

# Marong Primary School Newsletter

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**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,*

### Book week

On Monday we celebrated book week with a dress up parade and book activities throughout the day. It is always a highlight of the school calendar to have the students dress up as book characters and parade in front of our families. A big thank you to Christine and Ms Patching for their organisation towards and on the day and thanks also to the parents for supporting their child with costume organisation and attending the parade. It was lovely opportunity to strengthen our connection with the kindergarten as they joined us for the occasion.

### **The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey**

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Your opinions are important to us and will allow our students to have the best possible outcomes. The survey will be open online until the Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Please find the survey link and access pin via the Sentral parent app. If the survey link does not directly open in your app, you may have to copy the link into an internet browser for it to open.

### **Fathers' Day**

Parents Club will be operating our **Father's Day stall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** and then we will celebrate our wonderful fathers with a **cuppa and a donut on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**, between 8:15 – 8:45am. For catering purposes, we ask if you could please express your interest in attending via SENTRAL or by returning the slip in this newsletter no later than Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Parking (repeat notice)**

It has been noted 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 or opposite double lines near the school crossing. Students should not be crossing the road without an adult.

### **Curriculum Day – OSHC bookings**

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. After the Bell (OSHC) are currently taking bookings for the day. To book this day, please email your bookings to [bookings@afterthebell.com.au](mailto:bookings@afterthebell.com.au) by **5.00pm Thursday 28/8/2025**. We will advise all families via email **Friday 29/8/2025** if we have reached the required numbers to operate.

# Grade Prep & 1

We started the week with our Book Day celebrations and it was wonderful to see everyone dressed up as their favourite book characters. The students enjoyed reading stories together and taking part in some fun arts and crafts activities to celebrate our love of reading.

On Wednesday morning, we were lucky to have a STEM incursion. The students were amazed by a performance filled with clever illusions and tricks that were all based on STEM concepts. It was such a fun and engaging way to explore science, technology, engineering, and maths in action!

Back in the classroom, in Maths we have been revising 2D and 3D shapes, as well as location and direction. The students have enjoyed hands-on activities to build their understanding of these concepts.

In Writing, we investigated our sense of smell. The students had lots of fun smelling and describing different scents such as peppermint, coffee, vanilla, and vinegar. There were many different opinions about which smells were “good” or “bad” and it made for some great discussion!

In Sounds-Write, the Grade 1s have been exploring the oo spelling and the different sounds it can represent, while the Preps were introduced to the sh digraph. Both groups have been busy building words and using them in sentences.

Looking forward to a normal week in the classroom next week!

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





# Grade 2/3

Wow – what a wonderful week it has been at school! We kicked things off with Book Week celebrations on Monday, where the excitement and joy of reading filled our classrooms. Book Week is always a highlight, giving students the chance to immerse themselves in stories, discover new authors, and share their love of reading with friends and teachers.

Midweek, students were treated to a STEM incursion on Wednesday, where circus-like tricks sparked curiosity and wonder, leaving everyone asking, “How did that happen?”

In Literacy, students enjoyed Readers Theatre, performing plays such as Hansel and Gretel, The Treasure Map, and Dog Park Days. This gave them the opportunity to practise reading clearly, using expression, showing confidence, and listening respectfully. In Writing, we explored personal response paragraphs, identifying topic sentences, supporting details, and concluding sentences. Meanwhile in Mathematics, students investigated geometry, describing 2D shapes, identifying polygons, and recognising similarities and differences in 3D objects.

It has been a busy, exciting week, and we are so proud of the way students embraced every learning opportunity with enthusiasm. This week in rotations, students took part in Balloon Games that encouraged teamwork, cooperation, and lots of laughter. Through these activities, they practised respectful communication, sharing fairly, showing self-control, and staying positive even when things didn't go their way.



## Grade 4/5

Hey everyone, it's me Jack. We have been doing some angles and statistics in maths and started creating different graphs.

We have continued with the amazing race for kids in integrated! It's where we travel around the world to a variety of different countries. It's when we have 3 different winners that could come 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We get 10 questions to answer and to put onto our posters about that country.

In writing, we have been doing procedures and learning about how to make it as detailed as we can, so it is easy to follow.

We have been learning about different verbs, action verbs, adverbs, and descriptive words.

Last week some of senior kids went to Red Energy Arena in Bendigo to compete in a Netball competition! We hope that all the kids have had an amazing week, and I hope it stays that way. Have a good one!





## Grade 6

This week in Grade 6, we've had an exciting mix of creativity, learning, and important life skills. We kicked off the week with our Book Week celebration, where students proudly wore their hand-made *Little Miss* and *Mr. Men* costumes, showing off their imagination and love for reading. In Maths, we've been exploring how to collect and represent data through surveys and graphs, developing our analytical thinking. Our Writing sessions have taken us on a journey to Spain, where students are learning about Spanish culture and food to inspire rich, descriptive writing. In Capabilities, we've been focusing on how to stay safe online, discussing how to protect personal information and be responsible digital citizens.



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## **Prep/1 Maddern**

Banjo P - Banjo has had another fantastic week at school! He always shows our school values and could easily be Student of the Week every time. Banjo always works hard and his big smile and positive attitude brighten up our classroom every day. Keep up the awesome work!

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

Rex C - Rex has worked super hard in Sounds-Write this week. He has stayed focused during the instructions and applied himself when writing the words on his whiteboard. He has been incredibly proud of his efforts and we are too!!! Super work Rex, keep it up!

## **Prep/1 Riordan**

Max C - Max was voted by his peers this week to be our Student of the Week. Max has shown our school values consistently this week, showing others what great helper, learner and friend he is. Well done Max.

## **Prep/1 Williams**

Isla C - Isla has been a superstar this week! Isla has been working incredibly hard to sound out tricky words in her reading and has been showing some great independent working skills. Isla always displays our school and classroom values and is an incredibly kind and thoughtful friend. Keep up this super work, Isla.

## **2/3 Westcott**

Cale O - Cale has been building positive friendships during games and sports at break times. In the classroom, he has shown responsibility by focusing on his learning, completing tasks carefully, and helping keep the classroom organised. Well done, Cale!

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

Gracie O - After her big trip, Gracie has returned energised and focused. She is working hard and showing commitment to her learning. With a positive attitude Gracie is making the most of every opportunity. Keep it up!

## **2/3 Lamb**

Chase N - Chase has been working super hard both in the classroom and out in the yard, making more positive choices. He's also been really focused on learning his times tables and absolutely smashed it during a times tables game. He was on fire! Well done, Chase! You've earned this with all your hard work!

## **4/5 Johnstone**

Sophie C - Well done on a great week, Soph! I am so impressed with your resilience and your ability to navigate your way through difficult situations. I am super proud of your efforts this term, and I'm sure it will continue! Keep it up, Soph!

## **4/5 Burton**

Oscar W - Oscar has had a fabulous week in Grade 4. He always applies himself to his learning and consistently strives for excellence. His posters for Spain and Kenya in our amazing race have been very impressive! Great work, Oscar!

## **4/5 Fry**

Braxton M - Braxton has gone from strength o strength this week. He has done wonderful job of his procedural writing about how to take care of a dog and was able to use data to collect information and find the average of the data. Well done, Braxton!

## **6 O'Donoghue**

Willow N - Willow has been laser focused this week. She has put lots of effort and detail into her research on Spain, going above and beyond the expectations to add extra detail. She has also been a great peer support in maths and challenged herself with her data investigations. Keep up the superstar work Willow!



# SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

## BREAKFAST CLUB



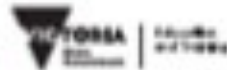
## ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

**DAYS:** Wednesday mornings

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

**ROOM:** Big Deck

**EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.**





5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 8:15-8:45

# DONUTS FOR DADS

Join us at the PAC on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September for a donut and a coffee!

PLEASE LET US KNOW VIA  
SENTRAL IF YOU PLAN TO  
ATTEND



**Marong**  
Primary School

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# MARONG PS OSHC WELCOMES NEW EDUCATOR ALANA

As with changes to staffing over the past week After The Bell Aus would like to welcome the new Program Leader to the Marong OSHC team.

We would like to welcome Alana Gough who will be commencing the new lead role from the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

ABOUT ALANA-- I have been in the childcare industry for the past 11 years I have some experience in the OSHC industry. I have recently moved back to Bendigo after being away living in Melbourne for the past 5 years I have 5 children of my own and am very committed to what I do for a living helping children thrive and grow in their early years.

I look forward to meeting all the children and their families at Marong and building a great relationship with everyone.



## More Information :

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 1300 977 599

 [www.afterthebell.com.au](http://www.afterthebell.com.au)

Our exceptional staff brings the magic of childhood to life as they produce awe-inspiring experiences and lifelong memories for the children in their care.



# 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.**

# LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

LA TROBE SPORTS CAMPS (AGES 6+)

MULTI-DAY PACKAGES AVAILABLE! REGISTER  
FOR THE SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TODAY!



**UP!UP!UP!**







# *Calling all coaches*

**KFJC are seeking expressions of interest for all coaching positions for the 2026 BJFL season**

*(Head Coach, Co-Coaches & Assistant Coaches)*

*in the following age groups:*



- UNDER 9 MIXED
- UNDER 10 MIXED
- UNDER 12 GIRLS
- UNDER 12 MIXED
- UNDER 14 BOYS
- UNDER 15 GIRLS
- UNDER 16 BOYS

Expressions of interest close 30th September 2025

*Register your interest  
via the qr code or our email address*

**GO ROOS!**

Email: [kangarooflatjfc@hotmail.com.au](mailto:kangarooflatjfc@hotmail.com.au)

Dower Park - 1A Station Street, Kangaroo Flat VIC 3555





# KELLY SPORTS

## SUMMER FUTSAL

2025/2026 COMPETITION

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Prepare to ignite your passion for Futsal in the Bendigo Summer Futsal Competition.

Our venues come alive with, action-packed matches, showcasing the talents of young athletes on the court!

Come along, soak up the atmosphere, and cheer on your champions from the stands!

• **WEEKLY  
MATCHES**

• **REGISTER  
INDIVIDUALLY**

• **REGISTER AS  
A TEAM**

### SUMMER SEASON DETAILS

**DAY:** Wednesday **TIME:** 4pm - onwards

**AGE GROUPS:** Under 6/8/10/12

**DATES:** Oct 8 - Dec 17 & Feb 4 - Mar 11

**SEASON COST:** \$315

**VENUES:**

Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct  
Victory Christian College  
La Trobe University  
St Francis of the Fields PS - Strathfieldsaye  
St Liborius PS - Eaglehawk  
Catherine McAuley College - Barkly Street

**DAY:** Thursday **TIME:** 4:30pm - onwards

**AGE GROUPS:** Under 14/16/18

**DATES:** Oct 9 - Dec 18 & Feb 5 - Mar 12

**SEASON COST:** \$315

**VENUES:**

Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct  
Catherine McAuley College - Barkly Street

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MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER (INC)	WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER (EX)	THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER	FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
Wheely Fun	The Cat In The Hat Adventure	Lights. Camera. Action	Kids Paint & Sip	Public Holiday
<p>Come along and bring your bike, scooter, rollerblades, or skateboard. Test your skills out on our Wheely Fun Day obstacle course.</p> <p><i>Note: Helmets and safety protective gear must be always worn. No sharing of equipment will be permitted.</i></p>	<p>This classic children's book turns a rainy day into a chaotic adventure! You can be part of this mischievous day with an ultimate The Cat in The Hat incursion. Where it will bring jolly laughter, with mischievous games and activities. By the end of this incursion, the big question remains—should you tell your parents what happened today</p> <p>Incursion between- 1pm till 3.30pm</p>	<p>Come and watch the holiday movie 'The Bad Guys 2' movie with popcorn in one hand, a drink in the other, and a small bag of treats on the side. The rest of the day will be filled with activities and games that the Educators have in store.</p> <p>Arrive at the program by – 8.30am Back at the program – 2.30pm *The arrival time may vary pending movie commencement time.</p>	<p>Let your creative mind come alive today as you create a painting masterpiece all whilst sipping on a yummy spring drink and nibbles.</p> <p>Come and unleash the artist in you!</p>	

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Bookings to be placed through your KidSoft account

## Marong September Vacation Care Program 2025

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER (EX)	WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER	THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER (INC)	FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER
Colour Mixing Lab	Active Zone	Willy Wonka's Cooking Factory	Super Squad Day	Spooky Kooky Day
<p>We all love to be creative, full of colour and happiness! Today will be filled with so many creative materials for you to choose from.</p> <p>Come and be a 'colouroligist' today and experiment with colours at our colour lab.</p>	<p>Come feel more empowered and confident as we head to an outdoor play adventure park at Parky's Play. Where you can jump, climb, tumble and play with friends.</p> <p>The rest of the day will be filled with different sports and craft activities to unwind after an energising day.</p> <p>Arrive at the program by – 9.00am Back at the program – 3.00pm *Socks to be worn today</p>	<p>Have you ever wished to be in the Willy Wonka movie? Well today is your chance to experience the ultimate in Willy Wonka fun. The day will start by guessing how many lollies are in the Wonka jar, then try and find Violet's missing bubble gum, making pancakes for morning tea and cooking up a yummy lunch.</p> <p>End the day by watching the Willy Wonka movie with a yummy afternoon tea.</p>	<p>Have you ever wanted to Lasso like Wonder Woman? Move like Spiderman? or defend the planet? Take one big adventurous leap as you discover your inner superhero in this action packed fun physical incursion.</p> <p>Play superhero games, discover your superhero name, learn super-circus skills, complete the circuit of superhero thrills and spills, and become the world's newest superhero.</p> <p>Incursion between – 1pm till 3pm</p>	<p>Vampire milk shakes, witchy ice cream cones, make a Halloween lantern, have a go at the piñata, plenty of spooky crafts, games and cooking for all.</p> <p>Come dressed in your favourite SPOOKY costume, prizes will be awarded for the best dressed and spooky dance moves.</p>

### What To Pack & Bring

- Healthy morning tea & lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- SunSmart hat
- No foods containing nuts
- No food- lollies, soft drink, high sugar foods
- No foods that require refrigeration
- No foods that require heating or re-heating
- Closed toes shoes
- Appropriate weather clothing

### Costs & Booking Information

#### Daily cost ranges per day/ child-

In-house- \$80 -- \$90  
Incursion- \$90 -- \$95  
Excursion- \$100 -- \$110

\*prices are reduced with eligible Child Care Subsidy

Excursion= Incursion= Lunch= Provided

**Note:** Days will operate where 15 or more bookings. The account holder will be notified via email by the 10th September 2025 on the operational status days.

\*Bookings to be made via Kidsoft

### Program Information

**Address:**  
2 Leslie Street, Marong

**Room Location:**  
Beehive Building

**Program Number:**  
0428 247 072

**Program Hours:**  
7.30am till 5.30pm

**Head Office Contact**  
1300 977 599





# MS Readathon

I hope to raise \$ 500  
to support families living with MS  
and neurological conditions.



**SCAN TO DONATE**

OR visit [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au)  
and search SPENCER



# Lunchboxes

**\$12 regular    \$16 large**

All lunches are nut free.

Other dietary requirements upon request

## Monday 25th

### **Option 1**

- Hawaiian pizza bites
- Duo of mini lamingtons with cream (choc and rasp)
- Pear slices
- Bbq rice crackers
- Mandarin segments

### **Option 2**

- Sushi (crispy chicken, tuna or Californian roll)
- M&m cookies
- 2 layer jelly, raspberry + lime
- Pringles
- Fruit salad

## Thursday 28th

### **Option 1**

- Ham and cheese sandwich
- Choc mud cake
- Apple slices
- Carrot and cucumber sticks
- Apricot coconut bites, pretzels and mini marshmallows

### **Option 2**

- Egg and lettuce wrap
- Honey joys
- Savoys with cheese and vegemite
- Strawberries + blueberries
- Watermelon cubes

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Facebook @ Zeds kitchen or text 0402626253

Payment via bank transfer



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## **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  
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**\*LIMIT OF 2 GIFTS PER CHILD\***



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