

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	February		March
7th,14th,21st ,28th	Prep Days Off	4th	Curriculum Day– Pupil Free Day
		11th	Labour Day Public Holiday
		13th-25th	NAPLAN Assessments (Grade 3 & 5))
		28th	Last Day of Term– 2:30 Dismissal

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Welcome!

On behalf of the staff at Marong Primary School I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families and students who are joining us for the first time this year. In addition welcome back to our existing families and students. As at 3:30pm yesterday we had 229 students enrolled at our school. This is a significant increase on last years numbers and it is an clear indication of the growth in population within Marong and surrounds. Our staff view the responsibility of helping students reach their potential as a partnership between the home and school. Consequently we look forward to working with all our families to support each and every student in their educational journey.

New Staff

We are very pleased to announce that the following people have joined our staff for 2024.

Trudy Bawden : Business Manager (Trudy will be in our office Monday to Friday)

Leigh Westcott : Grade 1/2 Teacher

Jacinta Craven: Grade 3/4 Teacher

Jessie Rodgers : Physical Education Teacher

Jessica Wearne: Performing Arts teacher

Recourse Contribution

Our school does not issue booklists, consequently each year we request a financial contribution from parents so that we can provide every student with all the necessary items and resources they need throughout the year. I have listed below the financial contributions we are requesting from you.

Students in Grade P-2 \$170 student

Students in Grades 3-6 \$195 per student.

Additional costs for extra curricula activities are requested for activities such as camps and excursions or special events and/or performances are scheduled. Parents will be notified of these events in advance.

CSEF

Eligible families are able to apply for a Camps and Excursions grant to support them with the costs of school events and activities. To be eligible you need to be the holder of a current Health Care card. Application forms will be available from the office next week.

Curriculum Day

I wish to advise that on Monday March 4th the school will be closed as staff will be participating in Day 3 of the Berry Street Education program. This program has been developed in response to the growing number of students who are suffering from the effects of chronic stress or traumatic stressors that impact negatively on their development and classroom learning on a daily basis. Staff undertook the first 2 days of training in 2023 and we will be undertaking days 3 and 4 in 2024.

Sentral Contact Numbers

SENTRAL is our main platform for producing students reports and monitoring student welfare. We also use SENTRAL to send urgent messages to parents by SMS. We may need to send an urgent message out to all families in the event of floods or bushfires. On days of extreme heat or weather conditions the school may need to be closed for safety reasons. In order to advise families of a closure we will use the SENTRAL messaging service. Hence it is critical that all mobile phone records provided to the school are up to date. If you have changed your number in recent times please advise the office staff. Your cooperation with this request will be greatly appreciated.

Personal Leave

Please note I will be on leave commencing Monday 5th of February until the 14th of February. During my absence Jake Saddlier will be the Acting Principal.

Russell Jeffrey

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PARENTS CLUB

We are recruiting!!

Parents Club wish you all a happy new year and can't wait to get back into fundraising again for 2024!

A few quick notes for the beginning of term:

- If you haven't already, please join our 'Marong Primary School Parents' Facebook page. We share lots of information and reminders and you'll stay up to date if you're in the group.
- We are on the hunt for some new Parents Club volunteers for 2024! Being part of Parents Club is filled with loads of benefits including getting to spend more time with your kids, building relationships with staff and teachers and having input into what our fundraising money is spent on. Please reach out to parents club president (Leah Ladson) or school reception if you would like to join, we'd love to have you!
- Lunch orders will be back on Feb 9th. Orders to be placed on QKR before 9am every Wednesday. No late orders can be taken at the school or the shop. If you are a new parent and need help, please yell out and we can show you how to order!
- Zooper Doopers will be back on the 7th Feb and every Wednesday for Term 1. \$1 gold coin to your child's teacher.



STRIKERS
NETBALL CLUB

Now taking expressions of interest

Strikers Netball is now taking expressions of interest for
the 2024 Winter Season.

We are looking for players aged 9 – 18 to play the competitive
junior season to represent us.

Possible opportunity for Grade 3 team.

If you or someone that you know wants to learn how to
play netball, make friends in a supportive and fair
club, and hone your skills in a competitive season please
email us;

strikernetball@gmail.com



@ Strikers Netball Club

With your name, age, contact information and experience.



JOIN THE FUN!

Register to the 2024 Auskick Season for the opportunity to be involved in a clinic with North Melbourne or Carlton as part of the AFL Community Camps in Bendigo! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

Find your closest centre & register!



Note: clinics occurring mid Feb



Club Open Day

All welcome - New & past members

Saturday February 10th

1pm-3pm

Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

- Come & try soccer - there'll be games & activities for everyone
- Get information about the 2024 season
- Register to play this year (must be 4yrs+)
- Order club merchandise

2nd Hand Uniform Drive

If you have any 2nd hand Epsom FC uniforms - boots, socks, shorts, shinpads - we are looking for donations. Drop them off & we'll find a new home for them!

If you can't make it, but want further information email secretary@epsomfc.com.au or check us out at facebook.com/EpsomSoccer

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