

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	August		September
8th	Swimming Forms Due	2nd	Fathers Day Stall
11th-15th	Swimming Program	3rd	Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
12th-14th	Parent Teacher Interviews	19th	Last Day of Term
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,

Swimming – NEXT WEEK

Our annual swimming program will be held next week. 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 TODAY (Friday 8th August). Students need to be ready in their bathers upon arrival at the pool. Students may choose to wear their bathers under their school uniform each day or choose to get changed at school before boarding the bus. Students will have time after their session at the pool to change back into their school uniform in change rooms closed to the public before boarding the bus.

Swimming lesson times.

Group 1	Grades 6 & 4/5 J	10:15 am - 11:00am
Group 2	Grades 4/5 B & 4/5 F	11:00 am - 11:45am
Group 3	Grades F/1 M & 2/3 W	11:45am - 12:30pm
Group 4	Grades F/1R & 2/3 L & Grade 1's from F/1 Williams	12:30pm - 1:15pm
Group 5	Grades F/1CT & 2/3 GT & Grade preps from F/1 Williams	1:15pm - 2:00pm

Parent Teacher Interviews- NEXT WEEK

Bookings are will soon close on Sentral for our Term 3 parent teacher interviews. These interviews will take place next week over three afternoons, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th 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.

Curriculum Day – Wednesday 3rd September

A reminder that our staff will be undertaking a professional learning day on Wednesday 3rd September. No students are required to attend school on this day.

Late arrival/ Early departure

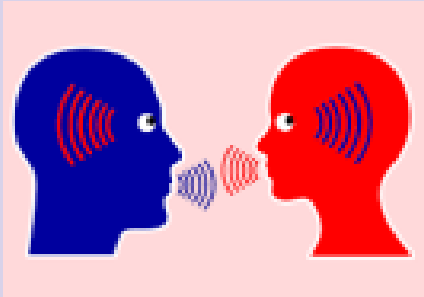


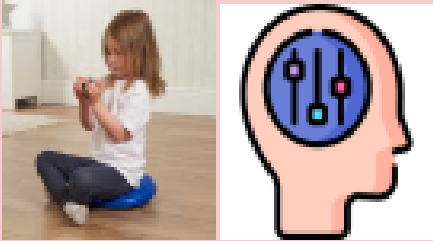
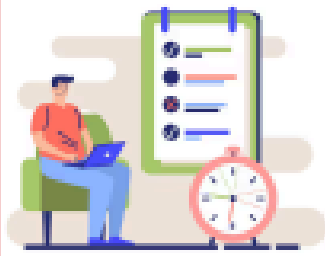

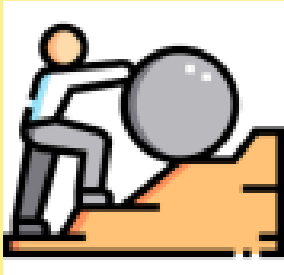

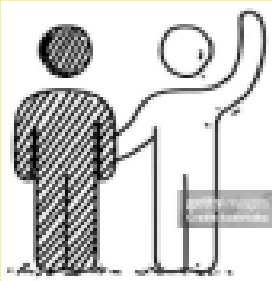
A reminder to families if dropping your child off late to school, parents are required to walk their child into the school office to formally sign them in for the day. Likewise, if collecting your child early, please do so via the school office.

Netball

During the week we had several girls from grades 5/6 participate in the Sandhurst Division Netball Championship. While the girls may not have had many wins on the day, I was certainly very pleased to hear they conducted themselves respectfully and responsibly all day and had a lot of fun. Thanks to Mrs Maher for supporting the team on the day.



ASSEMBLY - STUDENT MATRIX

Respect		
		
Active listening.	Celebrate other's successes.	Enter and exit in an orderly manner.
Responsibility		
		
Self-regulate your actions.	Be organised.	Ignore distractions.
Honesty		
		
Challenge yourself.	Giving your best effort to all your listening and speaking roles.	Encourage others to do well.

Grade Prep & 1

We've had another fun-filled week of learning in Prep and Grade 1!

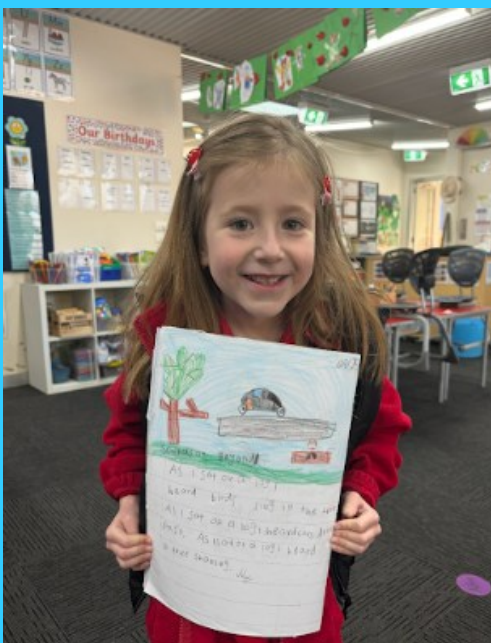
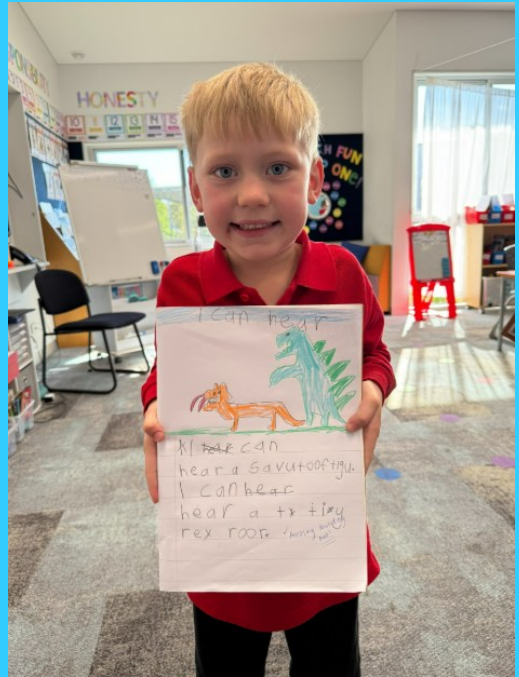
In Sounds Write, the Preps have been exploring Unit 10, where they were introduced to more complex word structures including CCVCC, CVCCC, and CCCVC. Meanwhile, our Grade 1 students have been working through Unit 12, learning about the /oo/ sound (as in *book*) and its spellings: *oo*, *u*, and *ou*. Students have been busy building words and experimenting with using them in sentences.

In Writing, we continued our exploration of the five senses, with a focus on hearing. Students had lots of fun going outside to tune into the sounds around them, then used their imaginations to describe what they might hear in different places – such as on a farm, in prehistoric times or while on safari. Their creativity has been amazing!

In Math, we have been exploring measurement. Students have used a range of informal units to measure length, height and duration, developing their understanding through hands-on activities and playful investigations.

Just a reminder that our swimming program begins next week. Please send your child to school wearing their bathers underneath their school uniform each day. Make sure they bring a towel, goggles and a change of dry underwear, all packed in a labelled swimming/plastic bag. Thank you for helping us make this a smooth and fun experience for everyone! We're looking forward to another great week ahead!

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

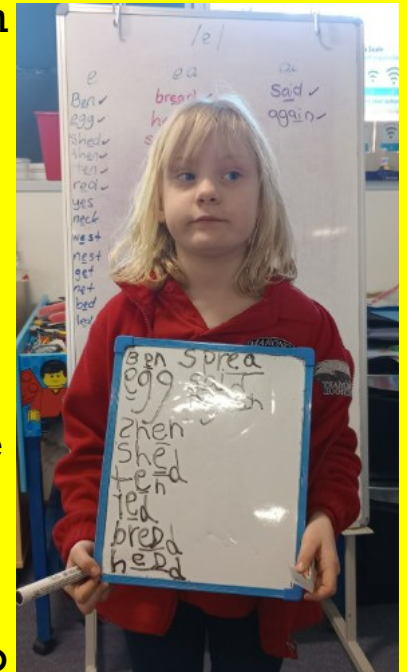


Grade 2/3

With swimming lessons beginning next week, our Grade 2/3 students viewed a social story to help them prepare. The Power-Point explained where we'll be swimming, who we'll be travelling with, what to bring, and the schedule for the week to help ease any uncertainty.



In Literacy, students focused on formal handwriting, practising pre-cursive letters that begin with a downstroke and include exit hooks for diagonal joins. This week's letters included f, o, r, v, w, and x. In Morphology, we explored the prefix 'post', examining words such as postpone, postseason, and postmeridian. Our fluency focus continued, with students reading texts matched to their level and linked to our integrated topics or reading focus.



In Maths, our current learning goal is to tell the time using both analogue and digital clocks. Students watched a learning video and discussed time-related terms such as minute hand, hour hand, o'clock, and half past. We also revisited quarter past and quarter to, using movement activities to reinforce understanding.

As part of our Integrated Studies unit on Making the Australian Constitution, students have been learning how laws can be changed through a referendum and exploring what the Constitution means in terms of fairness and equality. Key vocabulary introduced this week includes: referendum, constitution, important, census, equality, and republic.



Grade 4/5

Hi, this is Sienna and Varli and this week we have been doing angles in Maths and learning to use a protractor to measure angles.

In Integrated we have been learning about Peru in our amazing race. Our amazing race is where we travel the world and whoever has more points in the end comes either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

In writing, we have been doing narratives and learning to build suspense to make our narratives better.

For spelling, we have been doing our mental verbs, action verbs, and speaking verbs.

This week some of the grade 5/6s also went to the Red Energy Arena to play netball to represent our school. Sienna, Varli, Heidi, Alli, Maddy L, Bell, Maddie, Stevie and Georgia were on the team. Thanks to our coach, Mrs Mather.

Thank you and we hope you have an amazing week!

Grade 6

This week in Grade 6, we've have been busy.

Writing:

In writing this week, we worked hard on Egypt and cursive handwriting. We focused on improving our handwriting skills.

Reading:

During reading, we explored different strategies and practiced using expressions when reading.

Maths:

In maths, we have been learning about angles and applying our skills to measure degrees.

Other Subjects:

In other subjects, we also enjoyed watching game on in ICT.

Highlights of the Week:

Some of our favourite moments this week included having extra STEM time while some students were at Netball.

By Jaxon and Zeke.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 Maddern

Zoe K - Zoe's positive and energetic attitude brings such a fun and uplifting vibe to our classroom! She has been doing an amazing job with her writing this term. Zoe has shown greater independence and is confidently tackling tricky words by stretching and sounding them out. Keep up the awesome work, Zoe!

Prep/1 Cook & Jess

Ella H – Ella always demonstrates the school values both inside and outside the classroom. This term, we have seen huge improvement in her writing and we can see that she is putting in 110% effort and applies the skills she is learning in every writing piece she completes. Keep up the hard work Ella, you are a superstar!

Prep/1 Riordan

Mitchell H - For demonstrating a tremendous work ethic in our classroom this week. It has been great to see Mitchell putting in his best effort, especially in writing. He is writing more and using his sound-letter knowledge to produce some wonderful writing. Super work Mitch!

Prep/1 Williams

Ella W - Ella shines every single week with her positive attitude and outstanding behaviour. She consistently follows our class and school rules, setting a wonderful example for her peers. This week, Ella impressed us all with her incredible writing about one of the five senses. Keep up the amazing work, Ella.

2/3 Westcott

Ruby G - Ruby is an enthusiastic participant in all areas of her learning. This week, she achieved an impressive 92% on her spelling progression test. Ruby also displays excellent responsibility by completing her class jobs and staying highly organised each day. Well done, Ruby, keep up the fantastic work!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2/3 Thorn & Gallagher

Charlie G - Charlie has shown greater focus during learning time this week. She has been asking questions and been involved in class discussion. Well done Charlie, keep working hard!

2/3 Lamb

Willow M - Willow has had a fantastic year so far! She always gives her best and takes on every challenge with a positive attitude. Across all areas of her learning (especially literacy) she is producing some amazing work and is working to a high standard. It's been so lovely to see how much you've grown, both as a learner and as a person. Keep believing in yourself, Willow you're doing an amazing job!

4/5 Johnstone

Xander M - I have been impressed with Xander lately and I'm super proud of the effort he's putting in. Xander's been working hard on his partnered reading, making great progress and he produced an excellent presentation on Peru. Awesome work mate, keep it up!

4/5 Burton

Alisha R - Alisha could be Student of the Week, every week! She always aims high and gives her personal best effort to learning. Her research poster on Peru was a standout and earned her third place! Fantastic work, Alisha!

4/5 Fry

Cooper H - Cooper has approached everything with an "I can do it" attitude this week. We were impressed with his measurements using protractors, and you would struggle to find better GK anywhere when he was playing netball. Well done Coops, you're a star!

6 O'Donoghue

Maddie H - What an amazing week Maddie has had! She completed a very detailed and engaging poster on Peru and put in lots of effort when learning angles. Maddie showed all our school values when representing the school at the netball carnival, showing great leadership and teamwork on the court. Keep up the great stuff Mads!!



Our Junior School Council (JSC), made up of elected student representatives from Grades 2 to 6, meets regularly to share ideas, plan events, and discuss ways to improve our school. Meetings begin with a warm welcome from the Chairperson and a review of previous discussions. Students follow a meeting protocol, taking turns to raise suggestions from their peers and listen respectfully to others. Recent topics have included reducing playground rubbish, planning our upcoming Footy Colours Day fundraiser, and exploring ways to improve our outdoor learning space, 'Beyond'. JSC plays a key role in giving students a voice and building leadership skills across the school.

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SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



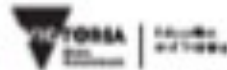
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Wednesday mornings

TIME: 8:20am-8:45am

ROOM: Big Deck

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.





**SPOIL THE INCREDIBLE DAD IN YOUR
LIFE AT THIS YEARS**

FATHER'S DAY STALL!

TUESDAY 2ND OF SEPTEMBER

**STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO PURCHASE FROM A RANGE OF
FANTASTIC GIFTS, ALL **\$5 EACH**. CASH
OR QKR! PAYMENTS ACCEPTED.**

LIMIT OF 2 GIFTS PER CHILD

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 7th 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 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

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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!



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: 14th August – 18th September (6 Sessions)

Cost: \$60

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

Enquiries: Dave Griffin – 0407 422 845

MyGolf powered by Ripper GC is Australia's beginner golf program that introduces kids to golf through games-based activities in a safe and friendly environment. Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, have fun!

Sessions are run by PGA Professionals and National Program Deliverers Australia-wide.



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