

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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| | May | | July |
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| 26th-28th | Grade 3/4 Creswick Camp | 4th | Last Day of Term (2:30 Dismissal) |
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| | June | | |
| 9th | Kings Birthday Public Holiday | | |
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RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

HONESTY

From the Principal

Acknowledgement of Country

*On behalf of the staff and students of Marong Primary School, we would like to acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung as the Traditional Custodians of the land that we are on and pay our respects to their 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.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Education Week

Education Week is an annual celebration of public education in Victoria and this week at Marong PS we have been celebrating the fact all children deserve a place to learn and thrive in. This year's theme, *Celebration of Cultures* highlights the diversity of our communities and the importance of every child feeling safe and welcome at school. A belief we hold dearly at Marong and strive to promote within our classrooms at every opportunity.

District Athletics Sports.

Yesterday we were blessed with such lovely autumn sunshine as our students participated in our district athletics sports with local cluster schools. It was a fun filled and enjoyable day, largely due to the organisation from Mr Stacey, Mrs White and Mr Riordan from our school and the incredible support from our parent helpers. Without this support from our fantastic parents, events such as these would simply not be possible. Thank you to all involved.

Grandparents Day

During education week each year we especially enjoy inviting our grandparents into our school for morning tea and have our students showcase our beautiful school. It was wonderful to be able to welcome so many grandparents and special guests into our school this morning and have them spend some time in our classrooms. Although our enrolments grow each year, it's important to us to maintain our community connections as we did when we were considered a small school. A big thank you all our Grandparents who attended this morning. I trust you enjoyed your morning with us and managed to get a sneak peek into primary school life for your grandchildren.

Camp

Next week our Grade 3/4 students will attend a 3 day at Adekate Camp near Ballarat. Students attending camp are asked to be at school no later than 8:30am on Monday please to be organised for departure shortly after 9am. Campers are expected to arrive back at school approximately 2:30pm on Wednesday afternoon. We would like to wish you all a safe and fabulous time away on camp and remember to get some sleep too.



Our Junior School Council (JSC) held its first meeting this week and was proudly represented by students from Grades 2 to 6. The session began with a warm welcome and a discussion about the purpose of the JSC—to share ideas, give feedback, and help make our school even better. Students introduced themselves, shared why they wanted to join, and learned about their roles as respectful, responsible leaders. Together, they brainstormed exciting ideas for improvements and future activities. It was a fantastic start, and we're looking forward to seeing the JSC in action throughout the year!

Grade Prep & 1

What a fun and busy week it's been in Prep/One!

In Sound Write, our Preps have been learning all about the *j*, *w*, and *z* sounds. They've had a great time building words and practising their reading skills. Our Grade One students have been investigating the /e/ sound and discovering the many different ways it can be represented in words.

In Writing, we've been talking all about families. The students have written some lovely pieces about their loved ones and the different ways families can look. We've seen so much creativity and care in their writing this week.

In Maths, we've been learning how give directions using words like *left*, *right*, *forward*, and *backwards*. The kids had a blast directing each other around the classroom and playground. Lots of laughs and lots of learning!

A huge congratulations to all our Prep/One students for taking part in **Athletics Day** on Thursday. We're so proud of how everyone gave it their best shot and had so much fun. You were all superstars!

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you next week!

Miss Maddern, Miss Talbot, Mr Riordan, Seb, Brandi, Miss Williams, Christine, Jai, Mrs Cook, Jess and Chloe.



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Grade 2/3

In Literacy, we have been further developing our handwriting skills through explicit teaching and modelling. Students have focused on correct number formation, particularly the numbers 2, 3, and 7. We have also worked on establishing correct posture, pencil grip, and the proper placement of numbers on the page to support handwriting fluency.

Alongside this, students have been learning how to apply the suffix ‘-est’ to describe the most of something. Some examples they have worked with include changing “large” to “largest,” “proud” to “proudest,” and “itchy” to “itchiest.” They have also been completing sentences using sentence stems that begin with subordinating conjunctions, such as “although” and “even though.” For example: “Although it was late at night, Bella was not in bed,” and “Even though it was late at night, Bella was not tired.” These activities have helped students build stronger sentence structure and develop their writing fluency.

In Maths, we have been learning to use bar models to represent ‘groups of’ and are identifying the difference between sharing and grouping. These visual strategies help students to better understand multiplication and division concepts in a meaningful and accessible way.

We had a fantastic turnout for Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Thank you to all the visitors who joined us in the classrooms and shared stories about what school was like in their time. Our students really enjoyed listening and connecting with you.

To those students heading off to camp next week—good luck and enjoy the experience. We look forward to hearing all about your adventures when you return!

The 2/3 Team



Grade 4/5

Hi everyone, this is Evie from 4/5 Burton. This week in writing we have been learning about information reports. We are researching a topic about Ancient



Greece and have started writing an information report about it. In maths, we have been learning about length and perimeter. We also went to the PAC on Wednesday for simultaneous story time and watched The Truck Cat. We also had the athletics carnival on Thursday. On Friday, we have our grandparent's morning tea where we get to spend the morning with our grandparents and special people.

By Evie G

A reminder to our grade 4's to pack warm clothes for camp next week. The weather is looking chilly!

Grade 6

Hello, I am Chayce I am a grade 6 student; this week we have been super busy!

Starting off we have finished our fractions for term, we have been learn-

ing about inventors in integrated such as Leonardo da Vinci and Isaac Newton. On Thursday we had athletics day, we did heaps of activities such as shotput, discus, and hurdles and some more stuff. On Friday we had grandparents day where the grandparents had some snacks and cups of milo, coffee and tea, this is all we have done through at this busy week! From Chayce S



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 Maddern

Max T - Max has had another fantastic week at school! He has been giving his best, working hard, and stepping out of his comfort zone. I am super proud of the resilience he has shown. Well done Max, Keep up the great work!

Prep/1 Cook & Jess

Emara D - Emara has impressed us with her positive attitude and an increased resilience and independence this week. Emara demonstrates all the school values and quietly leads by example. She is caring, helpful and generally an all round superstar. Keep up the fantastic effort Emara!

Prep/1 Riordan

Boston P- For all his enthusiasm for all the classroom tasks and the fabulous writing and drawing he did about his grandparents. Keep up the great work Boston!

Prep/1 Williams

Ella W - How lucky are we to have Ella in our classroom! Week in, week out Ella is such a kind and caring friend to all. She consistently demonstrates our school values and is an amazing leader. It has been fabulous to see Ella's confidence grow as she takes on new challenges within the classroom. Keep up this awesome work, Ella!

2/3 Westcott

Charlie W - Well done to Charlie for proudly representing Marong Primary School at the athletic sports! Charlie showed great respect for others and gave 100% effort in every event. You've had an amazing week, Charlie. Let's keep the momentum going!

2/3 Thorn & Gallagher

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2/3 Lamb

4/5 Johnstone

Alli F - Alli is a delight to have in our classroom. She is kind, helpful and has been putting in her best effort to her work this week. Alli has been challenging herself in her learning, producing some wonderful work. Well done, Alli!

4/5 Burton

Alex S - Alex has had an excellent week. He has shown focus and determination in class, particularly during maths where we have been learning about perimeter and area. It has been wonderful to see him approach his learning with such a positive attitude. Keep it up Alex!

4/5 Fry

Jax S - Congratulations to Jax on being selected as Student of the Week! Jax consistently puts in his personal best across all learning tasks and demonstrates a mature and positive attitude towards feedback. His dedication to improvement and commitment to learning are truly commendable. Well done, Jax, keep up the excellent work!

6 O'Donoghue

Tori H – tori was an Olympian at athletics day. I am constantly impressed with not only her abilities but her efforts. Tori has excelled as school captain which comes with a lot of responsibilities. I can always rely on her and she is an asset to our school community!

Parents Club News

Donut Thursday

The Parents Club would like to notify everyone that as Term 1 concludes, Zooper Doopers will no longer be available. Fresh donuts however, will be available to purchase via Qkr! For \$2.50, in their place on Thursdays in Terms 2 and 3.

Marong Primary School Parents Facebook Page

With many new families joining our school community, the Parents Club would like to invite carers and parents to join our Facebook Page. This resource serves as an online forum for reminders, questions & answers, and linking families within our school.

Please be aware that Sentral is the official school channel for all formal communication, and should be used as a first point of reference.



Lunchboxes

\$12 regular \$16 large

Thursday 29th

- Hawaiian or bbq meatlovers pizza bites
- Triple choc brownie
- Vanilla yoghurt with tropical syrup
- Cheese rice crackers
- Mixed fruit - grapes, oranges, apple, strawberry

To place an order, message me on
Facebook @ Zeds kitchen or text 0402626253
Payment via bank transfer



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BENDIGO CHINESE ASSOCIATION INC.
LION TEAM

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COME AND TRY SESSION

Age 8+
(14+ Highly
Desired)

**Sunday,
1st June**

10 am - 11 am



**Dai Gum San Precinct
1/11 Bridge St, Bendigo**

The Bendigo Chinese Association Lion Team performs traditional lion dancing within the Bendigo community. The team performs throughout the year at events such as Chinese New Year, Easter, multicultural festivals and other private events. Come see what it's all about.



AWESOME

AUTUMN SPORTS!



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PLAYING A RANGE OF DYNAMIC AND ACTION
PACKED SPORTS THROUGHOUT TERM 2!

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INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT

PROGRAMME

Each session will run for a duration of one hour.

THIS TERM WE WILL FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING SPORTS:

- | | | | |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| ✓ Cricket | ✓ Netball | ✓ Athletics | ✓ Tennis |
| ✓ AFL | ✓ Basketball | ✓ Soccer | ✓ T-Ball |

This program helps children build essential skills and confidence in a fun, supportive environment. It encourages a love for sport while developing important life skills such as teamwork, communication, and resilience. Giving them the confidence to join sports clubs and teams as they grow.

FOR MARONG KINDER - GRADE 6 STUDENTS

SIGN UP AT ANY TIME OF THE TERM & PAY FOR THE WEEKS REMAINING

8 WEEKS FOR \$136

SCHOOL: MARONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROGRAM DAY: MONDAY

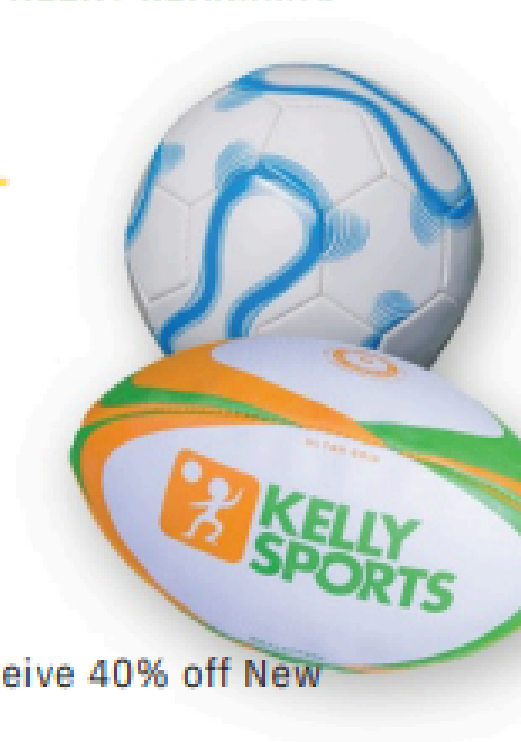
UPCOMING DATE: MAY 12

CONCLUDING DATE: JUNE 30

SESSION TIME: 3:45PM - 4:45PM

KELLY SPORTS SPECIAL

Sign up for a Term 2 Kelly Sports program & receive 40% off New Balance products



Website: kellysports.com.au/bendigo

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KANGAROO FLAT FAMILY FUN DAY



**FREE
ENTRY**

**SUNDAY
MAY 18, 2025**

**12PM
TO 3PM**

INDIGENOUS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ♥ AIRBRUSH TATTOOS
ANIMAL FARM ♥ ART AND CRAFT ♥ JUMPING CASTLE
FACE PAINTING ♥ BUBBLE ENTERTAINMENT ♥ GIVEAWAYS
ROVING CHARACTERS ♥ SPORTING ACTIVITIES
FREE FRESH FRUIT ♥ BBQ SAUSAGES, VEGGIE BURGERS,
HOT DOGS, CHICKEN STICKS AND DRINKS - ALL \$2 EACH

This is a smoke and vape free event and child safe event.

**KANGAROO FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL
60 OLYMPIC PARADE, KANGAROO FLAT**





GIANT *Tennis*

COACHING PROGRAMS @
MAIDEN GULLY TC

HOT SHOTS 3-12YRS
JUNIORS & ADULTS
GROUPS & PRIVATE LESSONS
BIRTHDAY PARTIES

NEW IN TERM 2!

GIANT TENNIS PLAY PARK

1 Hour of Fun for Children 5&Under!
Sunday: 9AM - 10AM
4 Weeks - Starting 4th May



TERM 2 SCHEDULE

MON: Lessons from 4pm
TUES: Lessons from 4pm
THUR: Hotshots Only
FRI: Lessons & Squad
SUN: Lessons & Play Park
STARTS MON 28TH APRIL



AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

A safe and fun program led by experienced AFL coaches, your child will learn basic footy skills, and enjoy mini-games, all while experiencing NAB AFL Auskick in a supportive environment, leaving with big smiles and a day of Good Clean Fun!



8 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Get a taste of NAB AFL Superkick, with a mix of skill development, modified game play. See their confidence grow in a supportive environment where buddies, mud & fun collide!



9AM-3PM - \$55 - FOOTBALL INCLUDED

Bendigo - Monday 7th April - Mixed Program



Bendigo - Friday 11th April - ALL GIRLS Program

Healthy Sports Rewards Expressions of Interest open to junior sporting clubs!

Would you like free vouchers for healthy experiences to use as rewards for your junior players?

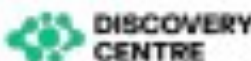
Healthy Sports Rewards offers an alternative to the unhealthy food and drink vouchers often presented to junior sporting club players.

The program offers free or discounted entry to local pools and businesses like the Golden Dragon Museum, the Discovery Centre and Star Cinema.

All clubs are eligible to apply, regardless of any existing sponsorship arrangements.

Healthy Sports Rewards vouchers are limited.
Express your interest by **Monday April 28**
at go.bendigo.vic.gov.au/healthysportsrewards

Healthy Sports Rewards





Carers Respite Services

Need a Break –
We're Here to Help!

At Lifely, we're here to help families and carers of people with disabilities through a range of free and affordable in-home and community respite programs.



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family.

Take a break while we care for you and your family in your home or in the community. Our support workers can provide free assistance at your home or out in the community.

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- ☐ Meet Up with Friends
- ☐ Explore a Nearby Town
- ☐ Go Shopping
- ☐ Indulge in Self-care
- ☐ Enjoy a Peaceful Morning
- ☐ Reconnect with a Hobby
- ☐ Enjoy a Date Night

To Enquire Please Contact →

HACC Team



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ELIGIBILITY

Who Can Access These Services?

Lifely's Carer Respite is available to families and carers who provide unpaid support to someone with a disability in Central Victoria and Mallee.

Funded by the Victorian Government through the Victorian Support for Carers Program.



Respite Events

Join our supportive group events and outings designed for families and carers. Choose from:

- ☐ Carer-only events for a well-earned break.
- ☐ Accessible events where we care for your family.
- ☐ Family-friendly events to create special memories together.

Most events are free, with occasional small fees for activities or meals.

Support from our team is always free.

☐ Supported Holidays & Camps

Relax and enjoy a getaway with your family, supported by our caring team. Travel on your own or with others on a group trip.

Thanks to subsidised travel and activities, plus free support, these holidays are affordable, easy, and full of fun!

☐ Day Trips

Discover regional and city attractions with our carer-focused day trips. Leave in the morning and return by bedtime, making it easy for everyone to join in the fun.

With subsidised travel and activities plus free support, most trips are free or involve only a small cost for meals or activities.

Visit: www.lifely.org.au

To Enquire Please Contact ➔

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