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# Marong Primary School

Respect | Responsibility | Honesty

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 8, 2026 – Issue 13

### 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

Education Week

#### DATES FOR MAY

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Grip Leadership Day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Education Support Staff recognition day
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – EDUCATION WEEK & Dental Van visit
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – 2027 Foundation Information evening
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Education Week Family evening – details to come
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – 2027 Foundation School Tour (repeated)





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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



If I could sum up this week in a word it would be COMMUNITY !

Firstly our leaders attended the Legacy ANZAC service for students. This was an informative and moving experience. Uncle James gave a very poignant Welcome to Country signifying that whilst he acknowledges the traditional owners of the land, in 2026 we are all custodians of the land and he called for us to end segregation. You can view the service on Youtube – Melbourne Legacy’s Annual ANZAC Commemoration for Students. His Welcome is from 12.58min – 15.00min in this clip. Ajay Sonti from Bendigo South East College was chosen to deliver the junior speech which is something our students might aim towards. He talked about listening to remember. Heidi and Aidan laying the wreath is at the 1.10.28 – 1.10.55 mark.

Next 12 of our senior students attended the Seniors Luncheon and they were just outstanding. They were polite, respectful, resilient and hard working. I was so very proud of them. We even had an elderly gentleman stop a parent in the street to comment how respectful and fantastic our students were when he attended the event !!

Today we held our Muffins for Mum (Special Person) morning and Do It For Dolly day raising awareness of bullying. We also had our first tour for the 2027 cohort of Foundation families. Phew ... what a week!

### SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Next meeting – Wednesday  
20<sup>TH</sup> May 6pm.

### PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

• We would like to thank the families for their support in making the stall this week successful and hope all the mums/carers/nanas love the gifts. The kids certainly enjoyed picking them out. A reminder donuts can be ordered via QKR weekly.

• Also, Donuts will now be \$2.60 and \$3.50 for GF.

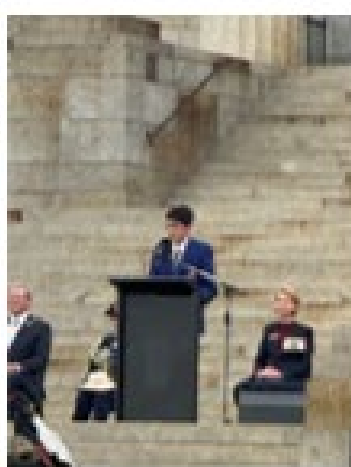
### PRINCIPALS AWARD

Braxton M, Fergus F, Millie H, Tessa F, Abi P, Francis B, Sophie C, Winnie C, Adeara S, Isaac N, Varli H, Brax G – Congratulations on showing great courage and sense of community in volunteering to wait on tables at the Marong Seniors Luncheon. You were outstanding role models for our school and did a superb job of learning on the run to ensure great service of the luncheon.

### CHILD SAFE STANDARDS MESSAGE

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

*kids in the community ...*



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# GRADE PREP

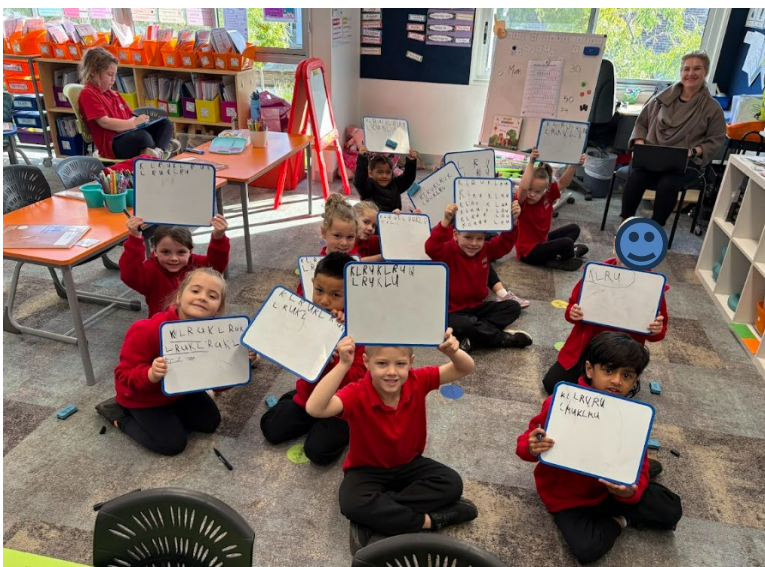
## What we achieved this week!

Our Prep students have continued to work hard this week and are doing a fantastic job following classroom routines and expectations. In Sounds-Write, students continued exploring the letters *K*, *L*, *R*, and *U*, with a focus on capital letters and correct letter formation. It has been wonderful to see how much their handwriting has improved and the pride they are taking in their work.

In Writing, students focused on letter writing, creating thoughtful letters for their mothers and other special people in their lives ahead of Mother's Day. We have been learning about the structure of a letter and how to organise our ideas clearly.

In Maths, we continued working on adding and taking away one more using number lines. Students are beginning to apply these skills to solve simple equations, and it has been great to see their confidence growing.

Have a wonderful weekend and a very Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing mums and special people in our community!





# GRADE 3/4

## What we achieved this week!

Week 3 was a wonderful week for our whole school community!

This week, we have been busy creating something very special for some very important women in our lives. We also took part in meaningful discussions about 'Do It For Dolly Day' and the important message behind it. Together, we learnt about what bullying can look like and why it is so important to speak up and support others, even when it feels difficult. As Dolly's family reminds us, "speak, even when your voice shakes."

Math - We have finished our last week of fractions and are getting ready for next week where we are learning about length and area.

Literacy - We have continued reading 'Uncle Xbox' and explored how to write a factual recount. In handwriting, we have learnt how to join q and u together in cursive.

Integrated - We have been analysing a painting created by Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri - *Warlugulong* and discussing what we can see, feel and understand from the painting.

From Leigh, Moyra and Shayla

*A message from Bella and Isla from 3/4 Lamb*

*"Today was a very special day. It was "Do It For Dolly' Day. It was good to see so many students dressed in blue to help Dolly and her family to stop bullying. Happy Mother's Day to all the mums. We hope you enjoyed your muffin and coffee this morning"*



# GRADE 5/6

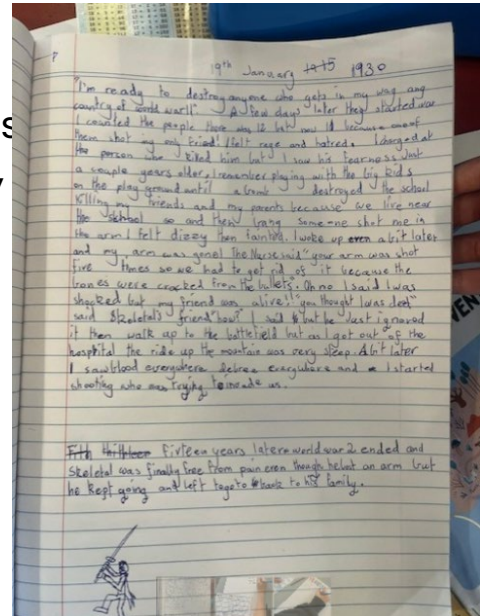
## What we achieved this week!

Week 3 has been another engaging and productive week for our Grade 5/6 students.

In Literacy, students have been creating journal entries from the perspective of different historical characters, including members of the First Fleet, an Indigenous Australian perspective, and a World War I soldier or nurse. Students have been encouraged to use descriptive language, emotion and historical understanding to bring their characters to life in their writing. Students are also continuing to enjoy our etymology lessons, exploring word origins and meanings through a range of engaging activities. In Mathematics, students have been exploring the elements of BODMAS, learning how the order of operations helps solve number problems accurately. Through explicit teaching, guided practice and problem-solving tasks, students are building confidence in applying these strategies.

In Integrated Studies, students have begun our exciting Great Australian Adventure activities. The first state we are exploring is Victoria, where students are learning about important landmarks, geography, culture and significant features of our home state.

A special congratulations to our school leaders, who did a fantastic job at Shrine of Remembrance and represented our school with pride and respect. We are extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the event. It was also a busy week for some students that were able to talk with some our senior citizens and serve them lunch on Wednesday. Again, the students did a wonderful job of representing our school and should be very proud of their efforts.



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## Grade Prep - Jess

Niyah A - Niyah has impressed us with her act of kindness towards a fellow student and her resilience when changes to our class routines occurred this week. We have been so delighted to see how far you have grown since the beginning of the year. It is lovely to see you arrive to school with a smile on your face each morning and we enjoy your cheeky sense of humour throughout the day. Super work Niyah!

## Grade Prep - Mrs Cook

Jasper F - Jasper has demonstrated wonderful leadership this week in class when helping other students during our math lessons. He has a good understanding of addition and subtraction using a number line, and has helped others to develop their understanding this topic. Well done Jasper, you are a SUPERSTAR!

## Grade ½ Williams

Celeste S - Celeste consistently demonstrates our school values each and every day. She is a kind, bubbly and caring member of our class who approaches every day with positivity and enthusiasm. We love the way Celeste creates an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome, always greeting others with a big smile. Keep up the amazing work, Celeste!

## Grade ½ Riordan

Jack F - Well done to Jack for an amazing week. Jack has been working hard on his learning, putting in focus during learning tasks. He has been amazing during his Sound Writes sessions, earning praise from the teachers he works with. Well done on a great week Jack.

## Grade ½ Thorn and Hayley

Liliana A - For showing great responsibility towards her learning and producing work of a very high standard. She consistently puts in her best effort, takes pride in her work, and approaches learning with a positive attitude. Keep up the fantastic work, Liliana!

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## Grade 3/4 Miss O

Willow F – We all love having Willow in our classroom, she brings such kind positivity to everyone she talks to and makes others happy. Willow is consistently following rules and always doing what she can to be her best at school 😊 enjoy the celebrations Willow!

## Grade 3/4 Westcott

Chase R - Chase has demonstrated great responsibility for his own learning by independently researching unknown words to find their meaning. He reads every night and consistently completes his reading diary to a very high standard. Well done Chase!

## Grade 3/4 Lamb

Meeka H - Meeka always goes above and beyond in all areas of her learning and works incredibly hard to do her very best. She is kind, caring, and always looks for the good in others, bringing such a positive attitude to our classroom every day. During our discussions about Do It For Dolly Day, Meeka showed great maturity and thoughtfulness in her responses. You are amazing Meeka.

## Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Alyson JB - Alyson always sets a great example, but this week been a standout! Alyson has produced some amazing writing, adding such vivid detail to her journal entries from different character perspectives. Amazing work, Alyson!

## Grade 5/6 Fry

Airlie F - We are very proud of Airlie for the wonderful effort she has shown in all areas of her learning. She wrote some fantastic WWI soldier diary entries, using great detail, creativity, and emotion in her writing. Airlie consistently works hard and always strives to do her best.  
Keep up the amazing work, Airlie!

## Grade 5/6 Burton

Tessa F - Tessa has been on her A game this week! She has been working super hard in BODMAS lessons and wrote an emotional journal entry from the perspective of a nurse during World War II. Tessa also represented our school beautifully at the senior citizen's luncheon. Great effort!



# STEM RECOURSES NEEDED

Students in Grades 3–4 are currently exploring the topic of heat in STEM. In the final two weeks of this term, they will be designing and building their own prototypes and models.

To support this work, we are seeking donations of clean, reusable and recyclable materials that students can use in their creations. Suggested items include cardboard boxes (e.g. tissue, cereal or shoe boxes), other cardboard materials, aluminium foil and foil trays, bottle tops and jar lids, skewers, and paddle pop sticks.

We appreciate your support in helping provide materials for this hands-on learning experience.

Then also for Grade 5-6 students, I need a collection of small boxes and for students to bring in a torch (working) for the next couple of weeks.

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We appreciate your support in helping provide materials for our lessons.



# **DONUT DAY!**

**\$2.60**

Fresh donuts available every  
Thursday through Qkr!  
Cut off 9am Wednesdays.

(Terms 2 & 3)

**\$3.50 GF**

# 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](http://crusoecollege.vic.edu.au)



6.00pm - 7.30pm  
Location: Global Learning Centre

5443 2133  
[weeroona.vic.edu.au](http://weeroona.vic.edu.au)



6.00pm - 7.30pm  
Location: Grieve Building

5446 8099  
[eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au](http://eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au)



6.00pm - 7.30pm  
Location: BSE Gymnasium

5443 4522  
[bse.vic.edu.au](http://bse.vic.edu.au)





# COME & TRY

## UNDER 10 GIRLS COMPETITION

The Bendigo Junior Football League are looking at creating an Under 10 Girls Competition in 2026

Gather some friends and join in some activities at Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 4:15pm



*Girls born in 2016, 2017, 2018 or prior to 30 April 2019*

# STRIKERS NETBALL

MONDAY 29TH JUNE

COST \$50

6-14YO

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*Clinic*

1:00PM - 1:20PM	CHECK IN
1:30PM	CLINIC & ACTIVITIES COMMENCES
4:00PM	CLINIC FINISHES
4:00PM	SIGNATURES, PHOTOS & GIVEAWAYS
4:30PM	PICK UP

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📅 Wednesdays & Fridays

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