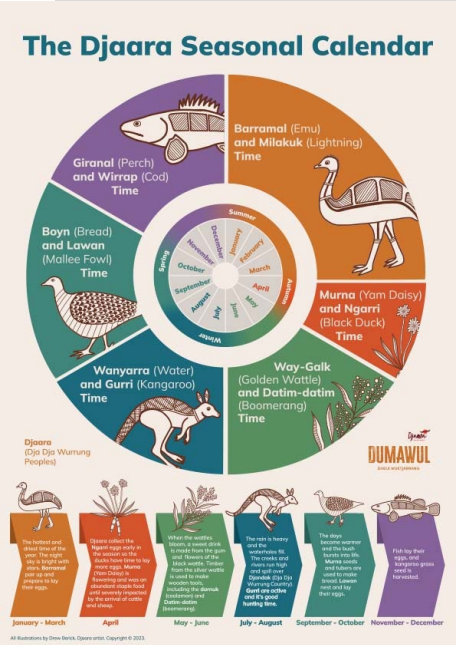
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Principal – Katie Lovel
Asst Principal – Hamish McCartney

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.

We are heading towards the end of Boyn (bread) and Lawan (mallee fowl) time and heading into Giranal (perch) and Wirrap (cod) time.

ACHIEVEMENT	BELONGING
We learn, grow and aim for excellence.	We help everyone feel welcome, safe, and valued in our community.
RESPECT	**RESPONSIBILITY**
We listen, care and show understanding to ourselves, others and the environment.	We make good choices, take ownership and look after each other.

DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- Tues 17th Prep transition 9.15am - 10am
- Mon 23rd REPORT WRITING DAY – NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL
- Tues 24th Prep transition 9am-10am
- Mon 30th CONCERT 9.30am and 4pm performances

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CURRICULUM DAY – REPORT WRITING – MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER – Students do not attend school this day.

2027 planning is well underway. A reminder:
Considerable thought and care will go into creating balanced classes that support the learning, wellbeing and social development of all students. Over the next few weeks students will have the opportunity to list 3 friends they would like to be in a class with next year.
We understand that parents/caregivers may have valuable insights into their child's individual needs and welcome any information that may assist us in making class placement decisions. If you have a specific educational, social or wellbeing consideration you would like us to take into account, please submit your request in writing to katie.lovel@education.vic.gov.au by Monday 16th November.
While all requests will be carefully considered, we cannot guarantee that individual preferences will be accommodated. Please note that requests for specific teachers will not be considered.

NEXT WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE
On Friday at assembly we outline our next whole school challenge (like the cotton ball challenge from mid year). This time it will be in House groups with the tallies on charts on the pinboards outside the 1/2 classrooms. This one is based on our school value of **Responsibility** – *Accountability* – we take ownership of our choices, actions and seeking help; and **Achievement** – *Effort* – We aim high and give our personal best.

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CLARIFICATION – FEES AND BOOK PACKS

In previous years the school has purchased supplies for students and asked families to pay for those supplies directly to the school. There was also a voluntary contribution families could make towards things like art supplies, grounds upkeep, ICT management etc,.

This year we are asking for families to buy the supplies. We have an arrangement with Edplus There is still the voluntary contribution you could make which is $120. You may choose to pay all of this up front, pay in instalments over the year, pay a small portion of it or not make any contribution. Ordering a book pack for your child means they will have their own resources to use and this will save you time as packs will be delivered to school in January ready for you to collect and label just prior to school starting. It also means the school will have more financial resources to buy new readers for students, PE equipment, art supplies and so on. Book packs and pricing can be found on the next page.

PFA UPDATE

Fundraising is now open for our Colour Fun Run. We are super excited for the event this year. The winning class with the most students who signed up for fundraising by the second week was Prep Cook ! Well done. It's not too late to set up your profile and start fundraising for our great school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

School Council is thrilled to announce the grant application Katie submitted earlier in the year for an inclusive play space has been successful. We look forward to the much needed upgrade to the front of the school and can't wait for the process to begin. This area will be known as Rose's place in memory of Rose Stewart and wonderful work she did with our students in her time at Marong PS.

Last school council meeting for 2026 is Tuesday 24th November at 6pm.

STEM BOXES

A reminder that our STEM program on the lookout for cardboard boxes! If you are able to donate some, please drop them to the office.

Marong Primary School 2027 Prep

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BOOK PACK TOTAL: $135.50

The Prep bookpack contains the following items:

Artline Supreme 0.4mm Fineliner Black	1
Artline Supreme Whiteboard Marker Black	10
Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	10
Book Tub - Red	1
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	6
Display Book A4 Refillable 20 Pocket Red	1
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Clear	2
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Exercise Book Writer A4 48 Page 25mm Solid Ruled	2
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	2
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 12	2
Writer Library Bag 390x 285mm Red with Reinforced Corners	1
Lyra Groove B Graphite Pencil	4
Project Book #523 - 24 Page 335mm x245mm	1
Protext Display Book 20 Pocket Fixed	1
Sharpie Permanent Marker Fine 1.0mm Black	1
Staedtler Noris Wax Twister Crayons Assorted Wallet of 12	2
Triangular Barrel Metal Sharpener 2 Hole	1
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium Writing Book 64page 24mm Dotted 330x240	1
Little Learners Diary Foundation	1

You will also be required to purchase a pair of scissors. When placing your order online please select only one pair of scissors left or right handed and select the scissors that apply to the students year level.



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Marong Primary School 2027 Grade 1

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$132.00

The Grade 1 bookpack contains the following items:

Artline Supreme Whiteboard Marker Black	10
Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	7
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	6
Crayola Twistable Crayons Packet 12	1
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Blue	1
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Red	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Exercise Book 225x175 64 Page	1
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	1
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 12	1
Writer Library Bag 390x 285mm Red with Reinforced Corners	1
Protext Mesh Pouch A3 with Zipper	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Sharpener Pencil Shaker 2 Hole	1
Staedtler 351 Whiteboard Marker Bullet 2mm Assorted Wallet of 6	1
Staedtler Highlighter Wallet of 4	1
Staedtler Tradition Pencil 2B Box 12	1
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium Writing Book 64page 18mm Dotted 330x240	3
Writer Premium Writing Book 64pg 14mm dotted thirds + margin	3
Little Learners Diaries Grade 1	1

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$136.50

The Grade 2 bookpack contains the following items:

Artline Supreme Whiteboard Marker Black	12
Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	5
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	6
Crayola Twistable Crayons Packet 12	1
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Blue	1
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Red	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Exercise Book 225x175 64 Page	1
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	1
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 12	1
Writer Library Bag 390x 285mm Red with Reinforced Corners	1
Protext Mesh Pouch A3 with Zipper	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Sharpener Pencil Shaker 2 Hole	1
Spirax 315 Super Size Grid Book 10mm 96 Page 320x235mm	2
Staedtler 351 Whiteboard Marker Bullet 2mm Assorted Wallet of 6	1
Staedtler Highlighter Wallet of 4	1
Staedtler Tradition Pencil 2B Box 12	1
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium Writing Book 64page 18mm Dotted 330x240	3
Writer Premium Writing Book 64pg 14mm dotted thirds + margin	3
Little Learners Diaries Grade 2	1

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$100.00

The Grade 3 bookpack contains the following items:

Artline Supreme Whiteboard Marker Black	10
Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	3
Book Tub - Red	1
Celco Eraser Maxi	1
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	4
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Red	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	1
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 12	1
Highlighter Premium Pinstripe Wlt 4	1
Pencils Sharpener Oval Double Barrel	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Sharpie Permanent Marker Fine 1.0mm Black	1
Staedtler Hexagonal Graphite Pencil HB	6
Staedtler Noris Wax Twister Crayons Assorted Wallet of 12	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Blue (Individual)	4
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Red (Individual)	4
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium A4 96Pg 10mm Graph Book	2
Writer Premium Writing Book 64pg 14mm dotted thirds + margin	3
Berry Street Student Diary	1

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$100.00

The Grade 4 bookpack contains the following items:

Artline Supreme Whiteboard Marker Black	10
Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	3
Book Tub - Red	1
Celco Eraser Maxi	1
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	4
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Red	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	1
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 12	1
Highlighter Premium Pinstripe Wlt 4	1
Pencils Sharpener Oval Double Barrel	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Sharpie Permanent Marker Fine 1.0mm Black	1
Staedtler Hexagonal Graphite Pencil HB	6
Staedtler Noris Wax Twister Crayons Assorted Wallet of 12	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Blue (Individual)	4
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Red (Individual)	4
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium A4 96Pg 10mm Graph Book	2
Writer Premium Writing Book 64pg 14mm dotted thirds + margin	3
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All book packs will be delivered to the school in January, your school will organize the distribution of these packs.

$122.00

The Grade 5 bookpack contains the following items:

Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	2
Book Tub - Lime Green	1
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	4
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Clear	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Exercise Book Protext A4 48 Page - 14mm PVC Cover Cat	2
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	2
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 20	1
Notebook Spirax #570 A5	2
Pencil Case 1 Zip Neoprene Jumbo 340mm x 170mm	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Staedtler 351 Whiteboard Marker Bullet 2mm Assorted Wallet of 8	1
Staedtler Eraser BT30	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - blue Box 10	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Red Box 10	1
Staedtler Tradition Pencil 2B Box 12	1
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium A4 96Pg 10mm Graph Book	2
Berry Street Student Diary	1

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$124.50

The Grade 6 bookpack contains the following items:

Best Buddies Mega Scrap Book 100gsm 64pg Board Cover	2
Book Tub - Lime Green	1
Celco Glue Stick 35grm	4
Document Wallet PVC with Button A4 Clear	1
Double-sided A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Solid Lined One Side	1
EC Wipe Clean Cloths 15cmx15cm Pkt 10	1
Exercise Book Protext A4 128 Page PVC Cover Owl	3
Faber-Castell Classic Colour Pencils Packet 12	2
Faber-Castell Connector Pen Markers Set of 20	1
Notebook Spirax #570 A5	2
Pencil Case 1 Zip Neoprene Jumbo 340mm x 170mm	1
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1
Staedtler 351 Whiteboard Marker Bullet 2mm Assorted Wallet of 8	1
Staedtler Eraser BT30	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - blue Box 10	1
Staedtler Stick 4320 Triangular Ballpoint Pen Medium - Red Box 10	1
Staedtler Tradition Pencil 2B Box 12	1
Verbatim Headset with Volume Control	1
Writer Premium A4 96Pg 10mm Graph Book	2
Berry Street Student Diary	1

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TERM 4 DATES

- ~~**THURS 9TH OCT** – 'BEING INDY' PERFORMANCE (INCURSION)~~
- ~~**SAT 10TH OCT** – MENTAL HEALTH DAY~~
- ~~**FRI 16TH OCT** – GRANDPARENTS DAY~~
- ~~**WED 21ST – 23RD OCT** – GRADE 3/4 CAMP~~
- ~~**FRI 23RD OCT** – GR 5/6 CRICKET BLAST~~
- ~~**MON 26TH – TUES 27TH OCT** – GR 2 CAMP~~
- ~~**WED 28TH OCT** – BENDIGO CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)~~
- ~~**FRI 30TH OCT** – DAY FOR DANIEL~~
- ~~**TUES 3RD NOV** – PREP TRANSITION (OPTIONAL) 9.15 – 10AM~~
- ~~**TUES 10TH NOV** – PREP TRANSITION (OPTIONAL) 9.15 – 10AM~~
- **TUES 17TH NOV** – PREP TRANSITION (CORE) 9-10AM
- **MON 23RD NOV** – REPORT WRITING DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- **TUES 24TH NOV** – PREP TRANSITION (CORE) 9-10AM
- **TUES 1ST DEC** – PREP TRANSITION (CORE) & KIDS AND WORRY PRESENTATION FOR ANY PARENTS/CARERS 9-10AM IN THE PAC
- **FRI 4TH DEC** – GR 6 STEAM EXCURSION
- **TUES 8TH DEC** – STATEWIDE TRANSITION (ALL STUDENTS) 9-11AM
- **WED 9TH DEC** – GRADE 6 GRADUTATION
- **THURS 10TH DEC** – GRADE 6 BIG DAY OUT
- **FRI 11TH DEC** – COLOUR FUN RUN
- **SUN 13TH DEC** – MARONG COMMUNITY CAROLS

CHECK SENTRAL'S CALENDAR AND WEEKLY NEWSLETTER REGULARLY FOR MORE DATES AND INFORMATION.



Zoopers Doopers

are back every Thursday in Term 4!
$1 through Qkr! by *9am, Wednesday*

GRADE PREP

What we achieved this week!

We have had another fantastic week in Prep! With some amazing work being created by all students.
In Sounds-Write, we are revising the sounds and spelling patterns we have learnt so far this year. This week, we are focusing on revisiting words such as van, kid and ham with the sounds 'a' and 'i'.
In Writing, we are exploring procedural texts. We are learning that procedures explain how to do or make something by following a series of simple steps. Students are practising how to structure their writing, put instructions in the correct order and use clear language so that someone else can follow their steps. We are developing our understanding of words such as *first, next, then* and *finally*.
In Maths, we are exploring 2D and 3D shapes. Students are learning to describe shapes by identifying how many sides and corners they have. We are comparing shapes, such as squares and rectangles, and discussing what makes them similar and different. We are also becoming shape detectives by looking for and identifying different shapes in our classroom and everyday surroundings.
In Integrated Studies, we are learning about Remembrance Day and why we pause on the 11th November each year. Students are exploring the significance of the red poppy, the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed, and how we can show respect during Remembrance Day commemorations.
We are so proud of the wonderful effort, curiosity and enthusiasm our Prep students continue to show. We look forward to another exciting week of learning together!

GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

This week in Sounds-Write, Miss Williams' class continued exploring the /ee/ sound and its spellings <e, ea, ee and y>. Miss Thorn and Hayley's class began exploring the /or/ sound and its spellings <or, aw, a, ar, au and al>. Mr Riordan's class started exploring the /oo/ sound, as in *moon*, and its spellings <oo, ew, u, ue, u-e, ui, ou and ough>.

In Writing, we continued exploring the story *The Imagineer*. Students looked closely at the character traits of the characters in the story and explored how conjunctions can be used to join sentences together. We experimented with a variety of conjunctions to help us create interesting and complete sentences.

Maths has been super busy this week! We have been completing lots of assessments, and everyone has done an amazing job showing their learning and giving their best effort. Well done, everyone! It has certainly been a busy week of testing, and we are so proud of the effort students have put in.

In Integrated Studies, we explored the clownfish! We learnt about its ocean habitat, physical features and place within the food chain. Students also had the opportunity to put their creativity to the test by drawing their very own clownfish. It was wonderful to see everyone's unique creations!

Enjoy the rest of the week!

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

GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

The Grade 3/4s are settling into the term and continuing to work hard! We have been busy completing some of our end-of-year testing for reports, perfecting our concert items and taking time to acknowledge the importance of Remembrance Day.

In Maths this week, we have revisited multiplication and division, learning how to multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000.

In Literacy, we have continued reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. We have been looking closely at the characters and how authors use descriptions to help us create a picture of them in our own minds. We have all been really engaged in the story, and it is exciting to see how much we are enjoying the book!

Our integrated learning has also been keeping us busy as we continue building our Viking village. This week, we have been adding fences, gates and watchtowers to bring our village to life. We are looking forward to sharing more of our progress with you soon!

We hope Mr Westcott has a lovely time away on his long service leave. If you need anything while he is away, please feel free to contact Shayla or Jenn.

We are looking forward to another amazing week!

Thank you,

Shayla and Jenn

Week 5, Term 4

GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

Literacy – Leadership Applications and Graduation Preparation
Our Grade 5 students have been working on their written applications for leadership positions for next year as they begin thinking about the responsibilities and opportunities that come with becoming Grade 6 leaders. Our current Grade 6 students have been busy preparing for their upcoming graduation, working on a range of activities and special touches to help make their final weeks of primary school memorable.
We have also continued our work on morphology and etymology, exploring word origins, root words, prefixes and suffixes to develop our vocabulary and spelling knowledge. Students have been building their spelling skills through our regular Look, Cover, Write, Check (LCWC) activities.

Mathematics – Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
This week, we are focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages as part of our mathematics learning. Our Grade 5 students are working towards connecting familiar percentages with their equivalent decimal and fraction representations (VC2M5N04). Our Grade 6 students are developing their understanding of fraction equivalence, using this knowledge to compare, order and represent common fractions (VC2M6N03). Students will be encouraged to explain their thinking and apply these skills to a range of mathematical problems.

Integrated Studies – The Westcott Ransom
Our students have become detectives once again with our latest mystery investigation, *The Westcott Ransom*! Mr Westcott is missing, and the clock is ticking. A ransom note has been discovered on the staffroom noticeboard, demanding that the Colour Fun Run money and award certificates be placed in a bin outside the PAC before 3pm Friday, or Mr Westcott will miss his big day!
Students will need to carefully examine the clues, analyse the evidence and use their comprehension, critical thinking and problem-solving skills to uncover what has happened. As the investigation unfolds, they will need to consider the information provided, question what they are told and work together to solve the mystery.

Important Reminder – Testing Week
We have testing scheduled throughout this week. We encourage students to come to school each day well-rested, prepared and ready to give their best effort. These assessments provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate the progress they have made throughout the year.

Upcoming Dates and Reminders
Monday 16 November – Spring Sports: Our Grade 3–6 students will be participating in Spring Sports. We wish everyone the best and hope they have a fantastic day representing our school.
Friday 20 November – Crusoe College Q&A: Staff from Crusoe College will be visiting our school to run a question-and-answer session with students. This will be a great opportunity for students to ask questions and learn more about their transition to secondary school.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep - Jess

Isaiah - Isaiah is our Student of the Week for his fantastic effort during reading this week. He has remained focused, worked hard to improve his reading skills and is becoming more fluent each day. It has been great to see his hard work paying off. Keep up the great work, Isaiah!

Grade Prep - Mrs Cook

Rex – Rex has had a ripper of a week and I am so proud of him. He has often been the first one on the floor ready to listen to instructions, or the first one back at his table ready to start an activity. Rex has consistently demonstrated all of our School Values this week and he should be very proud of himself. Keep up the AWESOME work Rex!

Grade 1/2 Williams

Freya M - Freya is very deserving of Student of the Week this week! She has been showing up each day ready to learn. She has been taking a lot of pride in her work and she is a kind friend. Well Done Freya! Keep it up.

Grade 1/2 Riordan

Rosie - For demonstrating all four values this week. Rosie has been kind, inclusive, putting in huge amounts of effort and producing some wonderful work. Rosie is always a great friend to others and a popular choice for our award this week. Well done Rosie!

Grade 1/2 Thorn and Hayley

Tom - Tom has done a wonderful job settling back into the classroom after a long break. He has quickly re-established routines, shown a positive attitude and embraced learning activities. It has been lovely to see Tom's confidence grow as he reconnects with his classmates and get back into school life.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade 3/4 Miss O

Grade 3/4 Westcott

Grade 3/4 Lamb

Bella J - Bella has had a fantastic week! She has been engaged in her learning and has shown great initiative by asking for support when needed. She has approached her testing with a positive attitude and is always willing to take on feedback and find ways to improve. Bella has also stepped up in the classroom when needed, showing great leadership and responsibility. Well done, Bella!

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Skyla - Skyla is our Student of the Week for the wonderful effort, kindness and positive attitude she brings to our classroom every day, keep it up Skyla and finish the year strong!

Grade 5/6 Fry

Riley - Riley has had a wonderful week in 5/6 F. He brings plenty of humour and laughter to our classroom with his great jokes and friendly personality. Riley is a friend to all and consistently puts in a fantastic effort with his learning, working hard to develop his understanding of new concepts. Well done, Riley!

Grade 5/6 Burton

Angus K - Angus is having a fantastic term! He comes to school each day with a positive attitude and tries hard each day. It has been wonderful to see him stepping outside his comfort zone, challenging himself and trying new things. Keep up the great work, Angus! Your hard work is paying off!

Congratulations to Our Chinese Language Competition Participants!

Congratulations to our Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 students who participated in the Chinese Language Competition on Saturday! I am incredibly proud of their courage in stepping onto the stage, sharing their talents, and giving their best after putting in so much time and effort to practise. A special congratulations to **Tessa F**, who received **Commended Award** in Solo Singing, and **Abi P**, who received the **Highly Commended Award** in Speech. I would also like to recognise **Phoebe R, Willow F and Aurora S** for their wonderful group singing performance, which brought joy to the audience and showcased their teamwork and dedication. Well done to all our participants for their confidence, perseverance and enthusiasm in celebrating Chinese language and culture!







SCHOOL CONCERT TICKET DETAILS

Tickets for the School Concert will go on sale **TOMORROW** Thursday 29th October at 9:00am via QKR App (under Events and Activities - Performances). Due to limited seating we only have 180 seats for each show.

Show 1 - Monday 30th November 9:30am

Show 2 - Monday 30th November 4:00pm

Tickets are free but limited to two tickets per family - please book through the oldest child in your family. Or you can book 1 ticket for the 9:30am show and 1 ticket for the 4:00pm show. As noted in previous correspondence - if you can make the morning show, please try to prioritise this instead of the 4pm show.



Marong Primary School are excited to present the

2026'S RUN4FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION!

Parents and carers are invited to watch students weave and dodge through the obstacle course around Malone Oval in a rainbow of colour and chaos on **Friday December 11th!**

Students will be required to *bring in their bags,* **a white t-shirt** and join in on fundraising to support our school. Cyber safe fundraising profiles can be created at http://myprofilepage.com.au/ and shared online with friends and family.

Cash donation booklets will also be available from the front office, as well as the option to pay via Qkr!. We are hoping to raise a minimum of **$10 per student**. *Online fundraising is open now to the 29th of November.*

All colour used for the purpose of this event is non-toxic, gluten free powder. If you do not consent for your child to participate, please contact your child's classroom teacher prior to the day.
Parents Club are also looking for volunteers to man colour stations.



Do you know which junior sports are available in Bendigo, when they are played and when to register?



Visit
www.sportsfocus.com.au

Check out the Bendigo Junior Sports Calendar for all the information

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Free cat and dog microchipping day in Marong



- **Thursday November 12, 2026**
- **2pm to 4pm**
- **Marong Neighbourhood House**
  39 High Street, Marong

Bendigo Animal Relief Centre (BARC) are holding a FREE cat and dog microchipping day in Marong for Greater Bendigo residents.

This is a good opportunity to:

- Have your best friend microchipped for free! ($40 cash only fee applies for non-Greater Bendigo residents)
- Check your pet's microchipping details are up to date
- Learn more about becoming a BARC foster carer

Please note cats and dogs must be in carry cages or on leads.

Bendigo Animal Relief Centre
20 Piper Lane, East Bendigo
t. (03) 5441 2209
www.bendigoanimalreliefcentre.com.au

BARC Bendigo Animal Relief Centre

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Wednesdays

TIME: 8:20am- 8:45am

ROOM: Large Decking

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.

BREAKFAST CLUB


Marong Community Action Group
CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
MARONG COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP
presents
Christmas Carols
AT MALONE PARK, MARONG
SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER
FROM 5PM
LIVE MUSIC & CAROL SINGING
MALONE PARK MARONG
Bring a picnic
OR THERE WILL BE FOOD VANS AVAILABLE
FOOD VANS
Community
Music
Family
Christmas Spirit
A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA!
Stronger Together
A Brighter Marong



fresh fruit friday



Running for over a decade, the program now delivers 1,500kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week.

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

after the BELL
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

MARONG PS
CHRISTMAS VACATION CARE
21–24 December 2026

MONDAY 21 DECEMBER
Santa's Workshop



Get creative with handmade Christmas decorations, colourful gift tags and festive keepsakes. Make something special to take home or give to someone you love.

Cooking: Gingerbread Cookie Creations

TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER
Christmas Mystery Mission



Santa's presents have gone missing! Follow picture clues, solve playful puzzles and work together on a festive treasure hunt to find the missing gifts.

Cooking: Mac and Cheese

WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER
Build It Big!



Become an architect for the day using boxes, construction blocks and recycled materials. Then create it big in the kitchen by making some yummy foods.

Cooking: Cheesy Potato Bites and Jelly with Candy Cane Bark

THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER
Christmas Carnival Celebration



Finish the program year with festive games, craft stations, music and Christmas cooking.

Cooking: Christmas Toffees

EARLY FINISH: 4.30 pm
Reduced session fee

COSTS & BOOKINGS
$85–$90 per child, per day

Prices are reduced with eligible Child Care Subsidy.

Enquiries: bookings@afterthebell.com.au
Head Office: 1300 977 599

PROGRAM INFORMATION
Address: 2 Leslie Street, Marong VIC 3515
Room: Beehive Building
Program phone: 0428 247 072
Hours: 7.30 am–5.30 pm
Thursday 24 December closes at 4.30 pm.

WHAT TO BRING & PACK
- Healthy morning tea and lunch
- Refillable water bottle and SunSmart hat
- Closed-toe shoes and weather-appropriate clothing
- No foods containing nuts
- No lollies, soft drinks or high-sugar foods
- No food requiring refrigeration, heating or reheating

Note: Days will operate with **15 or more bookings.** The account holder will be notified via email by **11 December 2026** of the operational status of the days. ***Bookings to be made via Kidsoft**