

# Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	September		October
10th	School Review Day 1—Parent Forum from 3pm		
12th	School Review Day 2		
12th	Glasses for Kids Permission Notes Due		
15th	School Review Day 3		
15th	Divisional Athletics (selected students)		
19th	Term 3 Ends		

**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,*

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

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 and from the school office. Forms must be completed by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### **School Review.**

Schools undertake a school review every 4 years to inform the directions of the school's 4-year School Strategic Plan (SSP).

There are 2 components of school review:

1. the pre-review self-evaluation (PRSE) where schools review their data and other evidence to form a collective view of current practice and areas for improvement.

a review facilitated by an independent school reviewer with a panel comprising the principal, school council president, SEIL, and challenge partners. The panel considers the PRSE and undertakes additional fieldwork activities such as classroom observations, focus groups and interviews. The review concludes with a report proposing draft goals, targets and key improvement strategies for the school's next SSP.

Over the remaining weeks of term 3 our school will be involved in the second component of the process and **parents are invited to attend a parent forum on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm** to help inform the school's strategic plan.

### **Fathers' Day.**

It was lovely to see so many fathers drop in this morning for a donut and a cuppa for our 'donuts for dads' morning. A big thank you also to our dedicated parents' club for operating our Father's Day stall earlier this week. I am sure our dads will all be delighted when they receive their little gifts on Sunday.

### **The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey – (repeat notice)**

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.

### **Go Marong!**









Good luck to the Marong football and netball teams competing in tomorrow's grand finals. We wish you all the very best.

# OUTDOOR SPACE - STUDENT MATRIX

## LUNCH AND RECESS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, WHOLE SCHOOL WALK

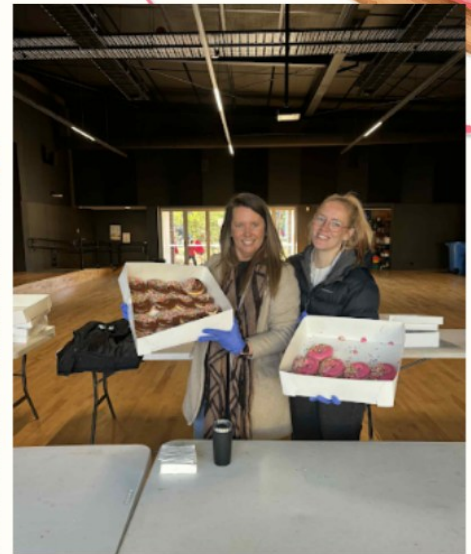
### School Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPB) - Student Matrix

At Assembly, we focused on the Yard/Outdoor Space Student Matrix (see below) and classrooms have been exploring the matrix to unpack the expected behaviours. This matrix is a great dinner table conversation starter to encourage positive behaviours at school and at home and the impact that positive behaviours has on our community.

Respect		
		
Use your manners.	Be inclusive and kind.	Respect other's privacy.
Responsibility		
		
Clean up and return equipment.	Play safely.	Attempt to solve minor issues, seek help when that doesn't work.
Honesty		
		
Play by agreed rules.	Report any incidents truthfully.	Overcome minor incidents.



# DONUTS FOR DADS.... A SUCCESS!





On the last day of term, our school will be celebrating **footy colours day**. Yay! This is a fun day where everyone can wear the colours of their favourite sporting team. It's not just about footy -you can come dressed in the colours of any sporting club you support, in case you don't like footy.

By hosting footy colours day, we are also raising some money to help families who need a place to stay while their child is having cancer treatment. This means families can be together and battle cancer as a team.

The junior school council (JSC) will be running some exiting and fun movement – based activities for everyone to join in. these include:

- goal kicking competition
- longest kick
- handball target challenge
- dribble relay
- agility obstacle course
- marking contest

There will also be a Teachers vs. Grade 6 footy match at the end of the day, which is sure to be lots of fun! May the best team win!

By Audrey 4/5F





## Grade Prep & 1

In Sounds-Write, the Preps have been introduced to the spelling <th> for /th/. They practised building and reading words such as *thin, thud, thank, theft, tenth, thing, thump*, and *thresh*. The Grade 1s continued their work in Unit 14, exploring the /u/ sound with the spellings <u, ou, o>. Both groups have engaged in a variety of activities to strengthen their word-building skills.

In Writing, we began looking at information reports. Students explored the different features of this text type, including a title, information and facts, and pictures or diagrams. They have started learning facts about cats which we will use as the basis for our first information reports.

In Maths, we've started our unit on Data and Statistics. The students have been learning how to use tally marks to collect data and began experimenting with graphing information in fun and hands-on ways.

It's been a fantastic week of learning and we are excited to keep building on these skills next week!

## Grade 2/3

This week in Literacy, students continued developing their fluency skills through daily practice using a range of scripts. Some of the texts included Solar Force Fire, The Foiled Robbery, Pet Rescue, Creepy Cat Club, and The Hare and the Tortoise. Students enjoyed reading character parts with expression, speaking clearly, maintaining a steady pace, projecting their voices, and building confidence as performers.



Students also listened to a teacher read-aloud of *Off We Go Around Australia* by Roland Harvey, reading up to “All the Way to WA” (stopping after Marble Bar). Along the way, students explored new vocabulary such as creaky and bored, and had fun interpreting the book’s detailed and humorous illustrations.

In Maths, students used the part-whole bar model to solve word problems involving finding the whole when given two or more parts. They also practised the CUBES strategy to solve addition word problems. Key vocabulary included: Addition: putting two or more numbers together to find how many there are altogether. Part: a fraction or missing piece of a whole. Whole: a complete number that is not divided into parts.

As part of our integrated topic, students compared rivers around the world, with a particular focus on the Nile River. They explored the unique animals that live in and around this famous waterway and discussed the importance of rivers in different environments.



Have a fantastic weekend! The 2/3 Team

## **Grade 2/3 continued....**

### **BILLABONG RANCH SCHOOL CAMP**

Our upcoming camp at Billabong Ranch promises to be an exciting and memorable experience for our Grade 2 students. Over the two days, students will take part in hands-on activities such as horse grooming, farm walks, bouldering, and enjoying a campfire together. Camp is a wonderful opportunity for students to build independence, strengthen friendships, and develop new skills in a fun and supportive environment. We are really looking forward to sharing this adventure with them!

Please find an overview of the camp information below.

Who: Grade 2 students

What: Grade 2 camp

Where: Billabong Ranch

When: Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th of October

Cost: \$250 per student (\$40 deposit) via the OKR app





# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## **Prep/1 Maddern**

Noah A - Noah has had a fantastic week at school! He has been putting in a great effort with his learning and is a very kind and supportive friend to others. I am so proud of the hard work he is doing. Keep it up, Noah!

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

Varli D – Varls has had a fantastic week consistently demonstrating our school values. She has shown resilience of a morning and is always respectful and honest towards her friends and teachers. Varls is such a kind member of our class and a wonderful leader. Well done Varli, keep up the SUPER efforts!

## **Prep/1 Riordan**

Harvey C - For demonstrating 'Honesty' in his learning this week. It has been great to see Harvey engaged and putting in his best self you all classroom activities. He is trying his best and producing some amazing work. Keep up the wonderful learning, Harvey.

## **Prep/1 Williams**

Noah H - Noah has had an amazing week! He has been putting in a lot of effort during writing time and showing kindness and care towards his classmates. It's been wonderful to see Noah step up as a leader and take pride in everything he does. Keep up the fantastic work, Noah.

## **2/3 Westcott**

Advik A - Advik has shown respect when playing with others by using kind words and including his classmates. He has also been volunteering answers in class, especially in Maths.

What a fantastic week, Advik – well done!

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

Max C - Max has had a great week. He has shown great focus in all classroom activities, especially readers theatre. Keep up the great work Max!

## **2/3 Lamb**

Benny T - Benny has had a great week! He's returned from his holidays with a fantastic attitude and is putting in his personal best in all areas of his learning. Benny is staying focused, making positive choices, and really showing what we can do! Great job, Benny! Keep it up!!

## **4/5 Johnstone**

Heidi C - Congratulations Heidi! She has had a good week, working hard and doing an excellent job on her persuasive writing. She has also gone well over 200 nights of home reading. Awesome effort, Heidi!

## **4/5 Burton**

Rheef S - Rheef has shown amazing kindness and leadership this week. He has gone out of his way to make our new student feel welcome and settle in. I am so proud of your efforts, Rheef. Thank you for being such a wonderful role model and classmate.

## **4/5 Fry**

Alby T - Alby has gone from strength to strength this week. He did a great job of his poster about Japan and wrote a creative persuasive about why Temu is dodgy. Great effort, Alby!

## **6 O'Donoghue**

Ada B - Well done this week to Ada for her fantastic focus and effort! She has shown amazing determination in Sounds Write lessons and when practicing multiplication in maths. She has given her best to every lesson and its great to see her confidence growing. Keep up the great work and positive attitude Ada!!

# SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

## BREAKFAST CLUB



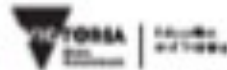
**ALL STUDENTS WELCOME**

**DAYS:** Wednesday mornings

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

**ROOM:** Big Deck

**EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.**





**Marong Township**

**GARAGE SALE**

**Day**

**Saturday, 13th September 2025**

Marong Neighbourhood House is organising another Marong Township Garage Sale Day.

How it works

If you would like to hold a garage sale at your own home from 8am until 2pm, please register by completing the form below with your address and contact details, and return it to the Marong Neighbourhood House at 39 High Street Marong (or pop it in the mail box) by **Wednesday 3rd September 2025**. Or use the QR code below to register online

There will also be a community trading site at the "TOFS" Op-Shop at 16 Cathcart Street Marong. If it is impractical for you to have a garage sale at your own home, the community site is available for you to use, but you will need to bring your own tables, etc. If you would like to hold your sale at the community site, please register using the form below.

All registered participants addresses and sale information will be put on the map that we hand out (for gold coin donation) at our Community site on the morning of the Marong Township Garage Sale Day. Additionally, an advertisement will be placed in the *Bendigo Advertiser* for the entire town at no cost to you.

For more information contact Janine on 0494 102 904, or drop into the Marong Neighbourhood House, 39 High Street Marong - 5435 2486.

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I wish to hold a garage sale at *(please circle one)* **my own address** /at the community site on the 13th September.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like these items listed on the map for sale at my address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

To register online

2025 Marong Township Garage  
Sale Day Registration







# 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 :

 [bookings@afterthebell.com.au](mailto:bookings@afterthebell.com.au)

 1300 977 599

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

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# *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
Come along and bring your bike, scooter, rollerblades, or skateboard. Test your skills out on our Wheely Fun Day obstacle course.  <i>Note: Helmets and safety protective gear must be always worn. No sharing of equipment will be permitted.</i>	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 Incursion between- 1pm till 3.30pm	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. Arrive at the program by – 8.30am Back at the program – 2.30pm *The arrival time may vary pending movie commencement time.	Let your creative mind come alive today as you create a painting masterpiece all whilst sipping on a yummy spring drink and nibbles.  Come and unleash the artist in you!	

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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
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.  Come and be a 'colouroligist' today and experiment with colours at our colour lab.	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.  The rest of the day will be filled with different sports and craft activities to unwind after an energising day. Arrive at the program by – 9.00am Back at the program – 3.00pm *Socks to be worn today	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. End the day by watching the Willy Wonka movie with a yummy afternoon tea.	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.  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. Incursion between – 1pm till 3pm	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.  Come dressed in your favourite SPOOKY costume, prizes will be awarded for the best dressed and spooky dance moves.

### 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.



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and search SPENCER





MEMBERSHIPS

# KIDS GO FREE

ALL KIDS AGED 14 & UNDER #SPIRITTAKESFLIGHT



SASS care are now accepting referrals for September/October 2025 school holiday program. We are focused on delivering inclusive, diverse experiences for participants aged 5yrs - 16yrs to work towards achieving their NDIS goals.



# SASScare SPRING

## school holiday program



Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct  
9:00am - 3:00pm  
Monday - Friday

Ironstone Hill Farm  
189 Watson St,  
Jackass Flat 3550

Contact Trin for all enquiries on 0481 142 432 or send referrals via email to [trin.miller@sasscare.com.au](mailto:trin.miller@sasscare.com.au)

# AFL GRAND FINAL WEEK SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Celebrate the lead up to the  
AFL Grand Final with us!



PLAY

## BENDIGO - MIXED

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTER
TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER	9AM-3PM	STRATHFIELDSAYE RECREATION RESERVE, TANNERY LANE	

## BENDIGO - ALL GIRLS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTER
TUESDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	9AM-3PM	WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO	

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Auskick (ages 4-7) - learning AFL skills through fun activities
- Superkick (aged 8-12) - put your AFL skills into practice with modified match play
- Dancing, AFL trivia, competitions and FUN!
- \$55 per person which includes a football



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