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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 15, 2026 – Issue 14

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.

Victorian government schools do not tolerate racism

UPCOMING EVENTS

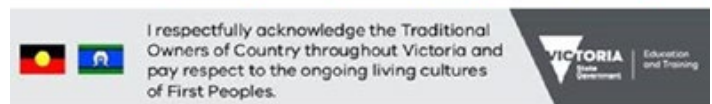
Education Week

DATES FOR MAY

- Monday 18th – 22nd – EDUCATION WEEK & Dental Van visit
- Tuesday 19th – 2027 Foundation Information evening
- Wednesday 20th – Education Week Family evening – details to come
- Tuesday 26th – 2027 Foundation School Tour (repeated)



Racism harms young people's mental health and learning. I can make them feel like they do not belong.





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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Next week we look forward to celebrating Education Week. Tuesday from 5-6pm we have our first 2027 Foundation Transition session. Wednesday we invite our families to our family afternoon. See separate flyer for details.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS – we know students get sick or can't attend occasionally for various reasons. Being at school every day your child can is vital over the course of their education.



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Note change in meeting – Tuesday 19th 6.15pm

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.

How important is attendance?





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EDUCATION WEEK OPEN NIGHT

WED
20TH MAY
5:30-
6:30PM

Prep rooms - Discover the joys of numeracy-led play

1/2 rooms - Join in for some multiplayer dice games and more

3/4 rooms - Read some picture story books together and fill in a word search

5/6s in the PAC- Learn about 'A day in the life' of a Marong student

**COMPLETE ALL TASKS, AND ENTER THE
RAFFLE TO WIN A FAMILY MOVIE PASS
DRAWN AT 6:30PM IN THE PAC**

GRADE PREP

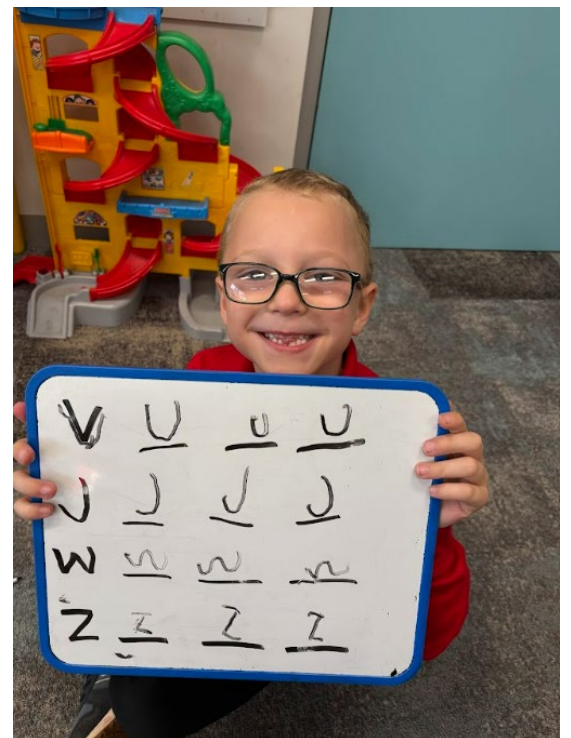
What we achieved this week!

Week 4 has been a more settled week with less extra curricular activities for our Preps. In Sounds Write, students began a new unit with the focus on the letters j, w and z. They have been practising these sounds and building words such as jam, wet and zap. During reading and writing we have focused on high frequency words such as 'and', 'the' and 'was'. Preps are practising reading or writing these words daily. We have also been working on our letter formation with the focus on letters 'b' and 'd' as they are similar letters, we often get them mixed up.

In Math we have continued to work on Addition and Subtraction of numbers to 10. By using counters or other hands-on materials, students have been making and showing their understanding of adding and subtracting different numbers.

During Integrated we looked at our 3 National Flags and identified what some of the colours and symbols mean on each flag.

We are looking forward to welcoming our families into our classroom next Wednesday night to look at some of our Math Discovery activities.



GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

A busy but quick week down in Grade 1/2 this week!

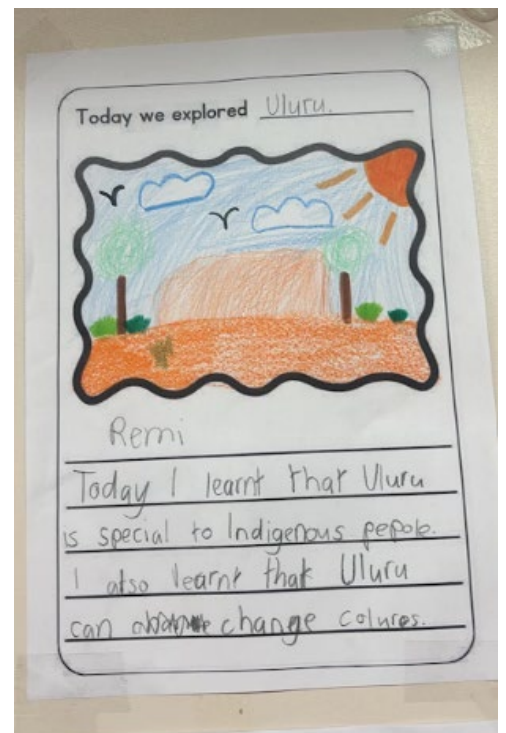
In Sounds Write, Ms Thorn and Hayley's group continued exploring different spellings, including 'x' for /k/ /s/, as well as 'y', 'ff', 'll', 'ss' and 'zz'. Mr Riordan's group continued working on the /o/ sound and its spellings 'o' and 'oe'. In Miss Williams' group, students continued to explore the /ar/ sound and its four spellings: 'a', 'au', 'al' and 'ar'.

In Writing this week we looked into the book 'The Most Magnificent Thing'. We continued working on using the conjunctions 'before' and 'after' to order the sequence of events in a sentence.

In Maths this week we continued working on patterns. Students explored creating patterns from 0 and other starting numbers. In Integrated this week we looked at 3 natural landscapes in Australia. We explored Uluru, The Great Barrier Reef and The 12 Apostles. Students created a postcard for each landscape with everything they learnt.

Happy ES Day to our wonderful ES. We would be incredibly lost without you amazing people!!

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



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

It's the end of Week 4, and we're making our teachers proud once more. This week, we have acknowledged some of our favourite people, our ES. Happy ES Day to Jimmy and Christine for all the power of work you do to support us. We have also really enjoyed our new mathematics topic of length, where we have been busy measuring everything in our room from books, to whiteboards, to legs and arms to tables.

Math – This week we started learning about length and converting mm to cm and cm to m.

Literacy – We have finished reading Uncle Xbox and are getting ready to read our next book 'Wongutha Tales' by May L. O'Brien.

Integrated – We are continuing to analyse artworks from Indigenous artists and discuss what we can see, feel, and understand from their paintings.

Rotations – ICT was all about learning how to use a computer program called 'Scratch'. In our Integrated rotation we learnt about yarning circles and listened to some Indigenous music. Our Wellbeing rotation was about acknowledging both our positive and negative emotions and how it is important to feel a variety of emotions.

Two messages from Willow M from 3/4 Lamb

'Hey guys. We have learnt about length. In partner reading, we have read about yarning circles. We also went outside and learnt about Aboriginal what Aboriginal people did in their yarning circles and the stories they would tell.'

'To Christine and Jimmy, a shoutout to you. Today has been grateful for you and have been very happy that you have helped us through the year. Thank you Christine and Jimmy!'

Reminders:

- Make sure you are still completing your 5 sessions of home reading per week. Diaries on MONDAYS.
- No toys at school unless it has been organised with your parent and classroom teacher
- Cross Country 22nd May (Good luck to all our amazing Grade 3/4 runners)



GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

This week in Literacy, students continued working on their historical journal entries, spending time editing, revising and publishing their good copies. Students focused on improving sentence structure, vocabulary and presentation to produce high-quality pieces of writing they could be proud of. In Mathematics, students continued learning about BODMAS, applying the order of operations to increasingly challenging number problems and strengthening their problem-solving skills.

In Integrated Studies, students have been learning about New South Wales as part of our Great Australian Adventure unit. Students completed sections of their travel journals and continued researching information for their state projects, exploring landmarks, geography, culture and important features of NSW.

Thursday was a highlight for our School and House Captains, who attended the GRIP Leadership program at Red Energy Arena. The students represented our school exceptionally well and gained valuable leadership knowledge and skills through the day's activities and presentations.

Reminders

- Education Week takes place next week.
- Our Open Night will be held on Wednesday 20th May from 5:30–6:30 pm. We look forward to welcoming families to celebrate student learning.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep - Jess

Lacey M - Lacey has continued to impress us with her learning this week. She is showing respectful listening during mat time and greater confidence in wanting to contribute to class discussions. She puts up her hand, listens to her peers and waits for her turn. We love your improved focus Lacey, keep up the great work!

Grade Prep - Mrs Cook

Maisie - Maisie has had a wonderful week, especially during drop offs of a morning. She is coming in happy, confident, and ready to learn. Maisie has also worked very hard this week during our math lessons and is developing a good understanding of addition and subtraction. Well done Maisie, keep up the AWESOME work!

Grade ½ Williams

Billy H - Billy has had another awesome week. He consistently demonstrates our school values and always tries his hardest in all areas of learning. A special mention to Billy this week for being super impressive in his SoundsWrite lessons! Keep up the amazing work, Billy!

Grade ½ Riordan

Lindsey M - For demonstrating all of our school values this week. Lindsey has had an amazing term, showing focus and engagement in all of his learning. He has been a great friend to others, showing kindness to the people he is with. He always does his best and shows our values each and everyday. Well done Lindsey!

Grade ½ Thorn and Hayley

Buckley M - Buckley has done an outstanding job demonstrating all of our school values this week. He is a kind and considerate member of our class who consistently gives his best effort in all learning tasks. You should be very proud Buckley, keep it up!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ Miss O

Ryder B- Both Christine and I agree that this little legend is well overdue to be sotw! He is forever trying his absolutely best and is consistently organised and ready to learn. Every time I look up, Ryder is doing the right thing and ready to go. What an honour to have him in our class

Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ Westcott

Charlie G - Charlie consistently completes tasks with a positive attitude and enthusiastically volunteers answers during class discussions. She produced an excellent example of note-taking, demonstrating strong organisation and attention to detail. Fantastic work, Charlie!

Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ Lamb

Gracie O - Gracie is a kind and inclusive member of our class who always makes others feel welcome, especially during small group math games. She approaches every learning task with a positive attitude and consistently gives her best effort. Gracie represents all of our school values each and every day through her kindness, enthusiasm and positive approach to learning.

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Jack L - During the GRIP Leadership Day, Jack was outstanding. He stepped out of his comfort zone and confidently shared ideas with student leaders from other schools. I've been particularly impressed by his ability to take initiative and his willingness to embrace new challenges. Excellent work, Jack.

Grade 5/6 Fry

Adeara S - Adeara is a thoughtful and kind member of our class who always considers others. She has worked very hard to improve her mathematics understanding, particularly with BODMAS, and has produced high-quality work across her learning. Well done, Adeara—keep up the fantastic effort!

Grade 5/6 Burton

Rheef S - Rheef has been focused, motivated, and determined this week. He has challenged himself with extension work during our BODMAS unit and confidently helped his classmates as a peer teacher. Rheef also displayed fantastic leadership skills by helping to run a 5/6 Sport lesson. Well done, legend!



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MARONG PRIMARY SCHOOL - PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUTURE.

The core purpose of Marong Primary School is to provide a caring, engaging and inclusive learning environment, whilst developing links with the wider Marong community. Our modern learning spaces, caring and dedicated staff, and commitment to the education of each child makes Marong a great learning community.

Tours 9 – 9.45am
~~Friday 8th May~~
Tuesday 26th May

Information Evening
Tuesday 19th May
5–6pm

*Book in for a tour
to experience the
Marong Way for
yourself.*

ENROL NOW

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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.

Students in Grade 5-6 are exploring the topic of light in STEM. To support this work, we are seeking donations of small boxes, e.g., shoe boxes or cereal boxes etc.

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



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

5443 4522
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 15th 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

Includes a free kids ticket to home game and some giveaways.

BENDIGO
SOUTH EAST COLLEGE
GYMNASIUM

KECK STREET, FLORA HILL



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

BYO Drink Bottle and Snack
Fruit supplied by McKern
Steel Foundation



REGISTER NOW



JOIN THE DEN. PLAY WITH THE PANTHERS. 2026



JOIN OUR WOMENS FOOTBALL TEAM

- Professional coaching
- Competitive match exposure
- Fitness, skills & development
- A supportive team environment
- Lifelong friendships



Training details:

📍 Jackal Oval, Marong

📅 Wednesdays & Fridays

🕒 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Come down, give it a go, and be apart of something great!

📞 Coaches

Brett | 0402 548 443

Reece | 0447 402 185

No experience needed - just bring your energy and enthusiasm!

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Fun, active programs for children 5 & Under

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3-Week Series

9-10am SAT

2, 9 & 16 May

Cost: \$60

- Movement-based play
- Basic tennis skills
- Build coordination & confidence
- Fun, safe, supportive setting

Only 1 series this term!
Don't miss out!



MINI HITTERS

WEDNESDAY'S

9.30-10.30AM

\$20/Session

A playful on-court session for little movers learning early tennis skills.

Runs during school terms - in conjunction with an Adult Cardio Tennis session.

Casual - turn up when it suits!

gianttennis.com.au

CONTACT: casey@gianttennis.com.au

Are you supporting a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, age or health issues?

Even if it's just for a few hours every week, you could be a

young carer.

This may look like....

Going with them to appointments or helping with medication

Cleaning the house or helping with other chores

Providing emotional support when someone feels sad

Taking care of younger siblings



Being a young carer might feel lonely. But you're not alone.

Carer Gateway has **free support** for **young carers** aged 25 and under.

Carer Gateway may support you with things like help at home, young carer social events, counselling or study help.



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