

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	September		October
19th	Term 3 Ends	6th	First Day of Term 4
		8th	School Council Review
		14th-17th	Glasses for Kids
		24th	Spring Sports @ Bridgewater (grades 3-
		27th-30th	Grade 5/6 Camp
		29th	Bendigo Public Holiday

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,

Have a safe term break.

On behalf of our school, I would like to wish all our wonderful families a safe and happy school term break. This has been a short albeit busy term, and I am sure our students (and teachers) are looking forward to a much-deserved break from their classroom routine. I do hope our families can spend some quality time together and enjoy the term break.

End of Term 3 -TODAY

A reminder to parent and carers that Term 3 ends today, Friday 19th September.

Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Term 4 will resume on Monday 6th October.

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Term 4 Acting Principal

Recently Mr Jeffrey informed our school community that he will soon relinquish his position as principal of Marong Primary School and transition into a much-deserved retirement. I am pleased to inform our families that after an expression of interest and interview process; I have been afforded the opportunity to continue in the acting principal role until the end of the year. I would like to take this opportunity thank Mr Jeffrey for the amazing contribution he has made to Marong Primary School over his 30 years at the helm and look forward to celebrating the impact he has made at our school community soon.

Emergency Management Planning

As per DET guidelines we have recently reviewed and updated our school's emergency management plan for 2025/26. Our school plans for a range of hazards, such as bushfire, severe weather, medical emergencies, loss of essential services, snakes and school bus breakdowns to name a few of the risks. We develop specific response procedures to address these risks and regularly conduct lockdown and/or evacuation drills, to ensure our core procedures well-rehearsed and understood by staff and students. If we enact our emergency management plan, we will notify you through one or all the following communication channels, these include: SENTRAL for parents' app notification, our school website and our school Facebook page, with updates on our actions. If there is anything we need you to do, we will let you know. During emergencies, we will work with emergency services and the Department of Education for safety advice and support to guarantee the safety of our students and staff.

School Council

A reminder to school council members, our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th October.

Divisional Athletics

Well done to those eight students who competed in the Divisional Athletics on Monday 15th September. Students represented our school well and all students performed exceptionally well on the day. Well done to Zayde Williams and Arlie Flood who came 2nd in long jump and hurdles. They have now qualified to the next stage at the Bendigo Athletics track on October 13th. A big thankyou to all parents for transporting your child to and from the event.

A decorative border surrounds the central text box, featuring various sports-related items in shades of blue, green, and yellow. These include a soccer cleat, a gold medal, a soccer ball, a pair of socks, a trophy, a whistle, a calendar page showing the number 20, a stopwatch, and a jersey with the number 12.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

We had a wonderful time celebrating Footy Colours Day to mark the end of term! Students came dressed in the colours of their favourite sporting teams, bringing plenty of colour and excitement to the day. It wasn't just about football — we saw jerseys, scarves, and jumpers from all sorts of different sporting clubs.

The Junior School Council (JSC) organised a range of fantastic activities for students from Prep to Year 5, including goal kicking, longest kick, handball target challenge, dribble relays, agility obstacle courses, and marking contests. Everyone had a great time giving these challenges a go.

The day finished with a highlight — the Teachers vs. Grade 6 footy match! It was a lively game full of teamwork, big kicks, and plenty of cheering from the crowd. Both students and teachers played an amazing match, making it a fun way to wrap up the term.

Importantly, by hosting Footy Colours Day, our school also raised money to support families who need a place to stay while their child is receiving cancer treatment. This means families can stay together and support each other during a very challenging time.

Thank you JSC

Grade Prep & 1

This week in Sounds-Write, the Preps have been working on Unit 11, learning the spelling <wh> for /w/. They have practised building and reading new words and were also introduced to the high-frequency words what, where, and who.

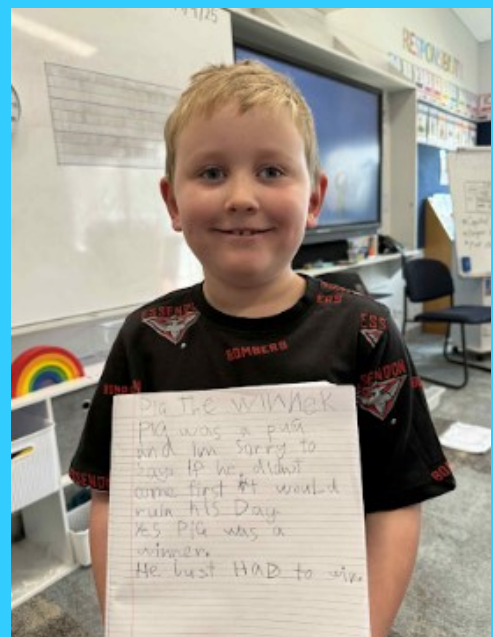
The Grade 1s have moved on to Unit 16, exploring the sound /s/ and the different spellings it can have, including <s, ss, st, c, ce, se, sc>. Students have been experimenting with these spellings through word building, games, and sentence writing.

In Writing, we continued working on information reports. This week our focus was on dogs. As a class, we researched some interesting dog facts and then discussed the important features an information report, such as a title, information about the topic and pictures.

In Math, we are learning to recognise, name, describe, sort and compare the values of Australian money. Students have been practising counting and making small collections using coins. We are also learning how to order and add small collections of Australian money to help build our real-life maths skills.

We have had another fantastic term of learning and fun. Students should be very proud of their hard work. We hope you enjoy a well-earned break and look forward to an exciting Term 4!

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



Grade 2/3

This week in Literacy, students put the finishing touches on their explanation texts. They planned and wrote introductions, developed body paragraphs, and completed strong conclusions. Using a success criteria checklist, students edited and revised their writing before adding images or diagrams to support their explanations.

A highlight this term has been the students' engagement with reading fluency. A new addition to our program, Readers Theatre, proved especially popular. Students enjoyed practising how to read clearly, use expression, project their voices, and work as a team while building confidence and keeping a steady pace. One student even shared that they enjoyed Readers Theatre as much as having free time in class!

In Mathematics, students explored fractions by identifying half of a collection and writing unit fractions of shapes. They reviewed how to share collections equally, organised objects into arrays, and learned how arrays can be used to show halves. Students also discussed why some collections cannot be divided evenly, identified equal and unequal parts of shapes, and practised writing fractions for shaded parts. Our integrated topic focused on the question: How do rivers support wildlife? Students learned that rivers provide habitats for fish and other aquatic animals, while the trees along the banks are home to insects, birds, reptiles, and mammals. They also discovered that some rivers, like the Mackenzie River, offer only a temporary home for migrating birds during the summer months.

To all our students, we can't wait to see you back next term. Wishing you a safe, happy, and fun-filled holiday. enjoy your well-earned break!



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



Grade 6

This term has been a little different in the Grade Six room, with Miss O away. We were fortunate to have both Mrs Maher and Mrs Eaton step in and guide our learning, and the students have adapted wonderfully to the changes.

Our inquiry focus has been *countries around the world*. Students have been busy researching, reporting, and diving into the food, culture, and traditions of different nations. Alongside this, we've continued to build strong literacy skills through weekly handwriting, spelling, grammar, and etymology sessions.

In maths, the focus has been on BODMAS and data, where students have enjoyed applying their knowledge to real-world problems.

Book Week was a highlight, with everyone creating their own costumes and celebrating the joy of reading together. Each week we've also included a hands-on activity to make learning engaging and fun for all.

Beyond the classroom, Marc has continued to run his woodworking group, and I have led the high school transition program. Through this, students have explored the differences between primary and high school, learned how timetables work, and openly discussed the feelings that come with such a big change.

Our specialist program this term has included dance, ICT, art, and science – always a favourite part of the week!

Looking ahead, next term will be an exciting and special one – our last ever of primary school. We have so much to look forward to, including:

- Camp
- High school transition activities
- Big Day Out
- Puberty sessions
- Spring sports

Graduation

I am so proud of how resilient and adaptable the Grade Six students have been during this tricky term. We are all looking forward to welcoming Miss O back on the very first day of Term Four and making the most of our final term together.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



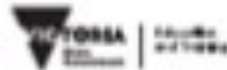
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Wednesday mornings

TIME: 8:20am-8:45am

ROOM: Big Deck

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.





Zoopers Doopers

are back every
Thursday in term 4!
\$1 through Qkr! by 9am

75 YEAR



JOIN US AT A COMMUNITY FAIR TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF LOCKWOOD CFA

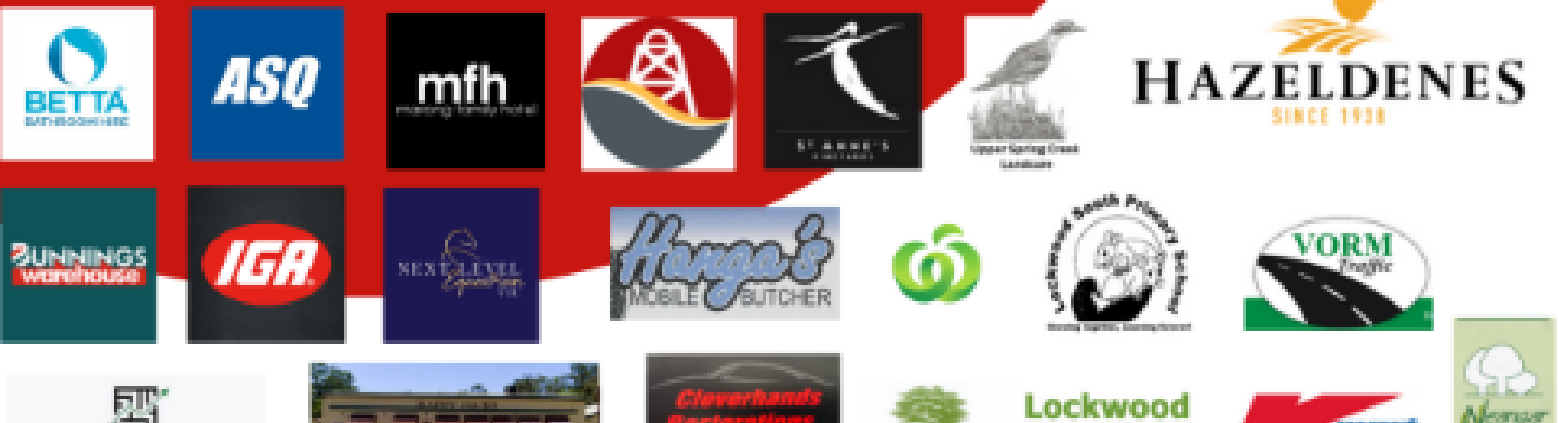
Sunday 26th October
10am to 3pm

Lockwood South Community
Hall Carpark (Cnr Crusoe Rd
& Calder Alt Hwy)



- Community Market
- CFA Displays
- CFA Vintage Trucks
- Family & Kids Activities
- Food & Drinks available
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(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

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!	

www.afterthebell.com.au

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



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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 22nd Sept - Fri 3rd 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 RD SEPTEMBER	9AM-3PM	STRATHFIELDSAYE RECREATION RESERVE, TANNERY LANE	

BENDIGO - ALL GIRLS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTER
TUESDAY 30 TH 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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