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Marong Primary School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 5th, 2026 – Issue 17

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

Student reports – staff are currently finalising student academic/social achievement reports for semester 1 which will be uploaded to Sentral in the last week. You will note some changes to previous reports if this isn't your first year at Marong. The Department of Education is moving to streamline report formats with a more uniform template across the state anticipated in 2027. We have streamlined our reports as we move to this new format. More information in coming weeks.

DATES FOR JUNE

8th – Kings Birthday Public Holiday
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

Pearl D & Abi P – for demonstrating the school value of Responsibility while travelling on the school bus and being a role model, reminding others of how they should be conducting themselves to be safe. Well done on showing great leadership.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In the past week we have recognised and celebrated Reconciliation Week which culminated with Mabo Day on Wednesday. We welcomed the first day of Winter on Monday and it provided us with an arctic blast and plenty of rain. May-June is also Way-Gulk (Golden wattle) and Datim-Datim (boomerang) time on the Djaara seasonal calendar. An ideal time for gathering Murna (Yam daisy) and other resources. As you move around Marong and particularly Bullock Creek, notice the changes with an increase in water (Gatjin) and the sounds of the frogs (Dum).

Congratulations to all our students who ran at the Regional Cross Country last week. They all showed great determination and resilience to complete their events.

Please scan the code for your last chance to provide input to our values review. There is also a direct link on our Facebook page and the parents' page. There are only a few questions and only takes a few minutes.

Sandhurst Division Football and Netball Championships 2026

Expressions of Interest are now open for all children in grades 5 and 6 that are interested in playing football or netball. Boys, mixed and girls' teams are available for us to enter. Football will be held on Tuesday July 21st. Netball will be held on Wednesday July 29th.

Please see Miss Gallagher if you wish to attend.



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!

It was so great to see the Preps stand up in front of the whole school and parents for the first time on Monday at assembly and sing 'Inanay Cupuana'. It's not the easiest to stand up in front of a big crowd and perform but they all gave it their very best.

In Soundwrite we have been continuing with the letter sounds of 'x', 'y' and 'ff'. For writing we have been practicing to write uppercase letters, focusing on the letters F, D, V, E. We have also been working on creating a brainstorm of words about a picture prompt together and writing them into sentences. They have been trying to extend simple sentences to make them more interesting.

In Math, Preps have been practicing counting to 100. They have also been working on number formation of numbers up to 20.

During PE students have been participating in a range of PMP activities which include an interactive warm up called 'Mario Galaxy'. Then rotating through stations which involve throwing, catching, rebounding, balancing and trampoline.

A reminder that the weather is getting colder so please make sure students are bringing their jumper to wear outside.



GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

A very wet week this week but that didn't bother our Grade One/Two students!

In SoundsWrite, 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 'ow' sound with its two spellings, <ow> and <ou>, and Miss Williams' group looked at the 'ae' sound and its eight spellings: <ai, ay, ea, a-e, a, ei, ey, eigh>.

In Writing this week, we focused on the book '*I Want My Hat Back*'. At the beginning of the week, we focused on retelling the story. We then shifted our attention to two sentence types featured in the story: commands and exclamations.

In Maths this week, we started exploring vertical addition. We solved two-digit and three-digit addition problems using this strategy and even practised carrying and regrouping.

In Integrated Studies this week, we explored Kakadu National Park. We imagined we were there and wrote postcards to someone special in our lives! Did you know there are over 10,000 crocodiles in Kakadu National Park?

Reminders:

Don't forget Monday is a public holiday!

School Curriculum Day next Friday the 12th of June.

Don't forget 5 nights of reading !



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

Another week in the books, with momentum still revvin' and it's the end of Week 7. This week we had a very exciting opportunity to ask lots of questions to the AFLW Richmond girls. It was very exciting to hear their life as an elite athlete but also what they do in their downtime or life outside of AFL. They had a lot of life lessons for us to always reach for the stars and don't let anyone say you can't achieve your dreams, even if there are a few hurdles to overcome along the way.

Literacy: We have been focusing on Reconciliation Week and MABO Day in writing and partner reading. We have also finished 'Wongutha Tales' by May L O'Brien, ending with the chapter 'Too Big For Your Boots'. We look forward to starting poetry next week.

Math: We have finished learning about two-dimensional shapes and symmetry. For the next three weeks we are revisiting addition and subtraction as we work towards the end of Term 2.

Rotations: Miss O taught us how to map star constellations. Mr Westcott finished up teaching us the skills needed to use the computer program 'Scratch'. Miss Lamb taught us about bucket filling vs bucket dipping and ended the lesson by having us write kind things about one another.

Reminders:

NO school Monday June 8th (Kings Birthday Public Holiday)

NO school Friday June 12th (Curriculum Day)

Please try and complete home reading and bringing in your reading diaries on a MONDAY.

Please no toys at school unless it has been organised with the classroom teacher.



GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

This week in Literacy, students focused on researching and planning information reports about Australian myths and legends. They gathered information from a variety of sources, identified key facts and organised their ideas in preparation for drafting their reports. In our etymology lessons, students explored the root word "nav", investigating how it relates to ships, sailing and travel, and identifying words that share this origin.

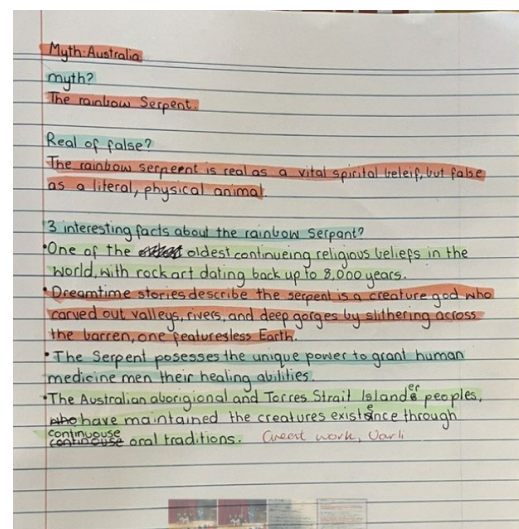
In Mathematics, students have been exploring fractions, developing their understanding of proper fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers. They have also been learning how to identify equivalent fractions and apply strategies for adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. Students have shown persistence as they tackle increasingly challenging fraction problems.

A highlight of the week was Tuesday's visit from the Richmond Football Club AFLW players. Students thoroughly enjoyed meeting the players, participating in activities and hearing about the importance of teamwork, resilience and pursuing their goals. It has been another productive week of learning, with students demonstrating curiosity, creativity and a willingness to challenge themselves across all learning areas.

Reminders:

Monday is the King's Birthday public holiday (no school).

Friday next week is a Curriculum Day (no students attending).



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep - Jess

Lucy F - Lucy has impressed us with her increased enthusiasm for writing this week and it is wonderful to see such growth in her independent writing tasks. Lucy is so kind and caring to her friends and works hard to put her 'brave in front' when she is missing home. Super work Lucy!

Grade Prep - Mrs Cook

Isabelle S - Isabelle has had an incredible week and I am super proud of her. She is always trying her best when working independently and she is growing in confidence everyday. Isabelle is also constantly demonstrating all our school values. Isabelle I am so proud of you, keep up the amazing work!

Grade ½ Williams

Huxley S - Huxley has had an awesome week this week. He has been settled in class, making sure he has been listening and has shown initiative in his writing by always having his best go. Well Done Hux! Keep up the amazing work!

Grade ½ Riordan

Adeline M - For putting in her best during learning tasks this week. Adeline has been getting right to work, listening and showing great effort in her activities. She is always kind, helpful and supportive in our classroom. Well done on a super week Adeline.

Grade ½ Thorn and Hayley

Remi F - Remi is our Student of the Week for showing greater independence in her learning, particularly during writing sessions. She has really stepped up this week, approaching her work with confidence and determination. We are so proud of the effort and growth she has shown. Keep up the fantastic work, Remi!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

Xavier T - Xavier has worked extra hard this week to remain regulated in the face of many routine changes. Xav has overcome several challenges this week and has been mature and resilient when decision making. Very proud of his efforts.

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

Angus M - Angus continues to produce high-quality work, particularly in Mathematics. He strives to do his best and is always willing to support and assist his classmates. Well done, Angus, on your growth and effort.

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

Cedric F - Cedric has been on fire during Maths this week and has been able to identify some very challenging shapes. He has been using his knowledge to answer lots of questions and contribute thoughtfully to class discussions. Cedric also has many creative ideas in Writing, and it has been excellent to see him shining with confidence. Well done, Cedric!

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Skyla W - Skyla has been doing an excellent job lately, consistently showing a positive attitude and strong effort in her learning. Mrs Hocking has been particularly impressed with her engagement during their maths groups. Well done, Skyla!

Grade 5/6 Fry

Alli F - Alli is a friendly, caring and thoughtful student who always shows kindness towards others and contributes positively to our classroom community. She has worked incredibly hard on her information report about bin chickens, conducting her research to gather interesting facts and information. I am very proud of the effort and dedication Alli has shown in her learning. Keep up the fantastic work!

Grade 5/6 Burton

James W - James has had a fantastic week! He has been working incredibly hard to improve his understanding of fractions, and his determination is really paying off. He is also a great help around the classroom - always offering to lend a hand. Keep up the great work, Jimmy!

WINTER Wonderland

ICE SKATING AT THE ZONE

JUNE 27 - JULY 19

SENSORY SESSIONS

9:30AM



JULY 13 - JULY 17

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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:



LEARN • PLAY • EXPLORE!



KIDS WINTER

GIRTON HOLIDAY PROGRAM
JUNE 22 - JULY 13



TEAMWORK



SPORT
ACTIVITIES



ART & CRAFT



FUN CHALLENGES

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ✓ Indoor play options
- ✓ Sports activities
- ✓ Develop Creativity
- ✓ Learn Teamwork
- ✓ Friendly competitions



Prep - Grade 6



June 22 - July 13



57 Vine St, Bendigo, Vic, 3550.

HP FULL DAY: \$46

KS SESSION: \$59.50

SCHOOL DAY: \$37

HALF DAY: \$35



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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
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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

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- Movement-based play
- Basic tennis skills
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Only 1 series this term!
Don't miss out!



MINI HITTERS

WEDNESDAY'S

9.30-10.30AM

\$20/Session

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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



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