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Marong Primary School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL VALUES

At Marong Primary School, we are committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment. Our core values guide our actions and shape our community:

- Respect: We treat everyone with kindness, consideration, and value their unique contributions.
- Responsibility: We take ownership of our actions, make responsible choices, and contribute positively to our school and community.
- Honesty: We act with integrity, communicate truthfully, and build trust in all our relationships.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Do it For Dolly Day

4 School Leaders invited to ANZAC ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance (information via sentral)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 1st – School photos
- Tuesday 5th – School Leaders & Ms Lovel ANZAC Commemoration service Melbourne
- Wednesday 6th – Mother's Day/Special Person's day stall
- Friday 8th – Do It for Dolly Day
- –2027 Foundation School Tour
- Thursday 14th – Grip Leadership Day
- Monday 18th – 22nd – EDUCATION WEEK





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FROM THE PRINCIPAL CHANGES TO BREAK STRUCTURES

After reviewing the Break Out space, we have moved to a Clubs structure to engage students during the lunch break. Each day a different club is offered for students to join. This runs for the first half of lunch. Students then head outside getting some much-needed fresh air and physical movement. Staff are rostered on to support students with this transition to the yard.

Starting next week, students who would like to bring Beyblades are welcome to do so on a MONDAY only. They can play with these on the big deck and will be supervised.

CROSS COUNTRY AND JUNIOR FUN DAY

WOW what a fantastic day for our school! Staff clearly set the expectations for how our students were to conduct themselves during this day and our students certainly rose to the occasion being respectful, patient and resilient. I was even given compliments from staff from other schools on our conduct. Congratulations to all students who completed the course. A huge THANK YOU to Miss G for the extensive work in organising the event and to the volunteers who gave up time to ensure our students were supported around the course.



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Next meeting – Wednesday
20TH May 6pm.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

- Mother's Day stall is the 6th (Wednesday week 3) all gifts \$5 each, Cash Only. Will do a proper spread for next week!
- Also, Donuts will now be \$2.60 and \$3.50 for GF.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Mila H – Mila has been an outstanding community member, caring friend and role model to a new student. She took her on a school tour to ensure she knew where everything was, has continued to be a great friend including her in all games and ensuring she has settled in well. Congratulations on being so kind Mila!

Conner W – Conner has shown outstanding resilience and determination to overcome his worries about competing in the Cross Country to not only finish the course, but finish with a huge smile! Conner stepped outside his comfort zone which takes great courage and he has now achieved a wonderful result because of it. Congratulations Conner on taking such a huge step!

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS MESSAGE

Our staff receive training and support to understand and carry out their responsibilities under the child safe standards

GRADE PREP

What we achieved this week!

What a fantastic start to Term 2! We are so proud of all of our Preps for the way they returned to school, demonstrating our school values so beautifully. They have settled back into routines quickly and shown a positive attitude towards their learning.

In Sounds-Write, students revised the sounds they learned last term. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they revisit and strengthen these important skills.

In Writing, students have been exploring *Hattie and the Fox*. They worked hard to write simple sentences about the story and practised sequencing the events in the correct order. We were very impressed with their efforts and growing independence.

In Maths, students explored Position and Location, as well as Shape. They enjoyed engaging in hands-on activities to build their understanding of where things are and how shapes look and behave.

Students also had an amazing time participating in Junior Fun Day, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the activities. They created a beautiful wreath for Anzac Day, demonstrating respect and care while learning about its importance.

A fantastic week all round—we are so excited for the learning ahead this term! Mrs Cook, Jess, Miss Maddern, Fraser and Cayla.



GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

What a busy and exciting first week back we've had to start Term 2!

In Reading, we have been focusing on strengthening our reading strategies as we settle back into our normal routines.

In Writing, students have been exploring different types of holiday writing, including creating newspaper reports and responding to a range of holiday-themed prompts.

In Maths, it has been a hands-on week as we explored both formal and informal measurement. Students investigated different ways to measure objects and practised measuring items around the classroom.

In Integrated Studies, we began our new topic for the term: Ancient India. Students located India on the world map and explored important historical artefacts, including the Taj Mahal.

On Wednesday, we had a fantastic Junior Fun Day. A huge WELL DONE to all students who participated! It was wonderful to see everyone giving their best effort and demonstrating our important school values.



Reminders

- Miss Williams' library time has moved to Thursdays.
- School photos will take place next Friday, 1st May.



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2!

The 3/4 students have come back well refreshed and ready for another school term. This term we are upskilling our knowledge in old and new Indigenous stories, which we will explore throughout our Literacy and Integrated units. The 3/4 students also had a sub assembly to remind us of all of the expectations both in the classroom and out in the yard. Some learning we did this week:

In math, we are learning about fractions and exploring halves, thirds and quarters

In handwriting, we are practising how to write in cursive

We have been learning about ANZAC Day and the significance of the day

We are excited to be back and are all very proud of all the 3/4 and their positive approach for the beginning of the term.

A message from Eli Schmalz and Willow Maunsell from 3/4 Lamb:

Welcome back to Term 2. On Monday, we had a sub assembly. We talked about how to behave in the toilets, picking up rubbish and making good choices in the yard. On Tuesday, we learnt about ANZAC Day. ANZAC Day is important because it celebrates the brave soldiers who lost their lives in battle. On Wednesday, we had cross country and it went very well. A lot of people made it to the next level. Everyone was really good!!



Reminders

- Make sure you are still completing your 5 sessions of home reading per week.
- One more week for wearing school hats so please make sure your child has their packed in their bag
- School photos are on May 1st so please return your forms



GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

Welcome back to Term 2! The Grade 5/6s have hit the ground running, returning with a positive attitude and strong engagement across all learning areas.

In Literacy, students have been exploring word origins through etymology, building a deeper understanding of how words are formed and how their meanings have developed over time. We have also been studying poetry linked to ANZACs, with students reflecting on themes such as remembrance, courage and sacrifice through their writing.

In Mathematics, students have been investigating 3D shapes, exploring their properties, identifying and constructing nets, and developing their spatial reasoning skills through hands-on activities.

In Integrated Studies, students have begun learning about the First Fleet and its arrival in Australia, building background knowledge about early Australian history and its significance.

A big highlight of the week was our Cross Country event on Wednesday. We are extremely proud of all our Grade 5/6 students for their effort, determination and excellent behaviour on the day. It was fantastic to see so many students challenging themselves and supporting one another.

It has been a fantastic start to Term 2, and we look forward to another exciting term of learning ahead.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep - Jess

Lotte R - Lotte has started Term 2 with a fantastic attitude. She is listening respectfully, staying focused during independent work, and packing her bag more efficiently. Super proud of your efforts this week—keep it up, superstar!

Grade Prep - Mrs Cook

Casey B - Casey has had a wonderful start to Term Two and returned full of confidence and ready to learn. Casey demonstrated all the School Values during our Junior Fun Day and was very kind to others in her group. Well done Casey, you are a SUPERSTAR!

Grade ½ Williams

Angie T -Angie has had a fantastic first week at her new school. She has shown kindness, confidence, and a willingness to embrace new experiences. We have really enjoyed getting to know Angie and look forward to learning even more about her. Well done on such a great start, Angie!

Grade ½ Riordan

Lennon C - It has been so wonderful to see Lennon come back from holidays and pick up where she left off. Lennon is always kind, helpful and putting her best effort into her learning. She is a great role model to her peers, demonstrating great school and classroom values. Well done on another wonderful week Lennon.

Grade ½ Thorn and Hayley

Varli D - Varli is a strong and positive leader who is respected by her peers and always ready to help others. She consistently demonstrates our school values in all that she does. A great start to Term 2, keep it up, Varls!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade 3/4 Miss O

Charlotte W - Charlotte rolled back into the term with a beaming smile and a winning attitude, she is full of compliments and reminds everyone how much fun school can be. She is willing for all tasks and an enthusiastic learning. Charlotte could receive this every week for her contribution to positive classroom culture. WOOOO charlotte :)

Grade 3/4 Westcott

Seth H - Seth consistently demonstrates responsibility by completing his class job regularly. He also showed great resilience and enthusiasm when running in the cross country. An awesome effort.

Grade 3/4 Lamb

Cale O - Cale had a fantastic Term 1 and has continued into this term with great enthusiasm for learning. He is making positive choices in both the classroom and the yard and is consistently giving his best effort to all areas of his learning. It's wonderful to see him participating more in class discussions and engaging so well in his learning. Keep it up Cale, we are all very proud of you!

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Winnie C - A great week for Winnie, who worked hard during our poetry unit and confidently shared her own poem at our ANZAC assembly. Well done, Winnie!

Grade 5/6 Fry

Xavier O - Xavier brings great humour to our classroom and a positive attitude to everything he does. During Cross Country, he demonstrated resilience and determination, pushing through his limits and giving his absolute best. Well done Xavier, fantastic effort!

Grade 5/6 Burton

Gweny HD - Gweny should be incredibly proud of her efforts at Cross Country last week. She demonstrated a fantastic attitude, pushed herself out of her comfort zone and gave her personal best effort from start to finish. Well done, Gweny!

2026 GRADE 6 INFORMATION EVENING

MONDAY 4TH MAY

Grade 6 Information Sessions at the following
Bendigo Secondary Colleges



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: College Gymnasium

5447 7722
crusoecollege.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Global Learning Centre

5443 2133
weeroona.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Grieve Building

5446 8099
eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: BSE Gymnasium

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bse.vic.edu.au



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WEDNESDAY'S

9.30-10.30AM

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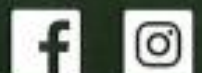
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