

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	May		June
15th-19th	Education week	12th	Kings Birthday Holiday
16th	SOMERS CAMP students depart for camp	16th	House Sports day
24th	SOMERS CAMP students return		
24th	School Council meeting- 7pm		

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

HONESTY

From the Principal

Dear parents and care givers,

Education Week 15th May – 19th of May

Next week we will celebrate Education Week. We have planned a number of special activities to take place across the week.

Monday May 15th : Whole School Reading Program

Wednesday 17th : Grandparents Morning Tea 10:30am (Student Performance prior to Morning Tea)

: Wednesday Night Special Activities Night

Thursday: 18th : Information Session for Parents of 2024 Foundation Students 4.:30pm in the PAC

Friday: 19th: School Based Sporting Activities

Year 6 Applications for Placement at a Secondary College in 2024

For the information of parents and carers with students in Grade Six please note the following re the process for Year 6 Applications for Placement at a Secondary College in 2024. Students will receive an envelope today containing an information brochure for parents and an application form for a placement at a secondary college in 2024. Due to circumstances beyond our control there has been a delay in getting these forms to you. However we have extended the return date to Monday May 22nd.

From the Principal Cont'd...

PLEASE NOTE: Completed forms need to be returned to our office at Marong Primary School. It is important that when filling in the application forms that the address shown as your place of residence matches the address we have on our Student Management System. This is a requirement of the DET. If you have any questions re this application process please contact Mr Jeffrey or Mr Riordan.

Athletic Sports

We had perfect weather for the cluster Athletics Sports held at the Aths Centre in Flora Hill on Thursday May 11th. I wish to thank all the volunteers who gave their time to support the students on the day. Without your help we couldn't possibly run days like these. A BIG THANK YOU to you all!

SOMERS CAMP

On Tuesday May 16th, 10 Grade 5/6 students and Mrs Maher will be departing for Somers Camp. This camp is for 9 days and they will return on Wednesday May 24th. Whilst Bridget Maher is on camp Jess Whatley will be relieving in her Grade.

School Council Meeting

A meeting of the Marong Primary School Council will take place on Wednesday May 24th, in the MPS staffroom commencing at 7pm.

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

TUES 16TH- open home reading arvo, come along and help your student with how to have successful home reading.

It is wonderful to see how settled our students are this term. The Preps confidently go about their morning routine each day and we are so proud of how far they've come since the beginning of the year.

The Preps are spelling up a storm in Smart Spelling! You may have noticed them jumping around like frogs which also happens to be our 'word of the week'. The word and sentence includes both decodable and common words which the students are explicitly taught to read, write and spell. The Grade Ones's are continuing to practice the short 'o' sound and are learning that vowels can make either short or long sounds depending on the word.

We are learning about addition in Math, developing vocabulary such as; plus, higher, more and altogether etc. Students created and solved equations using manipulatives and recorded the answers in their books. In writing, students used the story 'There's a sea in my Bedroom' as inspiration to create their own stories. In reading, we revised the 'Lips the Fish' strategy and practiced getting our mouth ready to say the sound or the beginning of a word. It is so exciting to see so many students reach new reading milestones! We really appreciate the support of our families who are listening to their children read each night, keep up the fantastic work!

The Prep/One Team.



Grade 2/3!

What a fantastic week for the grade 2/3s!

We have been working hard to improve our procedural skills this week, writing some instructions on how to make a pirate hat. We watched a video and then wrote some instructions to match. We also had the opportunity to publish our work using word and even to some pictures of the steps to help. Our work will be on display at our education week evening next week.

We have been all across fact families for maths this week. Students have worked on learning the relationship between multiplication and division and investigating which facts are a family. Some examples we found were $6 \times 7 = 42$, $7 \times 6 = 42$, $42 \div 7 = 6$ and $42 \div 6 = 7$. These skills will come in handy for us as we continue to develop our multiplication knowledge. We have continued to explore Australia in integrated studies this week. We have dived deeper into the key landmarks of Australia, exploring both constructed and natural sites. Students have researched some of the big landmarks and are beginning to develop a map of where to find them.

We had a great athletics day of Thursday! Have a lovely and safe weekend.



Grade 4/5/6!

Another great week in the classroom this week. In our literacy sessions this week, students have been synthesising information, using their prior knowledge and new information to create a new understanding. For writing, students have been creating narrative texts. This week, students created an assessment using the topic of 'What a mess'. It was great to see the idea and stories students could create using this idea.

In Numeracy, time has been apart of their learning tasks this week. Students have been looking at analogue, digital and now moving onto elapsed time. This week students started to plan a trip to the football using a train timetable as an inquiry task. Students also completed a some time learning about BOD-MAS.

As part of our Integrated unit on the 8 Ways of Aboriginal learning, this week students have been learning about symbols and images in Aboriginal culture. Students reflected on how these symbols best represent their own values and beliefs.

Well done to all students who participated in yesterday's LCDSSA Athletics Sports. Students had a great day enjoying the nice sunny weather for their events. A big thankyou to all the parent helpers on the day. We look forward to Education Week next week with lots of fun activities planned.

We wish those students who are off to Somers Camp next week safe travels! You are going to love it!



Outside School Hours Care

OSHC CLUBS PROGRAM

TERM 2 2023



The Outside School Hours Care educators will share their interests and knowledge with the OSHC students in weekly half an hour sessions. These clubs are an extension of the OSHC program and are open to all students who attend on that day.

Breakfast club is run in partnership with Foodbank Victoria and is a free program for all students of Marong Primary School.

Kitchen Club

Join Barnali on Monday afternoons to explore and engage in a wide range of kitchen experiences.

Art Club

Express your creativity on Tuesday afternoons as Annie provides a wide variety of fun and engaging art activities.



Colouring Club

Annie and Chelsie will take you through a colourful journey with colouring club each Wednesday afternoon.

S.T.E.M Club

Each Thursday afternoon Fraser will take you on a hands on journey exploring everything Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.



Sensory Club

Explore your senses with a wide range of fun activities with Chelsie each Thursday morning.

Miniatures Club

Explore the world of miniatures with Chelsie each Friday afternoon. In this club we will research and create a wide range of minis.

Breakfast Club

Join Chelsie and our school chaplain for Breakfast on Wednesday and Friday mornings. This club is open to all students of the MPS community.



Prep/One Maddern

Oliver P- Oliver has been showing our school value of responsibility this week. He has taken responsibility for his learning and has been trying his hardest in all classroom activities. Oliver is a great leader in our classroom, and I am very proud of all his efforts. Well done Oliver!

Prep/One O

Ayla B- Ayla has pushed her own boundaries this week in the best way possible. She has gotten out of her comfort zone and challenged herself to see what she is capable of. I am so proud of how she has been 'putting her brave in front'. Go Ayla!

Prep/One Mrs Cook & Jess

The Whole Class - for everyone's amazing efforts at Athletics Day. All students showed great resilience and persistence in all activities throughout the day. It was wonderful to see that the students were trying their best, cheering on their fellow friends and most importantly having fun. A fantastic day everyone. Awesome effort!

2/3 Fry

Alex S- Since joining our school in Term One, Alex has shown a real love of learning. He enjoys all areas of the curriculum, particularly maths where he gets to display his knowledge of number. He has tried really hard with his reading and is amongst the leaders in our classroom for nights read at home. I have been impressed by Alex pushing through barriers when out in the yard and showing the value of 'resilience' when things aren't going his way.

2/3 Stacey

Gen R- Gen is a quietly confident student who goes about her day in the classroom in a professional manner, always on task and completing it to the best of her ability. She can be relied upon to always do the right thing and isn't afraid to pull others up if they aren't doing the right thing. A solid week Gen!

2/3 Maher

Jack L- Congratulations Jack on a fantastic week. Jack has been super focused on his learning this week, taking on feedback and looking for ways to improve his work. He has taken our math challenge in his stride, learning how to do some short division, and has shown confidence in himself with his Pirate Hat instructions. Keep it up Jack!!

4/5/6 Johnstone

Kallan H- This week Kallan has been focused and determined on improving his writing and has smashed his writing goals. His use of dialogue, description of characters and ability to tie together events has been super impressive. Well done Kallan!

4/5/6 Riordan

Megan C- For demonstrating 'Responsibility' this week. Megan has been working well in the classroom and in the yard, showing initiative by picking up rubbish in our school yard on her own accord. Well done Megan! Keep up the great work!

4/5/6 Gallagher & Wardell

Morgan W- for having a great start at Marong Primary School. Morgan is new to our school and has settled in well, displaying all of our values and completing her best work at all times. Well done Morgan and keep up the great work!



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Kangaroo Flat Family Fun Day

Sunday May 21, 2023



- Pony rides
- The Zone rock climbing wall
- Activities with AFL Central Vic
- Art and craft
- TZR reptiles and wildlife display
- Face painting
- Circus activities
- Entertainment, lucky door prizes and FREE giveaways!



**BBQ sausages,
soup and bread
roll, veggie burgers
and chicken sticks
– all \$2 each**

Thanks to the Rotary
Club of Kangaroo Flat,
Kangaroo Flat Primary
School and Hazledenes

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12pm - 3pm

**Kangaroo Flat Primary
School yard**

60 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat

