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Marong
Primary School
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 7th, 2026 – Issue 24

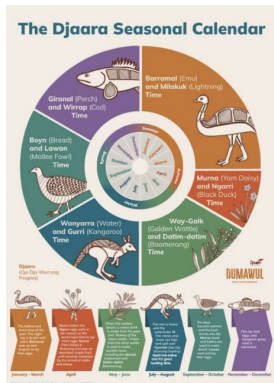
SCHOOL VALUES

Achievement – (striving for our personal best) encompassing excellence, growth, aspiration, persistence, resilience, confidence, effort

Belonging – (making everyone feel safe, valued and included) community, teamwork, inclusion, cultural safety, acceptance, friendship

Respect – (treating ourselves, others and the environment with care and respect) courtesy, gratitude, kindness, empathy, compassion, tolerance

Responsibility – (taking ownership for our actions) accountability, integrity, reliability, leadership, courage, initiative, trustworthiness



On behalf of the students of Marong Primary School, we would like to respectfully acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung as the traditional owners of the land and pay our respects to 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Council has approved the updated student dress code policy which is available on our website. One key change comes with the length of bike shorts.

Please also note the following for safety:

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails and nail extensions, large/dangling hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely **and are fully not permitted.**

Shorts
Plain black shorts or bike shorts without decoration or brand name.
Please note the length of the shorts needs to be mid thigh or longer.



HEALTH AND PE

It has been great to finish the swimming program with some great personal achievements in the pool by our students. Next up we have our Athletics Carnival. You would have received a social story via email to help prepare your child for the day. We are still seeking any parent helpers for the day. You do require a valid Working With Children Check.

RUBBISH

We are currently addressing the amount of rubbish in our yard. Where possible include 'nude' food that doesn't have a wrapper or is in a container to reduce this please.



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DATES FOR AUGUST

- 11 August – Cluster Athletics Day- Cancelled
- 17 August – Curriculum day – no students required at school
- 24 – 28 August – Book Week (Monday dress up day)

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Michael James M – for showing great courage, determination and resilience during the swimming program. Very proud of you.

CHILD SAFE MESSAGE

Victorian government schools do NOT tolerate any form of racism.

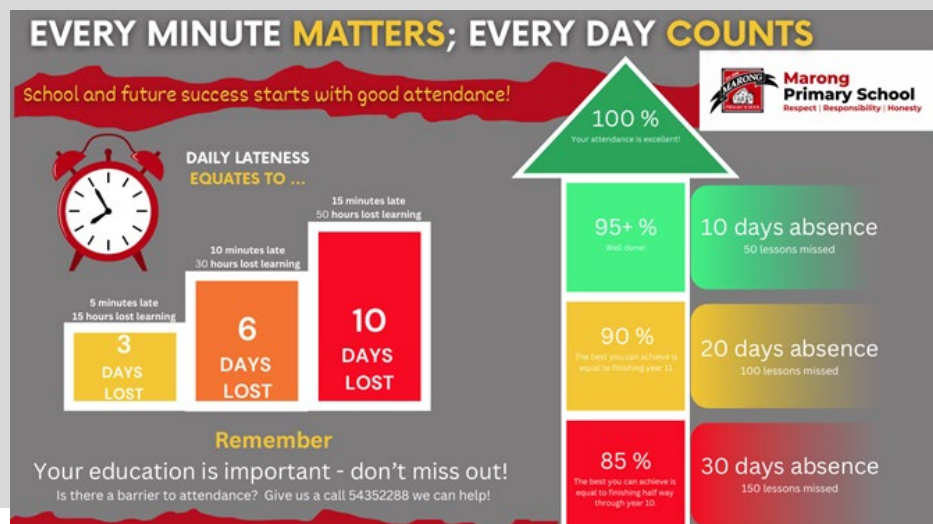
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

We held our meeting this week. Planning for the Father's Day/Special Person's day stall and the Colour Fun Run is underway. If you would like to help with any of these or find out more about PFA contact the school or chat to Erin Tine or Bianca Cola. Donuts still available weekly. If you would like to assist the PFA with anything, please contact us at the office and we can get you in touch with the members.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our next meeting is Wednesday 16th September.

Approval was given for the upcoming excursions for various grades. School Council members love to see the Extra curricula activities our staff organise for students such as camps and excursions/incursions.



GRADE PREP

What we achieved this week!

Week 4 has been a bit quieter in the classroom but we were extremely busy swimming at Gurri Wanyarra. This week the Preps were able to complete their first swimming week. It has been a very tiring week for all. The students loved getting to learn different ways to safely enter a pool, different swim strokes, how to call out for help while swimming and swim with extra clothes on if they get into trouble. They got to finish the week off by having a free swim and going in the splash park area. During writing we used our 5 senses to write sentences about what we see, feel, hear, smell or taste while swimming.

It was Principal's Day on Friday so we all got to write and draw a lovely message saying thank you to Ms Lovel and Mr Mac.

Next Tuesday we have Athletics Day. The students have been busy practising each event during PE with Ms Gallagher at school over the past few weeks.

Jess, Mrs Cook, Miss Wilson, Cayla and Fraser.



GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

It has been a very busy week for our Grade One/Two students, with a full week of swimming! A huge congratulations to everyone for their fantastic listening, participation and positive attitudes throughout the week. Every student approached each session with confidence, embraced new challenges and showed a wonderful can-do mindset.

With swimming taking place each day, it has been a slightly different week in the classroom. During Reading, we have focused on building students' independent reading strategies. In Writing, students created their own narrative stories, carefully including characters, settings, problems and solutions. They thoroughly enjoyed bringing their creative ideas to life and produced some fantastic pieces of writing.

In Mathematics, we continued exploring how to recognise and make equal groups. To finish the week, students enjoyed choosing a maths warm-up game to play with a partner, giving them the opportunity to practise their skills in a fun and engaging way.

In Integrated Studies, we investigated fact files about a range of mini beasts before creating our own "Who Am I?" riddles about a chosen mini beast. Students loved sharing their clues and challenging their classmates to guess the correct creature.

Well done on a fantastic week, Grade One/Two! We are so proud of the effort, enthusiasm and resilience you have shown throughout such a busy week.

Miss Williams, Mr Riordan, Miss Thorn, Hayley, Brandi, Jai, Jobe, Toby and Tamina.



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

Week 4 has been another productive and rewarding week for our Grade 3/4 students.

This week in Literacy, we finished reading *Storm Boy* and celebrated by watching the movie. There were certainly a few tears shed by some of our Grade 3/4 students! We are also getting close to completing our information reports and have now moved on to creating posters, which are already looking very impressive. Miss Lamb's class also welcomed Tyson back for another week of work experience. Tyson has been a fantastic addition to our classroom, building positive relationships with the students and assisting with a range of learning activities.

In Mathematics, we finished our unit on angles. Throughout the week, we learnt about larger and smaller angles, as well as the names of different types of angles. We also learnt the different parts of an angle such as two rays, angle and a vertex. Next week, we look forward to revisiting our unit on time.

Next Wednesday August 12th, we are looking forward to an incursion with the Bendigo Council. During the session, students will explore ways to help make the Bendigo community a place where everyone feels welcome, included, safe, and able to participate in community life.

Athletics Day is on Tuesday August 11th. If your child is participating in the 800m event, please ensure a parent or guardian is available to drop them off before the event. Students should pack extra food, wear appropriate footwear, and bring a large drink bottle to ensure they are well prepared for a successful day. Miss O, Miss Lamb, Mr Westcott, Christine, Charli and Jimmy



GRADE 3/4

HOPE & ACTION

Sustainability Education Day

September
9, 2026



Grade 3/4 Excursion – Garden for the Future

As part of our study of *The Wild Robot* and our focus on sustainability, the Grade 3/4 students will be visiting the **Garden for the Future** in White Hills on **Wednesday 9th September**.

Students will travel by bus, departing school at **9:15 am** and returning by **3:00 pm**. Throughout the day, they will participate in a variety of engaging sustainability experiences, including a **Welcome to Country**, environmental theatre and interactive workshops delivered by local organisations.

Students are required to wear full school uniform and bring their lunch, snacks, hat and water bottle in a backpack.

The excursion cost is **\$5.00**. Please complete the **Sentral permission and payment** before the excursion.

We look forward to a fun and educational day of hands-on learning!

SUPPORTED BY

GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

Once again, Week 4 has been a busy and productive week of learning in Grade 5/6.

In Literacy, we continued our novel study of *Wonder*. Our learning intention this week was to analyse how R.J. Palacio uses Summer's and Jack's perspectives to develop the theme of friendship. Students explored how different characters experience events and how these varying perspectives help readers better understand the importance of kindness, loyalty and empathy.

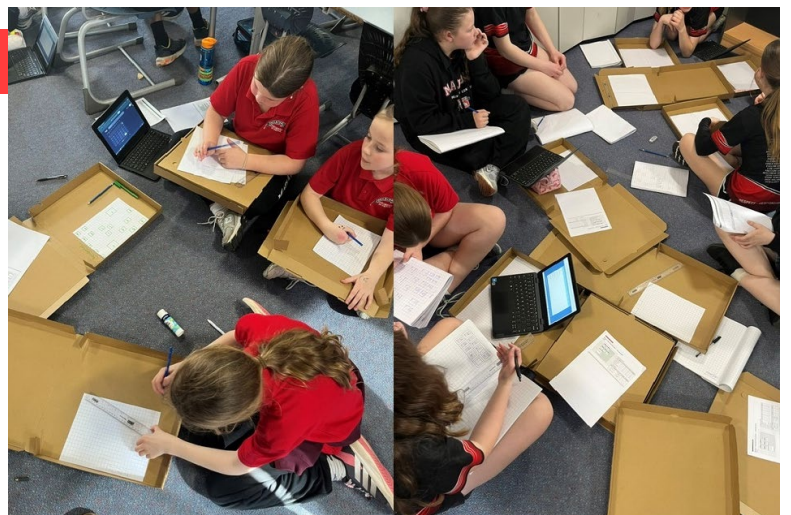
In our etymology lessons, students investigated words found throughout *Wonder*, exploring their origins and meanings to build their vocabulary and comprehension.

In Mathematics, students began planning their Future Cities project by developing the mathematical skills needed to design and manage a city. They are exploring skills and ideas such as budgets, profit and loss statements, multiplication, 2D mapping, the Cartesian plane, and calculating perimeter and area. Students are beginning to apply these concepts to real-world situations as they prepare to design their own sustainable city. It has been wonderful to see students showing creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills as they continue to engage in this exciting unit of work.

Miss Burton, Mr Johnstone, Mr Fry and Chelsie.

Reminders

Our Cluster Athletics Day will be held on Tuesday 11th August. We look forward to a fun day of participation, teamwork and friendly competition. We wish all students the very best and can't wait to see everyone giving their best effort!





Small Acts
BIG IMPACT

Bullying No Way Week
17-21 August 2026

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep – Jess

YoYo L - Yoyo continues to impress us with her continued courage and persistence. YoYo was incredibly brave during her swimming lessons this week. Despite being nervous, she gave every challenge her best effort and we were incredibly proud of her. YoYo also works incredibly hard during class time and quietly leads by example. You are a superstar YoYo.

Grade Prep – Mrs Cook

Owen S - Owen has been a little SUPERSTAR this week! It has been a huge week with swimming, and Owen has taken it all in his stride. He has listened beautifully, stayed organised, and loved every minute in the pool. It has been wonderful to watch your confidence and enthusiasm in the water, Owen! Keep up the awesome work!

Grade 1/2 Williams

Huxley S - We are so incredibly proud of Huxley this week! He showed great courage by overcoming some of his fears around swimming and did an absolutely fantastic job in the pool. Huxley listened carefully, gave every activity a go, and wore a big smile throughout each lesson. Well done, Hux!

Grade 1/2 Riordan

Tanner B - What a superstar Tanner has been this week. He has loved swimming, putting in his best each and everyday. When back at school, he remains focussed and engaged in all learning tasks. Amazing work Tanner!

Grade 1/2 Thorn and Hayley

Micheal James - Michael James was a superstar at swimming this week. He demonstrated great listening skills, resilience and a can do attitude. Well done on a great week Michael James!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade 3/4 Miss O

Maddy H - Maddy has had a great week at school, completing all her work and improving so much in her angle's knowledge growing from a 47% to 100% in just a week. Well done, Maddy!

Grade 3/4 Westcott

Dawson M - Dawson has had an exceptional week this week and has been super enthusiastic about his information report on Pandas. we love having Dawson in our grade as he brings smiles to everyone's faces. Awesome work Dawson !

Grade 3/4 Lamb

Ruby G- Ruby could be awarded Student of the Week every week because she consistently demonstrates our school values in all that she does. She is a kind and friendly classmate who always makes others feel included and supported. Ruby has also worked really hard on her information report about dolphins and has put in her best effort every step of the way Ruby, you are a valued member of Grade 3/4L, and we are so proud of the positive example you set every day!

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Kyle M - Kyle has had a fantastic week and has really blown me away with his effort and attitude. He has taken on feedback incredibly well and completely shifted his work ethic during our literacy block. Kyle has shown just how capable he is when he applies himself, and I can't wait to see him continue this fantastic progress for the rest of the year!

Grade 5/6 Fry

Abbie S- Abbie has earned our student of the week. We are proud of the effort she has been putting into her responses to our class novel, Wonder. Abbie has been sharing thoughtful ideas, making meaningful connections to the story, and showing a growing understanding of the characters and themes. Her willingness to challenge herself and contribute to class discussions has been fantastic to see. Keep up the terrific work, Abbie!

Grade 5/6 Burton

Charlee B- Charlee has been showing excellent effort in her learning and is always happy to help out around the classroom. Your enthusiasm, kindness and care help make our classroom a fantastic place to be!

Who can I talk to if someone is hurting me or making me feel unsafe or afraid?

Your teacher:



Wellbeing staff:



Your principal:



Any adult you trust at school.

vic.gov.au/protect 🔍



Referrals Open Now

All our Mental Health clinicians have increased their availability and are **open** to referrals.

Referrals are accepted from your GP under a Mental Health Care Plan (Medicare rebate available), NDIS or Privately via full fee payment. Self-referrals are also accepted under a full fee payment with no Medicare rebate.

Our Team are ready to welcome you with flexible availability during and after business hours and weekends.

Natasha Garner

Accredited Mental Health Social Worker

Natasha has over 23 years experience working with children 0-18 years and their families in the mental health field. She is able to support children with Autism, ADHD, anxiety, trauma, social, mood and behavioural difficulties.

Chloe Byrne

Accredited Mental Health Social Worker

Experienced in youth mental health, Chloe draws on evidence-based interventions including Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Dialectical Behaviour Therapy, Family Based Treatment for Anorexia Nervosa, Exposure and Response Prevention, Schema Therapy, Psychoeducation.

With a specific interest in treatment of PTSD and CPTSD, Chloe supports individuals following their traumatic experiences. Chloe supports adolescents and young adults.

Karlyanne Sherman

Accredited Mental Health Social Worker & Play Therapist

With over 16 years of experience working with children & adolescents, families and adults, Karlyanne works from an attachment-based, trauma-informed, and neuroaffirming framework. Grounded in attachment and neuroscience research, play therapy is a developmentally appropriate and evidence-based approach for supporting children with anxiety, trauma, neurodivergence, grief, and relational challenges. Karlyanne sees children and adolescents.

Patrick Byrne

Credentialed Mental Health Nurse & Clinical Family Therapist

Patrick is highly experienced, specialising in supporting individuals and families navigating relationship challenges (including couples therapy), trauma survivors, neurodiversity, First Nations mental health, and complex serious mental health conditions.

As a Credentialed and Registered Mental Health Nurse, Patrick is a person-centred counsellor with over 30 years of service across a wide range of specialties in the community mental health sector, known by his ability to connect & empower individuals and prioritise recovery. Patrick sees people of all ages.

To make an appointment, please request your GP to send a referral directly to us, alternatively, for self referrals, please contact us via email reception.bendigo@cvchildhealth.com.au or phone 5442 6612.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Wednesdays

TIME: 8:20am- 8:45am

ROOM: Large Decking

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of Education



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Only 1 series this term!
Don't miss out!



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WEDNESDAY'S

9.30-10.30AM

\$20/Session

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CONTACT: casey@gianttennis.com.au



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5 YRS & UNDER

4 WEEKS - \$80

15 AUG - 22 AUG - 29 AUG - 5 SEP

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MAIDEN GULLY TENNIS CLUB



Aztec Tigers Basketball Club is looking for girls aged 6, 7 and 8 to join our U8 and U10 summer domestic basketball teams. It's a wonderful environment to learn new skills, make new friends and have lots of fun!

No experience necessary.

For more information, please email Megan at megandelaney22@hotmail.com

*** ALL WELCOME!**
No experience necessary



CARDIO + KIDS

9.30-10.30AM WEDNESDAY
@ MAIDEN GULLY TENNIS CLUB

A feel-good fitness session for adults -
With Tennis, tunes and laughs.
While the kids enjoy tennis activities too.

4 FUN FREE WEEKS! Try ONE or
Come to ALL

**WEEKLY
PRIZES!**

**29
JULY**

BRING A FRIEND

Bring a friend - enjoy a
workout and laugh together!

**12
AUG**

WINTER WARMER

Warm up with a great work out
and enjoy coffee & treats after!

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COLOUR CLASH

Wear your brightest colours!
Light up the courts & your day!

**19
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CARDIO PARTY

Let's finish with a bang!
Music, games, prizes & morning tea.

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4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

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*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in MA).

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SUPERKICK



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FROM
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AGE GROUPS

- 5 & UNDER
- 7 & UNDER
- 9 & UNDER
- 11 & UNDER

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JUNIOR FUTSAL

MONDAY
Competition

5 a-side

WEDNESDAY
Beginner league

SCAN QR CODE BELOW TO REGISTER

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PHONE: 0428 471 077

EMAIL: admin@bendigomajorleague.com.au



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Looking towards 2027 Term 1



PROPS THEATRE

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Stage Three for 13-16 years

LOCATION

82A Mitchell Street Studio
www.propstheatre.com.au
2023 Enrolments OPEN

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Stage One for 5 - 8 years
Stage Two for 9 - 12 years

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SCAN ME





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**Time: Thursdays 4pm-4:45pm (5-9 year olds)
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**Dates: 30 July to 10 September 2026
(7 sessions)**

Cost: \$60

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/36tzzcvj>

**Enquires: Dave Griffin - 0407422845
email juniors@belvoirparkgc.com.au**

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JUNIOR BADMINTON

WHERE: 140 VICTORIA STREET, EAGLEHAWK

AGES: 7-18

FIRST 3 NIGHTS ARE FREE

SESSION TIMES

WEDNESDAYS

7-10 YEARS OLD :

6:05PM TO 7:00PM

11-14 YEARS OLD :

7:05PM TO 8:00PM

15-18 YEARS OLD :

8:05PM TO 9:00PM

FRIDAYS

JUNIOR COMPETITION

6:45-8:30PM

SCHOOL TERMS ONLY



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