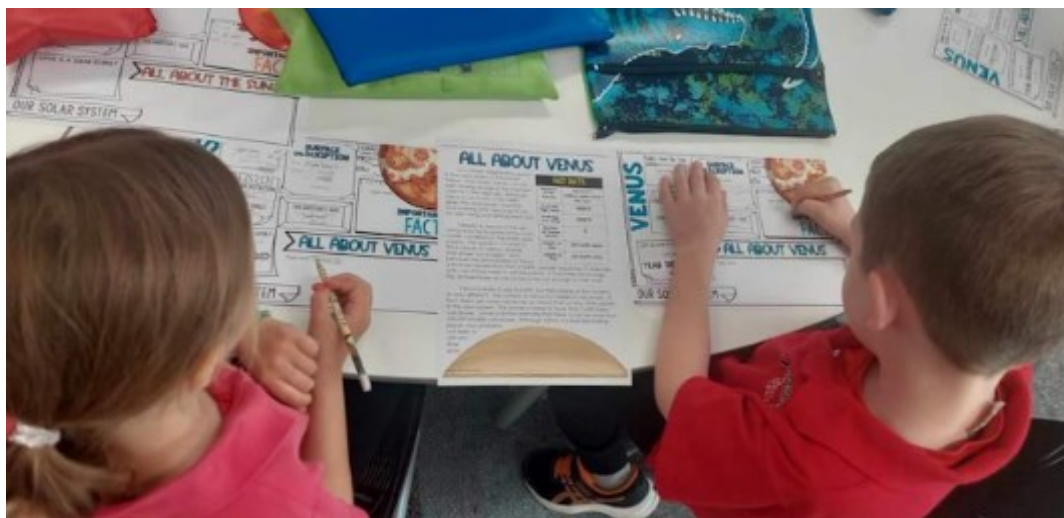
Keep up the good work.

Moyra O'Donoghue, Kate Maddern, Emma Cook and Jess Taylor



Grade 2/3!

A short but productive week the 2/3s have been busy looking at volume and capacity in Numeracy as well as brainstorming ideas for their opinion pieces of writing based on improving the Marong community. Our sport program this term is based around T-Ball, Hockey and Soccer so we have been reading up on fun facts and rules on each sport and will be completing drills over the term to compete in a round robin between all three grades. In integrated this term we are looking at Space and this week we were collecting fun facts about the Sun. A reminder to bring back the Discovery Centre forms and Grade 2s will be hearing about their camp in the coming weeks!



Grade 4/5/6!

Another busy passes us by.

This week our reading focus has been on summaries. Honing our skills and looking at the 'Who, What, Then, So and Finally'.

Our writing has continued with narratives and this week we have been improving our descriptions of characters and settings.

Numeracy has looked at division and probability. The division side has been looking at solving with and without remainder and in some cases solving with decimals.

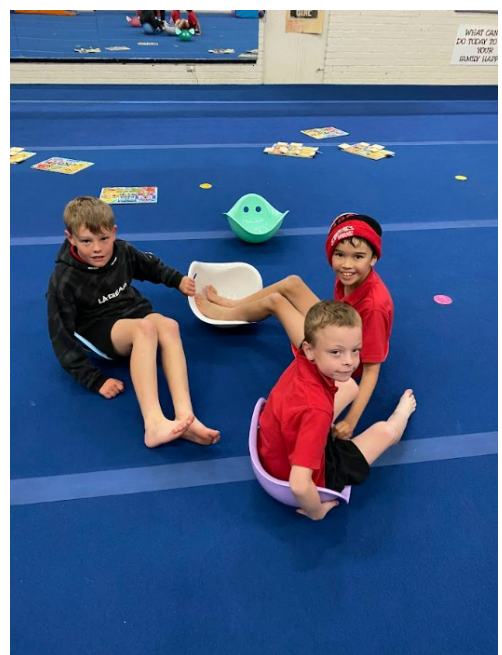
Integrated has been looking at mechanical weathering and we've been busy experimenting with chemicals and observing their reactions.

Another awesome week at Palmer's Gym, we were able to do flipping, jumping and leaping through and over obstacles.

We are pumped and looking forward to next week already.

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend

4/5/6 team.





Prep/One Maddern

Angus M- Angus has had another awesome week at school. I love how Angus always has a positive attitude towards his work and how he always tries his best. Keep up the great work Angus!

Prep/One O

Dawson M – I am always impressed with Dawson's efforts at school and how he consistently shows kindness to others and pride in his learning. Dawson is respectful hardworking student who others look to for a model of success. GO DAWSON!

Prep/One Mrs Cook & Jess

Archie G- Archie has grown into such a wonderful and helpful Grade One leader. He is always willing to assist younger students in our class, demonstrating both patience and kindness. We have loved watching you mature into such a confident and independent young man. Super work Archie!

2/3 Fry

Poppy S- Congratulations on another terrific week in our grade Poppy. I have been impressed with your willingness to support others and be a positive role model. You are doing an awesome job!

2/3 Stacey

Braxton M- Braxton has shown tremendous confidence and productivity towards new challenges this week and has shown no signs of slowing down. He has fantastic leadership potential and can be relied upon to do the right thing on a daily basis.

2/3 Maher

Audrey L- Audrey has thrived this week! She has taken on all challenges and looked for ways to fix her errors herself. She has shown confidence in herself and her abilities and impressed with her practice in spelling. Fantastic week Audrey!!

4/5/6 Johnstone

Jackson W- Congratulations Jackson on a great week. This week he has produced a detailed narrative that made good use of his devices and has continued challenging himself during our numeracy lessons working into decimals. Well done JJ!

4/5/6 Riordan

Kassidy N- Kassidy has had an amazing week this week! She has been an engaged member of the class and has worked well in maths by using her problem solving strategies when things get tough. Well done Kass!

4/5/6 Thorn & Williams

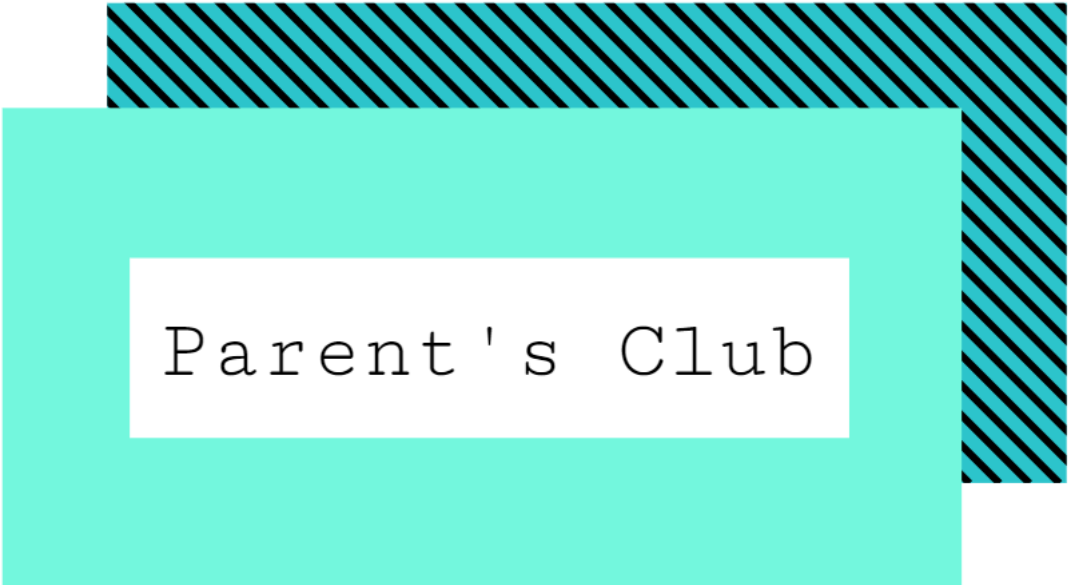
Emily H- For being a kind and considerate classmate. She is always inclusive of her peers and gives all learning tasks a go. Keep smiling Em!



Issue 7 was sent home last week. Orders can be completed online or dropped into the office by the 23rd of October. We thank all families who have purchased books this year as all purchases go towards points to buy books for the school library. We now have a great collection of Graphic novels, junior fiction and picture story.

Donations

If any families have books they no longer need and would like to donate them to the school, we have a donation box at the front office. Thank you for the donations we have already received. This allows us to have more access to books in the classrooms as well as being able to borrow from the library.



Parent 's Club

2024 Grade 6 Polo's

Parents Club will be set up in the PAC after school on both Monday 30th and Tues 31st October for the ordering of next years grade 6 shirts.

As always, Parents Club will be covering the cost so all grade 6's will get 1 x free shirt. Any additional shirts will need to be paid for at the time of ordering by a parent/guardian.

A parent/guardian is required to come along with their student to finalise purchase including nickname and quantity.

If you can't make it on either day, please let Parents Club know.

MANGOES MANGOES come and get your MANGOES

It's that mango time of year again! Fresh North Queensland mangoes delivered direct to us in December! Anyone who has got them before, know how good they are! Split a tray with friends, or keep them all to yourself!

Orders can be made from NOW on Qkr! and open for the next three weeks, closing at 11.59pm on Sunday 29 October 2023.

Due to crop failure similar to 2021, trays are again smaller this year, cost per 4.5kg tray is \$25. Delivery will be sometime early December, we will know more closer to the date and will let you know on the Parents Facebook page and in the newsletter.



‘Mum, can you play with me?’

(The following article can be found at www.theconversation.com and was written by Victoria Whittington: Associate Professor in Education Futures (Adjunct), University of South Australia)

It’s important to play with your kids but let them make the rules

Young children love to play with their mums and dads. But for busy parents, it’s often the last thing they feel like doing.

Running a home and family, doing paid work and trying to squeeze in some personal time mean parents don’t have a lot of time or energy to play magical princess dragons or soccer ninjas.

But playing with your kids and letting them lead the play is really important. Here’s why and how you can approach it.

Why is play so important?

Children love to play. But it is more than a way for them to enjoy themselves. It is also the principal way they learn about their world.

There are many types of play. For example, it can be manipulating objects, such as play dough. Or it can be imaginary, where children pretend they are mums, dads or babies.

In play, children have ideas and then follow those ideas in a way that is not simply a response to what surrounds them. Instead, they use that environment to imagine and create another world. A block becomes a phone, a table a house and a garden the home of a dragon.

Holding an imaginary theme in mind and creating a sequence of actions and appropriate language to enact it requires considerable intellectual effort. This sees children perform at a higher level than when engaged in other activities they are not leading.

Play teaches children to test their hypotheses and solve problems they encounter. Parents will notice children usually play about the world in which they are living. This is why they play families, pets and other familiar roles such as shopkeepers, doctors or nurses.

These themes may look mundane to parents (even boring). Yet for children they are exciting opportunities to explore their world, find out about the various roles they see around them and to bring ideas learned in a variety of contexts together in play.

Play develops concentration and emotional skills

Often children are seen as having short attention spans. Yet in play they can follow a theme or idea they have chosen for a longer time than when engaged in adult-led activities.

Developing the capacity to sustain attention to that idea in play and ignore other stimuli builds children's capacity to self-regulate.

Self-regulation – the ability to control emotions and actions – is important in learning, at school and socially and emotionally.

Play is also central to language development. Play enables children to use the words and ideas they hear in their everyday lives and experiment with them in imaginary environments. In play they may talk to themselves to guide their thinking.

Why do my kids want to play with me?

Children from approximately 18 months to eight years old want to play with their parents. Their parents are the centre of their worlds, until their attention shifts increasingly to their peers.

They want to do so because it helps their learning and development. Parents can anticipate their child's thinking and create shared meaning in a way other children of the same age are not able to do.

Shared meaning enables play to continue and makes it more interesting.

The role of adults in play

A parent's role is to assist their child in play. This means it is important for adults to let children be the decision makers. Parents can initiate the play, make suggestions or provide props. But for the activity to be regarded as "play," children must be those who make the decisions and guide its direction.

Research shows when an adult attempts to control the play children become distracted and quickly lose interest.

Play is not instructional (this is not about teaching your child how to do something). We have all experienced situations where we have been talked at, not discussed with, and likely we found it much harder to focus.

Children need to have this control because in play they are operating exactly at the level at which they are best able to learn. Suggestions from an adult or older child, however, can take the child's play to a higher level. This makes it more challenging intellectually than if children were playing alone or with peers.

How much play and how often?

Children are instructed in almost every aspect of their day – when to get up, when to go to sleep, what to eat. Having a regular play time in which they lead, make decisions about an activity and how it progresses, gives them power and a sense of control in their lives.

My work as a professional teacher and early childhood academic has shown me that when parents – particularly those concerned about their child's behaviour – dedicate 30-plus minutes each day (or every other day) to parent-child play, they find their child is happier and more easily guided in other aspects of their lives. This also strengthens their relationship.

Not all parents can manage this. But finding regular play time when you can is likely to be well worth it.

A valuable window

Parents who play with their children can find it is a valuable window into their children's thinking, interests and world.

If you are going to join in the play, do so fully. Put away your phone - and sit on the floor or follow your child to where they are playing. This shows your child you are genuinely joining in.

Hopefully, by dedicating this time and prioritising it, parents may also find their child becomes more amenable to parents also allocating time for themselves.

A reminder that myself and or Ms White are available to provide confidential advice and access to support for you and your child. Please don't hesitate to contact the school to discuss how we might be able to best help you.

Marc Cowan

Chaplain & Student Wellbeing Officer

IMAGINE THE FUN



Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.


Marong Cricket Club

Starts on Thursday October 26, 4:00pm - 5:15pm
For ages 5-9yrs

Sign up via the QR code (right) or Marong CC Play HQ



SIGN UP TODAY!

 **Play Cricket**

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JUNIOR PATHWAY



From Woolworths Cricket Blast through the Junior Cricket stage, all kids can advance their skills and discover how awesome it is to be part of a team through fun game-based activities. The stages have been developed based on academic research, testing and community feedback.

This includes consideration for physical, mental and emotional development.

Participation and progression through the stage is based on ability level, therefore the ages are indicative only. Players are encouraged to participate at a stage appropriate for them.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SKILLS BASED FIRST CRICKET EXPERIENCELEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH FUN, MODIFIED GAMESPREPARE KIDS FOR JUNIOR CRICKET	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DURATION 60-90MINS	<p>LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH GAMES</p> <p>UP TO 10 YEARS</p> <p><i>Age is indicative only</i></p>
JUNIOR CRICKET 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">7 PLAYERS18M PITCH20 OVERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">40M BOUNDARYDURATION 2HRS	<p>LEARN THROUGH PLAY</p> <p>UNDER 11</p> <p><i>Age is indicative only</i></p>
JUNIOR CRICKET 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9 PLAYERS18M PITCH30/20 OVERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">45M BOUNDARYDURATION 2-3HRS	<p>PLAYING THE GAME</p> <p>UNDER 13</p> <p><i>Age is indicative only</i></p>
JUNIOR CRICKET 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">11 PLAYERS20.1M PITCH20/40 OVERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">50M BOUNDARYDURATION 2.5-4HRS	<p>PLAYING AND COMPETING</p> <p>UNDER 14-19</p> <p><i>Age is indicative only</i></p>



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COMMENCING 17TH OCTOBER



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in TERM 4

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Commencing 17th October

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**TUESDAY 26th SEP
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3HR SESSION - COST: \$44

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* PROGRAM SUITABLE FOR HOTSHOTS STUDENTS (5-12YRS)
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FOR SEASON 2023-24

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Junior teams

Woolies Blast (6-10 yo)
Under 11*
Under 12*
Under 14*

*Dependent on sufficient registrations

Senior teams

Division 1
Division 2
Division 3



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- Our socials
- Our club store

Senior training starts on
Wednesday August 16 from 6:00pm at
Major League - Kangaroo Flat

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL DAVID BLUNE - SENIOR COACH: 0447 373 969



MARONG BOWLS CLUB

Malone Park, Marong Vic 3551
marongbowls@gmail.com

Rod Wearne – 0418 558 105
Gary Place – 0428 630 977

LOCAL LEGENDS WANTED

Sick of having nothing to do on a Saturday?

Do you want to make friends and be a part of a team and a family community?

Check out our local bowls club, it's just down the road at Malone Park in Marong.

Were looking for new
members, give lawn bowls a
go! Come along and have some
fun!!



We're an up & coming club and proving ourselves by winning in several divisions over the last 3 years. It doesn't matter what age you are, it doesn't matter if you've never played before. We have a diverse community where you will fit in and be made to feel welcome and get all the help/training you need to become the next club legend!





2023/2024 JUNIOR SEASON REGISTRATION



CRICKET
AUSTRALIA

U11—U18



ALL GIRLS CRICKET



Master
Blasters

Junior
Blasters

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Michael.smith2@education.vic.gov.au

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