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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 29, 2026 – Issue 16

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

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 JUNE

12TH – Pupil Free Day

26th– Last Day of Term 3!

CHILD SAFE MESSAGE

Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe!

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Spencer W & Oscar N – For taking responsibility and care for the school environment by cleaning up rubbish before school! Well done boys!





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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are very excited to welcome players from the AFLW Richmond team on Tuesday. Our years 3-6 students will be involved in a kick to kick session and Q&A time with the players. This will take place at Malone Park. Local excursion consent covers your child's attendance. Richmond items can be signed by the players.

Attitudes to School Survey years 4-6

This is an annual survey of students in years 4-6 around their perceptions and experiences of school. This will be conducted prior to June 12th. More information will be supplied to those families via Sentral.

Don't forget we have a Curriculum day coming up on Friday 12th June. Staff will be completing Protective Intervention Training. SCHOOL VALUES REVIEW – PLEASE COMPLETE THE QUICK SURVEY TO PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK ON OUR CURRENT SCHOOL VALUES ! We've only had a few responses so far and we would love to get broad input.



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Next meeting June 17th

School Council will be undertaking Governance training. Please note time – 5.30 – 7.45pm

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

MPS is currently on Joker Poker at the MFH and if families are dining out don't hesitate to buy a ticket to support fundraising for the school.

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



GRADE PREP

What we achieved this week!

How crazy to think our Prep students have nearly been at school for 2 terms now. On Wednesday we joined the rest of the school in the PAC for the National Simultaneous Storytime reading of "Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller". The students enjoyed getting to sit on the chairs for the first time.

This week for writing, students have been showing us how to write sentences based on a picture prompt. The Preps were able to create their own sentences which included a capital letter, finger space and a full stop at the end.

During Sounds-Write, we were introduced to 3 new letter sounds 'x', 'y' and 'ff'.

During Math we have been working on writing our numbers to 20.

In Integrated we discussed AUSLAN as a language. We learnt the signs for different colours.

All preps have tried their best during this week as there has been a range of different assessment tasks for them to do across Reading, Writing and Math. We are all very proud of them!



GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

We have reached the halfway point of the term, and it has been another busy week of learning and testing!

In Sounds-Write this week, students continued exploring the 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 sound /e/ and its three spellings , while Miss Williams' class investigated the /ar/ sound and its spellings /o/ /ae/ /ar/. For most of the week in Writing, students used picture prompts to create stories, retell stories, and describe images using their five senses. Everyone did a fabulous job during their writing assessment this week - super well done! In Maths, we continued with our maths testing and are finally coming to the end of it. Another huge congratulations to all students for their hard work and persistence! In Integrated Studies, we explored the Daintree Rainforest in Far North Queensland. Did you know some of the trees there were already growing when dinosaurs were alive? How amazing is that!

Have a wonderful weekend!



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

As we wrap up Week 6, we celebrate the teamwork, effort, and ideas that made us click! The highlight of our week was all the whole school coming together to participate in "National Simultaneous Storytime" and listen to the book 'Luna Roo'. Luna Roo was a picture story book about a kangaroo who was the captain of a soccer team who leads her team to victory with important messages of teamwork, resilience and courage.

Literacy: We completed the survey for Ms Lovell about the school values as well as writing a narrative for reports.

Math: We have been learning about data and have been questioning each other in class and collecting the data to make graphs. Next week we are starting 2D shapes.

Rotations: Mr Westcott has taught us how to save and upload on Scratch. Miss O has furthered our understanding of yarning circles. Miss Lamb has reminded us about the word respect and what that can look like to us as individuals and created a 'Respect Recipe'.

Today, all three classes got together to play some teamwork-based games to help relay the messages we read in the book and learnt about in Miss Lamb's rotations. We all know that 'teamwork makes the dreamwork'.

Reminders:

- Please try to continue home reading and bringing in your reading diaries on Monday!
- Richmond AFLW visit at Malone Park on Tuesday 2nd June from 10:30 - 11:15 (Grades 3-6 only)
- Toys are not allowed at school unless it has been discussed with the classroom teacher.



GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

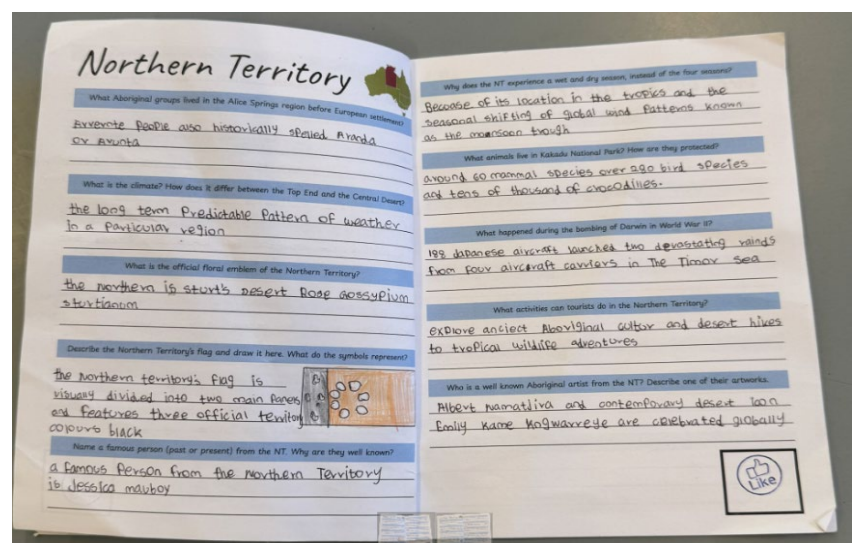
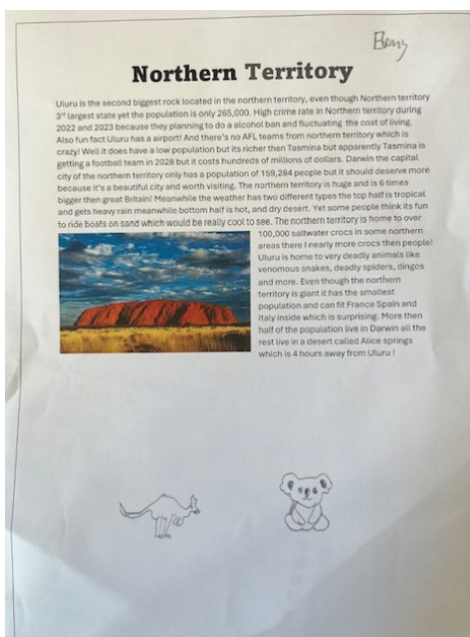
This week in Literacy, students continued developing their narrative writing, focusing on revising, editing and drafting their work to improve clarity, detail and overall structure. Students worked hard to strengthen their vocabulary, punctuation and sentence fluency to create their final pieces. In our etymology lessons, students explored the root word "geo", investigating how it relates to land and earth and identifying examples of words containing this root.

In Mathematics, students completed a range of assessment tasks to demonstrate their understanding of the concepts covered throughout the unit. Students approached assessment week with focus and persistence, applying the strategies and skills they have developed during lessons.

In Integrated Studies, students continued our Great Australian Adventure by exploring the Northern Territory. Students investigated important landmarks, geographical features, Indigenous culture and significant attractions, while continuing to build creativity and research skills through their projects.

This week we also said farewell to Miss Nally and Miss O'Hara-Webb. We thank them for their contributions to our school and classroom and wish them all the very best for the future.

Well done on a productive week, Grade 5/6's.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep - Jess

Rafferty L - Raff has impressed us with his independent writing this week and the way he has attempted some unknown words in his sentences. Rafferty has also shown increased resilience during the morning drop offs this week and has been practicing putting his 'Brave in Front'. Super effort Raff!

Grade Prep - Mrs Cook

Summer M - Summer has had an incredible week and I am so proud of her. This week we have done lots of testing and lots of independent work at our tables and Summer has been outstanding by working hard and staying focused the whole time. Summer I am so proud of you, keep up the amazing work!

Grade ½ Williams

Charlie R - Charlie has been working super hard this week, particularly through our busy week of testing! Charlie produced some amazing writing, ensuring he had adjectives to make his story more exciting. Amazing work Charlie. Keep it up!

Grade ½ Riordan

Rosie - For demonstrating our School and Classroom values. Rosie is a wonderful student in our classroom. She is always kind, helpful and forever putting in her best. Well done on another great week Rosie!

Grade ½ Thorn and Hayley

Emara D - Emara is our Student of the Week for consistently working hard and always trying her best in every task. She demonstrates our school values by showing respect to others, taking responsibility for her learning and being honest in her actions. Emara is a positive role model who should be very proud of her efforts this week.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade 3/4 Miss O

Ryker M- Ryker has been complimented by multiple staff in his teacher's absences this week. Ryker has remembered routines, been responsible and been a leader the other students can look up to. I am thrilled to hear reports of him being his best self and am proud of his maturity! Go Ryker

Grade 3/4 Westcott

Sam L - Sam brings enthusiasm to the classroom each day. He should be proud of the way he takes the time to get to know his classmates and assist others when they need help. Well done, Sam!

Grade 3/4 Lamb

Lily A - Lily is a valued member of our classroom and comes into class each day with a big smile on her face, always ready for a chat. She has had an excellent first half of the year and should be very proud of the way she always gives everything a go and tries her best. Lily is approaching her learning with a positive attitude, and she is even noticing her confidence grow, especially in Maths. Well done, Lily!

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Evelyn S - Evelyn has had a fantastic week and is a very deserving winner. The effort and application she brings to her work is something I have been really impressed by, and her testing results this week reflect her work ethic as she's smashed some of her previous results! Well done, Superstar!

Grade 5/6 Fry

Lilly B - This week we are celebrating Lilly's fantastic effort and growth in her writing – she has worked so hard and it really shows! Lilly is also one of the kindest, most caring members of our class who always looks out for others. Well done, Lilly!

Grade 5/6 Burton

Alisha R - Alisha has been consistently applying herself to a high standard this week. Her work throughout The Great Australian Adventure has been a real standout. Her projects have been thoughtful, detailed and full of creativity. She has also tackled every assessment task with focus and determination. Keep it up, Alisha!

LOOKING FOR LEGO DONATIONS



Please send any donations to Mr Westcott (Rm 7)

FOR OUR LEGO CLUB





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STUDENT VALUES REVIEW



We are reviewing our current school values and would love your input. Scan the QR code to provide your feedback for our School Community 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
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An opportunity to join in a clinic with Richmond AFLW Players while they visit Bendigo as part of their Community Camp!

LOCATION:

MERCY JUNORTOUN
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
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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!

gianttennis.com.au

CONTACT: casey@gianttennis.com.au



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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