

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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*Wishing you all a very merry
Christmas and a Happy and safe
New Year.*

*Principal and Staff Marong
Primary School.*

Marong Neighbourhood House

Thank you to the Marong Neighbourhood House (MNH) for organising a wonderful colouring competition for the local children coming up to Christmas.

We are happy to announce the following winners from Marong Primary School:

Daphne Panayi - Children over eight

Aidan Bradley - Children under eight

Congratulations to Daphne and Aidan and a big thank you and well done to all the student who participated.



We would also like to thank the MNH and a very kind, community minded person, who donated a bag of Christmas goodies for one of our delightful families. The gift was greatly appreciated as we get closer to the Christmas holidays.

Marong Junior Football Club

Marong Football Club will be entering an under 12's girls football team in the Bendigo Junior Football League in 2022. The under 12 competition plays on Friday nights under lights at a couple of central venues. The rules are the same as for under 10 mixed football with the ground divided into thirds. Twelve a side is a full contingent on the field. Being on Friday nights, it may give netballers a chance to try football and for under 9 and under 10 girls a chance to get another game in each week.



For further information, please contact Greg Toomey 0427 104 484.

Walking School Bus

A HUGE THANK YOU to Stacey L, Renae K, Tamara F and Erin C for their dedicated support of the Walking School Bus in 2021. Your amazing effort has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by all staff and our school community. We are very much looking forward to continuing our Walking School Bus next year as it is a great way to stay active and reduce the amount of traffic around our school. We welcome any students who wish to walk with us along with any new volunteers who would like to be involved. Please contact the school in early term one if you're available to help with our walking school bus in 2022 or simply want to know more about what our WSB entails.

Parents Club News

Congratulations to Stevie W and Ashleigh M who were the lucky winners of the gorgeous doll house and the amazing garage.





Disability Inclusion Profile

From the beginning of term four this year, our school began introducing some changes to help us strengthen support for students with disability.

Disability Inclusion will help our school better understand what our students need to help them learn and participate at school. It involves: a new Disability Inclusion Profile and school funding model to strengthen support for students with disability more resources, training and coaching for our teachers and school staff about the best ways to support students with disability.

From next year, the **Disability Inclusion Profile** will be available to help us identify the strengths, needs, and educational adjustments we can make to assist students with disability and additional learning needs.

The Disability Inclusion Profile replaces the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) application process.

Over the coming years, we will invite families of students who are currently part of the PSD, and other students with disability and additional learning needs, to participate in a meeting to complete a Disability Inclusion Profile.

We will use **new school funding and supports** for more training and professional development for teachers and school staff, expert advice about disability, teachers and other staff to help plan and deliver changes for students, and resources to support learning.

The new Disability Inclusion approach ensures our school is better able to support students with disability and additional learning needs.

Marong Primary School is excited to be part of Disability Inclusion and we look forward to continuing to support our students to learn and thrive.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or Disability Inclusion, please contact Lindsey White (Disability Inclusion Coordinator) or Russell Jeffrey (Principal).



Education
and Training

Grades Prep/One

And just like that... we are done with prep/one in 2021. We finished the year with class parties and fun to celebrate all the hard work that these amazing students and families have done over the year. It hasn't been an easy one and we know that 2021 wasn't the year we expected. We are so so proud all of the achievements our students have made regardless of the challenges and know how hard our families work to help get them to where they are now. Thank you all for a wonderful year, Merry Christmas!



Merry Christmas



Grade Two/Three

What a year we have had! Thank you to all the amazing students and families who have done an incredible job this year. We are looking forward to a well earned break.

This week, we got to have our swim session at the Marong Pool. With great weather, we all enjoyed a nice cool off.

Today we had our class party with all students (and teachers) eating way too much food. Thanks to all the families who contributed food for our party.

We are all looking forward to next year with excitement for what will be.



Have a great holiday break and we look forward to seeing all students and parents again in 2022.

Mr Riordan, Ms Roediger, Rose and Abbey.



Grades Four, Five & Six

Have a Merry Christmas from grades 4/5!!



Outside School Hours Care

Merry Christmas everyone!!



Chaplain's Corner

As the new Chaplain for Marong Primary School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the children and their families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

I have enjoyed getting to know many of the students and staff over the past 4 weeks and am looking forward to what next year brings.

I am very excited to have come to the school after spending over 20 years working in Community Services; my roles have included supporting people with a disability, coordinating youth mentoring programs, assisting the homeless, supporting youth at risk through Bush Adventure Therapy and more recently supporting youth with significant mental health issues.

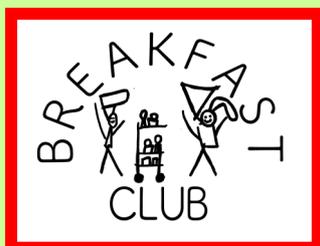
It is my hope to continue the good work of past chaplains and support current staff and leadership at Marong Primary School.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you or your child require assistance.

I wish you all the very best for 2022

Marc Cowan

Breakfast Club





Student of the Week

Marong Primary School 'Students of the Week' are recognised for demonstrating our school values of 'Responsibility,' 'Honesty' and 'Respect.' We acknowledge the following students for their efforts this week:

Grade Prep-One Mr Stacey - Alirah T

Alirah's effort in the last week of the school year has been outstanding! She has been so helpful with our transition into the new classroom. We will miss you Alirah!

Grade Prep-One Mrs Cook/Mrs Taylor - The Whole Class!

The Whole Class - during our swimming session on Monday the students in P/1 Cook Taylor were so well behaved and sensible in the swimming pool. This week they have all also been very caring, kind and helpful which has been wonderful to see especially as the week has been a bit different with the moving of classrooms and winding down for Christmas. We are so very proud of all of our students and wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and SAFE HOLIDAYS!

Grade Prep/One O'Donoghue - Varli H

Varli is such a little legend and deserves the final student of the week for the year as a acknowledgement of how hard she is always working in the classroom. She perfectly balances how to have a laugh and fun in the classroom with working hard and getting the job done. I am always impressed with her attitude and kindness and am glad that her respect and responsibility can be celebrated before the new year.

Grade Two-Three Ms Roediger - The Whole Class

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE! What a sensational year you have had! I have loved watching you grow and learn, always keeping me on my toes with excellent questions. Thank you for being such a kind-hearted group with a wicked sense of humour. Keep up the AMAZING work next year!

Grade Two-Three Mr Riordan - Stevie W

For demonstrating 'Respect' and 'Responsibility' in her learning this year. Stevie has been a kind, helpful and respected member of our classroom. She enjoys being with her friends and speaks kindly to all. Well done Stevie on a great week and year!

Grade Four-Five Miss Cooney - Will H

Congratulations Will on an excellent week this week. Will has remained focused and on task as the year draws to a close. He continues to be a great role model for his peers both in the classroom and out in the yard. Keep up the superstar work next year Will!

Grade Four-Five Ms Patching/Mr Saddler - Jyleigh B

For demonstrating all school values. Jy has been a fantastic support in the classroom this week, so eager to tidy up, clean, sort and move furniture. Just the type of enthusiasm and help we need in a very busy last week of the school year. Thanks Jy for your awesome help.

Grade Six Mr Johnstone - Chelsie N!!

Congratulations Chelsie. Thank you from everyone in Grade 6 Johnstone. We all appreciate you and how much you do for us. Well done on a fantastic year, good luck next year.
From Grade 6 Johnstone!!

YOU'RE INVITED TO



Kangaroo Flat
Community House

Christmas Party & Movie Night

from 6pm

Monday 20th December

21 WOOLCOCK AVENUE, KANGAROO FLAT

FREE BBQ. MOVIE. DRINKS. ICECREAM & FRUIT.

Come and chat with SANTA and share your wish list.

Rudolph and Elf Mortimer Tinsel will also be there, so make sure to say Hello.

SANTA will have presents for the kids.

MOVIE STARTS AT 7PM
Mickey's Magical Christmas

BYO Chairs and
or Rugs to sit on

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Toy World, Bendigo
City of Greater Bendigo
Kangaroo Flat Community House
Fundraising Team

FOR BOOKINGS:

Phone Rachel on 0490 023 687