

# Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	August		September
18th	Book Week Dress up & Activities	2nd	Fathers Day Stall
20th	STEM Incursion	3rd	Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
		19th	Last Day of Term

**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,*

### Parking

It has been noted this week that some parents are not using designated car parking spaces when collecting their children after school. In the interest of pedestrian safety, the safety of our young children, the school kindly requests that families always park safely and appropriately. Designated parking bays are located along the school side of Leslie Street and Adams Street (highway) and families are asked to meet their child on the school side of the road before crossing safely to their vehicle if parked across the road.

Vehicles should not be parking on nature strips, in bus zones, opposite double lines near the school crossing or outside of designated bays. Students should not be crossing the road without an adult.

### **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.

### **Swimming**

Swimming week has now come to an end for another year. A big thank you to our school community for your involvement in the program. We know it's a long tiring week for the students and preparing swimwear each day can be a hassle for the parents also. It is all worth it seeing the children have so much fun in the pool learning to swim. Everyone especially liked the splash park today to celebrate the end of the swimming week.

### **Book week.**

A reminder to families, we will be celebrating book week on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August. In lieu of a usual school assembly, each grade will parade their book week costumes before moving off into multi aged groups to participate in book week activities. Parents are invited to attend the parade held shortly after 9am.

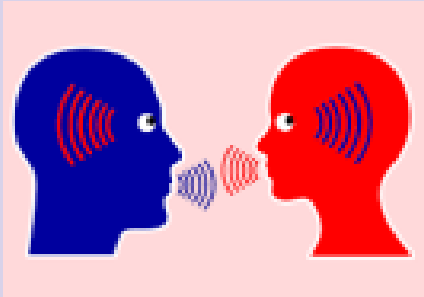


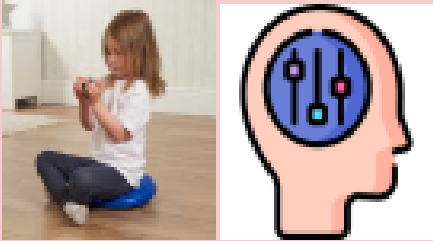
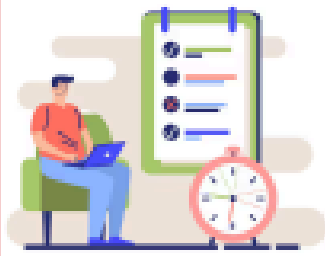

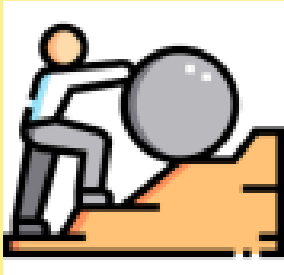

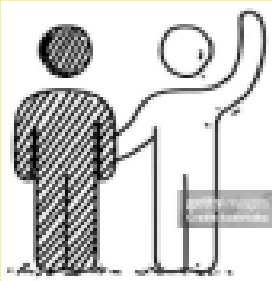
### **Curriculum Day – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

A reminder that our staff will be undertaking a professional learning day on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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

What a crazy but fun week we've had in Prep and Grade 1! We are all so proud of our students for their amazing efforts at the pool this week. They showed fantastic listening skills and worked hard to uphold our school values. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces and hear the laughter as they splashed around and built their swimming skills.

When we weren't at the pool, we continued with our Sounds-Write program. The Preps have been writing sentences and playing games to practise CCVCC, CVCCC, and CCCVC words, while the Grade 1s have been exploring the /oo/ sound (as in *book*) through word searches, sentence building, and word tracking activities.

We also managed to squeeze in some Writing and Maths whenever we could, making the most of our classroom time between swimming sessions!

Just a reminder that our Book Week Dress-Up Day is happening this Monday. We can't wait to see everyone dressed as their favourite book characters!

## **Grade 2/3**

Congratulations to all students who participated in our swimming week! Whilst swimming took up a large part of the week, students still worked hard to complete their core subjects of English and Maths.

In literacy, students completed their daily review based on last week's Sounds-Write spelling lessons: EC Unit 8 – Sound /ow/ (ou, ow), EC Unit 16 – Sound /s/ (s, ss, st, c, ce, se, sc), and EC Unit 28 – Sound /d/ (d, dd, ed). In morphology, students explored the prefix un meaning “not,” looking at words such as unhappy, unfamiliar, and unkind. Students also continued developing their personal response writing to texts.

In maths, students began identifying polygons, describing 2D shapes, and counting the number of sides and vertices. They learned to label the parts of an angle in everyday situations and identify small and large angles in shapes and objects. Key mathematical terms included: Vertex/Vertices – where two or more curves, lines, or edges meet; Polygon – a 2D shape formed by three or more straight lines; and Angle – the amount of turn between two straight lines that meet at a point called a vertex. Students also worked on Dodging Tables (tables 1 to 11) with a 5-second time limit to sharpen their multiplication recall.

We are all looking forward to seeing the amazing Book Week costumes on Monday!

The 2/3 Team

## **Grade 4/5**

This week in 4/5/6 we've been working on our topic 'The Amazing Race' in Integrated Studies. The Amazing Race is where we focus on a country around the world and research information to present on a poster. This week we have looked at Spain, which has been very cool to research and learn about. We have also been working on grammar projects and learning what an adverb is and how we use them. In maths we have been learning about angles and how they are important. Some angles we have looked at are an obtuse, right, acute, and straight angles. With all this happening at school, the 4/5/6 also got to head to Gurri-Wanyara to do our swimming lessons. Although I couldn't join in, everyone seemed to have a really good time, especially on Friday when they got to go on the waterpark! It's been a great week and next week on Monday we have BOOK WEEK! So don't forget to get your costume !

Riley L

## **Grade 6**

This week has been a splash! We've been taking part in Swimming Week, where we've been practising our strokes, building our stamina, and learning some important water safety skills. The highlight for many of us was Friday's free play session at the pool – a chance to relax, have fun with friends, and enjoy the water after all our hard work.

Back in the classroom, excitement levels are rising as we prepare for Book Week. We've been brainstorming and starting to make our costumes, and there's a real buzz in the air as everyone works on bringing their favourite characters to life. We can't wait to show them off soon!

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## **Prep/1 Maddern**

P/1 Maddern - A huge congratulations to all of P/1M for their amazing effort during Swimming Week! You all showed fantastic listening skills, followed instructions so well and stayed organised throughout the week. I am so proud of how hard you worked and the positive attitude you brought to every session. What a brilliant week!

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

Jack F – Jack has had such a ripper of a week and we are incredibly proud of him. His organisational skills have been outstanding during swimming with him being the first student ready everyday. He has also been very helpful towards other students and demonstrated respectful listening all week. You are a SUPERSTAR Jackie Boy, keep up the awesome effort!!

## **Prep/1 Riordan**

Adeline M - For demonstrating all of our school values this week. It has been great to see Adeline working hard and showing focus during learning tasks. She has been showing confidence during our writing sessions and putting in her best effort. Well done on another great week Addy.

## **Prep/1 Williams**

Lilah J - Lilah has had a fantastic week this week! She has been putting in an incredible amount of effort to complete all her learning tasks and has been such a helpful and positive member in the classroom. It's been wonderful to see her demonstrating our school values, especially at the swimming pool, where she's been giving her best. We're so proud of you Lilah. Keep up the great work!

## **2/3 Westcott**

Eadie T - 2/3W chose Eadie as their Student of the Week. Her classmates selected her for the kindness she shows to others and her helpful nature. Eadie puts great effort into all areas of her learning, especially in maths. [Congratulations](#), Eadie



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

Aurora S - Aurora has been trying her best and sharing her knowledge with her peers during morning literacy lessons. Well done Aurora, keep working hard!

## **2/3 Lamb**

Hamish M - Hamish has had a great year so far! He always shows our school values and is a kind and helpful leader in the classroom. Hamish tries his best in everything he does and always works hard to do his best. He finishes his work to a high standard and is always looking for ways to challenge himself and learn more. Well done, Hamish you are a superstar in 2/3L!

## **4/5 Johnstone**

Annabella A - Well done, Annabella! She has shown greater independence during all her tasks this week. She has been producing some fantastic writing and her poster on Egypt was a huge improvement. Keep it up, Bella!

## **4/5 Burton**

Francis B - Francis had a fantastic week in our swimming program. He gave his best effort in every session and consistently demonstrated our school values, both in and out of the pool. Awesome work mate, you're a star!

## **4/5 Fry**

Airlie F - Airlie has had an outstanding week in our grade. She is a kind and caring friend and is a popular classmate. Airlie did a wonderful job of identifying different angles and using a protractor accurately. Keep up the awesome work, Airlie!

## **6 O'Donoghue**

Jaxon C - What a fantastic week Jaxon has had! He has been focused in writing, on fire in maths and working so hard on his Mr Rude character. He has put his best foot forward in the pool, following instructions and being a good friend for someone who was unsure. Keep up the fantastic work Jaxon!



Our new extendable arms (grabbers) have arrived! JSC representatives are excited to start choosing students from their classes to help pick up rubbish around the school. More information will be shared with classes next week.

Also, please pencil in Thursday 19th September, the last day of Term 3, for our School Footy Colours Day. Footy Colours Day is a national fundraising event where thousands of Aussies proudly wear their team's colours to raise money so kids don't have to fight cancer alone.

Bring along a gold coin donation, wear your favourite sporting colours, and get ready to enjoy some fun activities! Our new extendable arms (grabbers) have arrived! JSC representatives are excited to start choosing students from their classes to help pick up rubbish around the school. More information will be shared with classes next week.

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# SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

## BREAKFAST CLUB



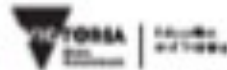
**ALL STUDENTS WELCOME**

**DAYS:** Wednesday mornings

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

**ROOM:** Big Deck

**EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.**





# Lunchboxes

**\$12 regular    \$16 large**

All lunches are nut free.  
Other dietary requirements upon request

## Tuesday 19th

### **Option 1**

- Chicken, cheese, lettuce wraps
- Truffle balls
- Vanilla yoghurt with diced mango and passionfruit
- Apple slices
- Freshly popped popcorn

### **Option 2**

- Salami and cheese sandwich
- Carrot cake (nut free)
- Orange wedges
- Sour cream rice crackers
- Mini pretzels, yoghurt sultanas and m&m's

## Thursday 21st

### **Option 1**

- Home made bbq chicken pizza bites
- Double choc chip cookies
- Watermelon cubes
- Carrot and cucumber sticks
- Pita crisps and corn dip

### **Option 2**

- Ham, cheese and tomato croissant
- Pear and cinnamon muffin
- Strawberry and banana skewers
- Crunchy coconut rolls
- Corn chip strips

To place an order, or to go on the weekly mailing list,  
message me on:

Facebook @ Zeds kitchen or text 0402626253

Payment via bank transfer



# MARONG COMMUNITY FORUM

**THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO STAND TOGETHER, BE HEARD, AND SHAPE MARONG'S FUTURE.**

## Why you need to be there

We're coming together to:

- ✓ Share our stories
- ✓ Sign the petition
- ✓ Demand more support from Solstice
- ✓ Create a unified community statement
- ✓ Strengthen the feasibility study for better outcomes
- ✓ Learn about the upcoming expo
- ✓ Hear from experts
- ✓ Fully supported

## About Our Event!



AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

7pm-8.30pm

Marong Hall

**Let's turn uncertainty into action.**



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

## **FATHER'S DAY STALL!**

**TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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\***



# 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!

# BOOK AN ADVENTURE with

Woodland Collection  
Bookshop

SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

AUGUST



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Dress Ups  
Giveaways  
Treasure Hunts  
And More!

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FREE FOR ALL

10AM TO 2PM

9 Mitchell Street,

Bendigo





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