

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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July

28th : School Council Meeting 7pm

August

9th: School Review Commences

23: Book Week

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

HONESTY

Dear Parents and Carers

Lockdown Five Extension

Whilst disappointing, the announcement of an extension of the current lockdown period was not surprising. Once again I want to thank our community for the smooth and effective transition that has occurred from On-Site learning to Remote & Flexible Learning.

With each lockdown we understand that it gets harder and harder for all of us to remain positive and resilient. In particular we know that many students and families experience challenges. These challenges can be social, financial and emotional or a combination of all three. I don't think anyone is left untouched by these events and in particular our children are finding it increasingly stressful. If you or your child are in need of any support during these times, please contact us. In addition to the immediate support you can access from the staff here at Marong PS, we have access to outside support structures. To make contact please use any of these methods. Classroom Dojo, phone calls or call into the school. We are here to help if needed.

School Website Updates

For the information of parents and the broader community I wish to advise that the following school documents and policies can be accessed by visiting our school website:

<https://www.marongps.vic.edu.au>

Statement Of Values and School Philosophy and School Policies

Parents are advised that our website has been updated in recent days by Jake Saddler.

I encourage you to browse this site and in particular click on the heading **About Us** and scroll down to the heading **Policies**. On this page you will find a large number of our policies. For the information of parents and the wider community these documents are required to be on school websites by the Department of Education. It is an extensive list as you can see:

[Administration of Medication policy](#)

[Bullying and Harrassment Policy & Procedures](#)

[Child Safety Policy](#)

[Code of Conduct](#)

[Digital Learning Policy](#)

[Enrolment Policy](#)

[Health Care Needs Policy](#)

[Onsite Supervision Policy](#)

[School Bus Policy](#)

[Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy](#)

[Visitors Policy](#)

[Working with Children Check Policy](#)

[Anaphylaxis Policy](#)

[Camps and Excursions Policy](#)

[Child Safety Responding and Reporting](#)

[Curriculum Framework Policy](#)

[Duty of Care Policy](#)

[First Aid Policy](#)

[Mobile Phones Policy](#)

[Parent Payment Policy](#)

[Statement of Values and](#)

[Philosophy Policy](#)

[Sunsmart Policy](#)

[Volunteers Policy](#)

[Yard Duty Policy](#)

If you have any questions about our school policies please contact the principal.

School Facilities Development

A significant amount of concrete paving has been installed over the last three weeks. Interior wall cladding in the PAC Building is expected to be installed, commencing next week. Storm water connections for the new buildings is almost complete. Despite the rain, work is still progressing at a steady pace.

School Reports

Please note that semester one student reports will be available for collection from the school tomorrow, Friday 23rd July. Parents may collect them from the office, please bear in mind we have limitations on the number of adults in the office area at any one time. Students who meet the specific criteria to attend on-site will be provided with their reports to take home. Parent teacher interviews will be conducted later this term with dates and times to be advised.

School Council Meeting

The next meeting of School Council will be held on at 7pm here at the school on Wednesday, July 28th.

Music is Fun /School Photos

The Music is Fun event has been postponed until term four this year. A date for school photos will be advised as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Divisional Football Carnival

All interschool sport has been postponed until further notice. School Sport Victoria are waiting on advice from the Health Department as to when school sport may resume.

Community Grants

I am very pleased to announce to our community that an application for Community Grants funding, submitted in February this year to the Federal Department of Social Services has been successful.

The grant funding is for \$120,000.00 (GST exclusive) to provide improved services and support for our Outside School hours Care Program. The funding will be provided over a three year period and the funding breakdown is as follows:

21/22 - \$40,000.00

22/23 - \$40,000.00

23/24—\$40,000.00

Russell Jeffrey
Principal

Chaplain's Corner

During this latest lockdown, I've noticed an extra strain on families, and an additional exhaustion in the people surrounding me. It appears that although with each lockdown we are beginning to fall back into a familiar pattern, we are also being broken down a little more emotionally, mentally and perhaps financially.

I recently completed a psychology course, which had a large focus on our core emotional needs and how we strive to get these met without always realising we are doing so.

Three of our priority needs are:

safety, progress and autonomy.

Covid-19 and being locked down has put each of these needs in jeopardy. Safety includes the condition of being protected from danger. Progress is our innate need to feel like we are moving through life successfully, by constantly striving to improve our current situation. Autonomy involves being able to make our own decisions, and having the freedom to do what we want, when we want to. It's hard to feel safe, to make progress and to practice self-determination, when we are governed by constraint, rules and illness.

I would like to take this platform to encourage readers to think of innovative ways to get these needs met. Think of the situations in your life that you do have control over, and take ownership of your choices. Change your mind set and your goals. You may need to grieve previous goals that can no longer be achieved, and make new goals that you can work on. This is a great time for hobbies and skills to be practiced or maybe it's just spending more time with the family, reading more books, or being with your pets more. Focus on the small wins, try not to be overcome by the big losses.

If you or your children need a chat, please reach out to me on my email:

katelyn.tatt@education.vic.gov.au and I can organise a phone call or Zoom call with you.

Katie

2022 FOUNDATION ENROLMENT ACTIVITIES

FOUNDATION INFORMATION EVENING DATES

Thursday, 28th October Parent Information Session Two.

Our Foundation staff will conduct an information session covering a wide range of questions that parents may have commencing with "What do I need to know before my child starts school?"

FOUNDATION ORIENTATION PROGRAM DATES

Tuesday 16th November 9.00 -10.00am

Tuesday 23rd November 9.00 -10.00am

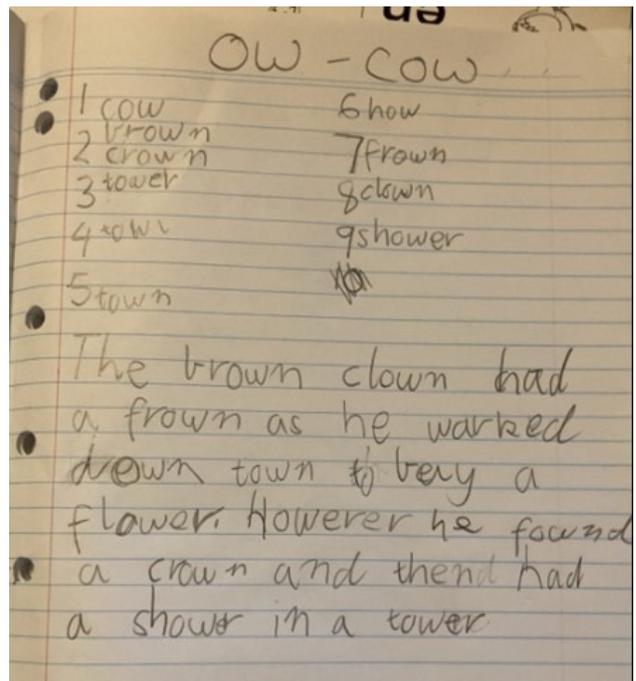
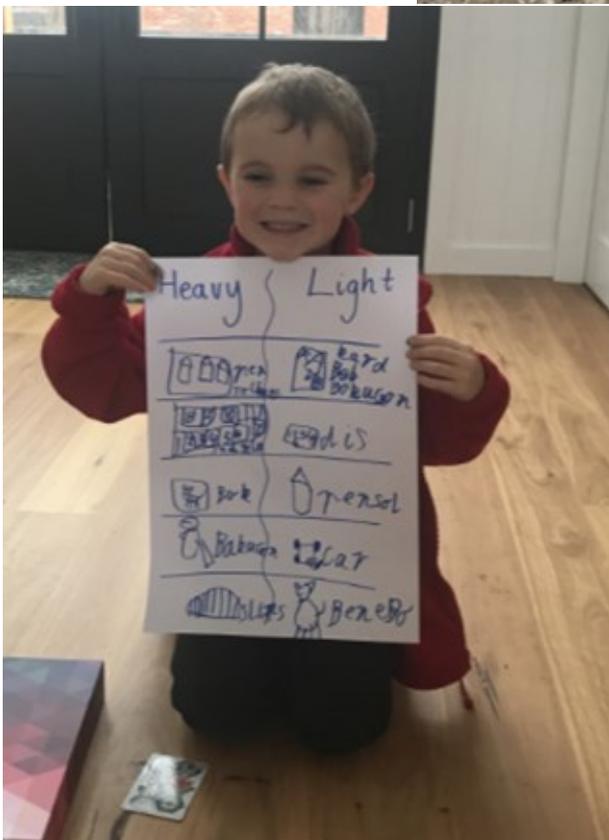
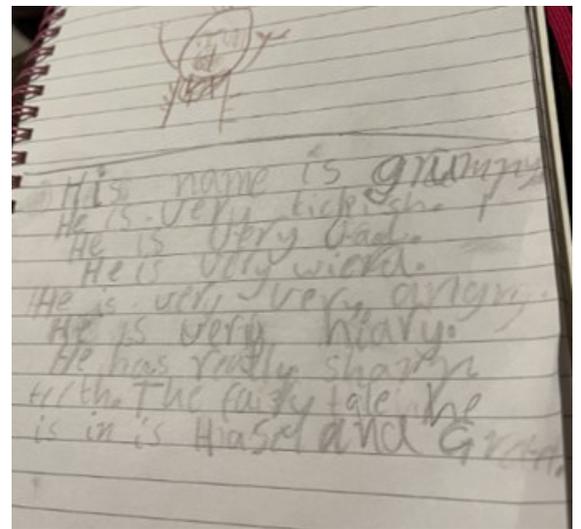
Tuesday 30th November 9.00 -11.00am

Tuesday 7th December 9.00 -11.00am

OTHER INFORMATION

Individual tours can be arranged at any time by contacting the school. More details available on our school website www.marong.vic.edu.au

Grade Prep/One News



MARC NEWS!



Marong Book Week 2021

Our dress up parade
will be held on
Monday, 23rd August
Come as your favourite book
character!



The Terry Floyd Foundation presents the Annual
Terry Floyd Fundraising Event
Wear A Ribbon For Terry Day
Monday June 28th
\$2 per ribbon



On Monday, June 28, the Terry Floyd Foundation will hold its Annual Wear A Ribbon For Terry Day. On the anniversary of the disappearance of 12 year old Terry Floyd we ask you to wear a ribbon in honour of his memory. This event is designed to raise awareness and money for children who may be socially and economically disadvantaged, due to varying circumstance, to live safer and fuller lives. Our organisation is committed to building brighter futures for kids through our programs and initiatives. All proceeds go directly to the Terry Floyd Foundation. Donations welcome.

 Terry Floyd Foundation
 Terry Floyd Foundation
 www.terryfloydfoundation.org.au

The main aims of the foundation are:

- *to help with awareness of personal safety through encouraging children to speak out against bullying
- *to support disadvantaged children to help them reach their full potential.

The MARC Library has been incredibly lucky to be chosen by the Terry Floyd Foundation to receive \$2,000 worth of books. The foundation teams up with Dymocks Children's Charities who match

every dollar that the foundation gives. The Terry Floyd Foundation work tirelessly to support children, especially in regional areas. I encourage you to look into their work via their website or Facebook page.

I will be posting updates regarding book arrivals!

To express our thanks I am leaving some fundraising ribbons at each school. These ribbons are \$2 each. All money raised goes directly to the foundation.

Susan Gentry

Marong Primary School
Students 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 S- Airlie F

Airlie has been submitting fantastic work on her Dojo over the week. She has taken great care in her presentation of her work and this shows great responsibility for her learning. Well done Airlie!

Grade Prep/One C/T-Gemma T

For demonstrating confidence and resilience during lockdown and presenting the most beautiful writing pieces each day. You always produce neat work and take pride in what you do which is a wonderful quality to have. Keep up the amazing work Gemma, we are very proud of you!

Grade Prep/One O- Charlee R

Charlee has been working very hard during remote learning and I have been impressed with her progress. She is gaining a stronger attitude to learning and is changing her words from "I can't" to "I will have a go". Charlee's writing has skyrocketed over the last few weeks and she is noticing that she is achieving her goals and ticking off tasks. Keep it up Charlee!

Grade Two/Three SR- Willow N

Congratulations to Willow! You continuously demonstrate the Values - Responsibility, Honesty and Respect and you are a kind friend to everyone at Marong Primary School. It has been FANTASTIC to see the effort you are putting in and the Responsibility you are taking for your own learning both in the classroom and during Remote Learning!!! You are delight to have in the class and we all LOVE your sense of humour and your unique perspectives. Keep up the EXCEPTIONAL work!

Grade Two/Three R - Xan

For demonstrating 'Responsibility' in his work this week. Xan has been regularly uploading his work over this week which has been great to see. His work has been of a very high standard and shows me that he is putting his best effort into producing the best work that he can. Well done Xan! Love the effort I am seeing!

Grade Four/Five C- Acacia J

Acacia has worked really hard this week during remote learning. She has been focused and committed to her learning despite the changes this week has brought. She has also taken responsibility for her learning by challenging herself to read every day and complete her home reader. Congratulations Acacia, keep up the enthusiasm and superstar work!

Grade Four/Five P/S - Kobie W

For displaying 'Responsibility'. Kobie has been working hard during remote learning and uploading all tasks. His effort on his dance performance coding task was fantastic. Well done Kobie.

Grade Six J-Jack L-M

Jack has continually shown that he is an absolute gun during remote learning. Jack consistently uploads his work and does it to high standard which is excellent to see. Well done Jack, keep up the great work superstar!

