

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	May		June
Fri 20th	LCDSSA Athletics Carnival	Fri 10th	Curriculum Day (Pupil Free)
23rd-27th	Education Week	Mon 13th	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Wed 25th	Open day 5:30pm-7pm	Fri 24th	End of Term Two
Fri 27th	Grandparents Morning Tea		

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Back next week

Education week

Next week we will celebrate 150 years of Public Education as part of our Education Week activities. To best do this we are inviting our families into our wonderful school next Wednesday 25th May. Please come along and visit our classrooms between 5:30 -7:00pm, participate in some of the fun activities and take a trip down memory lane to see how school has changed over the years. House points and prizes to be won also.

Please also remember that our Grandparents/ special persons morning tea is on Friday 27th May at 10:40am in the new PAC building.

We look forward to you helping to celebrate our students, our school and our community through education next week.

New Signage

The entrance to our school was completed during the week.

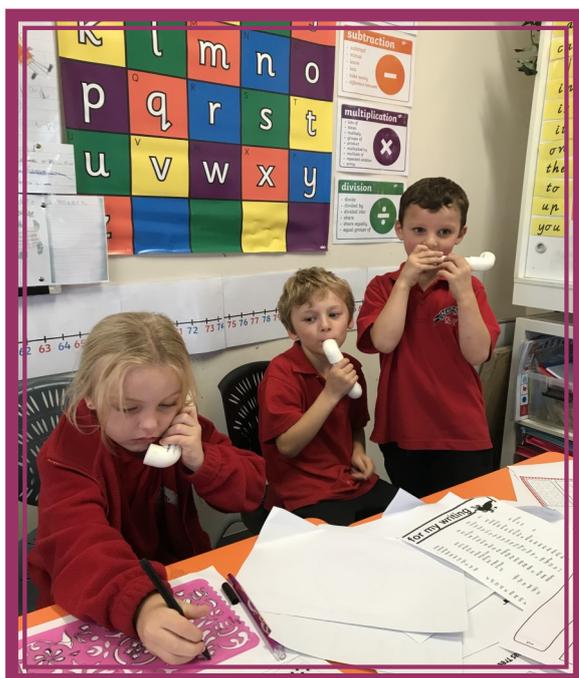
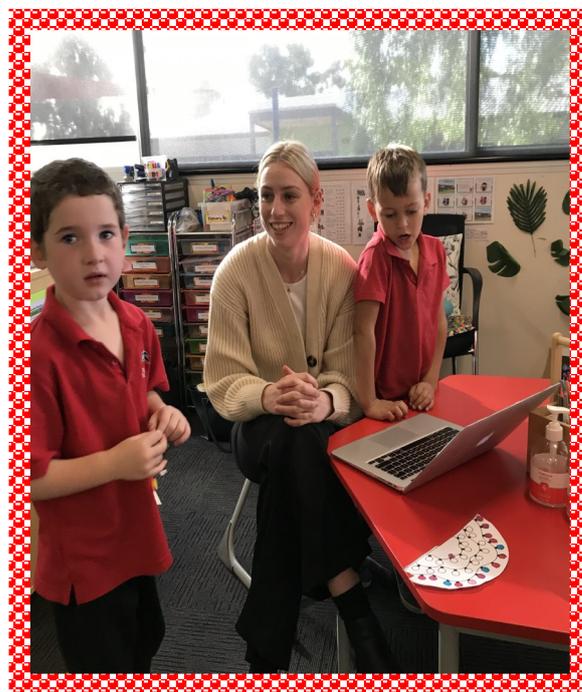


Grade Prep

This week we had our first morning tea and book session with the Marong Kinder. It was lovely to be able to join together and further develop our relationship with the kinder as this is something we have missed over the last two years.

In Smart Spelling our weekly word was 'frog' and the sentence was 'Come here and see an old frog.' There were some tricky sounds/digraphs and blends this week and some words that we just had to remember. Such as the word come, it looks like it should follow the split digraph rule however the 'o' makes the short u sound which makes things confusing. In Maths we explored the topic subtraction and learnt many different strategies that we can use to help when solving equations. We have found that our hands can be very helpful when solving simple subtraction and addition problems which is pretty cool! A reminder about athletics on Friday, please make sure you pack LOTS of extra snacks and a big drink for you child as it is a very long and tiring day. Its also going to be cool so please be sure to pack a jumper and or jacket. Thanks for another great week.

Emma Cook, Jess Taylor and Kate



Grades One/Two

We are a happy bunch in the one two area and are getting through lots of work. We are currently looking at Marong in the present times and have been listing off all the businesses, people, building and activities that we currently know are in our community. Students have been working hard on their song for grandparents morning tea and are loving having a play around on google maps. They have been navigating the internet to research the township and have made birds eye view maps of Marong. Students have been working on Money in math ranging in our flexible grouping from identifying different coins to calculating change with bigger numbers. Students have loved having a play around with pretend money to practise their skills for the real world. Students have been busy writing recounts about community activities they have been involved in as well as practising their suffixes during reading. Another great week ticked off and a lot more to come.

Miss O'Donoghue, Mr. Stacey, Mr Saddlier, Christine and Ms Patching



Grades Three/Four

We have had another fantastic week in the grade 3/4 unit this week.

We have begun our writing focus on information texts this week. We have spent some time pondering what makes something a fact and what makes something an opinion. We have also begun thinking about topics that we are knowledgeable in and developing our ideas, ready to write a report next week.

In numeracy this week we put our grouping, sharing, and dividing skills to the test. Students had lots of fun using counters, pencils, people and whatever else they could find to show their knowledge of division. We've also continued our work on measurement, looking this week at converting between different units of measurement. We measured ourselves to see how long our arms, legs and whole bodies were.

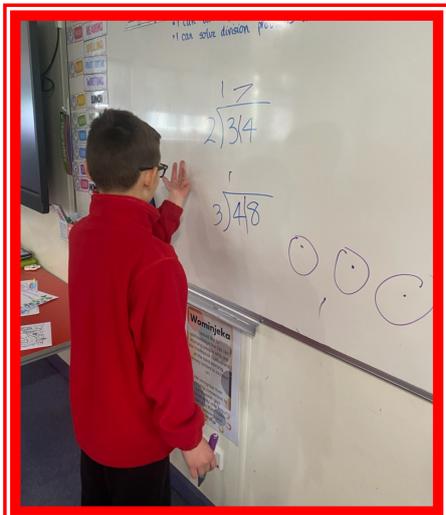
We have continued our investigations into the lives of the convicts by looking at what happened when they got to Australia. We learnt some very interesting facts about the long days they worked and the harsh punishments they faced.

Everyone is pumped and ready to go for our athletics day this week. Hopefully we can run, jump, and throw to the best of our abilities all whilst having a great day.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Mr Johnstone, Miss Cooney, Rose, Chelsie and Fraser



Grades Five/Six

A shorter week this week, with our fingers and toes crossed our Athletics Carnival goes ahead tomorrow. A shorter week results in busier days and all students have impressed us with their focus and dedication.

In reading, students have been making some big improvements with their accuracy of a read text and consolidating the knowledge they have read. Special mention to Zali – you're making us very proud! Keep practising! Students have also been delving into the life of authors, commencing an author study on their favourite author. It's been interesting to see some of the authors chosen with the likes of Enid Blyton and Roald Dahl, to lesser known authors such as David Almond. Kodi was amazed to find that Tracey West has released more than 300 books, releasing 14 books in the year 2000 alone.

In writing, students wrote to their grandparents inviting them to our Grandparents and Special Friends morning tea next Friday, the 27th of May. The letters should have gone home in an envelope, just needing the address on the front. Students also delved into poetry, with some interesting haikus written on Wednesday.

In math, we have been creating our very own dream island which will be the focus of many mathematical tasks moving forward. Students have had to draw an island to scale, with scales ranging from 1cm=50m to 1cm=500m. Maps needed to include grid references, a legend and compass points. Students have begun planning the activities that are available on their island and costing them accordingly. Next week, we will be able to map the distance between destinations, manage a budget and spending, as well as planning a fun week at other holiday islands.

In Integrated, there has been many discussions around migration and immigration and we have loved hearing the stories of those close to us who were born in another country. Students were able to define the difference between the push and pull factors of making person/people leave their home country, and look at the social, economic, political and environmental reasons that coincide with these factors. We look forward to delving into these reasons more and finding out what has shaped Australia in the country it is today.

Good luck to all students involved with the Athletics Carnival tomorrow!! Try hard and do yourself proud!

Mr Riordan, Ms Gallagher, Mr Wardell & Abby



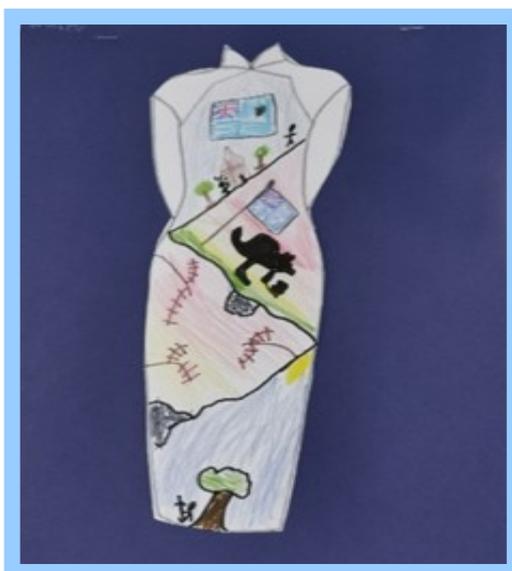
Chinese

Prep: Last week, students had a performance-based assessment in their speaking through number counting and performing songs in groups.

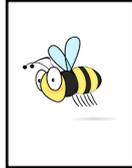
Grade One and Two: Students engaged in revising vocabulary with background music and gestures. They showed great confidence in introducing family members, friends, and animals using the modelled sentence 'This is my' in different games.

Grade Three and Four: Students learned how to introduce their nationality and other people's nationalities using modelled sentences. They learned how to write a few Chinese characters to introduce nationalities. Grade Three students also explored the cultural icons of Australia and China and designed a Chinese traditional clothing – Qipao to express their understanding of both cultures. Below are pictures showing their creative ideas and artistic skills.

Grade Five and Six: Students learned how to introduce their family members and their hobbies. They did a great job in the translation assessment.



Outside School Hours Care



News from the Beehive

This week like any other has been full of fun, excitement and yummy snacks. For around the world club with Barnali we had a jam making lesson where Barnali showed the children how to make pear jam. The students assisted by juicing the oranges, this was particularly fun and surprisingly not too messy.

Annie brought back a crowd favourite for art club this week, rock painting. This activity is always a hit in OSHC. After a discussion it was decided after they are dried and sealed we will hide them in the Marong area for others to find and re hide- watch this space.

Wednesday saw us heading over to the Marong Neighbourhood house for a sewing class. We were very lucky to have Judy an ex kindergarten teacher show us how to sew on a button and repair a small hole in clothing.







Prep - Layla G

Layla has returned to school this term with a fantastic attitude and wonderful work ethic. She is working hard to improve her writing, attempting unknown words independently and also shows leadership in our Numeracy sessions, often helping other students. We are so proud of you Layla, super effort!

Grade One/Two Stacey - Varli H

Varli has had yet another fantastic week, demonstrating responsibility in math and working hard to achieve her goals. We appreciate your dedication and enthusiasm each and every week Varli - great work!

Grade One/Two Saddler/Patching - Harper B

Harper is showing amazing 'Responsibility' in all that she does at school. Harper has been engaging herself in her work wholeheartedly and showing great confidence whether it be Literacy and Numeracy lessons or during our music sessions with Mrs Whatley. Well done Harper!

Grade One/Two O'D - Audrey L

I love watching Audrey in the classroom as she is always putting her best foot forward to show the other students exactly what to do. She is kind hearted, which you can see with how she includes others and always helps out. Audrey is a hard worker with confidence and when she is in the zone nothing can get in the way of her and her learning. Go Audrey, you're a superstar!

Grade Three/Four C - Georgia W

Congratulations to Georgia. Georgia has been a superstar this week! She has impressed with her dedication to her division in maths, challenging herself and wanting to learn more tricky concepts. Georgia has also been a great help in the classroom, assisting the teachers and students where she can. Keep up the fantastic efforts Georgia!

Grade Three/Four J - Missy L

Missy has had a great week, demonstrating our school values. She has been focused in the classroom and committed to her learning and achieving her best. Great work Missy.

Grade Five/Six R - Lainey J

Lainey has been demonstrating 'Confidence' in her learning this week. Lainey has shown that she is kind and helpful, always willing to help others out. She has been working hard in the classroom, producing a great holiday island in her numeracy activities this week. Well done Lainey on being a great member of our classroom.

Grade Five/Six G/W - Zali B

Zali has had a very focussed week, even though she has been missing Abby!. Zalie has been trying very hard with all tasks, asking for help if needed and working independently when required, most importantly making pleasing improvements with her reading assessment. Keep up the amazing work Zali, we are loving the responsibility you are taking for your own learning.

BENDIGO BASKETBALL CLINICS



At Bendigo Basketball we offer a number of basketball clinics for our local schools

SPORTING SCHOOL CLINICS & STANDARD CLINICS



Our Bendigo Braves athletes will come to you. We recommend going through Sporting Schools as it is funded. We also offer non funded basketball clinics if unable to obtain funding.

We offer one off clinics or ongoing clinics. Our clinics are flexible and work around what works best for you.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CLINICS

We are offering In Stadium and In School Wheelchair Basketball clinics. Transport will be an additional cost.

The clinics will consist of skills and conclude with gameplay. Great for senior students learning about inclusion or as a fun session as a one off or ongoing sessions. Wheelchair Basketball will be included in the 2022 Victorian Teachers Games so teachers, **START TRAINING!**



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