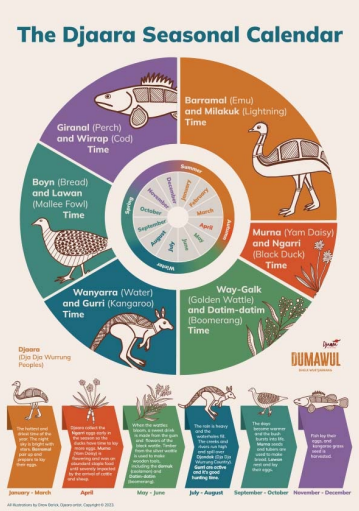
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 5th , 2026 – Issue 35



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.

2027 planning is well underway. We can confirm the following grade structure:
2 x Prep
3 x Year 1/2
3 x Year 3/4
3 x Year 5/6
Specialist classes – Chinese, Physical Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts/Music (rotated semester basis)
Staffing is still being finalised.
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.

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BOOK PACKS

Information regarding the ordering of your child's book pack/resources for next year is included. 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.

CONCERT

We are super excited to bring you our concert this year with our theme of our new school values. We would really appreciate if all students were available for the 4pm performance. Please provide consent on Sentral for them to stay at school this day. Don't forget to get your tickets for the shows. We've enjoyed sharing lots with our community this year and this is another opportunity to see your child involved at school.

STEM REQUEST - BOXES

A call out for small boxes or thin cardboard (not big thick boxes) for STEM please! Leave at the office ☺ thanks

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PFA UPDATE
Fundraising is now open for our Colour Fun Run. We are super excited for the event this year. The class with the most students who sign up for fundraising by Friday will earn a special reward. The money raised goes towards much needed areas such as playground upgrades, books, excursion subsidies etc,.

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. **Mango orders are now in!**
Thank you to everyone who made an order, this year was our biggest for Mangoes ever.
We will let you know soon when the delivery date is precisely.

Grade 6 2027 shirts/hoodies
Reminder to all future 2027 Grade 6 families to make payment for any extra shirts and hoodies you have ordered by November 13th to ensure you receive them this year.
Payment via QKR.

DATES FOR OCTOBER
Tues 10th Prep transition 9.45am – 10am
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

KIDS AND WORRY



Join us to talk about it.

This 90 minute workshop will explore the reasons why children worry, and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas as well as practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

Come along and be reassured, reminded of something, or perhaps learn something new.

Presented by Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting Service.

Tuesday 1st December
9am - 10am
Marong Primary School
Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

Open to Marong Primary School parents and carers.

Register to come along by contacting the Marong Primary School Office.

E: marong.ps@education.vic.gov.au
P: 5435 2288

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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
Berry Street Student Diary	1

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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!

Our Preps have had another busy and productive week! In Sounds-Write, we have been practising our high-frequency words, including *the, was* and *then*, with plenty of repetition to help build confidence and strengthen our reading and spelling skills.

In Maths, we have been exploring simple division by sharing objects between two groups and splitting collections in half, making sure each group has an equal amount.

During Writing, we have been getting creative by turning familiar nursery rhymes into our own sentences and stories. We have also been learning about the important features of a narrative, including the characters, setting, problem and solution. Students have enjoyed retelling familiar stories in their own words and using their imagination to turn them into something new.

Well done, Preps, on another fantastic week of learning!

GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

This week in Sounds-Write, Miss Williams' class began exploring the /ee/ sound and its spellings <e, ea, ee and y>. Miss Thorn and Hayley's class focused on the /l/ sound and its spellings <l, ll, al, el, il, le and ol>. Mr Riordan's group continued working on the /v/ sound and its spellings <v, vv and ve>.

In Writing, we began exploring narrative texts as we continue to build towards report writing. Students identified the key elements of a story, including characters, settings, a problem and a solution. They then used picture prompts to plan and write their very own narrative stories, putting their creativity and imagination to work!

In Maths, we began learning about equivalent fractions. Students were introduced to a new Maths warm-up game called 'Fraction War', which encouraged them to compare fractions and explore their relationships. Students also had a go at creating their own equivalent fractions and identifying different ways to represent the same amount.

In Integrated, we explored food chains in the ocean. Students investigated a range of ocean animals across the different ocean zones and learnt about what they eat and how they are connected within a food chain. It was great to see students developing their understanding of the relationships between living things in our ocean environment.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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

Week 5, Term 4

GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

The Grade 3/4s have had a few very busy days as we begin our end-of-year testing for reports. They have all approached their learning with a positive mindset, with many students even looking for extra challenges. We have also loved seeing the creativity the students have brought to their Viking village. Stay tuned for more information about our showcase at the end of the year!

This week in English, we have been learning all about narratives and practising how to plan and write them within a set time. This can sometimes be tricky, but the students have been working hard to add more detail to their writing and make their stories even more interesting. We have also started reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* as one of our class texts for Term 4.

In Maths, we have been exploring chance and probability. We have looked at some challenging terminology, including 'mutually exclusive' and 'consecutive events'. We will finish our probability unit this week before moving on to multiplication and division next week.

We have also been very busy practising for our school concert! Please make sure you have signed and returned the form for your child to attend the 4pm session. Attendance at this session is compulsory. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you,

Leigh, Shayla and Jenn

GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

Literacy – Bumping Up Our Persuasive Writing
This week in Literacy, we are focusing on *bumping up* our persuasive writing to make our arguments clearer, stronger and more convincing. We are revisiting our existing writing and working on improving one section at a time, including introductions, body paragraphs, counterarguments and conclusions. We are exploring how to use more powerful persuasive language, include relevant evidence to support our opinions and strengthen our paragraph structure. By the end of the week, we aim to produce more detailed, effective and convincing persuasive texts.

Mathematics – Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication Strategies
In Mathematics, we are developing our confidence and efficiency when solving number problems. We are exploring a range of mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction, including partitioning, bridging, compensation and finding the difference. We are also strengthening our multiplication skills by using known multiplication facts, breaking numbers apart and applying the distributive property. Through these activities, we are learning to select the most efficient strategy for each calculation and check that our answers are reasonable.

Integrated Studies – Mystery Detectives
We are continuing to put on our detective hats as we investigate mysteries and work to uncover the truth! We are analysing clues, examining witness statements, checking alibis and using evidence to identify suspects and solve cases. We are applying our critical thinking, comprehension and problem-solving skills to separate fact from opinion and determine which information is reliable. We are also using mathematical skills, including calculations involving time, measurements and money, to test whether the evidence supports our conclusions. This engaging unit encourages us to think like real detectives, justify our decisions and build a convincing case using evidence.



CURRENT YEAR 5 FAMILIES

GRADE 6 LEGENDS - 2027

- TRY ON DATES 26-27 OCTOBER IN PAC FROM 3.30-4.00PM
- KANGAROO FLAT SPORTS CLUB SPONSORING 1 X POLO
- ADDITIONAL POLOS CAN BE PURCHASED AT $50 EACH
- SIZING: PARENTS CLUB WILL HAVE KIDS AND ADULT SIZING SAMPLES FOR TRYING ON
- SHORT SLEEVE AND LONG SLEEVE POLO OPTIONS
- NICKNAME: OPTIONAL (PARENT APPROVED) NICKNAME FOR REVERSE
- HOODY FOR PURCHASE AT $65 EACH (WITH NAME)
- ORDER AND PAY VIA QKR ON DAY OF TRY ON

NEW POLO DESIGN FOR 2027!



If you missed the sizing sessions please contact us to arrange to get this organised.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep - Jess

Abram - Abram has worked incredibly hard in writing this week. He wrote a fantastic recount of his weekend and impressed us with his focus, neatness and growth in his writing. We are so proud of your efforts this week. Super work Abram!

Grade Prep - Mrs Cook

Casey B - It has been wonderful to see Casey showing bravery and perseverance over the past few weeks. She has continued to give her best, even when things have felt tricky. She has been putting in a fantastic effort with her writing and also demonstrating our school values. You are a SUPERSTAR Casey and are doing a wonderful job

Grade 1/2 Williams

Ella W - Ella has been a super star this week. With Miss Williams being away, El adapted well to the changes and as always, worked super hard in every aspect. We are very lucky to have you a kind friend like you Ella. Keep it up!

Grade 1/2 Riordan

Jaxton - For demonstrating our value of 'Achievement' this week. Jaxton has been working super hard in our writing sessions, producing some wonderful story writing. He writes stories that are well constructed with some great ideas. Well done on some amazing writing Jaxton!

Grade 1/2 Thorn and Hayley

Lachlan R - Lachlan shows kindness and care towards his classmates every day. He is always willing to help others, share with friends and make sure everyone feels included. Lachlan demonstrates respect, uses kind words and is a wonderful role model in our classroom. Way to go Lachlan!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade 3/4 Miss O

Grade 3/4 Westcott

Chase R - Well done, Chase, on growing in confidence when contributing to class discussions and reading aloud from the TV. You also show great kindness and care towards others when they are hurt. Keep up the great work!

Grade 3/4 Lamb

Max H – Max did a fantastic job during our talk with Victoria Police last week! He was really engaged, asking lots of great questions and confidently sharing his knowledge. It was wonderful to see his curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Well done, Max!

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Ewen M – Ewen has been working hard this week, showing resilience and perseverance during learning tasks. He has been demonstrating a much more positive attitude towards his learning, and he should be very proud of his efforts. Well done, Ewen!

Grade 5/6 Fry

Chaz consistently demonstrates a calm and respectful approach to school life. He treats others with kindness, shows respect towards his peers and teachers, and always strives to do his best. Chaz should be proud of the positive attitude he brings to our classroom.

Grade 5/6 Burton

Millie H - Millie is a delight to have in 5/6 B! She consistently works hard, approaches every day with a positive attitude and always gives her best effort. Millie should be incredibly proud of the way she applies herself to her learning and the positive attitude she brings to school each day. Keep up the fantastic work, Mil!

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.







Day for Daniel

On Friday 30th October we are acknowledging Day for Daniel. This day is about raising awareness about being safe in our community and online, which fits in with our school value of Responsibility. We have two police officers, Senior Constable Billings and Leading Senior Constable O'Donnell (one of our school parents) from the Eaglehawk Police Station. They will be presenting to our P-2 students and then our 3-6 students. We are looking forward to collaborating with Victoria Police to help build our students' safety awareness and help-seeking strategies. The officers will also engage with the staff and students during lunchtime. If you would like to know more about Day for Daniel click here to find out more.

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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Order your Bowen Special Mangoes today!

Pre-order your 7 kg tray of Bowen Special Mangoes (aka Kensington Pride) delivered fresh from the farm!

(approx. 12–23 mangoes per tray depending on fruit size)

Your order makes a difference - thank you for supporting our fundraiser!



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*Delivery dates may be changed due to logistical difficulties or seasonal changes beyond our control, your co-ordinator will be notified of any changes

BLAST OFF

WITH BENDIGO EAST BASEBALL... THIS SUMMER

GET INVOLVED



FREE EVENTS 2026/2027:

CHILDREN'S WEEK
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28, 6-8PM
BASEBALL ACTIVITIES, PRIZES, BBQ
AGES 6-12

SUMMER IN THE PARKS
WEDNESDAYS DECEMBER 2 + 9, 6-8PM
WEDNESDAYS FEBRUARY 17 + 24, 6-8PM
BBQ AND COME AND TRY BASEBALL
ALL AGES WELCOME

AUSTRALIA DAY AT LAKE WEEROONA
INFO, SIGN-UPS, DEMOS + MORE

FIND US!

ALL EVENTS AT*:
BENDIGO EAST
BASEBALL CLUB
QUARRY HILL REC RESERVE
HAMLET STREET, QUARRY HILL
*EXCEPT FOR AUSTRALIA DAY
AT LAKE WEEROONA

SIGN UP...

AND FOR OTHER ENQUIRIES:

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East
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BASEBALL CLUB

NORTH BENDIGO FNC
2027 JUNIOR NETBALL TRIALS

Looking to play Netball for a fun, friendly, family orientated club affiliated in the HDFNL?

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are seeking players for our 13/Under, 15/Under & 17/Under 2027 junior teams.



For more information regarding trials, dates & contact details, please scan the QR code below & register by 15th Nov 2026

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


STRIKE
FORCE
JOIN US FOR A HOCKEY CLINIC WITH COBRAS PLAYERS BEFORE MATCH DAY!
SIGN UP HERE!
COBRAS
SUN, 8 NOV | BENDIGO HOCKEY CENTRE

GIANT TENNIS

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TENNIS COACHING

@ MAIDEN GULLY TENNIS CLUB

TERM 4 – 2026

HOTSHOTS GROUP LESSONS

- FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS OF ALL AGES & ABILITIES
- TUES & WED, FROM 4PM, SUN 10AM+
- 10 WEEK TERM, STARTS 5 OCT

GIANT TENNIS PLAY PARK - 5&UNDER

- A JOYFUL INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS THROUGH PLAY - SUNDAY 9-10AM
- 3 WEEK SERIES - $60
- BLOCK 1: 11OCT - 18 OCT - 25 OCT
- BLOCK 2: 15 NOV - 22 NOV - 29 NOV

FIND OUT MORE & BOOK YOUR SPOT:



giantennis.com.au

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

children's health & wellbeing local
Free support for children and their families

PARENT SUPPORT AND EDUCATION SESSIONS TERM 4, 2026

The Loddon Children's Health & Wellbeing Local offers free weekly education sessions that address mental health and wellbeing. The sessions are run by a mental health or allied health clinician at the Local.

Sessions are open to any parents or carers of children aged 0-11.

Why join in?

- Talk to Local staff about your child.
- Ask any practical questions you have about parenting now.
- Gain support for yourself as a parent.

Where: The Loddon Child and Health Wellbeing Local, 19 Helm St KANGAROO FLAT 3555. Enter via the green porch at the back of the site.

Dates and topics: Wednesdays (Face to face) please call us if you want to attend online to see if we can accommodate that.

WHEN	TIME	TOPIC
Oct 7th	9.30am	ADHD What is it and How Can I Help?
Oct 14	9.30am	What Is Autism and How Can I Help?
Oct 21	9.30am	Parent Wellbeing
Oct 28		**Bendigo Cup Closed**
Nov 4th	9.30am	Managing Big Feelings
Nov 11	9.30am	Navigating transitions
Nov 18	9.30am	Anxiety in Kids
Nov 25	9.30am	Social skills and self esteem
Dec 2	9.30am	Sibling Rivalry
Dec 9th	9.30am	Family rules and consequences



Book in via email jcfhwlocals@bchs.com.au. **Please state your name, your child's name and the session(s) you wish to attend.**

The Children's Health and Wellbeing Local is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and the Australian Government through the Head to Health Kids initiative.

In partnership with Bendigo Health, Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative, Njernda Aboriginal Corporation, Echuca Regional Health, North Central LLEN, Maryborough District Health, Chaleyo Health and Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health

Bendigo Community Health Services

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4-7 YEAR OLDS*

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





AFL | Superkick

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 WA).

BENDIGO & SURROUNDS

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STARTING NOVEMBER 2

MONDAYS 4:30PM - 5:30PM

$55 | INCLUDES FOOTY!

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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**