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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

Next Tuesday at 9am we are hosting our last 2027 Foundation Tour. If you know of someone with a student starting Foundation next year encourage them to come along and see our fantastic school.

Don't forget Monday 8th June is the King's Birthday public holiday and we have a Curriculum day on Friday 12th June

DATES FOR MAY

- Tuesday 26th – 2027 Foundation School Tour (repeated)

Victorian government schools do not tolerate racism



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





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May 20, 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have loved celebrating and showcasing our school this week for Education Week. Thank you to the families who were able to attend our Family Fun night this week. Your children love having you at school to share their learning spaces. Well done to the Gearing family who won the Family Experience Cinema Pass.



RECONCILIATION WEEK

We will be recognising and celebrating Reconciliation Week from Wednesday 27th May to Wednesday 3rd June. The 27th May commemorates the 1967 referendum where Australians voted overwhelmingly to amend the Constitution to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Reconciliation is not a one off event. It is long term cultural change and requires every single one of us. All in.

MORNING SUPERVISION

We love to see our students each morning eager to be at school. Please note the yard is not supervised until **8.40am** and teachers aren't on duty in rooms until **8.45am**. Students who arrive prior to this time should be supervised by a parent/carer. Bags can be left at line up areas until classroom doors are open. The PAC veranda can be utilised if the weather is inclement. Prior to 8.45am staff are busy preparing for the day. We encourage students to be arriving around 8.40am – 8.45am.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

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?



GRADE PREP

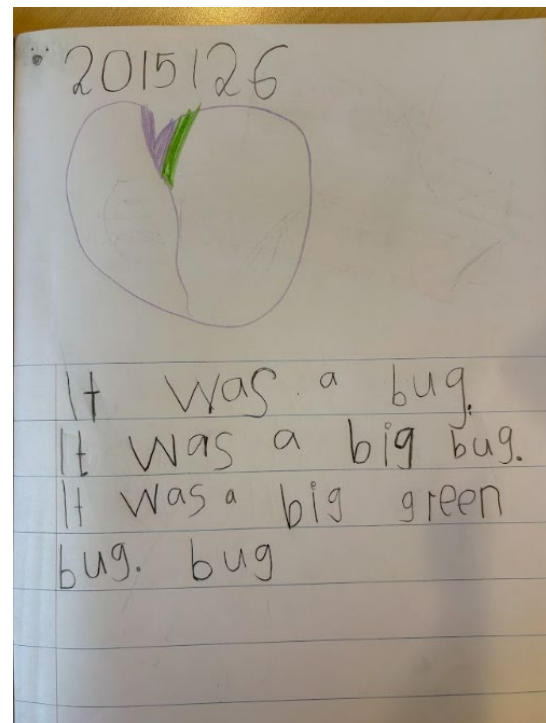
What we achieved this week!

Week 5 has been a busy but fun week for Education Week. We welcomed prospective Prep parents for 2027 and held our Open Night on Wednesday, with so many families coming in and students teaching their families about what we do in Math Discovery.

In Sounds-Write, students continued exploring the letters J, W and Z, with a focus on capital letters and correct letter formation.

During Reading, students were introduced to 'Mouse the Mouth'. Students practiced getting their mouth ready to use their letter sound knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words.

Preps have been learning to write and extend simple sentences. They are making sure all sentences have a capital letter, finger spaces, and a full stop at the end. Sharing - Students have been learning equal share during math. We discussed the importance of sharing being fair and the same. Preps were able to evenly share out a lunchbox full of food between 2 people. This week in Integrated we looked at Story telling through Art. We watched the Rainbow Serpent and created our own Serpent by adding our own story using Indigenous symbols.



GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

The weeks are flying by and we have had yet another busy week in Grade One/Two.

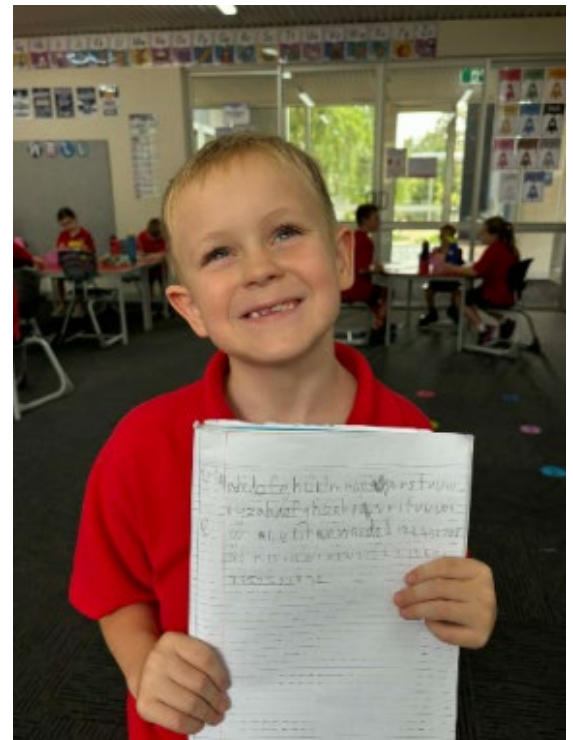
This week in Sounds-Write, students continued exploring different ways sounds can be represented in words. Ms Thorn and Hayley's group focused on spellings including 'x' for /k/ /s/, as well as 'y', 'ff', 'll', 'ss' and 'zz'. Mr Riordan's group explored the /er/ sound with the spellings *er*, *ir*, *or* and *ur*, while Miss Williams' group focused on the 'o' sound with the spellings *a* and *o*.

In Writing, we began learning about procedural texts. Students were introduced to the important features of a procedure, including a title, aim, materials and clear steps. They enjoyed writing procedures for making fairy bread and creating a "magnificent" invention.

It has also been a busy week of Maths testing! Students worked hard to show everything they have learned throughout the semester and should all be very proud of their efforts. Well done to everyone!

In Integrated Studies, students explored some of Australia's most famous landmarks, including Parliament House in Canberra, the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. They learned interesting facts about each place and discovered their purpose and importance.

Have a fabulous weekend!



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

In Week 5, learning and teamwork thrive.

WOW! Our open night was a huge success. Thank you to all the families that showed up and participated in all the different activities. Special shoutout to our own Makadie G for taking home the movie voucher prize. Also, well done to our Grade 3/4 runners at Divisional Cross Country today!

Math: We have finished the topics of length, area and perimeter and look forward to a week of learning and collating data which is our new topic for the week.

Literacy: We have started reading the first book of 'Wongutha Tales' by May L. O'Brien. We learnt that the book is in two sections. The first is traditional Aboriginal tales (Bawoo) and the second is stories from her real-life experiences (Badudu).

Rotations: This week in ICT with Mr Westcott we continued learning more techniques in the computer program 'Scratch'. In Wellbeing with Miss Lamb, we designed our own puzzle piece to represent our identity. These will be put together to build a display that celebrates belonging. Miss O did a collaborative art piece with each class and taught us how to make a scoobie.

A message from Layla C from 3/4L

"Hey y'all. It's Layla. This week we have been learning about area and length. Our math game of the week was "Shut the Box" which we all enjoyed. On Wednesday night, we had our open night for Education Week. Thank you to our amazing teachers and ES that helped organise the night. Well done to our cross country runners for giving it their all!"



GRADE 5/6

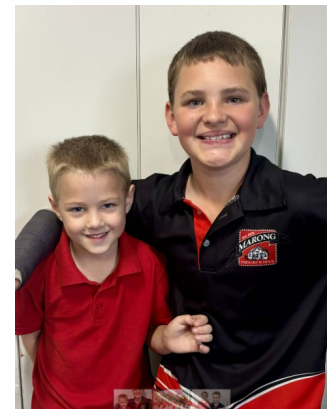
What we achieved this week!

This week in Literacy, students began exploring different narrative genres, including thriller, comedy and adventure, identifying the features that make each genre unique. Students have also continued building their understanding of etymology and morphology, exploring how word parts and origins help us understand meaning and improve vocabulary knowledge.

In Mathematics, students have been learning about Data and Statistics, focusing on analysing data sets and calculating the mean, median, mode and range. Through hands-on activities and problem-solving tasks, students are developing confidence in interpreting and discussing data.

In Integrated Studies, students learnt about Queensland as part of our Great Australian Adventure unit. Students showed great creativity and originality in their projects, researching important landmarks, attractions, geography and cultural features of the state.

Thank you to all families who attended our Education Week Open Night on Wednesday. We enjoyed welcoming families into the PAC and sharing a glimpse into a day in the life of a Marong student. Congratulations to the students who attended the Divisional Cross Country on Friday. We are extremely proud of the effort, determination and sportsmanship shown throughout the day.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep - Jess

Kayden T - Kayden created an amazing narrative story with help from Fraser this week. He published his book and the story was read to our class. Kayden has also been taking on teacher feedback and is showing an improved willingness to improve his work. Super effort Kayden, keep up the great work!

Grade Prep - Mrs Cook

Bhavik - Bhavik has had a wonderful week and has been trying really hard to stay focused when sitting on the floor and also when working at his table. His hard work has shown in his writing and also when completing math tasks. You are a SUPERSTAR Bhavik, keep up the hard work

Grade ½ Williams

Boston P - Each day, Boston comes to school with a huge smile and a positive attitude! It has been wonderful to see his confidence grow since the beginning of the year. He approaches all of his learning with enthusiasm and a "can do" mindset. Well done, Boston. Keep up the fantastic work!

Grade ½ Riordan

Arhlo P - For demonstrating all of our school values again this week. Arhlo has had another wonderful week. He is a kind, friendly and motivated learner in our classroom. He models fantastic behaviour and always puts his best effort in. Well done on a wonderful week Arhlo!

Grade ½ Thorn and Hayley

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

Ayla B - Ayla has thrived in our 'First Nations People' unit this term and has taken so much pride in being able to educate her peers on her culture. It has been a pleasure to discuss the items she has brought in from home, and her contributions have been beyond valuable! Thanks Ayla

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

Kaitlyn S - Kaitlyn has had an amazing week in $\frac{3}{4}W$. She never hesitates to assist others in the classroom and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Well done on completing the role of Business Manager by responsibly handing out money and collecting change. Keep up the fantastic work, Kaitlyn!

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

Imogen G - Imogen consistently puts effort into all areas of her learning and approaches challenges with a positive attitude. She is becoming more independent and confident, taking on more responsibility and contributing her ideas during class discussions and activities. Imogen works well with others, is a supportive team player, and continues to challenge herself in her learning.

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Heidi C - Heidi has really stepped up as a leader this week, and I have been incredibly impressed with the way she has contributed to our school community. She took the lead during our school video project by interviewing staff and planning thoughtful questions, and she once again showed great initiative at Open Night by welcoming families and making them feel comfortable. Well done, Heidi!

Grade 5/6 Fry

Izsak H - Izsak has been making great efforts at school and continues to be a wonderful friend to others. He has also done a fantastic job analysing data and confidently using mean, median, mode and range in maths. Wonderful work, Izsak—keep it up!

Grade 5/6 Burton

Angus K - Wow! Angus has really stepped up this week. He has been focused, dedicated, and consistently trying his personal best in all lessons. His narrative writing has been particularly impressive. Keep up the great work, Angus!!



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STUDENT VALUES REVIEW



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DONUT DAY!

\$2.60

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

(Terms 2 & 3)

\$3.50 GF

RICHMOND AFLW

COME & PLAY



RICHMOND
EST 1885



An opportunity to join in a clinic with Richmond AFLW Players while they visit Bendigo as part of their Community Camp!

LOCATION:

MERCY JUNORTOWN
SPORTING PRECINCT

DATE & TIME:

MONDAY 1ST JUNE
4:15PM-5:15PM

WHO:

GIRLS AGED 5-12

REGISTER:





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



Tennis FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS!

Fun, active programs for children 5 & Under

Maiden Gully Tennis Club

PLAY PARK

A joyful introduction to tennis for ages 5 & Under

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!

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fresh fruit friday



Running for over a decade, the program now delivers 1,300kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week.

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Made possible thanks to McKern Foundation and our supporting partners:



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