

Principal – Katie Lovel

Asst Principal – Jake Saddler



Marong Primary School

Respect | Responsibility | Honesty

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 26th, 2026 – Issue 19

SCHOOL VALUES

At Marong Primary School, we are committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment. Our core values guide our actions and shape our community:

- Respect: We treat everyone with kindness, consideration, and value their unique contributions.
- Responsibility: We take ownership of our actions, make responsible choices, and contribute positively to our school and community.
- Honesty: We act with integrity, communicate truthfully, and build trust in all our relationships.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Miss Gallagher has finalised the teams for the Sandhurst Division Football and Netball Championships 2026.

Football – Tuesday July 21st

Netball – Wednesday July 29th

Students will attend swimming lessons at Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre in Kangaroo Flat each day during their nominated week. Students will travel to and from the pool each day by bus.

DATES FOR JUNE

24th – Students' semester 1 reports available on Sentral

26th – Last day of term – 2.30pm finish

DATES FOR JULY

5TH – 12TH JULY – NAIDOC WEEK.

21st–23rd Parent Teacher interviews. Booking via the Sentral portal.

CHILD SAFE MESSAGE

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Rex C – Congratulations on your progress in writing Rex! I loved seeing your amazing sentences and how proud you were of your efforts.

Niyah A – Congratulations on showing great progress in regulating to complete your work tasks. Keep it up !



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a fantastic semester of learning and growth we have had ! I hope you have all had time to look at your child's academic report which was uploaded to Sentral on Wednesday afternoon. This is a great opportunity to reflect with your child on their successes and challenges. We look forward to discussing them further with you at Parent/Teacher Interviews at the beginning of next term.

I'd like to thank the Marong community for making me feel so welcome and my first semester here, so enjoyable. I'd like to once again congratulate Jake Saddler on his appointment to Huntly PS starting next term. He will be missed by our community, but we know he will make a huge impact at Huntly. We will work over the break to appoint an acting Assistant Principal for term 3 during which time we will advertise for an ongoing appointment.

Thank you to the amazing staff who have worked tirelessly with the best interests of all students at heart.

Enjoy the break and we look forward to seeing you all well rested in term 3!



PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Thank you to all our families for your support throughout Term 2. We now look forward to Term 3 and all it has to offer.

We will continue our Donuts program next term, hold our Father's Day Stall, and hopefully introduce some new events to involve our school community.

Wishing you all a safe and happy term break. We look forward to seeing you in Term 3!

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

We are improving our bike storage space with some fencing going up soon. Stay tuned for this.

Next school council meeting –
Wednesday July 22nd 6pm.



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Farewell from Mr Saddlier

It is mixed emotions that I write to inform the Marong Primary School community that I will begin my new role as assistant principal at Huntly Primary School at the beginning of term 3. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Marong and I am immensely proud of the changes we have put in place, the improvements we have made and the outcomes we have achieved.

For eight and a half years it has been my absolute pleasure to work with and lead alongside our amazing staff. Their dedicated effort to building their teaching capacity and an unwavering students first approach is such a credit to them and a blessing for our school. I will cherish the strong connections I have formed over my time at Marong. I have always valued the link between school and family and am proud of the fact that as our school has grown, we have maintained that small school connected community feel about it. The very fact that every student is noticed by every staff member allows us to better understand, support and nurture our students, having a positive impact on their wellbeing first and foremost, but also improving their academic outcomes too. Of course, the students are the reason why we do all this and I will undoubtedly miss the kids the most. Their smiles truly do make it worth coming to work each day. I have enjoyed getting to know them all, learning alongside them over the years and maybe even making them cringe a little at my dad jokes, but alas, a new opportunity awaits me at Huntly, and I am excited to take on a new challenge and continue to build my capacity as a leader in schools.

I wish you all the very best as you continue to work and learn together, ensuring Marong Primary School remains an excellent place for all. Have a safe and happy term break.

Kind regards
Jake Saddlier.



GRADE PREP

What we achieved this week!

How is it Week 10 already?

On Wednesday, reports were uploaded to Sentral, so please make sure you have logged on and read how your child has gone this semester. We have finished off the term with some fun and special activities in the classroom to celebrate a wonderful term.

In SoundsWrite, we have been revising each of the sounds we have learnt this term. In Reading, the students were introduced to a program on the iPads called *Get Epic*. They were able to read and listen to a range of stories that interested them. In Writing, we have been working on expanding simple sentences. We have also been creating rhyming words to add more detail to our writing.

In Maths, we have been learning about tally marks and collecting data. Students have been counting and drawing tally marks to match the pictures they see. We also completed a special M&M activity where students were given a handful of M&Ms to graph and tally the colours they received. They enjoyed getting to eat them at the end!

We all hope you have a happy and safe holiday, and we look forward to seeing you in Term 3.

Jess, Mrs Cook, Miss Wilson, Cayla and Charli



GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

We have finally made it to the end of a very busy term! Congratulations to all of our Grade One/Two students on a fantastic and successful term of learning.

This week in Sounds-Write, Miss Thorn and Hayley's group began Unit 8 of the program, focusing on building VCC and CVCC words. In Mr Riordan's group, students explored the /oo/ sound and its five spellings: oo, ew, ue, u-e and o. In Miss Williams' group, students investigated the /d/ sound and its three spellings: d, dd and ed.

In Writing, we continued exploring *The Day the Crayons Quit*. Students learnt about the meaning of the word *persuasive* and discussed how the crayons tried to persuade Duncan throughout the story. They then put their new learning into practice by writing persuasive letters to Duncan from the perspective of classroom objects. We had plenty of overworked and tired whiteboard markers, glue sticks and textas sharing their complaints!

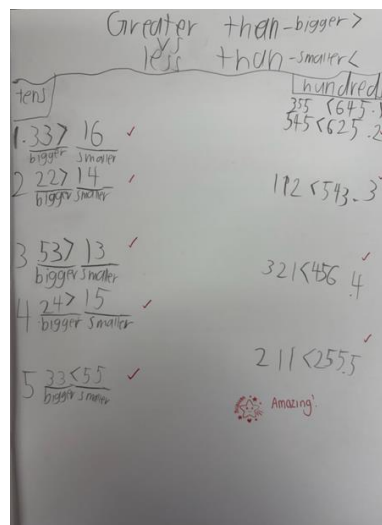
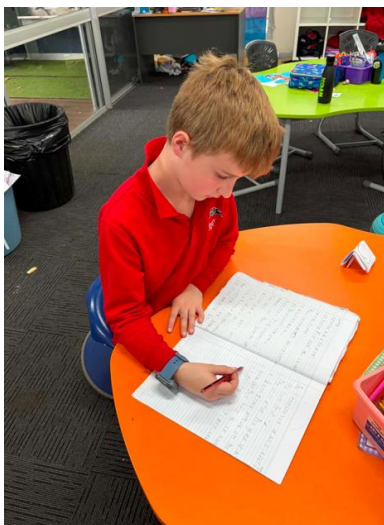
In Maths, students explored numbers that are greater than and less than other numbers. They learnt how to correctly use the greater than ($>$) and less than ($<$) symbols and practised comparing both two-digit and three-digit numbers. We were also introduced to a new maths warm-up game called *Dice Cricket*, which has quickly become a class favourite!

In Integrated Studies, students explored Bondi Beach and the many natural features that make it a unique and important Australian landscape.

We wish all our students and families a safe, relaxing and well-deserved holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone back for another exciting term of learning in Semester Two!



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



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

The end of Week 10 is finally here the holidays are near, let's give a cheer!

The last week of term has been a wholesome one, celebrating all we have achieved, revisiting knowledge we have learned throughout the term, and coming together as Grade 3/4s to have some fun. A highlight of the week was watching the Socceroos with the whole school in the PAC.

A huge congratulations to Miss O, who surprised all the Grade 3/4s this week when she announced that she is having a baby! We are all very, very excited.

The most important part of the week was celebrating the one and only Mr Saddlier. Mr Saddlier will be dearly missed, and we are all very sad to see him go. However, we wish him all the very best at his new school. Thank you for all the support you have given not only to the students but also to the staff. We will miss your funny jokes and visits to our classroom.

A message for Mr Saddlier from the Grade 3/4s:

'Thank you, Mr Saddlier, for being helpful and making sure everyone was happy and safe. We will miss you because you were always ready to help. We will miss your funny jokes too because they always make everyone laugh and you make everyone smile every day. Mr Saddlier you are always so happy, and we are so grateful for you. Every time you come into the classroom you bring joy to everyone. You always check on people because you care so much. You always make sure the teachers are happy with everything. You make sure the school is a nice environment for everyone. Good luck Mr Saddlier. We are proud of everything you have done for the school.'



Reminders

Please check Sentral to access your child's school report.

Have a relaxing holiday and if you can, complete some home reading.

Come back ready for another term of amazing work and achievement.



GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

As we come to the end of a busy and successful semester, students have continued to work hard across all learning areas.

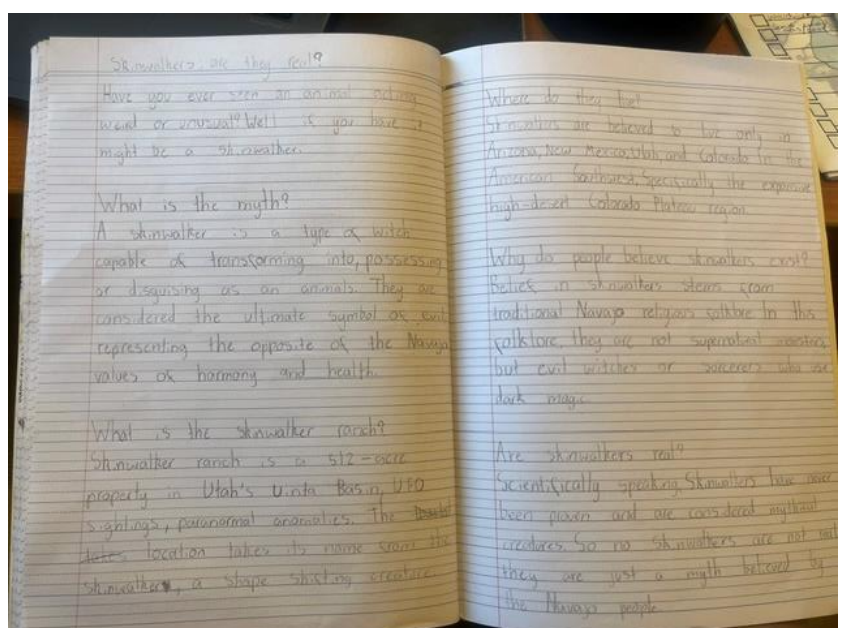
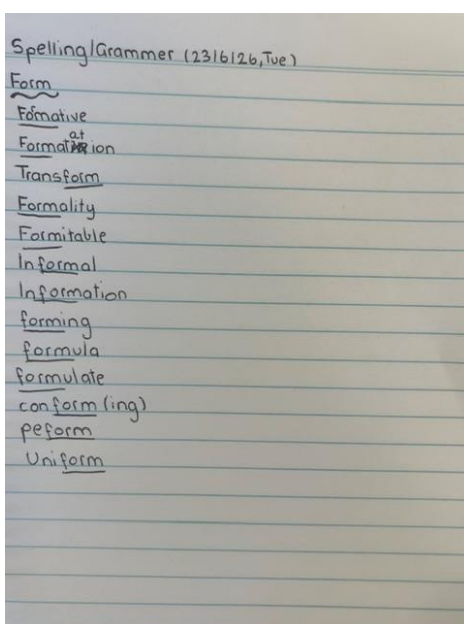
In Literacy, students focused on embedding evidence into their writing and enhancing their information reports by improving their vocabulary, sentence structure and organisation. Students also had the opportunity to present their completed reports, showcasing the research and effort they have put into their work throughout the term. In our Etymology lessons, students explored the root word *form*, investigating how it contributes to the meaning of a range of words.

In Mathematics, students participated in a reflection week, revisiting and consolidating the key concepts covered throughout the term. This provided an opportunity for students to celebrate their growth and strengthen their understanding across a range of mathematical topics.

In Integrated Studies, students completed our *Great Australian Adventure* unit. Throughout the semester, students explored each Australian state and territory, learning about their geography, landmarks, culture and history. It has been wonderful to see the creativity, curiosity and effort students have demonstrated through their travel journals and projects.

Well done to all Grade 5/6 students on a fantastic semester of learning. We are incredibly proud of your hard work, resilience and achievements. We wish all students and their families a fun, relaxing and safe holiday break, and we look forward to another exciting semester in Term 3.

Miss Burton, Mr Johnstone, Mr Fry and Chelsie



Chinese

What we achieved this week!

Chinese Class Representatives Announced

Congratulations to our newly elected **Chinese Class Representatives**:

Adeara S, Sophie C, Abi P, Sienna N and Mitchell W!

Following a student vote across our Grade 5/6 senior units, these students have been selected to represent Chinese language learning within our school community. We commend them on their enthusiasm, leadership, and willingness to take on this important role.

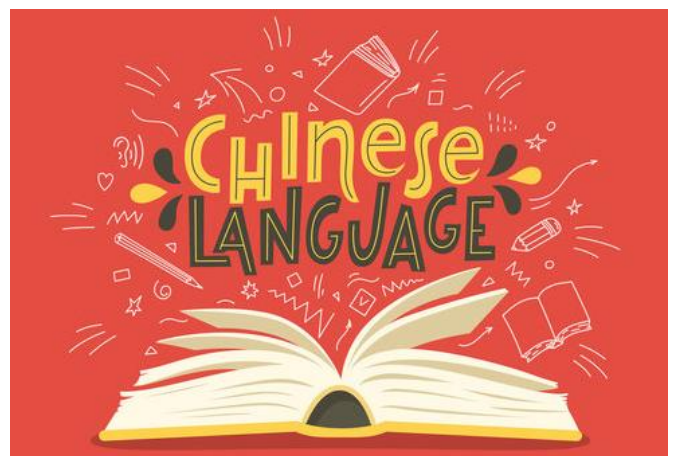
As Chinese Class Representatives, they will help promote the learning of Chinese throughout the school, encourage student participation in language and cultural activities, and serve as positive ambassadors for our Chinese program.

Later this year, they will also have the exciting opportunity to attend a Chinese Cultural Activity Day, where student representatives from primary schools across the Bendigo region will come together to explore Chinese language and culture through a range of engaging and hands-on experiences.

We look forward to seeing the valuable contributions our CCRs will make in supporting and celebrating language learning at our school. Congratulations once again on your achievement!

Yuzi Xie

Specialist Teacher - Chinese Language



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep Cook

Olivia N –

Olivia has had a super week and should be very proud of herself especially for her efforts in math. She has loved learning about tally marks and data and shown tremendous concentration during these sessions. Well done Olivia, keep up the wonderful work!

Prep Jess

Sophia S–

Sophia is making a big effort to show respectful listening during our mat time and has been making positive contributions to our classroom discussions. We love Sophia's enthusiasm during our songs and dance breaks. Keep up the great effort Sophia!

Grade 1/2 Williams

Charlotte C –

Charlotte has been on fire this week! She has been working incredibly hard in Maths, confidently comparing numbers using greater than and less than. Charlotte has also continued to show a positive attitude and a big smile, even when things become challenging. Well done, Char! I am very proud of you.

Grade 1/2 Riordan

Mason G –

It has been wonderful to see Mason putting in his best effort in his learning this week. He has been kind, confident and participating wonderfully during class time. Well done on a great week and term, Mason.

Grade 1/2 Thorn/Hayley

Hunter B –

Hunter is our student of the week. He has shown increased confidence in his learning which has enabled him to approach tasks with greater independence. Keep working hard Hunter!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade 3/4 O'Donoghue

JJ B –

JJ has really been a standout this week; he has been working in a different area of the classroom where he has been concentrating and focusing more than ever. JJ has completed his neatest writing this week as well as independent math revision. Enjoy the celebrations JJ 😊

Grade 3/4 Westcott

Hattie M–

Hattie has made positive choices this week by taking responsibility for her own learning. She has also demonstrated respect towards others by listening thoughtfully to different points of view and contributing positively to class discussions. Well done, Hattie!

Grade 3/4 Lamb

Chase N–

Chase has been a thoughtful and caring member of our class this week. He has regularly offered support to his peers, helped others work through challenges, and encouraged positive interactions between classmates. His willingness to take on new challenges for the benefit of others has been impressive. Well done Chase.

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Francis B–

Frank has done an outstanding job during our myth writing and has created a well-researched *Men in Black* myth. His creativity, attention to detail, and enthusiasm for this topic has been outstanding! Well done, Frank!

Grade 5/6 Fry

Harper B–

Harper consistently gives her all to every learning task and demonstrates great persistence, even when faced with challenges. Harper has done a fantastic job with her writing, producing an engaging and well-researched information report about Skinwalkers. Her effort, determination, and commitment to doing her best are wonderful qualities that make her a valued member of our classroom. We are very proud of you, Harper!

Grade 5/6 Burton

Sienna T–

Sienna has really applied herself this week. She's been focused, driven and working well independently. I have been particularly impressed with her information report writing. Great work, Sienna!

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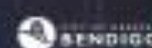
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School Holiday Fun!

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Your teacher:



Wellbeing staff:



Your principal:



Any adult you trust at school.

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SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



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TIME: 8:20am- 8:45am

ROOM: Large Decking

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 **THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2026**

 **DOWER PARK OVAL,
KANGAROO FLAT**

 **9AM – 11:30AM – FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-12
12PM – 2:30PM – FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 13-16**

 **\$10 per child
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The program is designed specifically for kids who want to improve their AFL football skills before the season ends. Kids will be exposed to drills they can practice in their own time to improve individual development.

The day is open to all skill levels and players, this program combines fun with youth development.

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Per day

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Tuesday 7th of July

9am - 4pm

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**Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).*

AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

ALL PROGRAMS RUN 9AM-3PM

COST IS \$55 (FOOTY INCLUDED)

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM TERM TWO 2026

These programs offer parents and their children 7-11 support with mental health and wellbeing. The one-hour sessions are run by mental health staff from the Loddon Children's Health & Wellbeing Local. Sessions are fun, educational and interactive. Groups are small: five children with one parent per child attending.



TOPICS

10. 30am Worry in children - Please book in

1.30pm All about Anger - Please book in

2.30pm Parent Drop in with questions to ask the mental health staff about parenting and your child. We will have lots of information for parents to take away. Kids can come too and play while we chat. No need to book for this session.

DATES AND LOCATION:

8th July Inglewood, St Mary's Primary School 7-12 year olds

Bookings are essential:

Please call Annette on 1800 433 977 or email us with your child's name, which sessions you want to attend, your name, the name of your child and their age. Your contact details including email and telephone number, icfhwlocals@bchs.com.au .

We will be in touch prior to the session to confirm details including how to access the venue.

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JUNE 22 - JULY 13



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1:30PM	CLINIC & ACTIVITIES COMMENCES
4:00PM	CLINIC FINISHES
4:00PM	SIGNATURES, PHOTOS & GIVEAWAYS
4:30PM	PICK UP

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