



Marong Primary School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 6, 2026

SCHOOL VALUES

At Marong Primary School, we are committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment. Our core values guide our actions and shape our community:

- Respect: We treat everyone with kindness, consideration, and value their unique contributions.
- Responsibility: We take ownership of our actions, make responsible choices, and contribute positively to our school and community.
- Honesty: We act with integrity, communicate truthfully, and build trust in all our relationships.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clean up Australia Day is coming up. Our students will be involved in cleaning up delegated areas around Malone Park and the school on February the 27th at 2:30. A fantastic way to show our school value of respect!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Prep Rest Days Wednesday 11th, 18th, 25th February.

PFA meeting 3.40pm Tuesday 17th February

REMINDERS

All students require a broad brimmed hat for term 1. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle of water each day too.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



START UP - What a wonderful start our newest students have had to their primary school education! The superstars were so respectful during our first assembly where we presented our leaders with their badges. It was also wonderful to see so many families in attendance. I've been so impressed with all our senior students with the kindness and care they've shown to their little buddies.

PFA - Coming up is the first PFA meeting. Returning and new faces are welcome. See the PFA update section for details.

NDIS FUNDED THERAPY - Any families wishing to request NDIS funded therapy visits during school hours must submit a request using our new request forms. Once you have submitted the request you will be notified in writing within 2 weeks if the request is able to be granted or not. Thank you for understanding we have multiple requests with limited space.

ROUTINE BLITZ- We are currently having a blitz on the routine of using the corridor, particularly when going to the toilet. We walk in the corridor for safety; we use quiet voices as we are respectful of learners and staff working; we go to the toilet and wash our hands showing responsibility for our hygiene and our resources.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

The first school council meeting will be 6pm Wednesday 25th February. The AGM will be 6pm Wednesday 25th March. If you are interested in joining school council speak to Trudy or Katie.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The Marong PS PFA is a great place to meet people, to gain a greater understanding of school operations (Ms Lovel will provide an update report at each meeting), to contribute to school life and raise funds for the benefit of the school. The first meeting of the PFA will be 3.40pm Tuesday 17th February in the library and we welcome all new and returning family members to come along. You do not need to take on a job, you might just enjoy the connection with others.

A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS TOYS AT SCHOOL

We kindly ask families and students that from Monday onwards NO toys, Pokemon cards, Bey blades etc be brought to school. Staff and students are experiencing a lot of conflict due to many personal items being brought to school. We have many items to occupy students at lunch and recess breaks. We do understand and permit the items students bring to school for regulation purposes. These have a specific purpose and are used in a timely manner. Please discuss these with your child's teacher if you haven't done so already.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS MESSAGE

We have ZERO tolerance for any abuse of children.

GRADE PREP

What we achieved this week!

Welcome to school! We are so proud of our Preps and their AMAZING efforts over the past two weeks. They have been working really hard practising writing their names and learning correct letter formation.

This week we began our Sounds-Write program. Students have been learning the sounds s, a, m, i and t and exploring the different words they can build using these sounds.

In Mathematics, our Foundation students have been focusing on all things 0–10. We have practised writing numerals, matching numerals to pictures and representing numbers in a variety of ways.

Our afternoons have been a little quieter as we start to feel tired by the end of the day – learning is exhausting work! We are loving getting to know all their little personalities and are looking forward to a fun year together.

Mrs Cook, Jess, Miss Maddern and Brandi

Reminders

All Prep students have a rest day on Wednesdays for the month of February. On these days, your child will still attend school for a one-hour interview with their teacher at their allocated time. Please refer to your information pack or the previous Sentral post for your child's time.

For the month of February, both foundation classes will have PE on a Tuesday. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate uniform and footwear on those days.

Students will be able to borrow a library book on a Monday. Please make sure your child returns their book each Monday so they are able to borrow a new one.



GRADE 1/2

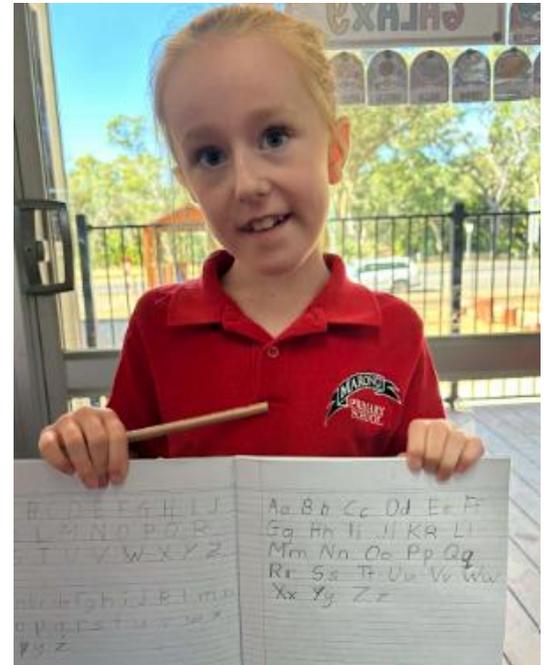
What we achieved this week!

We've had a busy and wonderful first full week back at school, focusing on settling into routines and revisiting classroom expectations. In Reading, students explored *The Year on Our Farm*, sharing prior knowledge and making predictions about the story. During Sounds Write, Grade 1 revised the sounds b, c, h and g, while Grade 2 focused on the /l/ sound and its many spellings.

In Writing, students learned what makes a complete sentence, explored different sentence types, and practised using punctuation correctly.

Mathematics focused on place value, with students learning about tens and ones, extending to hundreds, and practising skip counting by 10s.

In Integrated Studies, we launched our new unit on Inventors and Inventions, learning about everyday inventions and the problems they were designed to solve.



Reminders

A friendly reminder to please return students reading bags so we can swap readers **every Monday**.



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

A HUGE WELCOME BACK TO OUR 3/4 FAMILIES 😊

It's lovely to see the students return for 2026 with enthusiasm for learning, after a well needed break. This term is all about exploring, as this will be our integrated unit. We will be learning about adventures and doing some exploring of our own.

Some learning we did this week-

- Our hands on activity for the week was completing a scavenger hunt exploring the school, collecting stickers and working as a teams
- In handwriting we worked on the letters l,j,i,t
- We started persuasive texts in writing debating about protecting forest landscapes
- In math we have looked at place value, reading 6 digit numbers
- Wellbeing is about identifying emotions and discussing coping strategies
- ICT is about passwords and online security.

We are thrilled to be back and greatly enjoyed a first week,

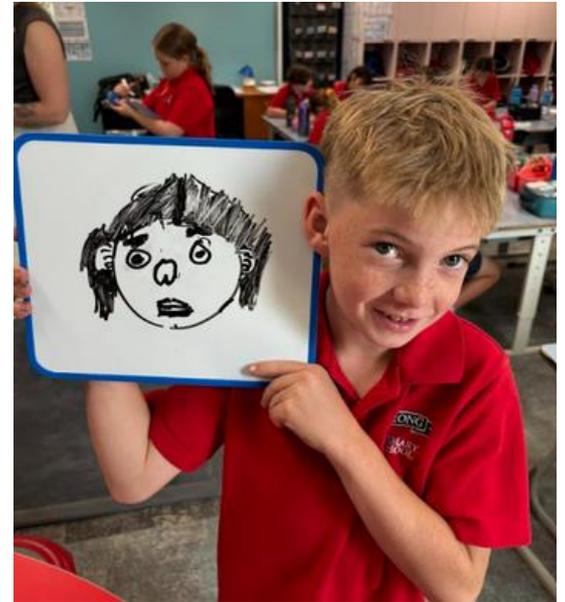
Miss O'Donoghue, Miss Lamb and Mr. Westcott

Reminders

*We look forward to seeing home reading revving up this year and seeing all families completing 5 sessions a week 😊

*Please make sure your student has a hat and drink bottle to and they are bringing them to school every day.

*Please make sure your students have enough food to eat, overpack if you are unsure.



GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

The Grade 5/6s have had an awesome start to the year, settling into classroom routines and approaching learning with enthusiasm and confidence.

In Literacy, students have been engaging in individual and partner reading, focusing on building fluency, comprehension and thoughtful discussion about texts. We have also begun narrative writing, explicitly teaching story structure, character development and descriptive language. Students are enjoying sharing ideas, planning stories and experimenting with creative language choices.

In Mathematics, learning has focused on number patterns, factors and multiples, and applying odd and even number rules. Lessons include explicit teaching, guided practice and independent problem-solving tasks, allowing students to challenge themselves at their own level and build strong number sense.

In Integrated Studies, students have begun exploring Australia's democratic institutions and systems. They are learning about representation in government, electoral systems, and the values, principles and institutions that underpin Australia's democracy, aligned with the Victorian Curriculum. Students have shown great interest in discussing fairness, decision-making and how laws are created.

We also celebrated a special moment recently, with our school and house leaders receiving their badges at a special investiture assembly. We are incredibly proud of all students who have taken on leadership roles and are representing their house and school with pride and responsibility.
Mr Fry, Mr Johnstone, Miss Burton

Reminders

Please remember that students need to wear their hats every day. Reading diaries should be completed and handed to their teacher on their scheduled reading day.

It has been a positive and productive start to the year, with students demonstrating strong engagement, curiosity and a willingness to challenge themselves across all learning areas.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep - Jess

Pearl B - Pearl has made a fantastic start to the year and has settled into school life perfectly! Pearl is a kind and caring member of our class and we couldn't be prouder! Keep it up Pearl!

Grade Prep - Mrs Cook

Rory J - Rory has had the most AMAZING beginning of Prep! This week she has constantly demonstrated how confident she is during all learning tasks and also how kind she is towards everyone in our room. Rory shows wonderful leadership skills and has a "have a go" attitude. You are a little SUPERSTAR Rory and I am incredible proud of how you have settled into your first week at school. Well done!

Grade ½ Williams

Ned P - Ned is off to an amazing start this year! He has been listening carefully and sharing great ideas during class discussions. I have lovef seeing him work and play with his new friends, always with a big smile on his face. Keep up the wonderful work, Ned. You're off to a fantastic year!

Grade ½ Riordan

Frankie B - For demonstrating our school values consistently this week. Frankie has come back to school exactly where she left off. She is kind, helpful and models wonderful learning behaviours each day. Well done Frankie. What a great role model you are for others.

Grade ½ Thorn and Hayley

Jarli B - Jarli has had a fantastic start to the school year. He has been working hard and been engaged during class discussions. Well done Jarli, we are so proud of you!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade 3/4 Miss O

Aurora S - I am very impressed with how Rory has settled into the term. she has been a sensational helper and always willing to be kind to staff and students. She has powered through her work and is an example of a brilliant leader who doesn't need to have a badge to be successful.

Grade 3/4 Westcott

Charlotte H - has demonstrating outstanding responsibility and strong leadership qualities. She has shown great confidence by leading the class through different activities, making positive choices, and supporting others along the way. Well done, Charlotte!

Layla G - Layla has demonstrated outstanding respect and a helpful, caring attitude. She has completed all of her work to a high standard and has also found the time to assist others with their learning. An awesome effort Layla!

Grade 3/4 Lamb

Layla C - Layla has started the year strong with great effort and focus in the classroom. Her classmates have described her as a hard worker, a great role model, and someone who is always kind and ready to help others. Layla shows our school values every day. Well, done, Layla! You are a natural leader and a wonderful asset to 3/4L.

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Charlee G - Charlee has had a fantastic week and has settled into the new year smoothly. I've been impressed with her writing, especially her ability to add vivid detail to her character and setting. Great work, Charlee.

Grade 5/6 Fry

Scarlett M - Scarlett has settled beautifully into our 5/6 grade! She gives everything a go, tackles challenges with courage, and pushes through barriers with a positive attitude. We are very proud of you, Scarlett. Well done!

Grade 5/6 Burton

Fergus F - Fergus has shown great leadership this week by approaching challenges with determination and resilience. His positive attitude and maturity are a wonderful example to others. Fantastic effort, Fergus!

HUNTLY FAMILY FUN DAY



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**FREE
ENTRY**

**SUNDAY
FEB 15, 2026**

**10AM
TO 1PM**

STRAUCH RESERVE, 14 GUNGURRU ROAD, HUNTLY

FREE ACTIVITIES:

CHAIR-O-PLANE ACTIVITY ♥ INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE
WATER FUN WITH HUNTLY CFA ♥ AIRBRUSH TATTOOS
SPORTING ACTIVITIES ♥ ANIMAL DISPLAYS ♥ ART AND CRAFT
FREE GIVEAWAYS! ♥ FACE PAINTING ♥ RENEGADES VAN INFLATABLES

FOOD/DRINKS:

BBQ (MEAT AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS) AND DRINKS - ALL \$2.50 EACH
FREE FRESH FRUIT ♥ COLIBAN WATER
REFILL UNIT (BYO DRINK BOTTLE)

Child-safe event. Smoke and vape free event.
Parking available around sporting ground.

*Don't forget
a towel!*

*Limited shade - bring
along your hat and chair.*

