

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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RESPECT

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HONESTY

From the Principal

Dear parents and care givers,

Foundation Enrolment Applications for the 2024 School Year

The Department of Education and Training has aligned the timeline for Foundation enrolments 2024, with the process in place for enrolments for year 6 students, into secondary college 2024. Schools can now receive Foundation enrolment applications for the 2024 school year from the start of Term 2, 2023. Under the new guidelines the following applies:

Families living within the Marong PS zone: If you reside within our school zone or your child has siblings at the school you can obtain an enrolment package from our office or download a form from the school website. To assess your residential status with regard to school zones search the website 'Find my school'.

Families wishing to seek a placement at Marong PS who live outside our school zone: If you are residing outside our school zone you will need to complete an application for placement. If successful you will then be supplied with the enrolment documentation. (Note: If you reside outside our zone but already have a child attending our school you do not need to complete an application for placement form. Simply complete an enrolment form.)

Staff Leave

Please note that, Loretta Williams, our business manager will be on leave for the remainder of the 2023 School Year. Advice re the appointment of replacement office staff will be announced next week. In addition to Loretta being on leave Bridget Gallagher will commence maternity leave around the end of May. A process is currently in place to cover Bridget's classroom teaching role for the remainder of this year.

Pupil Free Day

Please note that school council has approved a Student Free day on Thursday May 4th. Staff will be participating in the 1st of 4 days training in a program entitled 'The Berry Street Program'. This is a powerful professional development program based around understanding trauma and how best to meet the needs of all students and particularly those experiencing trauma.

From the Principal Cont'd...

Day 2 will take place in term 3 2023 and days 3 & 4 will take place in 2024.

Athletics Carnival Day

On Thursday May 11th our school will attend the Athletics Centre in Retreat Road Flora Hill in order to participate in the annual LCDSSA Cluster Athletics Sports program. Our school will be joined by staff and students from 5 other cluster schools. Parents are welcome to attend this event as spectators. In addition we will require many parent helpers on the day. Please contact Mr Riordan if you would like to help. Parents are welcome to transport their child/ren to and from the centre, we will provide drop off and pick up times in a future newsletter. For parents who are unable to transport their children to the sports by car we have organised buses to take the students to and from this event. There will be a charge to cover the transport costs for this activity.

Bus transport: \$5 per child.

Education Week

2023 Education week will be conducted between Monday May 15th and Friday May 19th. Our school will run a number of special events throughout the week. Look for information re Education Week at Marong Primary School in our Term Two Newsletters.

Cross Country Event

On behalf of the Loddon Calder District School Sports Association I wish to thank all the volunteers that assisted with our Cross Country and Junior Fun Day events last Friday. Without your help events such as these would not be possible. I wish to also acknowledge the staff from each of our cluster schools for their time and commitment to these annual events. Our Junior Fun Day was fortunate to have 3 students helpers from Crusoe Secondary College. Each of these students approached their roles on the day with great enthusiasm and exhibited their current and potential leadership skills. Our committee greatly appreciated the support of Crusoe SC. Our next event will be the Athletics Carnival to be held at the Latrobe University Athletics Track on Thursday May 11th. Please note for this event we will also be seeking assistance from parent volunteers. If you are able to help please advise your schools sports coordinator. Russell Jeffrey, Committee Member LCDSSA.

Education Week

Education Week will commence on Monday May 15th. Throughout the week we will conduct a number of activities as part of this special week. Among the weekly activities there will be a Special Activity Event, an information session for prospective parents and once again we will conduct our very popular Grandparents morning tea.

The Special Activity Event will be held after school on the 17th of May. Mr Saddler will provide more details re this event to our community in the near future.

The parent information session will take place at 4:30pm on the 18th of May. Grandparents morning tea will take place on Wednesday the 17th of May. We ask that our visitors arrive around 10:15am and make their way to the PAC. At approximately 11am the school will provide a morning tea for our guests.

Please note that families are not required to bring any food as it is supplied by the school.

Mothers Day Cuppa

In acknowledgement of the importance of all the 'mums' we will be conducting an early morning tea for them on Friday May 12th. Tea and coffee will be available and there will be muffins available that can be eaten at the time or saved for later in the day.

2023 Education Week – open evening.

This year Victoria will celebrate Education Week from Sunday 14 May to Saturday 20 May. The theme is 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', which celebrates physical activity, hands-on learning and student voice in education. To help celebrate Education Week – our school will like to invite our school community to an Education Evening at our school on **Wednesday 17th May**. Come along and join in the fun activities between **6pm- 7pm**. Each family member attending will receive house points and also go in the draw for our raffle.

Grade Prep/One

A big congratulations to all the students for such a smooth and confident return to school. It was great to see the maturity and growth in all the kids this week!

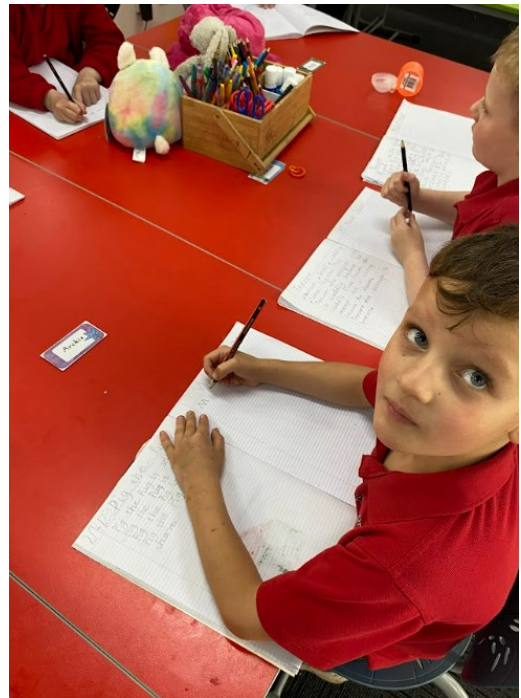
The Preps kicked goals with their new word and sentence of the week whilst the Grade 1's continued to demonstrate their sound and word knowledge.

We saw some wonderful writing based on Pig the Pug books and some enthusiastic counting and skip counting in Math.

Please continue to ensure that hats are packed each day and that your child is completing at least 5 readers each week. It would be helpful if students bring their black reader bags daily.

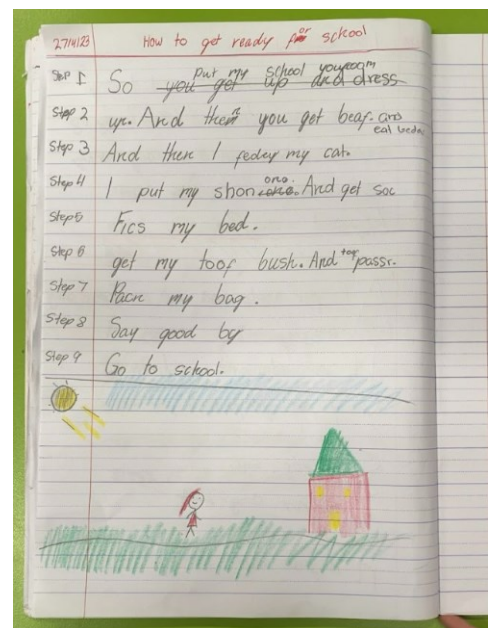
Overall a fantastic start to the term, super work to all of our students, we are incredibly proud of you!

The Prep/One Team



Grade 2/3!

Welcome back to term 2 in grade 2/3! All the students have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn for another fantastic term. This week we took some time to learn about ANZAC Day and its significance. We watch some videos and read some stories of people who fought in the war and paid our respect at our school ANZAC service. In writing, we have begun looking at procedural texts. We have looked at how they are set out and practiced by writing instructions on 'How to get ready for school.' Our numeracy focus this week has been on multiplication and shape. We practiced strategies for solving multiplication problems and went on a hunt for some 2D shapes around the school. We are looking forward to a busy term!



Grade 4/5/6!

Welcome back to Term Two. We hope you are all well rested and had an enjoyable break!

We've been welcomed back with a short week this week. Monday saw the school participate in our own Anzac service. Well done to the students that held speaking roles, sharing knowledge on the history of Anzac Day and the importance of us to stop to recognise this special day. A special applause to all grade 4/5/6 for the singing efforts in the choir, singing the song *Lest We Forget*. Feedback from teaching staff was incredibly positive. Great effort team!

On Tuesday, our school captains Nate, Ruby, Harry and Neve were invited to the Kangaroo Flat Soldiers Memorial to pay respects and lay a wreath on behalf of our school. All students represented our school with pride and respect, and were great ambassadors. Thank you Nate, Ruby, Harry and Neve.



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In the classroom we have started with a bang. Students are excited to be back with their friends and we've enjoyed the mostly great weather up until Thursday.

In reading, students delved into the history of the ANZAC's, the events at Gallipoli and the special importance of the Anzac biscuit. We then moved onto exploring the text structure and language features of a text. We were even able to do this by watching a humorous video clip from Bluey. In writing, students have been working on their creative minds by exploring narratives. We have looked at what the important features of a narrative are and then used this knowledge to create their own narrative checklist, which will be used to edit and improve their writing pieces over the coming weeks.

In math, we are exploring the concept of time and revisiting the three methods of completing multiplication. Time will continue to be a focus in the coming weeks. Students have enjoyed practising the traditional/bowtie method, lattice and box method to gain success in completing multiplication equations.

A reminder of the important dates we have coming up

Wednesday 3rd May – Cross Country at the Bendigo Racecourse – Notes have been sent home regarding travel to and from the racecourse and are due back ASAP. Please see Mr Riordan if you have any questions.

Thursday 4th May – Curriculum Day – Teachers will be undertaking training on the Berry Street Education Model.

Friday 5th May – School photos

Thursday 11th May – LCDSSA Athletics Carnival at the Flora Hill Athletics Track.



Outside School Hours Care

Vacation care

Monday Wheels day

Today was our first ever Vacation care program. The children were invited to bring along their bikes, scooters and skates. After Mr Jeffrey come to welcome us, we went outside to practice our bike safety skills. Later in the afternoon we went for a ride around Marong and put our bike safety skills to the test.

Back at school some popular activities included drawing, playing with the dolls and UNO.



Tuesday Kangaroo Flat Library

Today we boarded Andreas little bus to head off to the Library. Once we were at the Library we were greeted by Tasmin who had prepared a fun afternoon for us. After a tour of the library we all sat down and listened to a story. Next we explored a few different craft activities including making a book mark and leaning Egyptian hieroglyphics. After lunch we were then able to explore the library independently. The community puzzle, computer game and borrowing a DVD for OSHC were amongst the many highlights of the day.

Wednesday Prima and Picasso day

This morning we headed to the PAC to watch a guided drawing on the big screen. Of course it had to be a SpongeBob picture! Then later in the day we headed to the art room to paint our pictures. While we were painting we enjoyed sipping on some juice and snacking on some delicious snacks. The most popular snacks were the biscuits Chelsie and Mr Stacey decorated to look like paint pallets. Another highlight of the day was our PE session with Mr Stacey.

Thursday Botanical gardens

Today we boarded Andreas big bus to head off to the White Hills Botanical Gardens. With the sun turned on we spent the next few hours climbing trees, jumping rope, running, laughing and playing. The giant 'cubby house tree' came a very close second favourite to the hammock on the playground. It was great to see everyone on their best behaviours and even nicer to receive compliments from the public on how well the students were representing our school. Special mention to Fraser for treating us to some hot chippies to enjoy in the gardens.

Friday Carnival day

Our aim was to end the program with a bang and that we did. From decorating our own showbags to facepainting and carnival games it was a terrific day. Of course we had to enjoy some carnival snacks also. Everyone helped set up for the day to ensure it was a success. In the afternoon we enjoyed some chill out time with the movie we had borrowed earlier in the week.



Book Club

This week students have been sent home with a Book Club catalogue. Orders must be placed and paid by March the 5th.

A reminder that all book orders that are purchased gives the school bonus credits to purchase new books for our library.





Prep/One Maddern

Conner W- Conner has started term 2 with a bang! He has been working hard during all lessons and as a result he has written some amazing writing pieces. You are a great leader within our classroom Conner, keep up the great work!

Prep/One O

Anna C- Anna has blown us away this term and has come back to school SOOOOO ready to learn. She has been joining into all activities and building up her skills and stamina to complete a tasks. I am proud of how hard she is trying to do the right thing! GO Anna

Prep/One Mrs Cook & Jess

Isla S- Isla has had a wonderful start to Term 2. She has come back with confidence and eager to learn. This week Isla has done some amazing reading and we are super proud of her efforts. Well done Isla, keep up the AMAZING work. You are a superstar!

2/3 Fry

Abi P- Abi has had an awesome start to Term Two. She has excellent leadership skills and enjoys showing respect by helping others in the grade. Abi always works to the best of her ability and produces high quality work. She loves showing her artistic skills and approaches all tasks with her "I can do it" attitude. Keep it up Abs!

2/3 Stacey

Charlee R- Charlee has been fantastic in our return to school. Full of energy and enthusiasm she has been really responsible for her learning and finished all tasked this week to a high quality. She is well liked amongst her classmates and students tune in whenever she shares her work. Well done Charlee.

2/3 Maher

Ellie W- Ellie has come back to school and it is like she never left! She has been super focused and has shown great improvement in her determination and effort. Ellie has impressed with her multiplication strategies and willingness to help her peers. Keep up the great work Ellie!

4/5/6 Johnstone

Robbie J- Robbie has been an absolute superstar this week and has been smashing out all his work. This week Robbie has done an excellent job on his narrative writing and his work on multiplication and worded problems has been a real highlight. Well done Robbie, great work!

4/5/6 Riordan

Tabby E- for demonstrating confidence and persistence in her learning this week. Tabby has come back to school focussed and working hard in the classroom. Well done Tabby.

4/5/6 Gallagher & Wardell

Emily H- for showing respect and responsibility this week. Em has had a great start back from holidays and has been trying her best at all times. Well done Emily!