

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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February	March
Tue 14th Book Club orders close	Mon 14th Labor Day Public Holiday
Wed 16th Prep rest day/interviews	
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RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our supply of Rapid Antigen Tests have been replenished. Parents can collect additional kits from the office at your earliest convenience. We will provide two weeks supply of the tests to families. The number of boxes you will be able to collect will be determined by the number of children you have attending our school. Please note that the tests are for Marong PS students and staff only and they should not be used to test other family members.

We currently do not have supplies of face masks to distribute to students. Until we receive more masks I ask respectfully that students bring a mask from home.

Covid Safe Practices

For the benefit of parents I am providing the following information regarding the wearing of facemasks. This information is taken from the Department of Education and Training's latest Covid Operational Guide.

- Students in Grade three and above **must** wear a face mask indoors at school, (including specialist schools) and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs, unless a lawful exception applies. Students must wear face masks even if vaccinated.
- For composite classes that include students in and above grade three and below grade three, those below grade three are strongly encouraged to wear masks.
- Students in prep to grade two are strongly recommended to wear a face mask indoors at school or an OSHC program.

A face mask must be well fitted and cover the nose and mouth. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements.

Thank you

On the day before our students returned for the start of the new year, a number of parents and staff gave of their time to spread soft fall mulch under our adventure playgrounds. In addition they tidied up pathways and the grounds to ensure the school was in a presentable state to start the year. I wish to thank the following people for their time and effort it is greatly appreciated. Thank you and job well done by: Greg Lindrea, Holly Café, Aaron Bentley, Brenton & Meron Pyper, Murray Wearne, Chris Lakey, Mick & Emma Cook, Jack Wardell and Jake Saddler.

Kind Regards

Russell Jeffrey

Principal

Lunch Orders

Friday lunch orders will recommence on **March 4th**. Orders will still be input via Qkr.

Book Club

Book Club orders close Tuesday, 15th February.

School Upgrade

In the past three weeks, landscaping works have been completed and our amazing 'water feature' has also been installed.



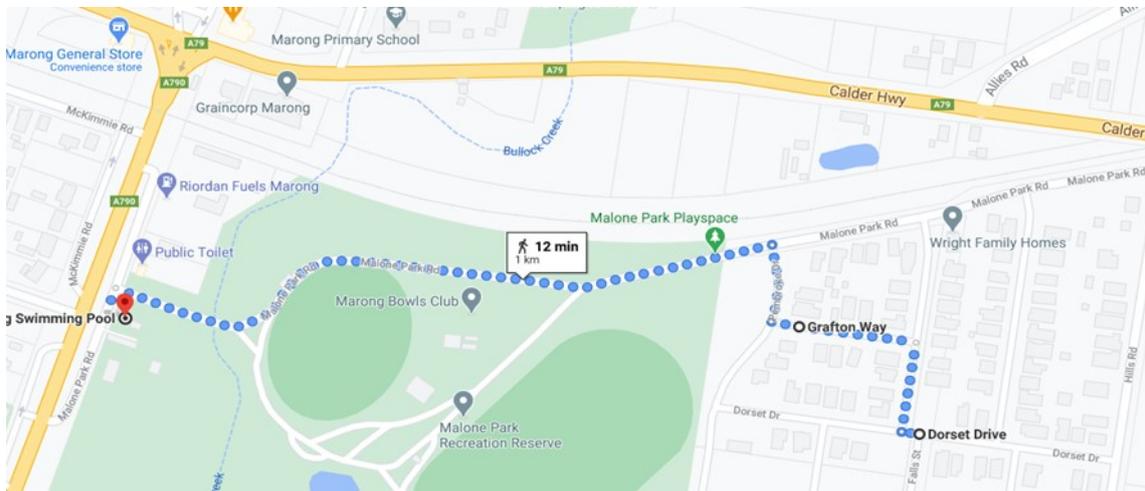
Walking School Bus

We are looking forward to continuing our Walking School Bus this year and hoping to begin again by week five this term. If you would like your child to be involved and/or are happy to help out as a volunteer walker, please fill out the expression of interest slip in this week's newsletter and return it to Mr Saddler by Monday 21st February.

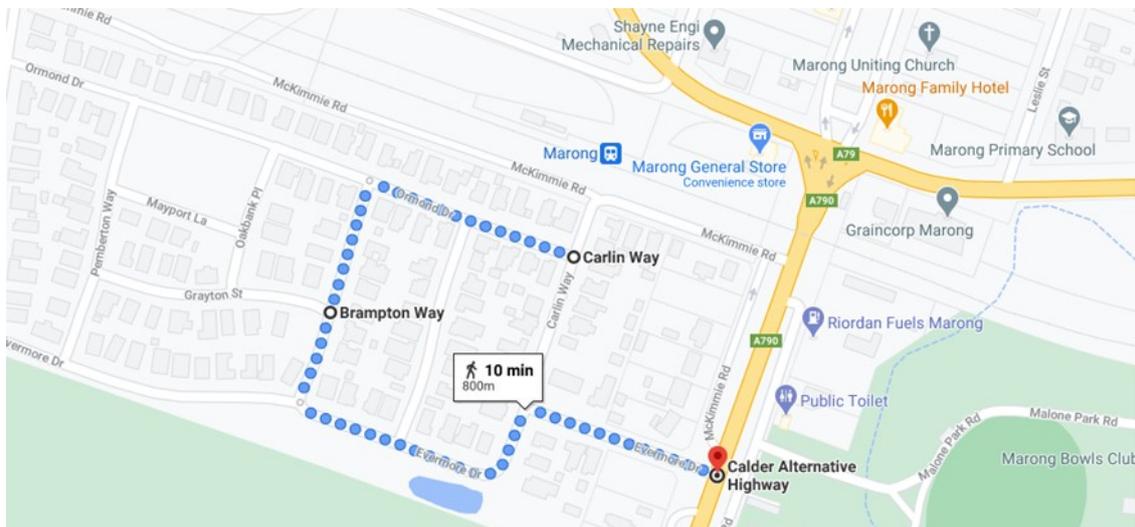
Our walking school bus will operate on the following days/ times and meeting places

Estate	Walking days	Starting point	Walking Route (See below maps)	Starting time
Discover Marong	TBC	Corner of Dorset Drive and Falls Street	Via Lisburn Street, Grafton Way & Pembroke Drive	8:25am
Golf Links	TBC	Corner of Carlin way and Ormond Drive	Via Brampton Way & Evermore Drive	8:30 am

Discover Marong Estate Walking Route



Golf Links Estate Walking Route



Would you like to catch the Walking School Bus?

What is a Walking School Bus?

A Walking School Bus is a group of students, with adult supervision, walking along a set route between their homes and school. Children can join the bus along a route to and from school, near their homes, or they can be taken to a collection point to commence the walk. All children are welcome to join!

If you live in the Discover Marong Estate or Golf Link Estate, then the Walking School Bus is ideal for you.

Who can be a volunteer?

The Walking School Bus is accompanied by adult volunteers at a ratio of 1:10. A volunteer can be a parent, grandparent, aunty, uncle or a community member interested in helping children get to and from school.

If you have any queries, please contact Mr Saddler at the school.

The below information will be collated to help Mr Saddler and our volunteers determine the walking safe route and meeting / pick up points.

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Like to use our Walking School Bus at our school?

Please return below to Mr Saddler by Monday 21st February, 2022

Parent(s) Name: Phone No:

Address:

Email address:

Name(s) & year level(s) of children:

Please tick the boxes indicating your preference/s. I would like to:

Send my child on the Walking School Bus.

Regularly walk as a volunteer (once a week.)

Volunteer occasionally (once a month.)

***** There is no need to return this slip if you are unable to assist or have no interest in our walking school bus.**

Become a waste warrior



SWAP

- Cling wrap and zip lock bags for reusable containers
- Disposable drink receptacles for durable drink bottles



Use a sandwich box to keep sandwiches fresh and in tact

REUSE

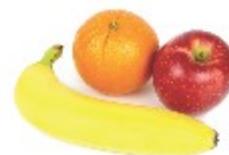
- Use reusable bags when shopping
- Try reusable food wraps such as beeswax wraps or reusable durable zip lock bags



MINIMISE

- Choose foods that create less waste to minimise use of single use plastics
- Avoid overloading the lunchbox with food that won't be eaten

Choose fruit and vegetables with their own natural packaging



www.healthylunchboxweek.org

Nutrition Australia

Grade Prep

This week has been another exceptional week in the Prep room and we are so proud of how well the students are settling in.

In Smart Spelling this week our focus word was 'ant' and the sentence of the week was; 'That ant had a hat.' We recalled the sounds 'a' and 't' and revised the digraph 'th'.

In Math we focused on the numbers 6-10, played number games, listened to number songs and have a new love for the 'big number song.' We also had our first math discovery session where students were able to show student agency.

We also completed handwriting activities with a focus on correct letter formation and correct pencil grip. Keep up the tip top work Preppies, you are all doing so well!

Prep Team



Grades One/Two

We are so excited by our intergraded topic this term - **AROUND THE WORLD** and have loved learning about airports and aeroplanes. This week we have been working on our 'around the world' adventure books, created our own passports as well as creating our own holiday narratives. The students have loved singing the seven continents song and are becoming experts at identifying them on a world map. We have begun our flexible grouping program where the idea is that we use the three 1/2 grades as a bigger learning community to mix up the students into three levelled classes. This has several benefits and the students have loved getting to work with a range of teachers and friends. Within Numeracy this week we have been skip counting with beads and making place value numbers with spaghetti and Cheerios. It has been an exciting week and we all are settling in nicely.



Grades Three/Four

What a wonderful week we've had in grade 3/4!

It's been great to get back into some solid work this week. Our literacy this week has focused on finding key information in our reading books and creating more interesting writing pieces. We have looked at the key questions to consider when summarising and creating 'sizzling starts' to begin our stories.

In maths this week we have continued our learning about place value, looking at rounding and estimating. We have also started our work on shapes, investigating 2D shapes and what features make them unique.

A hit with everyone this week has been looking at some unusual laws around the world. Did you know that bubble gum is banned in Singapore? Or that chickens cannot cross the road in Georgia. We had a great time trying to justify some of these and then created some of our own. There were some interesting laws being thought up like 'No Boys Allowed' and 'You have to wear pink on Tuesday.'

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Johnstone and Miss Cooney.



Grades Five/Six

Another great week in the classroom this week. Students have loved having more space open up this week, with more room to run around outside. We have enjoyed working on our autobiographies, displaying our writing as a poster and presenting our information to small groups. We have all enjoyed getting to know more about each other.

Students have enjoyed our P.E sessions at Malone Park, playing some cooperative games designed to promote communication and group work.

We look forward to our golf clinic tomorrow morning at the golf club. Lots of fun to be had.

A reminder to parents and students to please bring in your mask each and every day. Masks should be left in lockers or bags to ensure they are coming to school each day.

This week, students have been learning to:

Reading – skim and scan and locate specific information from a text.

Writing – to display and present their autobiography.

Numeracy – to solve vertical addition of 2,3,4 and 5 digit numbers with carrying.

Integrated – to research an influential person.

P.E. – to develop their communication and cooperative skills.

Mr Riordan, Ms Gallagher and Mr Wardell.



STEM 2022

We need your help! Let's turn your recycled items into incredible STEM learning opportunities! It would be very much appreciated if you could start collecting the below items from your recycling, ready to use in our upcoming STEM projects.



Empty Yoghurt and Fruit Cup Containers



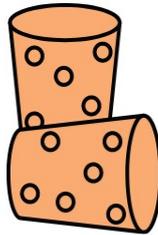
Cardboard
(Flat Packed Please)



Bottle Tops & Lids



Water and Soft Drink Bottles
(Washed Please)



Bottle Corks



Old or Unused CD's



Glass Jars with Lids
(Cleaned Please)



Cotton Reels



Cardboard Tubes

Thankyou for your assistance!

Miss Whatley

Outside School Hours Care



We are so excited to have our own space back again. We are temporarily located in room 10, closest portable to the down beyond space. Here we have been able to do sewing, woodwork, play dough, polymer clay and so much more! We have our couches to chill out on and some of your favourite toys from our old space.

This terms clubs will be as followed:

Monday- Around the world club with Barnali

Tuesday- Art club with Annie

Wednesday- Games with Rose

Thursday morning- Technology club with Chelsie

Friday- Sewing club with Chelsie

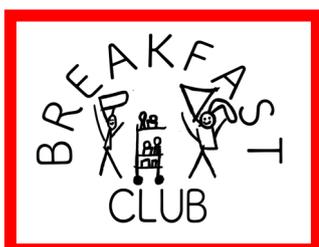
A friendly reminder for those parents who haven't done so, 2022 enrolment forms are now over due.

Chelsie Nickson OSHC coordinator



Breakfast Club

(Coming Soon!)



Chinese

Saying goodbye to the Ox, we enter the Year of the Tiger. You might have already heard our kids talking about how we welcome the Year of the Tiger so as to bring good luck and good health to everyone. When is the Lunar New Year 2022? The date of Lunar New Year varies from year to year as it follows the cycle of the moon, but the auspicious date typically falls either towards the end of January or in early February. This year, February 1 marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year. The celebration will end on February 15, with the Lantern Festival. Chinese New Year is China's most important traditional festival, with many interesting customs. Our students are very curious about why the Chinese do what they do during the Chinese New Year.

Prep: Students learn something about China and enjoy practicing how to say hello and introduce themselves with Mickey Mouse using different voices. They also make beautiful tiger book cover for their Chinese learning journey in 2022.

Our Grade One and Two students have a quick discussion on the 12 zodiac animals and do the one hundred Chinese challenge to revisit what they had learned in Prep and Grade One. They also make their cover page for their Chinese exercise books.

Grade Three to Six, students have a discussion on what they like to do in Chinese, e.g. the language games and online activities they want to participate in. They express their interest in some specific topics and cultural activities. They also share their ideas on the way the teacher communicates with them and the way she gives feedback to them. Importantly, they reflect on how to build a positive learning environment in the class so to see the growth of self and peers. They then choose to either make a tiger book mark or a 3D standing tiger to mark the beginning of the Year of the Tiger wishing everyone as strong as a tiger.





Prep - Layla C

Layla has settled into our school routine incredibly well and is already demonstrating leadership within our classroom. Layla takes pride in her work and always tries her hardest. Layla is respectful towards her peers and listens to others before having her turn. Keep up the amazing work Layla, we are very very proud!

Grade One/Two Stacey - Gemma T

Gemma has shown great respect and confidence this week, sharing her ideas and explanations in whole class discussions. Her terrific sense of humour makes her a very likeable classmate amongst her peers and she helps others without hesitation throughout the day. Well done Gemma.

Grade One/Two Sarah - Mitch W

What an absolute pleasure it is to have you in our class Mitch. You consistently and quietly seek to care and help your fellow classmates and myself. I am so impressed by the way you take responsibility for your own learning and can't wait to see what the year has in store for you. Don't stop now, keep up the exceptional work!

Grade One/Two O'Donoghue - Winnie C

For starting the year with resilience and a great attitude towards learning. Winnie has been celebrating other student's successes and taking on her own feedback with an opportunity to improve. I am proud of her persistence in work tasks and am proud of how she has settled into the year. Well done Winnie.

Grade Three/Four C - Amelia S

Amelia has been absolutely incredible this week. She has been super focused on her learning and eager to improve. She has asked questions when unsure and has helped contribute to class discussion.

Keep up the superstar work Amelia!

Grade Three/Four J - Louie H-D

Congratulations Louie! He has had an excellent start to the year and it's fantastic to see him becoming more confident in and out of the classroom. I have been super impressed with Louie's writing and his ability to incorporate descriptive language into his sizzling starts. Well done legend!

Grade Five/Six R - Kallan H

For demonstrating 'Respect' and 'Honesty' in all he does. Kallan is a super worker in the classroom, always putting in his best no matter what the task. He produced a wonderful autobiography this week, showing his great literacy skills and effort he applies. Well done Kallan!

Grade Five/Six G/W - Hudson S

Hudson has had a ripper start to the school year. We have been pleased with Hudson's responsibility towards his learning and the effort he has put into all learning tasks, particularly in Math where he has been using his problem solving skills to answer addition equations. We have also received feedback of the honesty and respect Hudson has been showing in the school yard. Keep up the sensational efforts Huddy!

Community News



Join the Family

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TINIERS - 3-7 YRS

TUESDAY 4:30-5:15

JUNIORS 13 YRS & UNDER

MONDAY'S 4:30-6:15

INTERS - 17 YRS & UNDER

TUESDAY'S 5:30-7:30

SENIORS 17 YRS & OVER

MONDAY'S 6:30-8:30



CLASSES HELD AT THE
GOLDEN SQUARE
COMMUNITY HALL



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Community

Join a great local soccer club !

Golden City Soccer Club is looking for new players.

We're an inclusive, family friendly club and we are looking for players from all age levels and experience to play this season starting in April. All are welcome!

We have all-girl teams at most age levels and have 42% female membership in our juniors. We want to increase the number of female players this season. Soccer is a great sport for girls and the FIFA Women's World Cup will be held in Australia and New Zealand in 2023. We also support and encourage women to be coaches and managers.

Our junior season starts after the Easter school break and runs for 16 weeks. Junior games are played on Saturday mornings on small-sided pitches with modified rules to make the games inclusive, engaging and fun. Training takes place once a week at our home ground, Shadforth Park, Fenton Street, North Bendigo.

You can register at <https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/WelcomeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=7336>

Please get in touch for further information.

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