

Marong Primary School Newsletter

Volume 29 Issue 7, 15th March, 2024

	March		April
13th-25th	NAPLAN Assessment		
15th-21st	Parent Teacher Interviews		
18th	Working Bee 4-5pm		
22nd	Junior Fun Day & Cross Country		
28th	Last Day of Term (2:30)		

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Parent Teacher Conferences

Our term 1 parent teacher conferences will be held next week across Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st. This year we will have all our classroom teachers available across the 3 days to maximise access for families to attend. Bookings are now available via our Parent Portal on SENTRAL. Please note when making a booking through the app, select the available time you wish to request and be sure to scroll to the bottom of the page and select 'Save Booking'. Failure to save the booking will send a request to the school and an available time slot will be selected for you on your behalf. Please contact Mr Saddler if you have any questions about parent teacher interviews or need assistance accessing SENTRAL.

Working Bee

A working bee will be held next Monday (18th March) between 4-5pm to spread soft fall under our junior and senior playgrounds. Please BYO wheelbarrow and shovel and rake.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week we will be conducting our Term One Parent / Teacher meetings. I wish to encourage parents to take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. Whilst the meetings in terms of time are relatively short, it is a significant investment in your child's education.

School Council Elections

The Annual General Meeting of the Marong Primary School Council will be held in the staff room commencing at 7 pm on Wednesday March 27th. This meeting will be immediately followed by a general meeting of the 2024 School Council.

School Camps

The Marong Primary School has granted approval for the following school camps to take place in 2024:

Gr 5/6: Norval Camp Halls Gap (September 11th -13th)

Gr 2: Billabong Ranch (October 24th-25th)

Gr 3/4: Camp Kookaburra (November 6th -8th)

Loddon Calder District Sports Association Term One Event

On the 22nd of March we will join our cluster schools, Lockwood PS, Lockwood Sth PS, Bridgewater PS, Inglewood PS and St Mary's PS Inglewood, for our annual cross country / junior fun day. These events will be held at Malone Park Marong. Students will assemble at the oval from 10am with events commencing at 10.30am. Students in Grades 3-6 will complete in cross country event and the P-2 students participate in a round robin of various fun activities. We will be seeking parent helpers to assist with the cross country event. The students need to run around a section of the golf course and we need people on the course to assist in directing students and also to be on hand in the event someone requires 1st aid. The volunteers on duty are not required to administer 1st aid . They will be provided with a phone number and they can contact myself in the event a student needs help. Please let Matt Riordan or myself know if you can assist on this day.

Russell Jeffrey

Grade Prep

Another great week in Prep!

In spelling this week we have been revising all the sounds and words we have learnt. We are so impressed with their ability to form letters correctly and to say the sounds as they write them.

In writing we have been writing sentences using words we can sound out. We have also experimented with using question marks.

In Maths we have been learning about the days of the week. We have been singing songs and experimenting with placing them in the correct order.

Awesome work preps!!!

Miss Maddern, Mrs Cook, Jess, Fraser and Christine.



Grade 1/2

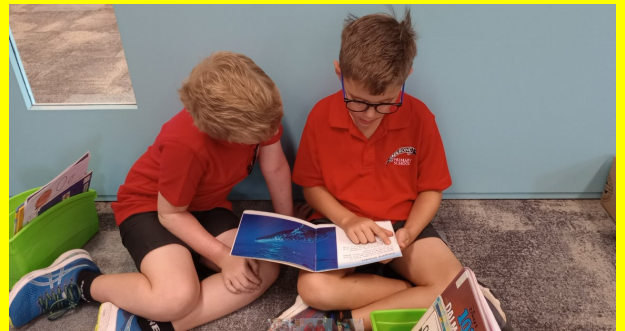
Week 7 has been a shorter one with the public holiday Monday. We have hit the ground running and achieved heaps in only four days! We continued our focus on the sounds for the spellings x, y, ff, ll, ss and zz during Sounds Write, and the children have realised there are a lot of words that use these sounds. Our fluency continues to develop through partner reading sessions and it's been great hearing the children help correct words when they have been listening to their partner.

In Numeracy this week we have been learning more mental and written strategies for addition including using turnarounds, counting on from the bigger number and using doubles. It has been pleasing to see students using and applying all the maths vocabulary that they have been learning.

During Integrated Studies sessions we have explored the continents Asia and Europe. We have explored landmarks and different features of these continents. The students even told us that Russia was a part of the continent of Europe and the biggest of all the countries.

Great efforts this week 1/2s!

Ms Thorn, Mr Saddlier, Mr Westcott and Mr Fry

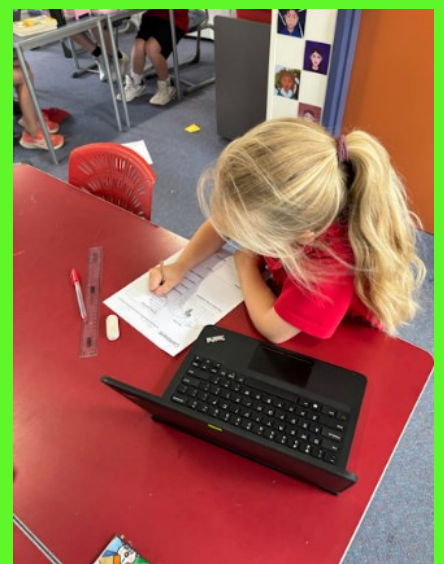


Grade 3/4

With the long weekend on Monday, we rolled into Tuesday ready for a busy week. A BIG congratulations to our grade 3 students who completed NAPLAN this week. They did a stellar effort and we are very proud of each of you! Our grade 4's had a mixed week, doing a mixture of writing pieces, art activities and math too. On Wednesday we attended the Ulumbarra theatre to watch the Royal Navy Band and in the words of our students it was 'AMAZING'. There was lots of singing, dancing and was a lot of fun. Next week we will be holding our Parent Teacher Interviews so if you haven't already booked in, please do so via Sentral.

Have a good weekend!

Mr Johnstone, Miss Craven, Miss Williams, Macey and Jimmy.



Grade 5/6

Hi my name is Ada bell and I'm new to Marong PS. I am enjoying it so far and I have made a lot of friends. Lana, Milla, Jayla, Georgia, Heidi, Rachel, Willow and Tori are some of them. I am proud of myself for being brave at a new school and smashing NAPLAN. My top two favourite things to do are Performing arts and P.E. and my least favourite thing is nothing! This week I have learnt division and multiplication and also, we went to the Navy band on Wednesday. In performing arts, I was able to get some understudy roles and I am looking forward to the play. This year I hope to enjoy every moment of grade five!

By Ada Bell



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep Maddern

Harvey C- Harvey has had another awesome week at school. We are so impressed with the way he has been concentrating during our spelling lessons. He has been taking his time and working hard on improving his letter formation. Well done Harvey!

Prep Cook & Jess

Lennon C- Lennon has worked super hard this week to increase the speed of her work. She has given every task her best effort and is showing great progress in our Sounds-Write sessions. Super Effort Lennon!

1/2 Thorn/Saddler

Sam L- For demonstrating persistence during all learning tasks. Particularly in Math. Keep up the great work Sammy!

1/2 Fry

Max C- Max has been a star this week. He worked hard on his letter formation during writing sessions and learning how to decode during Sounds Write. Max consistently displays our school values and is a great model for others in the grade. Awesome effort Max!

1/2 Westcott

Charlie G- Charlie takes the time to connect with others in class displaying a positive, caring attitude. She not only tries to complete all work but also assists students to achieve their best. Charlie is a friend to many due to her honesty and respectful nature. An awesome effort Charlie!

3/4 Johnstone

Millie H- Millie has been kicking goals this week. She has shown a positive attitude towards learning and given her best efforts to all tasks. Keep up the fantastic work Millie.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

3/4 Williams

Ellie W - Ellie has had another fantastic week this week. Ellie constantly displays all school values and we absolutely love having her in our class. She is kind to everyone and I love the effort she constantly displays towards her work. Keep it up Ellie!

3/4 Craven

Poppy S- Poppy has had a positive attitude towards her learning and NAPLAN assessments this week. She had shown resilience and determination to try her best. Poppy also displayed the school values when attending the Navy Band excursion. Keep up the good work Poppy, you are a great role model to others.

5/6 Stacey

Draven S- Draven has been demonstrating terrific focus and determination to complete all tasks to a high standard across all areas of school. He can be trusted to work well in groups and consistently has good things to say about his lunch and recess. Well done Draven!

5/6 Riordan

Jayla B- For demonstrating all our values this week. Jayla is always on task, showing great respect and responsibility in her learning. Jayla has been working well in the classroom, no matter what teacher she is with. Super work Jay!

5/6 O'Donoghue

Cogan C- Cogan hasn't missed a beat this whole term and we are so lucky to have him in 5/6O. He has been pushing himself in Numeracy and smashing through math pathways models! I am loving seeing his humour come out and he is always smiling. Go Cogan!

BEEHIVE NEWS!

Vacation care bookings are now open. Please request the days you need in Xplor. There will be no paper booking requests this time round.

Please note bookings will close on Wednesday 27th of March at 9am. No late bookings will be accepted.

MARONG PRIMARY SCHOOL VACATION CARE

8:00 am-5:30 pm daily

Monday 1/4/24	Tuesday 2/4/24	Wednesday 2/4/24	Thursday 4/4/24	Friday 5/4/24
Public holiday	Face paint and balloon animals	Little rockers day	Clay day	Pirates' day
CLOSED	Cathy from Mister Mike and friends will come to visit us for the morning and treat us to some amazing face paint. She will also show off her wonderful balloon twisting skills.	Today we will be exploring all things musical. Make sure you bring your singing voice or at least your enthusiasm to try your hand at an instrument.	Your imagination is the limit with clay day. Perhaps you'll make a photo frame or is a trinket tray more your style? Whatever you decide to make you can take home your creation to display	Argh me harties! Come dressed as a pirate and enjoy a fun treasure hunt around the school and see what bounty you can find.
Monday 8/4/24	Tuesday 9/4/24	Wednesday 10/4/24	Thursday 11/4/24	Friday 12/4/24
Mini chefs' day	Story day	Sports day	In house movie day	Excursion to Bendigo
Put on your apron and step in the kitchen for some fun cake decorating! You will then be able to take home your masterpiece to share with your family.	Bring in your favourite story to share with your friends. Guest story teller T.B.A, stay tuned!!	Let Mr Stacey be your coach for the day and enjoy a wide range of games. There will be something to suit everyone, even the non-sporty type.	Bring our favourite blankie, pillow and stuffed toy and enjoy a movie in the schools Performing Arts Centre.	Bendigo Art Gallery have invited us in for a tour and an activity to explore. After the visit to the Gallery, we will then spend the morning in the park and head back after lunch. Bus leaves at 9am



Parents Club have teamed up with Maiden Gully Bakehouse Blitz to offer you the yummiest Hot Cross Buns for Easter, all while raising money for the school! You can choose from Traditional Fruit, Raspberry & White Choc or Salted Caramel & White Choc flavours! Orders can be made via the QKR app from now until Monday 25th March. Pick up will be from the PAC on Wednesday 27th March after school.



MARONG FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
in partnership with
MARONG COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP



CITY OF GREATER
BENDIGO

McLardyMcShane
INSURANCE BROKERS


HAZELDENES
SINCE 1889

EASTER FAIR

27TH MARCH 2024
MALONE PARK 4-7PM
Special Guest Apperance!

Egg Hunt Times

3 & Under	4:15	5:30
4-6 Years	4:30	5:45
7-9 Years	4:45	6pm
10-12 Years	5pm	6:15
13+ Years	5:15	6:30

LASER TAG

JUMPING CASTLES

BUCKING BULL

LIONS CLUB BBQ

PETTING ZOO

PUPPETS



\$10 DONATION FOR EGG HUNT - SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK SESSION

BIG4
HOLIDAY PARKS
BENDIGO MARONG

mfh
marong family hotel
The Elmore Bakery

BARC
Bendigo Animal Relief Centre
 **MARONGPRODUCE**
PONY AND PET SUPPLIES

LET'S TALK
GREATER BENDIGO



EASTER RAFFLE

Our annual Easter raffle is underway! Your oldest child should of come home with Easter Raffle tickets, or you can collect from the office.

We have set up an Easter themed donation box at the front reception area. You can donate anything Easter related (doesn't have to just be chocolate!). The raffle winners will be drawn at the last assembly for the term. The kids absolutely love this, we look forward to your donations and good luck!!

Parents Club





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the
KICKS

come
find your
awesome

MARONG
AUSKICK CENTRE

Malone Park

Sunday's 10am starting 28th April



play.afl/auskick



Join us at the Bunnings Easter Family Event



A family event with entertainment, D.I.Y. plus a Sausage sizzle fundraiser with all funds going to The Good Friday Appeal

Date: Thursday 21st March 2024

Time: 5-7pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

We can't wait to see you hop in store to be part of the fun. There will be lots of activity including Easter arts & crafts, face painting and loads of community group stalls plus of course a special visit from the Easter Bunny!!! Additionally, we are running a sausage sizzle fundraiser with all funds going to The Good Friday Appeal



Refer to your local store for details and book your spot using the QR Code above.

For more information contact us on 5449 4700 or visit www.bunnings.com.au/epsom

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Community information Session



HOW TO PREPARE
FOR AN
EMERGENCY
EVENT WHERE
YOU MAY LOSE
CONNECTIVITY

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN MARONG

DATE: Tuesday 19th March, 2024

TIME: 1pm

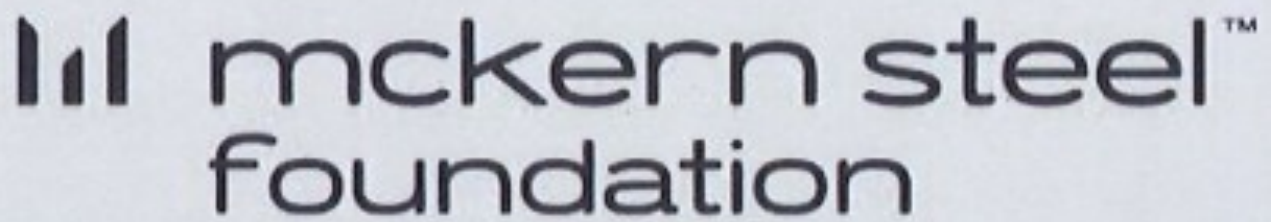
LOCATION: Marong Neighbourhood
House
39 High Street, Marong VIC 3515

COME ALONG TO THIS FREE EVENT

nbnLocal is hosting a community information session on how to prepare for an emergency event where you may lose connectivity.

The session will cover what to expect during an emergency, how to prepare yourself and your home, what resources are available to you and what nbn is doing to support the community during these times.

nbn Local



Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

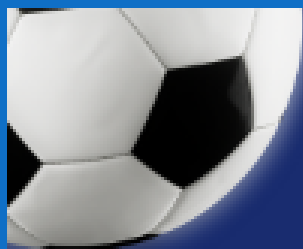
Fresh Fruit Program in local schools

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REGISTRATIONS OPEN



Play soccer with Epsom Football Club in 2024

Come & join us - learn new skills,
meet new people & have fun!



No experience necessary - we offer
both boys, girls & mixed teams.



Non-Competitive Juniors
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

Competitive Juniors
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

Senior Competitive
Youth, Women, Men's



Junior registrations close 8 March

Late registrations will only be accepted pending team availability

For enquiries contact secretary@epsomfc.com.au

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