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Marong Primary School

Respect | Responsibility | Honesty

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 14th, 2026 – Issue 25

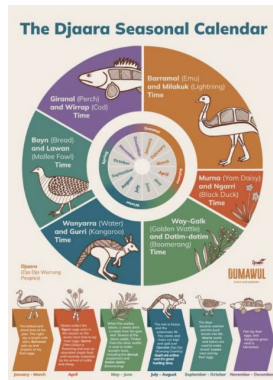
SCHOOL VALUES

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

CURRICULUM DAY – Monday 17th is a Curriculum Day. No students are required on site. Staff will be involved in a professional learning day looking at our current assessment practices in Mathematics and Literacy sessions on Sounds Write for education support staff too.

LOST PROPERTY

We have quite a collection of lost property. As the weather will hopefully start to warm up soon, please ensure your child's jumpers and jackets are named.

ATHLETICS

Our rescheduled athletics day will be next Friday 21st August. If you can assist and have a current Working With Children Check please see Miss Gallagher.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP

We look forward to a fun day on Monday 24th for Book Week. Students to come dressed as their favourite book character.

PFA

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.



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DATES FOR AUGUST

- 17 August – Curriculum day – no students required at school
- 21 August – Cluster Athletics Day
- 24 – 28 August – Book Week (Monday dress up day)

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Maisie F – for being such a kind and caring friend to another student who had hurt themselves. Well done Maisie, I loved the way you came to check on them and then offered for that person to play with you.

CHILD SAFE MESSAGE

Victorian government schools do NOT tolerate any form of racism.

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026**.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / carers who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Last year we used the survey results to plan our current Annual Implementation Plan goals and informs future longer term planning.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

GRADE PREP

What we achieved this week!

Week 5 started off very wet which had our Athletics Day cancelled. That will be rescheduled to a later date, so please keep an eye out for that change. So therefore, we ended up getting a full uninterrupted week at school.

In Sounds Write students were introduced to CCVCC words. Grand and plank were two example words that students learnt to listen to the sounds and write down the words.

In Reading students were introduced to the reading strategy 'slide the snake'. This demonstrates to students to blend sounds together.

In Writing we looked at the sense 'touch'. They were able to create sentences that involved words such as 'soft', 'hard', 'hot' and 'cold'

In Math we were making number bonds to 10. Preps brainstormed and showed all the different ways they can make the number 10. For example, $4 + 6 = 10$

In Integrated we looked at maps and how to read them. We looked at a map of Marong and placed different buildings that we know around town onto this map. Students liked trying to find where they lived on the map to show other students.

A reminder that on Monday there is a Curriculum Day. We hope you all have a safe long weekend together.

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



GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

Another busy week in Grade One/Two.

In Sounds Write this week Miss Thorn/Hayley's group looked extending CCVC words and building upon these. In Miss Williams' group focused on two sounds, /oo/ as in bOOk and /oo/ as in mOOOn. In Mr Riordan's class they explored the /y/ sound and its four spellings y, i, ie and ee.

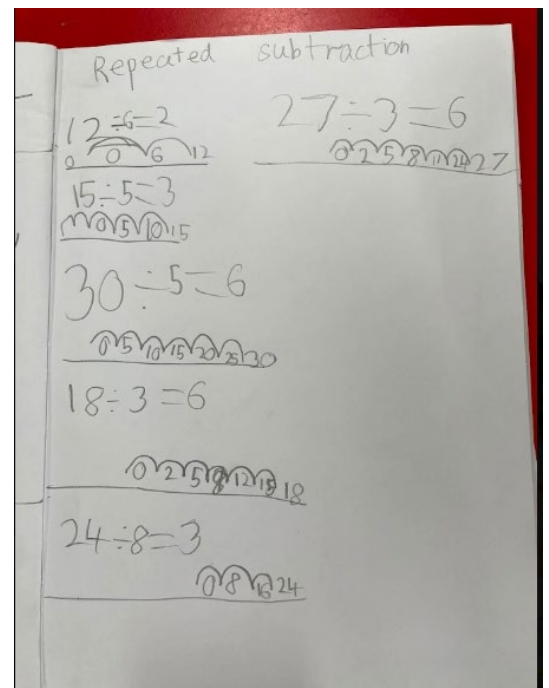
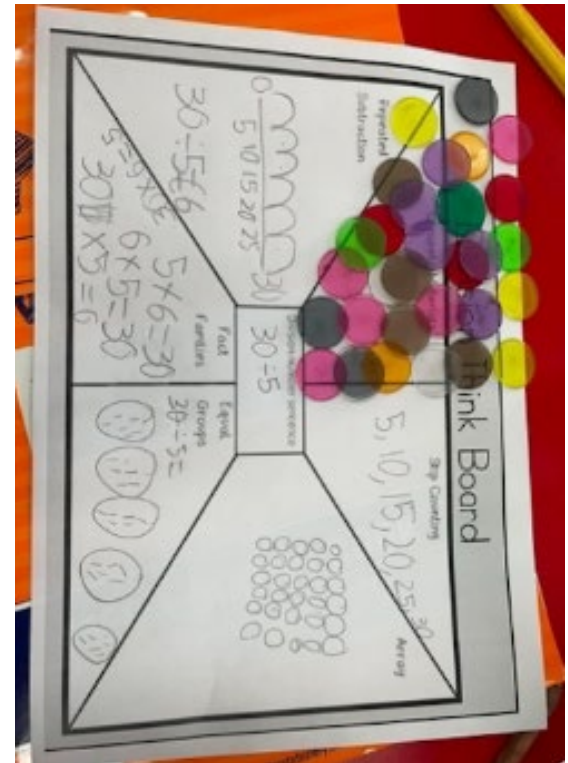
In Writing this week students focused on expanding their sentences by adding the who, what, where, when and why. We looked at the story 'The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name' and used parts of the story to expand and create more interesting sentences for the reader.

In Maths this week we began looking at division. We explored sharing objects into equal groups and showing how these can be represented into division equations.

In Integrated this week we continued looking at mini beasts. We looked at identifying what animals need in their habitat. We explored where animals live, why they live there and what they need to survive.

We are on the hunt for empty tissue boxes. We need these for our integrated projects that we are starting very soon. If you have any empty tissue boxes at home, we would be grateful to have these!

Have a great weekend!
Miss Williams, Mr Riordan, Miss Thorn, Hayley, Brandi, Jai, Jobe, Toby and Tamina.



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

Another busy and productive week of Term 3 has come to an end! Today, we had an incursion with the Bendigo Council, where we learnt about our Marong community and how we can help make it supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone. We shared some of our ideas about events and locations around our community and really enjoyed the experience.

In Mathematics this week, we built on our knowledge of time. We have been learning the words '*past*' and '*to*' and have learnt how to tell the time to the minute. All 3/4 teachers encourage parents to continue practising this with their child and, if possible, send them to school regularly with a traditional analogue watch so they can continue building on their success.

In Literacy this week, we completed a comparison of the book *Storm Boy* and its movie adaptation, discussing the similarities and differences between the two. We also assessed our own information reports, completed note-taking activities and did some reading about the importance of water.

Rotations have been very exciting this week! Miss O completed a water-saving challenge outside in the yard. Mr Westcott continued with Minecraft Education, focusing on working collaboratively, sharing and respecting others' ideas. Miss Lamb continued with Readers Theatre, where we started sharing what we have completed so far, remembering our lines without scripts and adding some acting to our performances.

We are looking forward to another busy week, with Athletics Day on Friday, August 21st!

Miss O, Mr Westcott, Miss Lamb, Christine, Jimmy and Charli



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!

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GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

In Literacy this week, we continued our novel study of *Wonder*, focusing on Justin's perspective. Students explored how Justin's outsider perspective gives readers a new view of the Pullman family and provides information that other narrators have not shared. Students have been developing their ability to explain how different perspectives add depth to a story and help us understand characters in different ways. We also continued our etymology learning, investigating the origins and meanings of words connected to *Wonder*.

In Mathematics, students continued developing their Future Cities projects. They have been designing their residential areas using 2D grids and various scales, planning infrastructure to connect and support their communities. Students have also been tracking their income and expenses, calculating running totals and remaining balances, while considering additional features that improve liveability and sustainability.

In Respectful Relationships, students have been exploring the importance of respect, empathy, positive relationships and understanding different perspectives. These discussions have connected particularly well with our *Wonder* novel study, encouraging students to think about how our actions and words can impact others.

It has been fantastic to see students applying their creativity, mathematical thinking and teamwork as they continue developing their Future Cities. We are looking forward to seeing these ideas come together over the coming weeks!

Miss Burton, Mr Johnstone, Mr Fry and Chelsie.

Book Week – Week 7

Book Week is coming up in Week 7. We are looking forward to celebrating our love of reading and books with a range of fun activities throughout the week.

Keep an eye out for more information about our Book Week celebrations and activities.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep – Jess

Charlie K - Charlie has such a kind and friendly attitude and he makes everybody feel welcome and included. Charlie played with a student from another class, during lunch break one day. This made the other student feel so happy and it was lovely to see the smiles on both boys' faces. Thank you for being such a beautiful friend Charlie, you are a superstar!

Grade Prep – Mrs Cook

Oscar J- This week Oscar has tried really hard across all areas of his learning and given everything a good go! He has also shown that he is confident to ask for help if he is unsure of a task. Oscar consistently demonstrates our school values and is a kind, respectful and valued member of our classroom. Keep up the fantastic effort, you are a SUPERSTAR Oscar!

Grade 1/2 Williams

Jaxon D - Jaxon could be our Student of the Week every week. He is a hard worker, he is kind and always has a positive attitude. Jaxon takes on feedback to improve his work and works well with everyone. We love having you in our classroom Jaxon. Keep up the fabulous work!

Grade 1/2 Riordan

Sam G - For demonstrating our school values and putting in his best always. It has been wonderful to see Sam focussed, confident and putting in his best at school. He works hard, is kind and had had another wonderful week. Super work Sam!

Grade 1/2 Thorn and Hayley

Liliana A - Liliana is our student of the week. She always completes everything to the best of her ability. Liliana is a kind, caring classmate. Keep it up Liliana.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade 3/4 Miss O

Billy G - Billy has been an absolute legend this week and has impressed all his teachers and peers. He has worked hard on creating an amazing dinosaur sculpture in art and completed the neatest writing I have seen for him. Billy worked on an incredible PowerPoint on reptiles. Well done Billy!

Grade 3/4 Westcott

Harper T - Harper, you have had an amazing week! You have continued to show great care and dedication in creating your information report about ladybugs. You are also a wonderful friend to many and consistently show respect and kindness towards others. Well done, Harper!

Grade 3/4 Lamb

Theo H - Theo has had a fantastic week! He has been confidently sharing his ideas during class discussions and has been doing an amazing job with our maths topic of time. Well done, Theo, on showing such great effort and confidence this week! Keep up the great work!

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Aidan B - Aidan is this week's Student of the Week for his awesome work on the Sustainable City Build. He's nailed his scale, kept his income and expenses on track, and thought carefully about how his choices boost his Green Score. Great effort, Aidan!

Grade 5/6 Fry

Koen S - Koen has made a fantastic effort with his spelling this week! He has been working hard to spell words correctly and has shown great persistence in improving his skills. Koen has also done a great job making friends with like-minded classmates and finding others who share his interests. It has been fantastic to see him building positive friendships and becoming more settled within our classroom. Keep up the great work, Koen!

Grade 5/6 Burton

Evie G - Evie has been working incredibly hard in our Sustainable Cities unit. She has carefully designed a residential area and accurately calculated the housing prices. Fantastic work, Evie!

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Wednesdays

TIME: 8:20am- 8:45am

ROOM: Large Decking

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.



Department
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Marong OSHC News



Exciting Activities Week's Ahead

Week Beginning 10th August

This week we celebrate your favourite movies and television shows through crafts, activities and games!

Week Beginning 17th August

Join us as we delve into traditional folklore and fairy tales through games, stories and creative crafts.



Cooking Club



Tuesday 11th
August in ASC

Making Yummy
Apple Crumble

Joke of the week

Why did the duck get
detention?
It kept quacking
jokes in class.



Join The Fun OF OSHC

Registration is FREE all you need to do is visit our website
at www.afterthebell.com.au and complete the online
Enrolment. Please feel free to contact our
Head Office as we are happy to
help you out with the process.

CONTACT US

OSHC- 0428 247 072

Head Office- 1300 977 599

Program Leaders- Jai, Rachel and Jobe



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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foundation

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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.

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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

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Runs during school terms - in conjunction with an Adult Cardio Tennis session.

Casual - turn up when it suits!

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CONTACT: casey@gianttennis.com.au



2026-2027 JUNIOR SEASON



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OR VISIT PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU



U11—U18



CRICKET BLASTER



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NEW PLAYERS
WELCOME.
ALL NEW
PLAYERS RECEIVE A
FREE PLAYING
SHIRT AND BUCKET
HAT.



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Rob Gallagher 0409357287
rgbobbygallagher@gmail.com



1 HOUR OF FUN 9 - 10AM

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
JULY**

BRING A FRIEND

Bring a friend - enjoy a
workout and laugh together!

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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
AUG**

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).

BENDIGO ALL GIRLS AUSKICK AND SUPERKICK CENTRE

WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO

STARTING AUGUST 25TH

TUESDAYS 4:15PM - 5:15PM

AUSKICK



SUPERKICK



Register to go in the draw to win a Richmond AFLW Guernsey!

**GAMES
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
www.propstheatre.com.au
2023 Enrolments OPEN

SCAN ME



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

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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**

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COME AND TRY

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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