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Marong Primary School

Respect | Responsibility | Honesty

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 20th, 2026 – Issue 26

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



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

ATHLETICS

Fingers crossed for the rain to stay away for tomorrow so our Athletics can go ahead. We can't wait to see our students striving for their best, whether that be personal best performances or having the courage to try a new activity. A reminder families will be asked to remain on the outside of the fence. Only volunteers with a valid WWCC will be permitted inside the arena to adhere to Child Safe Standards. Please make sure your child has adequate food and a water bottle.

BOOK WEEK

We are gearing up for the most exciting week on the school calendar – Book Week !!!

MONDAY – assembly in the PAC will run as follows –

Acknowledgement of Country

National Anthem

Presentation of last week's Student of the Week awards.

(No awards this week due to Book Week parade)

Each grade will be seated in the PAC and will parade onto the stage in turn

BOOK FAIR – will be open after school Monday – Thursday 3.30 – 4pm. Students will be completing their Wish Lists today and will bring this home. We have ensured they are aware this is just a WISH list and not exactly what they may be getting.

Students will also be involved in activities during Monday. We can't wait for a fun week !!



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DATES FOR AUGUST

- Friday 21st Aug – Athletics
- Monday 24th August – Book Week Dress up day
- Monday 24th – 27th August – Book Fair 3.30-4pm
- Wednesday 2nd Sept – Father's Day/Special Person's Day stall
- Friday 4th Sept – Year 1/2 Excursion
- Monday 7th Sept – Footy Colours Day

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Coming to school – **WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE !!**

I can't wait to put this one out to our students to work together to achieve a united goal ! Details next week.

CHILD SAFE MESSAGE

Victorian government schools do **NOT** tolerate any form of racism.

PFA – FATHER'S DAY / SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY STALL – Wednesday 2nd September. More details to come. We are going to sell hot dogs and juice boxes on the Footy Colours Day on Monday September 7th. Orders will be available on the QKR app.

SCHOOL COUNCIL COMING IN 2027 – STUDENT BOOK PACKS At our last school council meeting we discussed the introduction of individual student book packs for 2027. Families will be able to order the packs online from Education Plus towards the end of the year. Packs will be delivered to school during January and available for pick up on certain days. Staff will put together a book list so we can provide you with the cost of each shortly. This will replace the fees for stationery on the parent payment policy.

GRADE PREP

What we achieved this week!

With a shortened week this week due to a Curriculum Day and Athletics day on Friday, we have had limited time in the classroom this week. We all had a fabulous time at our Athletics Day and enjoyed seeing what the Preps have been doing in PE at school on the day.

In SoundsWrite students have continued to look at and work on CCVCC words. Spilt and grand were two example words that students learned to listen to the sounds and be able to write.

In Writing we looked at the sense 'smell'. They were able to create sentences that involved words such as 'sweet' and 'yucky'. In Mathematics we looked at what an equal share is. We discussed what other words can be used when sharing such as fair share, equal groups, the same. This was one of our Warm Up Open Questions- if there was a farm shed, and I could see 8 legs, what animals might I see in the shed? A reminder that on Monday we have our Book Week Dress Up. There will be a Parade from 9am at school. The Book Fair also begins on Monday. It runs until Thursday 3:30-4pm. Purchases can only be made through **EFTPOS**.

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



GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

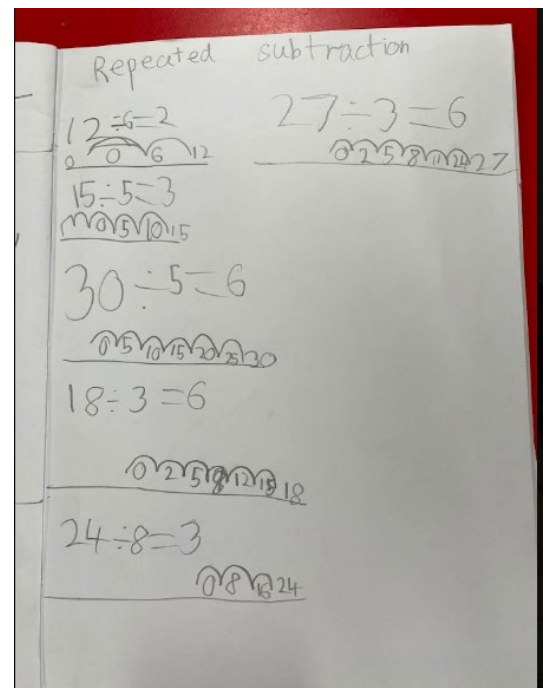
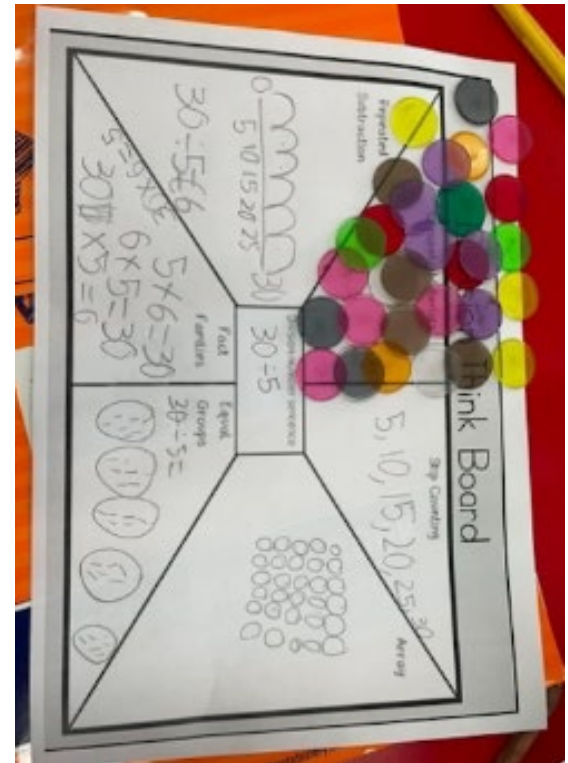
This week, our Grade 1/2 students have been learning about division through sharing and grouping. We have been practising how to divide quantities into equal groups, using real-life examples such as sharing 16 slices of pizza between 4 people.

Students have used hands-on activities and drawings to help explain their thinking and have been very successful in understanding how to share quantities equally. This week in Writing, our Grade 1/2 students have been learning how to combine simple sentences using the conjunction 'and'. We have been identifying the subject (who) and verb (what they are doing) in sentences before joining sentences that have the same verb. Students have practised combining sentences such as "Migaloo swam. The pod of whales swam." to create "Migaloo and the pod of whales swam."

Students have worked independently to combine sentences and have been successful in identifying subjects and verbs and creating longer, more interesting sentences.

We are looking forward to our Athletics Carnival on Friday and can't wait to show off our skills and have some fun! Hopefully, some sunshine is on the way so we can enjoy a fantastic day outside.

Have a great weekend!



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

Week 6 has been a wet one this week, but it has also been a very successful and productive week of learning!

In Writing, we have been exploring persuasive writing and learning about the different features that make a persuasive piece effective. We discussed how writers can use strong opinions, reasons and supporting arguments to convince their audience. We also looked at the formatting and structure of persuasive texts and had some great discussions around the question of whether robots are useful. It was fantastic to hear students sharing their ideas and supporting their opinions with reasons.

In Maths, our focus this week has been on telling the time. We have been learning to match times shown on digital clocks to analogue clocks and have been practising reading different times throughout the day. We have also been working on identifying and understanding quarter past, half past and quarter to times. Students have been developing their confidence with both reading and representing different times.

We are very excited for Friday's Athletics Carnival and are hoping for a much-needed turn of good weather! We are looking forward to getting outside, having some fun and showing off our athletic skills.

Have a fantastic weekend, and we look forward to another great week next week!



GRADE 3/4

HOPE & ACTION

Sustainability Education Day

September
9, 2026



Grade 3/4 Excursion – Garden for the Future

As part of our study of *The Wild Robot* and our focus on sustainability, the Grade 3/4 students will be visiting the **Garden for the Future** in White Hills on **Wednesday 9th September**.

Students will travel by bus, departing school at **9:15 am** and returning by **3:00 pm**. Throughout the day, they will participate in a variety of engaging sustainability experiences, including a **Welcome to Country**, environmental theatre and interactive workshops delivered by local organisations.

Students are required to wear full school uniform and bring their lunch, snacks, hat and water bottle in a backpack.

The excursion cost is **\$5.00**. Please complete the **Sentral permission and payment** before the excursion.

We look forward to a fun and educational day of hands-on learning!

SUPPORTED BY

GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

It has been a short but busy week for our Grade 5/6 students!

In Literacy, we continued our novel study of *Wonder*, focusing on Miranda's perspective. Students explored how Miranda's sections reveal information that no other narrator has shared and how her perspective helps resolve one of the novel's mysteries. Students also considered what Miranda decides to do at the performance and how this contributes to the development of the story.

In Mathematics, students continued developing their Future Cities projects, focusing on calculating the amount of money their residential areas can earn each week. Students explored multiplication and efficient strategies for calculating income. For example, if one tiny home earns \$7 per week, students worked out how much five tiny homes would earn using strategies such as skip counting and multiplication. They are continuing to apply their mathematical skills to authentic, real-world situations.

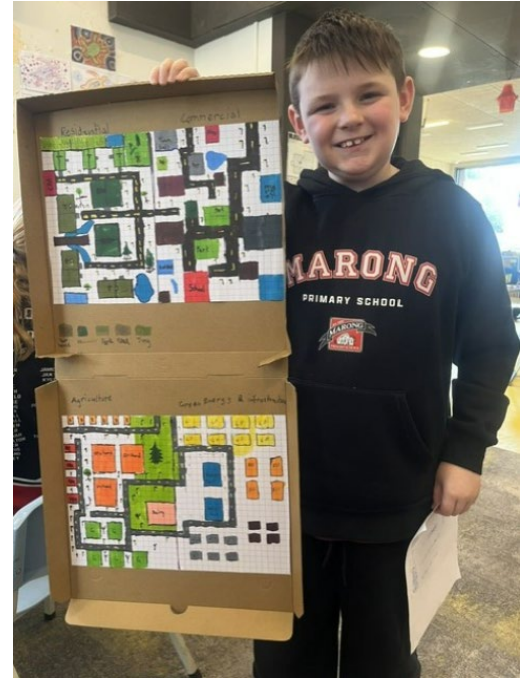
In Respectful Relationships, students continued Lesson 6 – Understanding Conflict & the Problem-Solving Process. Students explored different types of conflict and considered positive strategies that can be used to manage disagreements and work towards solutions.

Reminders

A reminder that our Athletics Day is this Friday. We wish all our students the very best and encourage everyone to participate, have fun and show great sportsmanship.

Book Week Dress-Up – Monday: Students are invited to come dressed as their favourite character from a book or movie.

Miss Burton, Mr Johnstone, Mr Fry and Chelsie.



FOOTY COLOURS DAY



Monday 7th September 2026

Gold coin donation appreciated

Thousands unite to help fight cancer – join the fight!

Footy Colours Day celebrates all footy codes! Come dressed to support your team.

**Hot dogs available from
PFA – order online via QKR**

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





Spring Marong Vacation Care 2026

21st September till 2nd October 2026

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER (EX)	WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER	FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
Dragon & Fairy Trainers	Movie Fun Day	Survivor Australia	Glow Art Studio	Public Holiday
Step into a magical world of Dragons and Fairies, where imagination and adventure come to life! Children will create mystical crafts, take part in magical quests and exciting challenges as they train to become the ultimate Dragon and Fairy Trainers.	Come and watch the holiday movie 'Forgotten Island' movie with popcorn in one hand, a drink in the other, and a small bag of treats on the side. The rest of the day will be filled with activities and games that the Educators have planned. Arrive at the program by ~ 9.00am Back at the program by ~ 2.30pm *The arrival time may vary pending movie commencement time.	Complete physical, strategic, and teamwork challenges to become the ultimate Survivor champion. Challenges will even be with Lego, cooking challenge in the kitchen and even on canvas.	Discover the fascinating world of colour, light, and fluorescence through exciting art, science, and sensory activities. Experiment with neon paints, glowing creations, UV science, and collaborative artwork before finishing the day with a Glow Party Disco.	GRAND FINAL EVE PUBLIC HOLIDAY SORRY, WE'RE CLOSED

www.afterthebell.com.au

Bookings to be placed through your KidSoft account

Marong September Vacation Care Program 2026

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER (EX)	WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER	FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER
Minecraft Builders	Kyabram Fauna Park Fun	Kids Café	Dance Academy	Crime Scene Investigation (CSI)
Bring Minecraft to life through construction challenges, pixel art, engineering, and survival games. Let the building commence!	Kyabram Fauna Park is a wonderful place to see and interact with wildlife in a beautiful, bush setting. Come and be part of this excursion experience today and enjoy the wildlife experience. Arrive at the program by ~ 8.30am Back at the program by ~ 3.00pm *Small backpack to bring with food & water bottle	Create café-style treats, design menus, serve customers, and become junior baristas and chefs. On this café day enjoy making, preparing and best of all eating lunch.	Showcase your best moves at our Dance Academy, with a fun-filled day of music, dance games and creative movement! Children will take part in different music dance games, try different cultural dances, listen to decade hits and so much more. So come and showcase your moves.	Become a detective for the day and step into the exciting world of CSI! Children will work together to uncover clues, examine evidence, crack codes and solve a mystery using their best investigative and problem-solving skills. Get ready to put your detective skills to the test and solve the case!

What To Pack & Bring

- Healthy morning tea & lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- SunSmart hat
- No foods containing nuts
- No food- lollies, soft drinks, high-sugar foods
- No foods that require refrigeration
- No foods that require heating or re-heating
- Closed toes shoes
- Appropriate weather clothing

Costs & Booking Information

Daily cost ranges per day/ child-

In-house- \$87 -- \$90
Incurtion- \$90 -- \$100
Excursion- \$100 -- \$120

* Prices are reduced with eligible Child Care Subsidy

Excursion= Incurtion= Lunch= Provided

Note: Days will operate where 15 or more bookings.
The account holder will be notified via email by the 9th September 2026 on the operational status of days.

*Bookings to be made via Kidsoft

Program Information

Address:
2 Leslie Street, Marong

Room Location:
Beehive Building

Program Number:
0428 247 072

Program Hours:
7.30am till 5.30pm

Head Office Contact
1300 977 599

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2, 9 & 16 May

Cost: \$60

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- Basic tennis skills
- Build coordination & confidence
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Only 1 series this term!
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MINI HITTERS

WEDNESDAY'S

9.30-10.30AM

\$20/Session

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Casual - turn up when it suits!

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CONTACT: casey@gianttennis.com.au



2026-2027 JUNIOR SEASON



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U11—U18



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rgbobbygallagher@gmail.com





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5 YRS & UNDER

4 WEEKS - \$80

15 AUG - 22 AUG - 29 AUG - 5 SEP

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MAIDEN GULLY TENNIS CLUB



Aztec Tigers Basketball Club is looking for girls aged 6, 7 and 8 to join our U8 and U10 summer domestic basketball teams. It's a wonderful environment to learn new skills, make new friends and have lots of fun!

No experience necessary.

For more information, please email Megan at megandelaney22@hotmail.com

*** ALL WELCOME!**
No experience necessary



CARDIO + KIDS

9.30-10.30AM WEDNESDAY
@ MAIDEN GULLY TENNIS CLUB

A feel-good fitness session for adults -
With Tennis, tunes and laughs.
While the kids enjoy tennis activities too.

4 FUN FREE WEEKS! Try ONE or
Come to ALL

**WEEKLY
PRIZES!**

**29
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BRING A FRIEND

Bring a friend - enjoy a
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AUG**

WINTER WARMER

Warm up with a great work out
and enjoy coffee & treats after!

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COLOUR CLASH

Wear your brightest colours!
Light up the courts & your day!

**19
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CARDIO PARTY

Let's finish with a bang!
Music, games, prizes & morning tea.

BOOK ONLINE: gianttennis.com.au





4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game.

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in MA).

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TUESDAYS 4:15PM - 5:15PM

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FROM
4PM**



AGE GROUPS

- 5 & UNDER
- 7 & UNDER
- 9 & UNDER
- 11 & UNDER

TERM 4 2026 + TERM 1 2027

JUNIOR FUTSAL

MONDAY
Competition

5 a-side

WEDNESDAY
Beginner league

SCAN QR CODE BELOW TO REGISTER

1-3 Waterson Court, Golden Square VIC 3555

PHONE: 0428 471 077

EMAIL: admin@bendigomajorleague.com.au



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Looking towards 2027 Term 1



PROPS THEATRE

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Stage Three for 13-16 years

LOCATION

82A Mitchell Street Studio
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2023 Enrolments OPEN

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Stage One for 5 - 8 years
Stage Two for 9 - 12 years

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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



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JUNIOR BADMINTON

WHERE: 140 VICTORIA STREET, EAGLEHAWK

AGES: 7-18

FIRST 3 NIGHTS ARE FREE

SESSION TIMES

WEDNESDAYS

7-10 YEARS OLD :

6:05PM TO 7:00PM

11-14 YEARS OLD :

7:05PM TO 8:00PM

15-18 YEARS OLD :

8:05PM TO 9:00PM

FRIDAYS

JUNIOR COMPETITION

6:45-8:30PM

SCHOOL TERMS ONLY



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