

Principal – Katie Lovel

Asst Principal – Hamish
McCartney



July 24th, 2026 – Issue 22

SCHOOL VALUES

Following consultation with our students, staff and the wider community we are super excited to announce our new school values !

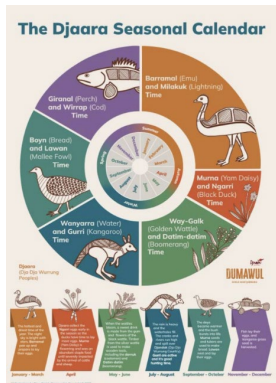
Achievement – (striving for our personal best) encompassing excellence, growth, aspiration, persistence, resilience, confidence, effort

Belonging – (making everyone feel safe, valued and included) community, teamwork, inclusion, cultural safety, acceptance, friendship

Respect – (treating ourselves, others and the environment with care and respect) courtesy, gratitude, kindness, empathy, compassion, tolerance

Responsibility – (taking ownership for our actions) accountability, integrity, reliability, leadership, courage, initiative, trustworthiness

We will now start the second phase of updating our logo and signage designs. We will also align our School Wide Positive Behaviour support matrices to these values giving our students a very clear understanding of our expectations; the Marong Way!



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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you for making time to engage with your child’s learning and teacher this week. We value the partnership between school and home.

Values review

Following consultation with our students, staff and the wider community we are super excited to announce our new school values !

Achievement – (striving for our personal best) encompassing excellence, growth, aspiration, persistence, resilience, confidence, effort

Belonging – (making everyone feel safe, valued and included) community, teamwork, inclusion, cultural safety, acceptance, friendship

Respect – (treating ourselves, others and the environment with care and respect) courtesy, gratitude, kindness, empathy, compassion, tolerance

Responsibility – (taking ownership for our actions) accountability, integrity, reliability, leadership, courage, initiative, trustworthiness

We will now start the second phase of updating our logo and signage designs. We will also align our School Wide Positive Behaviour support matrices to these values giving our students a very clear understanding of our expectations; the Marong Way!



Marong Primary School

Respect | Responsibility | Honesty

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

July 24th, 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Football Carnival

A huge thanks to Ms Gallagher for her extensive organisation of the football carnival held on Wednesday this week. Students had a great experience. Next week is the netball carnival.

Swimming

We look forward to a great program for the years 3-6 students next week.

Supervision before school

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our students are supervised by you if they arrive prior to 8.45am as our yard isn't supervised prior to this time nor are teachers on duty in rooms.

Wellbeing Article

Find the attached wellbeing newsletter on Sentral -

<https://www.marongps.vic.edu.au/page/257/Wellbeing-Newsletters>

DATES FOR JULY / AUGUST

27-31 July – Yrs 3-6 Swimming program

3 – 7 August – Yrs Foundation – 2 Swimming program

11 August – Cluster Athletics day

24 – 28 August – Book Week (Monday Book week dress up)

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Jack F – For showing outstanding courage when speaking in front of a group of new people. You should be proud of your efforts Jack!

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The next PFA meeting is Tuesday 28th July at 3.30pm in the library. All welcome. Don't forget donuts are available to order each Thursday.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Unfortunately we didn't get a quorum for our meeting this week so we are aiming to reschedule to next Wednesday 29th.



goodFridayappeal
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

95

YEARS

FOR THE love
OF OUR KIDS

THANK YOU!

Marong Primary School

Thank you for your
wonderful contribution of

\$533.55

to the 2026 Good Friday Appeal.

You helped us raise

\$25,268,485

for The Royal Children's Hospital.

Rebecca

Rebecca Cowan
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



GRADE PREP

What we achieved this week!

What a wonderful Week 2 we have had! We celebrated 100 days of Prep on Thursday by enjoying different craft activities, decorating biscuits and playing math games.

In Sounds-write we have continued to look at different CVV and CVCC words. Our high frequency words this week were 'come' and 'some'.

In writing, we began looking at our 5 senses and they can help us to write. This week we focused on the sense 'sight'. Some sentences we used involved 'I see' or 'I saw' while using a picture prompt.

In Maths, we are learning 2D shapes. We are learning to recognise 2D shapes and their names. Prep students have even been able to look at everyday objects in our environment and try to identify what shape that is. For example, a wheel on a car is a circle.

In Respectful Relationships, we have been discussing and looking at emotions. We have been looking at faces and discussing what they might be feeling based on their expressions.

In Integrated we began looking at and identifying places in our local community where we belong. We also discussed why some of these places are important to us.

A reminder that in Week 4 we have swimming coming up. The sessions are everyday for that whole week and each Prep class will attend with a Grade 1/2 class.

Jess, Mrs Cook, Miss Wilson, Cayla and Fraser.



GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

This week in Sounds Write Miss Thorn and Hayley's group continued to build VCC and CVCC words. Miss Williams' group continued to build upon their /ie/ knowledge, looking at their five spellings < i, ie, i-e, y and igh>. Mr Riordan's group looked at the /ee/ sound and its spellings < e, ee, ea, e-e, i.

In Writing this week we continued exploring the story 'Looking After Country with Fire'. We focused on adding conjunctions to strengthen our reasons to persuade the readers that using Cool Fire helps Country.

In Maths this week we began looking at 3D Shapes. We played 'Who Am I?' to guess the shape, built 3D Shapes out of sticks and paper and looked at their features.

In Integrated this week we started our new topic 'Mini Beasts'. We joined classes together and went on a 'bug hunt' around the school to explore what types of bugs we could find and looked at their habitats. If you have empty tissue boxes at home, we would love to collect them to help our 'habitat' building towards the end of the term.

Thanks to everyone who came in for Parent Teacher Interviews. It is wonderful to share all the successes our students have achieved so far this year!

Have a great weekend.

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



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

Week 2 was another busy week, not only for the students but for the teachers too. Thank you to all the parents who booked an interview. It was great to talk about all the success the Grade 3/4 students have had so far this year.

Literacy:

We started writing an information report by choosing a topic of interest, completing research, and writing our introduction paragraph. We continued reading *Storm Boy* and completed some note taking on *River Kids*, which is set in the same location as *Storm Boy*, the Coorong, near the Murray River.

Mathematics:

This was our last week of the Multiplication and Division unit, and we learnt a new method called the "bus stop" method. We have discovered that multiplication and division aren't as challenging as we first thought when we have a range of strategies to help us solve problems.

Rotations:

With Miss Lamb, we continued *Reader's Theatre*, where we have been learning our lines and practising our acting skills. With Mr Westcott, we continued using Minecraft Education and learnt how to use the inventory to construct buildings, trees, and bridges. With Miss O, we played a computer game called *Recycle Round Up*, where we learnt how to sort waste into recycling, compost, and general waste bins.

Reminders

- Swimming Week: **27th–31st July** at Gurri Wanyarra. Please wear school-appropriate bathers (no bikinis), bring a towel, a change of clothes (just in case), and extra food. Please avoid skin care and hair care routines before swimming. Check in with your child's classroom teacher if you need any further information before Monday.
-
- Please try to complete some home reading. Miss Lamb's class diaries on Tuesdays, while 3/4W and 3/4O diaries on Mondays.



GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

Week Two has been another fantastic week of learning for our Grade 5/6 students, with everyone continuing to work hard across all curriculum areas.

In Literacy, we continued our novel study of *Wonder*. Students have been exploring the novel's characters, themes and important messages, while developing their comprehension skills through class discussions, written responses and evidence-based activities.

In Mathematics, students have been investigating mass by estimating, measuring and comparing the weight of different objects. They have also been learning to convert between milligrams, grams, kilograms and tonnes, applying these skills to solve practical measurement problems and explain their mathematical thinking.

In Integrated Studies, students continued exploring our Cities of the Future unit by investigating how technology and society have changed over generations. They compared life in the past with today, explored technological advancements and discussed how innovation may continue to shape the cities of the future.

Reminder:

Next week is Swimming Week for our Grade 5/6 students. Please ensure your child brings their swimming gear every day, including:

Swimmers

Towel

Goggles (optional)

Named plastic bag for wet clothing

Any required medication (e.g. asthma puffer)

Please make sure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Miss Burton, Mr Johnstone, Mr Fry and Chelsie.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep - Jess

Isaiah H - Isaiah is such a lovely member of our classroom. He is kind, friendly and has such a great attitude towards his learning. When Isaiah accidentally missed out on a treat this week, he let us know in a respectful manner and accepted an alternative option without complaint. We really appreciated his resilience and adaptability. You are an absolute superstar Isaiah, keep up the fantastic attitude!!!

Grade Prep - Mrs Cook

Caleb L - Caleb has tried really hard with his writing this week when expanding his sentences. He was able to add the who, where, what and when to make his writing more exciting for the reader. Caleb loved celebrating 100 days of prep and looked fabulous as a 100-year-old man. Keep up the AMAZING work Caleb!

Grade 1/2 Williams

Phoebe R - Phoebe has been of fire this week, starting school at Marong Primary School with confidence and a big smile! She has settled into our classroom routine quickly and has been working hard in all aspects of her learning. We are very lucky to have you in our classroom Phoebe! Keep it up.

Grade 1/2 Riordan

Kaitlin R - For demonstrating 'Responsibility' and 'Honesty' in her learning this week. Kaitlin has been working wonderfully in our classroom, showing confidence in her classroom work, producing some great work . What a super week you've had Kaitlin. Well done.

Grade 1/2 Thorn and Hayley

Alfie S - Alfie has been working hard to improve his handwriting this week and should be very proud of the progress he has made! Your dedication is paying off. Keep it up, Alfie!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade 3/4 Miss O

Ivy D - Ivy has blown us all away with her maturity and attitude towards learning this term. She has levelled up her writing and her math. Showing a years worth of growth in her multiplication skills. She has been a great friend and an excellent helper to those in need around her. Proud of you IVY!

Grade 3/4 Westcott

Charlotte H - Charlotte has consistently demonstrated responsibility for her learning by actively participating in class discussions. She also showed great confidence by proudly representing Marong Primary School at the football carnival. Well done!

Grade 3/4 Lamb

Otis W - Otis approaches his learning with a positive attitude and is always willing to challenge himself to extend his learning. He has shown great commitment by reaching 100 nights of home reading, demonstrating his consistency and dedication to becoming a confident reader. Well done, Otis.

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Abi P - Congratulations Abi, on being our Student of the Week! You consistently put your best effort into everything you do and are always a positive role model in our classroom. Your hard work, kindness, and willingness to help others doesn't go unnoticed. Keep up the fantastic work!

Grade 5/6 Fry

Temple W - Temple has demonstrated a focused attitude towards her learning and is always a kind and supportive friend to those around her. She has been working hard in mathematics and has done a fantastic job converting units of mass, showing growing confidence and persistence with this topic. Her dedication and positive attitude have made for a great start to the term. We are very proud of you, Temple—keep up the fantastic work!

Grade 5/6 Burton

Jax S - Jax has made an impressive start to Term 3. He comes to school ready to learn and always strives to do his personal best. His hard work, determination, and positive attitude are making a real difference to his learning. Keep up the fantastic work, Jax!

Who can I talk to if someone is hurting me or making me feel unsafe or afraid?

Your teacher:



Wellbeing staff:



Your principal:



Any adult you trust at school.

vic.gov.au/protect



SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Wednesdays

TIME: 8:20am- 8:45am

ROOM: Large Decking

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.



Department
of Education





fresh fruit friday



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

mckern steel™ foundation
 f in @mckernsteelfoundation

Made possible thanks to McKern Foundation and our supporting partners:

Want to support the program? Contact us to sponsor and provide more fruit to your school.



LOOKING FOR LEGO DONATIONS



Please send any donations to Mr Westcott (Rm 7)

FOR OUR LEGO CLUB



WINTER Wonderland

ICE SKATING AT THE ZONE



JUNE 27 - JULY 19



SENSORY SESSIONS
9:30AM  **JULY 13-JULY 17**

SENSORY-FRIENDLY ICE SKATING WITH REDUCED
NOISE, SOFTER LIGHTING AND CALMER
ATMOSPHERE



≡ **BOOK NOW** ≡

❄ WWW.THEZONE.COM.AU ❄

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




**mckern
steel**

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!

gianttennis.com.au

CONTACT: casey@gianttennis.com.au



KIDS LOVE BEING OUTDOORS? THERE'S GOLF FOR THAT.

BELVOIR PARK GOLF CLUB

MyGolf powered by Ripper GC is Australia's beginner golf program that introduces kids to golf through games-based activities in a safe and friendly environment. Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, have fun!

Sessions are run by PGA Professionals and National Program Deliverers Australia-wide.

**Time: Thursdays 4pm-4:45pm (5-9 year olds)
5:00 pm-5:45pm (10-14 year olds)**

**Dates: 30 July to 10 September 2026
(7 sessions)**

Cost: \$60

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/36tzzcvj>

**Enquires: Dave Griffin - 0407422845
email juniors@belvoirparkgc.com.au**



Find your nearest MyGolf powered by Ripper GC program at golf.org.au/mygolf