

# Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	August		September
6th	Divisional Netball Carnival	19th	Last Day of Term
11th-15th	Swimming Program		
18th	Book Week Dress up & Activities		
20th	STEM Incursion		

**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,*

### Curriculum Day – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

I wish to inform our school community that our staff will be undertaking a professional learning day on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Consequently, no students are required to attend school on this day. The professional learning focus will be on the Victorian Teaching & Learning Model 2.0, a model our teachers are governed by and promotes the most effective teaching practices and approaches to achieve strong learning outcomes for our students.

### Late arrival/ early departure

A reminder to families if dropping your child off late to school, parents are required to walk their child into the school office to formally sign them in for the day. Likewise, if collecting your child early, please do so via the school office.

### **Swimming**

Our annual swimming program will be held week 4 of this term. Students will attend swimming lessons at Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre in Kangaroo Flat each day during the week.

Parents are reminded that permissions and payments are due by 8<sup>th</sup> August, however the online swimming survey for Gurri Wanyarra is due Today, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Bookings are now open on Sentral for our Term 3 parent teacher interviews. These interviews will take place in week 4 over three afternoons, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August and will be held in your child's classroom.

This is a great opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher and discuss the academic progress and goals for their child.

When making a booking, please be sure to scroll to the bottom of the screen after selecting a time and save your booking. Please contact the school if you need support making a booking.

### **Glasses for Kids (Foundation to grade 3 students)**

The Department of Education is providing funding to State Schools' Relief (SSR) which is a charitable non-government organisation, to manage and deliver the Glasses for Kids program which provides initial vision screening for Foundation – Year 3 students. If required, comprehensive eye testing and glasses will be provided to participating students at no cost. Glasses for Kids will visit our school in week 2 of term 4. Online permission forms are available via Sentral.

### **NAPLAN 2025 results**

Students who participated in NAPLAN 2025 received their results last week. Our school has received some very pleasing results. Some highlights worth noting are as follows.

Our school's average of students in Year 5 Reading and Numeracy achieving at or above expected level were above the state average as well as the average of similar schools and schools within our network.

Our Year 3 students achieving at or above expected level in Number were above the averages of the state, and similar and network schools and on par with similar and network schools when compared in Reading. A great overall result for such a dedicated group of students and teachers. I am very proud!

### **School Council**

A reminder to school council members that our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.

### **Recourses Needed**

As we get ready for Book Week and other exciting creative activities, we'd love your help! We're currently looking for donations of **wool, pipe cleaners**, and any other **art and craft supplies** you may have at home. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the front office.

# Grade Prep & 1

What an exciting week we've had in Prep and Grade 1! It was absolutely amazing to see all the bright colours on Wednesday for our 100 Days of School Celebration. We had so much fun writing about what we would buy if we had \$100, counting to 100, playing games, and dancing the afternoon away! A big well done to all our students! We are so proud of all the hard work you've done so far this year. Keep being awesome!

In Sounds Write, Prep and Grade 1 students have continued learning Unit 9 (CCVC words) and Unit 11 (*i, ie, y, i-e, igh*) respectively. They have been building new words and experimenting with using them in sentences. It is so lovely to see their confidence grow.

In Writing, we have started exploring the five senses, and this week we focused on our sense of sight. The students have done a fantastic job using descriptive language to share what they see.

In Math, we've been looking at the early concepts of division. Students have had a lot of fun exploring how to make equal shares using hands-on materials and real-life examples.

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We're looking forward to another great week of learning next week!



# Grade 2/3

## Literacy

This week, students continued exploring *Finding Our Heart* by Thomas Mayo. As part of their reading, they examined the AIATSIS Map of Indigenous Australia, learning about the different language groups and the areas they represent. A key discussion question was: How do the illustrations add meaning to the story and help us learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their culture, and experiences? In writing, students focused on identifying and correcting run-on sentences. They also planned the personal response paragraph for their book reports, using a mentor text to understand its purpose, structure, and key features.

## Mathematics

In maths, students continued learning to represent multiplication and division in different ways, with a focus on solving division problems using partitioning. Warm-up activities included Dodging Tables – (tables from 6 to 11), and students also enjoyed solving an Esti-Mystery challenge to build their reasoning and estimation skills.

## Integrated Studies

Our integrated studies focus this term is Making the Australian Constitution. This week, students began learning about important Australians who played a key role in shaping our nation. As part of this, they created trading cards featuring a significant figure, including a drawing, their name, and their “special power” – what they are known for and how they contributed to Australia's history.

## The 2/3 Team

## Grade 4/5

Hello, this is Alyson and Pearl and this week in math we have been learning about decimal points and time like hundredths, tenths, and thousandths.

In Grammar, we have been learning about talking marks and apostrophes, it is when you combine two words like 'she' and 'will' make she'll.

In integrated, we are travelling around the world like London, Peru, Egypt, Spain, Kenya, Japan, Canada, and Australia. Right now, we are working and learning about Peru!

In writing right now we are doing a dice roll and it goes like this, so the student of the week rolls the dice and if the dice land on 4 let's say its rainbow, then we write in rainbow for the whole thing.

Bye bye!

## Grade 6

Hi my name is Deon, and this is what we have done this week. This week in grade 6 we started working on Peru and writing facts about it and after all the facts we started to make a poster after. On Tuesday we started the day with some math and played trash then after the math lesson we started to work on our posters or if you have not finished your Peru writing you would finish that and then go on your poster then after recess our teacher got sick, so we did a split and I went to Jess' class. On Wednesday we had miss Gallagher because our teacher was not here and we did math first then writing then spelling then it was lunch, and almost all the grade sixes played a massive game of hunter then at recess we did the same thing. On Thursday we continued with our work that we already started. On Friday Mrs Eaton read us the book we are reading called all the beautiful things and it is about a girl in Germany in the World War two and she is taking care of a little girl called Iva. After that we did BTN, we were going to do a Kahoot, but we did not have time because we had to do the lunch orders then we ate lunch I played football with Campbell. After lunch we did art, I had to leave half way because I had to do woodwork. After I finished woodwork, we did math.



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## **Prep/1 Maddern**

Hunter B - Hunter has settled into our class beautifully! He is a kind and caring friend to everyone and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Keep up the awesome work, Hunter. We are so lucky to have you in P/1M!

## **Prep/1 Cook & Jess**

Imogen T – Immy has had an amazing start to Term 3 and is constantly demonstrating our School Values. This week, Immy loved celebrating 100 Day Brighter and we are so proud of how much growth she has made since starting school 100 days ago. She is always happy to help others and is a kind friend. Keep up the TERRIFIC work Immy, you are a SUPERSTAR!!!

## **Prep/1 Riordan**

Norah W - For demonstrating kindness and respect to all this week. Norah is a wonderfully kind and helpful student in our classroom. She follows the rules and always demonstrates her best self in the classroom. Well done on another super week Norah!

## **Prep/1 Williams**

Remi H - Remi has been a superstar this week! She has created some amazing writing pieces all about our five senses that really showcase her creativity and hard work. Rem is also a super kind and caring friend who consistently follows our school values and classroom rules, setting a great example for others. A special shoutout goes to Rem's fabulous pink fluffy jacket she wore on our 100 Days Brighter celebration! Keep it up Rem.

## **2/3 Westcott**

Shifirah T - Shifirah brings joy to our classroom every day. She begins her work happily after the first instruction and participates confidently in class discussions. Shifirah is always polite, remembers her manners, and includes others. Well done, Shifirah!

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## **2/3 Thorn & Gallagher**

Ehlina M - Well done Ehlina who has shown greater independence during writing this week. Keep working hard and striving to be your best.

## **2/3 Lamb**

Makadie G - Makadie has started this term on fire! Her kind and caring personality is shining brighter than ever! Makadie's become more independent and is always willing to lend a helping hand to her peers. She works with great focus and always strives to do her best. Makadie's thoughtfulness and effort to keep our classroom organised never goes unnoticed. Keep it up Makadie, you are an absolute star!

## **4/5 Johnstone**

Sienna N - Well done on a great week Sienna. She's been working hard this term and is someone who can be trusted to take on extra tasks and activities. Her work during our 'Amazing Race' was a standout, taking out a clear first place. Super work, Sienna!

## **4/5 Burton**

James W - James has been on fire this week! He has written some impressive sizzling starts in writing and is working hard to build his understanding of decimals. He also created an awesome research poster about London in Integrated. Keep up the great work, legend!

## **4/5 Fry**

## **6 O'Donoghue**

Deon H - Deon has shown outstanding effort and a positive attitude in all areas of learning this week. Their kindness, persistence, and willingness to help others make them a valued member of our classroom. Keep up the great work Deon.



# 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



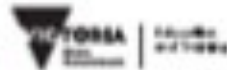
## ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

**DAYS:** Wednesday mornings

**TIME:** 8:20am-8:45am

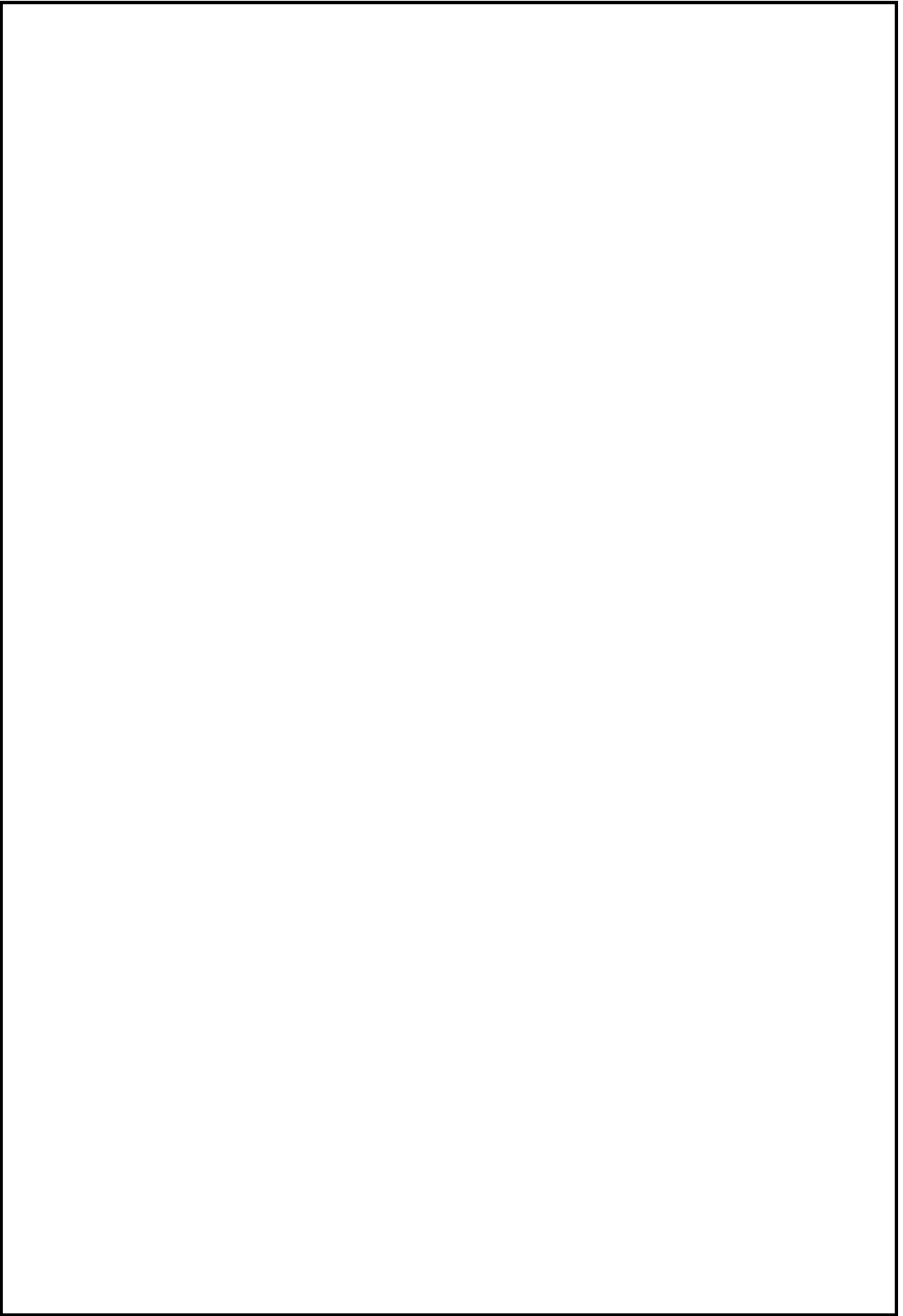
**ROOM:** Big Deck

**EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.**



Wellbeing







# Marong OSHC News



## Exciting Activities Week's Ahead

Week Beginning 4th August

This week we look around the world for a week of different cultures with games and activities

Week Beginning 11th August

Let's get creative in many different ways, using different art mediums to create wonderful art works.



## Cooking Club

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Making Yummy

Scones with  
Jam and cream



## Joke of the week

Q: What has 88 keys, but cannot open a single door?

A: A piano.



## Join The Fun OF OSHC

Registration is FREE all you need to do is visit our website at [www.afterthebell.com.au](http://www.afterthebell.com.au) and complete the online Enrolment. Please feel free to contact our Head Office as we are happy to help you out with the process.

CONTACT US

OSHC- 0428 247 072

Head Office- 1300 977 599

Program Leaders- Kristen





# Children's Book Week is Coming!



## Monday 18th August

### ★ Whole School Dress-Up Parade

Join us in the PAC at 9.15am for a fun-filled Book Week Parade to kick off the day! This will take the place of Monday morning assembly.

### ★ Dress-Up Fun for Everyone

Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character. Costumes don't need to be elaborate—a hat, accessory or casual dress is perfect! We want every child to feel included and enjoy the celebration.

### Activities All Day Long

After the parade, students will enjoy a day full of engaging and creative activities based on the CBCA short-listed books in their own classrooms.

### ★ Questions?

Please see your classroom teacher for more information.

Let's celebrate the magic of stories and the joy of reading together!

## Happy Book Week!



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**FEMALE COACHES**

**NEW FRIENDS**

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**4-7 YEARS OLD**



**7-12 YEARS OLD**

**BENDIGO ALL GIRLS PROGRAM**

**COMMENCES THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**4PM TO 5PM**

**WEEROONA OVAL**





**GIANT**tennis

**MAIDEN GULLY TENNIS CLUB**

# **CARDIO TENNIS**

**FOR MUMS!**

## **+ KIDS PROGRAM**

**A feel-good fitness session for Mums - with Tennis, tunes, and time for you  
(While the kids have fun learning tennis too!)**

- 9.30AM WEDNESDAY'S (From Wed 23rd July)
- Maiden Gully Tennis Club, Beckhams Rd
- 1 HOUR Sessions: Adult Cardio Tennis PLUS Kids Lesson at the same time
- Social morning tea to follow
- Racquets available to borrow
- All tennis and fitness abilities welcome!
- \*FREE for MGTC Members, otherwise \$20
- Become a member here:
- Register interest here:



**gianttennis.com.au**







# KIDS LOVE BEING OUTDOORS? THERE'S GOLF FOR THAT.

## BELVOIR PARK GOLF CLUB

**Time:** Thursdays 4pm-4:45pm (5-9 year olds) 5pm-5:45pm (10-14 Year olds)

**Dates:** 14<sup>th</sup> August – 18<sup>th</sup> September (6 Sessions)

**Cost:** \$60

**Registration:** <https://tinyurl.com/fxc6z2fw>

**Enquiries:** Dave Griffin – 0407 422 845

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# BOOK AN ADVENTURE with

Woodland Collection  
Bookshop

SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

AUGUST

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Dress Ups  
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And More!

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