

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	June		July
9th	Kings Birthday Public Holiday	4th	Last Day of Term (2:30 Dismissal)

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,

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) closes 4 July 2025

A reminder to all parents/carers that the submission of CSEF applications close on Friday 4th July.

Please ensure your applications have been submitted to your school by this date.

To be eligible for CSEF you must have a valid Health Care Card, this does not include a child's Heath Care Card.

School Saving Bonus (SSB) reminder

The School Saving Bonus (SSB) – is a one-off support of \$400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025. The SSB can be used for uniforms, textbooks and activities until Monday 30 June 2025.

If any amount is unspent as of 1 July 2025, it will automatically become a school activities credit for you to use through your school. The credit will be available for you to use at the school from August 2025. The delay is to allow for the processing of outstanding transactions and invoices with suppliers. If you will need to access the School Saving Bonus for school activities in July 2025, please access the online system before 30 June 2025 to manually allocate to school activities.

If you require assistance, the Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by: • calling 1800 338 663, during business hours on weekdays.

Camp Adekate

Our grade 3/ 4 students spent a wonderful 3 days at camp this week. I spoke with staff throughout camp and despite the rain interrupting a few activities, the children were well behaved and had a fun time. Upon asking a few students about camp, the highlights seemed to be the zip line, crate stacking and possum glider activities. (so basically, anything requiring a harness and flying through the air!!) A big thank you to Miss Gallagher, Mr Westcott, Miss Lamb and Miss Burton along with both Fraser and Jimmy for also attending the camp and supporting our students away from home to work as a team, to step outside of their comfort zone when required and have the best time.

Grade Prep & 1

Well done to all students for completing another busy week at school.

In Sounds-Write, our Preps have been learning all about the x (/k/s/), y and ff sounds. They've had a great time building words and practising their reading skills and building different words. Our Grade One students have been continuing investigating the /e/ sound and discovering the many different ways it can be represented in words.

In Writing, students have been busily learning how to create a narrative text. Students have used a writing prompt over the last few days to generate some wonderful ideas for their writing. Students did a wonderful job writing their own story, using their letter-sound knowledge to write independently. Teachers were all super impressed with how far students have come in their writing this semester.

In Maths, we have been revising our addition and subtraction strategies, using tens frames, objects and number lines to complete set tasks. Students have also learnt partitioning, understanding that numbers can be broken into tens and units. Students have had lots of success showing the value of different numbers by counting the tens and units.

This week we say goodbye to Miss Talbot who has been on teaching placement in Miss Maddern's room. It has been wonderful having you at our school! We will miss you.

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.

Grade 2/3

This week, the Grade 2/3 students explored the purpose and structure of an information report. They learned that an information report aims to inform the reader by classifying or describing factual details about a specific topic or event. After choosing a topic of interest, students researched, drafted, and edited their writing before proudly typing up their final reports. They were delighted to share their work with the class!



In spelling, students have been learning to apply the suffix -en, which is used to change the tense of a verb. Some of our examples included: I was grumpy because I had not eaten lunch yet. She had to sit on the floor because all the seats were taken. My arm was sore after I was bitten by a spider.



Just a reminder that teachers are preparing certificates for students who reach 100 nights of reading. Please continue to fill in the yellow reading diaries each night so we can celebrate this amazing achievement.

In maths, students have been learning to represent multiplication through 'groups of' and 'multiplied by'. They have explored various strategies, including using pictures, arrays, repeated addition, and equal groups to solve multiplication problems.

Finally, a big shout-out to all the students who attended camp! You showed great courage tackling exciting challenges like the possum glider, crate stacking, and the zipline. Your teamwork, encouragement of others, and the respect you showed to the Adekate staff made us all proud. Well done, 2/3s!

The 2/3 Team

3/4 Camp

At camp we arrived, and I had this feeling. That feeling knew I was nervous. But guess what? I tried new things. For the first day I was really excited, and our first activity was called Animal find. We got a map of the whole camp, and it had the boundaries and the numbers. The first animal Isabelle, Layla and I found was number 2. Number 2 was near the windmill, and it was on a tree. Number 2 was also a kookaburra.

Then the next thing we did was possum glider. You had a harness and there was a pull team. The pull team would pull you backwards and you would go flying up in the air. Guess what! I was on the pull team! When Isabelle was clipped in, she went flying! Then we did treasure hunt. We all got lists of things we had to find. My favourite was the piece of quartz!

The next day (day 2) we did Archery, Zipline, and milkcrate staking. Milkcrate staking sounds unexpected doesn't it! You had a harness, and you had to grab the milkcrates and stack them. Then you had to stand on it with two feet in order to win.

Then day 3 we did damper and hut building. Isabelle, Layla, and I built a hut next to a tree. I found a stick that looked like loch ness and called it Mona Lisa because she was a piece of master work! But when we did damper, the guy named Will snapped her in half! And then she burned in the fire! Anyway, Will told us to name our damper, and I called mine: Dandelion. Because... "Oh look! Dish must be the last dandelion of the season!" Num! CAMP IS SO MUCH FUN!!! I wish you were there! The end. (I miss Mona)

By Pheobe





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Grade 4/5

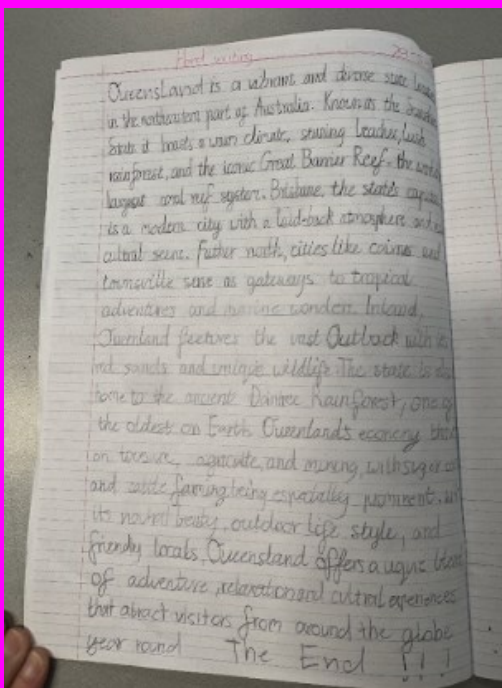
Hi, this is Winnie, Millie and Sienna from 4/5 B. We are currently writing this from our cabin on camp because the Grade 3/4s went to Camp Adekate near Ballarat this week. We had a super fun time doing the activities. There was zip line, archery, milk crate stacking, possum glider, hut building, scavenger hunts and lots more. We had a recreation room, where we got to play activities and watch a movie. Now on to the food...it was SO good. On the first day, we had a yummy muffin, spaghetti bolognese and chocolate pudding. On Tuesday we had pizza for lunch and chicken schnitzels for dinner. A highlight was when we went to ziplining and Miss Burton and Miss Lamb made us do a catwalk with our "Gucci handbags" (zippys) back up the hill. While we were there, it was raining, cold and pretty yucky weather. Anyway, that's all.



Grade 6

This week we did a lot of exciting activities in all subjects. In maths this week, we did a maths fluency sheet, then, we learnt about area and perimeter. We did a lesson on the whiteboards and then we went to our tables and did a sheet. In library we read a book called 'We live in a bus' and it had a lot of cool illustrations. For our activity we made paper planes and then after lunch we did a paper plane race with the grade 5's. In writing we did an activity about adjectives were Miss O showed us a photo on the TV, and we made a list of adjectives based on what we saw. Lastly, we did handwriting. We did 150 words on Queensland.

By Tori



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 Maddern

Banjo P - Banjo has had another awesome week at school! He is a kind, caring, and respectful member of our class. He has shown what a wonderful friend he can be, especially in the way he welcomed and supported our new student. We are so lucky to have Banjo in Prep/1M.

Prep/1 Cook & Jess

Buckley M - Bucko has had an awesome week and tried really hard during each of our writing tasks! He showed focus, independence, confidence and of course a little bit of humour. Buckley is such a kind member of our classroom and he makes us laugh daily. Keep being a SUPETSTAR Bucko!!!

Prep/1 Riordan

Kaitlin R - For another amazing week at school. Kaitlin has been showing all our classroom values, listening, participating and doing some wonderful work. Kaitlin produced some wonderful writing this week, using her own knowledge of letter sounds and known words to write her own story. Well done Kaitlin!

Prep/1 Williams

Sam G - Sam has had a super week this week. Sam approaches all work with a positive attitude and always tries his hardest. We love having his kind and cheeky personality in our classroom. Keep it up, Sambo!

2/3 Westcott

Layla C - Layla had an amazing week on camp! Her bright smile, positive energy, and enthusiasm were contagious and noticed by everyone. She faced every activity with confidence and gave her all especially when she smashed the zipline! Well done, Layla!

2/3 Thorn & Gallagher

Billy G - Billy was sensational on camp. He gave everything a go and was even commended by the camp staff for his courage. Well done Bill!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2/3 Lamb

Taj S - Taj showed great courage at Grade 3/4 camp. Taj challenged his fears as he faced every activity with bravery and a growth mindset. Taj showed kindness, empathy and encouragement to all members of Group 3. Taj also made lots of us laugh with his great sense of humour. Well done, Taj!

Ruby H - Ruby was an excellent member of Group 3 on camp. Ruby challenged her feels as she bravely gave every activity a go. Ruby showed kindness by sharing her fidget tools with others who needed a bit of support, followed instructions, and created positive relationships with other peers in her group.

4/5 Johnstone

Fergus F - Fergus had a fantastic week at camp, showing a great attitude and getting involved in all activities. He gave everything a go and supported others. Well done on a great week, Ferg!

4/5 Burton

Winnie C - Winnie was an absolute superstar on 3/4 camp this week. She was brave, resilient and gave all the activities a go. Her kindness and willingness to help others didn't go unnoticed. It was a pleasure to have you on camp Winnie!

4/5 Fry

Abbie S - For demonstrating wonderful enthusiasm during learning tasks and having the confidence and courage to ask questions to clarify misunderstandings. Keep up the fabulous work, Abbie. You are a star!

6 O'Donoghue

Maddie H – Maddie is always in the delight in the classroom but I honestly do not know what she has been eating for breakfast this week but she is unstoppable. She has known the answer to every question and could have been running all the lessons. Maddie has been on track so much that I thought she had read the planner on my computer or that Chelsie was doing a prank by feeding her the answers. But no, Maddie is just that good! Well done

Parents Club News

Donut Thursday

Fresh donuts 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.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



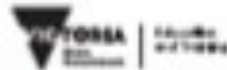
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Wednesday mornings

TIME: 8:20am-8:45am

ROOM: Big Deck

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.





Lunchboxes

\$12 regular \$16 large

Monday 2nd

- Bacon, lettuce, cheese, tomato and mayo sandwich
- Vanilla sprinkle cake
- Corn chips with homemade guac
- Crunchy coconut rolls
- Apple slices and mandarin

Thursday 5th

- Chicken and corn puff pastry quiches
- Caramel popcorn
- Pretzels and mini marshmallows
- Twiggy sticks, bread sticks and hommus
- Banana and strawberries

To place an order, message me on
Facebook @ Zeds kitchen or text 0402626253

Payment via bank transfer

July WINTER

Vacation Care 2025

Marong

7th till 18th July 2025










MONDAY 7TH JULY	TUESDAY 8TH JULY	WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY	THURSDAY 10TH JULY (EX) 	FRIDAY 11TH JULY
Dino Stomp	Winter Warmer	Mission Impossible	Smurfs Party	Messy Masterpiece
				
Join us for this great adventure as we go back in time to when the dinosaurs ruled the land. Best of all experience a dinosaur dig expedition for fossils, play group games and be part of different dinosaur crafts.	Are you ready for the ultimate winter warmer experience! Be part of this fantastic winter inspired day that will surprise you. We will design and make our very own heat pack, jump into different winter crafts and sports games and then enjoy an afternoon movie with hot chocolate and pancakes. Don't worry we will end the day with a mega snow fight!	Come and crack the 'mission impossible' mysteries and challenges in store today! You will also be part of Superhero academy training session that will test your skills and then beat the timer on the laser ribbon obstacle challenge. Are you up to the mission impossible challenge?	The long wait is over! Come and watch the new Smurfs movie with popcorn in one hand, a drink in the other hand and a small bag of treats. Arrive at the program by – 9.00am Back at the program – 2.00pm <i>*The arrival time may vary pending movie commencement time.</i>	Don't wear your best clothes today, as we will be embarking on being part of different messy masterpiece making. Create your own or for someone special a unique coaster, explore canvas abstract painting and messy play in the outdoors.

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Bookings to be placed through your KidSoft account

Marong July Vacation Care Program 2025

MONDAY 14TH JULY	TUESDAY 15TH JULY	WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY (EX) 	THURSDAY 17TH JULY	FRIDAY 18TH JULY 
Outback Adventure Day	PJ Day	Bowling Extreme	Mad Science Lab	Adopt A Pet Day
				
Come and explore the Aussie outback with bush and outback camping themed games, crafts and Aussie cooking. You can even come dressed up as a farmer or explorer.	Do you love wearing your PJ's? Because we do! So, roll out of bed and come straight to VAC in your PJ's. This relaxing day will be filled with decorating your own teddy bear art, making face masks and bath salts, playing different sleepover games. Then ending the day with a movie and warm afternoon tea delight.	Start the day with a game of ten pin bowling. Try your hand at bowling for the first time or show us your amazing bowling skills. Back at the program we will be enjoying some different winter fun activities. Arrive at the program by – 9.00am Back at the program – 1.00pm	Get your lab coat and glasses ready for this mad science lab day that awaits you. Try your hand at different experiments during the day, make your own slime, grow your own crystals and enjoy the madness of being a crazy scientist.	This special day honours the bond between humans and animals. In celebration of animals and pets you can make your own special clay animal, create an adopt a pet certificate for your new adopted pet animal you will receive today and decorate a pet bowl for your furry friend. Incursion – 1pm till 3pm (Face Painting)

What To Pack & Bring

- Healthy morning tea & lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- SunSmart hat
- No foods containing nuts
- No food- lollies, soft drink, high sugar foods
- No foods that require refrigeration
- No foods that require heating or re-heating
- Closed toes shoes
- Appropriate weather clothing

Costs & Booking Information




Daily cost ranges per day/ child-

In-house- \$80 -- \$90

Incursion- \$90 -- \$95

Excursion- \$100 -- \$115

**prices are reduced with eligible Child Care Subsidy*

Excursion=  Incursion=  Lunch=  Provided

Note: Days will operate where 15 or more bookings.
The account holder will be notified via email by the
23rd June 2025 on the operational status days.

***Bookings to be made via Kidsoft**

Program Information

Address:

2 Leslie Street,
Marong Victoria 3515

Room Location:

OSHC Building

Program Number:

0428 247 072

Program Hours:

7.00am till 6.00pm

Head Office Contact

1300 977 599



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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.



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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

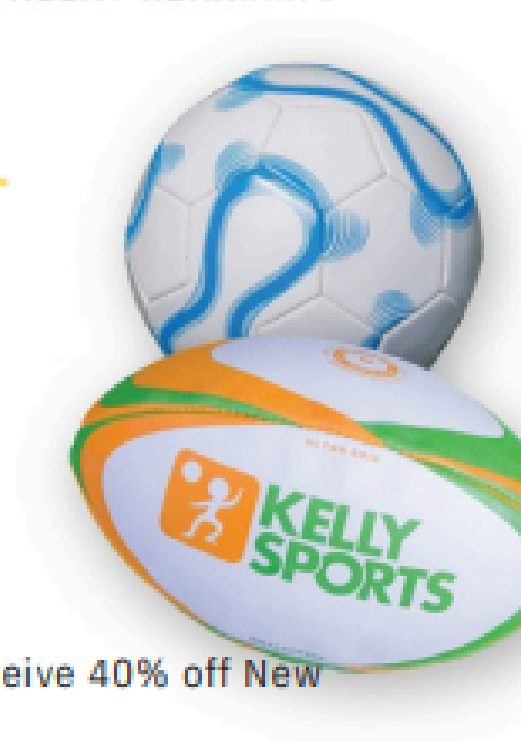
UPCOMING DATE: MAY 12

CONCLUDING DATE: JUNE 30

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

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All Star ★ Football & Netball Holiday Camp

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th July
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Netball ages girls and boys 11 to 15
Football ages boys and girls 5 to 15

8:30am Register sign out 5pm
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