

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	October		November
27th-30th	Grade 5/6 Camp	4th	Foundation Transition Begins
29th	Bendigo Cup Public Holiday	5th	School Council 7pm
30th	2026 Foundation Information Session	12th	Crusoe Big Day Out
		12th	STEM Incursion Grade 4-6
		13th/17th	Grade 6 Puberty Sessions
		19th	2026 Crusoe Information Night @ JB Osborne Theatre
		24th	Grade 6 Tech Excursion 9-3pm

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,

Camps

It was lovely to see so many excited faces on our grade 2 students yesterday as they headed off to Billabong Ranch for their camp. A check in with Mr Westcott after dinner last night reported that everyone had a great day and were settling down ready for a good night's sleep. I am sure fun will have continued today, and they will come home full of stories about the amazing time they have had on their very first school camp. I would like to extend a big thank you to our grade 2 staff for taking time away from their families to care for and support our students on camp. I trust you will all sleep well tonight.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our grade 5/6 students and their teachers all the very best for their camp next week.

Hazeldenes.

Yesterday was collection day for our families who purchased chicken through the Hazeldenes drive, and boy, didn't we order some chicken! Two small truck loads to be precise raising a whopping \$3650 for our school. A huge thank you to Margie and the team at Hazeldenes for their generosity to include our school in the initiative and thanks also to all our families who supported the fundraising event.

Curriculum Day – Monday 8th December (repeat notice)

I wish to inform our school community that our staff will be undertaking a professional learning day on Monday 8th December. Consequently, no students are required to attend school on this day. The professional learning focus for our staff will be on the mathematics curriculum 2.0.

Late arrival/ early departure (repeat notice)

A reminder to families if dropping your child off late to school, parents are required to walk their child into the school office to formally sign them in for the day. Likewise, if collecting your child early, please do so via the school office.

Lunchtime Choir Group

Over the last few weeks we have been running a lunchtime choir group for students in Gr 2-6. We have been singing for fun but also rehearsing two songs for our End of Year Presentation Special Assembly. More information to come for this event.

The students will sing 'I Want It That Way' by the Backstreet Boys and 'Counting Stars' by One Republic. Lyrics have been sent home, and I encourage students to practise at home.

Furthermore, these songs are being taught in Music lessons with Leigh Turner and we will perform these songs together.

Prep/1 Fun Day - Ballarat Wildlife Park

To celebrate an awesome year, the Prep/1 students will be heading off on our Fun Day to the **Ballarat Wildlife Park** on **Wednesday 26th November!** Students will also stop at the **Castlemaine Botanical Gardens playground** on the way home. The bus will depart school at 9:00am, so please arrive by 8:40am. We will return to school by 4:00pm. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, water bottle, hat and wear their full school uniform. We can't wait to celebrate the amazing year we've had together and enjoy a fun-filled day out.

Jake Saddlier



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**2026
FOUNDATION
INFORMATION
NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 30TH
OCTOBER
5-6PM**

ENTER THROUGH
THE OFFICE, FIRST
CLASSROOM ON
YOUR RIGHT

Grade Prep & 1

Hey Guys!

This week in Sounds-Write, the Preps have been learning about the /q/ and /u/ sounds and are learning to write words such as; quit, quiz and quick. They have practised building and reading the target words and have been revising common High Frequency Words.



The Grade One's are learning about the /l/ sounds and how there are various spelling choices making that sound, such as; along, ankle, Bill, medal and gerbil. Students have been experimenting with these spellings through word building, games, and sentence writing.

In Writing, we have been focused on creating a narrative. Students are learning to create a 'Sizzling Start' to make the start of their story more exciting and revising the importance of including a beginning, middle/problem and solution/ending.

In Math, Preps are revising how to create a fair share. Grade One's are revising sharing by creating equal groups and this leads into early multiplication strategies.

Students have also continued to enjoy the specialist classes and our integrated/buddy sessions each week.

Please remember to pack reader bags on Monday and for students to remember to bring hats and water bottles each day.

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



Grade 2/3

In Literacy this week, students continued our class read-aloud *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. In this part of the story, Ivan begins painting a series of pictures to help him keep his promise to Ruby and plan her escape. Our incidental vocabulary included annoyance, stench, and unnatural, while our explicit vocabulary focus words were spacious and monstrosity.

As part of our daily Fluency sessions, students explored texts about the geographical features, wildlife, and staple foods of Japan. They practised reading fluently during paired partner sessions where each student read for three minutes before swapping.

In Mathematics, students have been learning how to make observations to inform data collection and planning. They wrote their own questions of interest, discussed different ways to collect information, and analysed which methods would best suit their investigations.

In Integrated Studies, our focus on Japanese Arts and Traditions continued. Students learned about traditional Japanese clothing such as kimonos and then enjoyed creating their own origami animals. This hands-on activity allowed them to explore Japanese culture while building creativity and fine motor skills.

Grade 4/5

Hi, our names are Ellie and Abi, and we are in the 4/5 unit. We are here, right here, right now to tell you about our week at school.

In writing this week the 4/5s have been working extremely hard. We have been focusing on letters, while applying for a made-up job. We looked at cover letters and resumes and wrote our own one for the made-up job. We looked at formal and informal letters, by having a little fun on outlook.

In maths this week, we were looking at 2D shapes and symmetry. In 2D shapes we figured out how many vertices and sides many 2D shapes have. With symmetry we worked out some pictures and shapes symmetry lines. We've also been continuing with digits, where you must get target number with specific numbers using all four operations.

In integrated this week, we have been learning about Graeme Clarke and his fascinating invention the cochlear implant. We have learnt about his past and why he invented the cochlear implant.

That's all we have for today folks. Ellie and Abi signing off.

Grade 6

Hi everyone! My name is Jaxon, and I'm in Grade 6. Lately in class, we've been learning about Vikings, which has been really cool because it's such an interesting topic. In Math, I've been working on adding and subtracting fractions, and I learned that the middle line is called a vinculum.

In Writing, I wrote a piece about Viking runes, which was a lot of fun to research. My favourite subject at the moment is Art because we painted people to display in the library – they look awesome!

This week in Etymology, we studied the word circumference.

I'm looking forward to going to camp next week.

By Jaxon

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 Maddern

Adalie F - Adalie has been working so hard and continually challenges herself in all areas of her learning. She always tries her best, takes on feedback and looks for ways to improve. Adalie approaches every task with a positive attitude and a big smile. Keep it up, Addy!

Prep/1 Cook & Jess

Prep/1 Riordan

Kaitlin R - For demonstrating confidence in her learning this week. Kaitlin has been showing independence in her learning, beginning tasks and completing her work to the best of her ability. She has been writing confidently, using her letter sound knowledge to write independently. Well done Kaitlin, keep it up!

Prep/1 Williams

Lilah J - WOW! What a week Lilah has had. We are so incredibly proud of Lilah in the classroom each day. She has been putting in so much effort towards all learning tasks and has been a super kind and caring friend. We love having you in our class, Lilah! Keep it up.

2/3 Westcott

Ryker M - Ryker has shown great responsibility and honesty in his role as Business Manager by carefully and fairly handing out class money over the past three weeks. He is always inclusive of others and happy to lend a hand whenever he can. Well done Ryker!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

4/5 Johnstone

Heidi C - Heidi has had a fantastic month since returning from holidays, setting a wonderful example for her classmates. I've been really impressed with her positive attitude and the way she includes others in group tasks. This week, Heidi has aced her work on symmetry and shape, and I'm excited to see her continue this great effort throughout the rest of the term. Keep it up, Heidi!

4/5 Burton

Scarlet P - Scarlet has shown incredible resilience this week. She has come to school each day with a positive attitude and a can-do mindset. Despite being on crutches, she has tried her best to participate in all activities. We are so proud of your determination and bravery, Scarlet!

4/5 Fry

Isaac N - Isaac has had a terrific week in our grade. He is a popular student and displays kindness and respect to others. He created a wonderful cover letter to help him get a job as a cashier and was a great competitor at Spring Sports. Well done, Isaac!

6 O'Donoghue

Georgia H - Georgia has made a new friend this week which is a happy surprise and a lovely way to practise extended social connections before high school. Georgia has been smashing her quick math sums and is ready to go to high school, (even if her teacher isn't ready to say goodbye).



Paw Pals

at Marong Primary School

WHAT IS PAW PALS?

Over the last couple of weeks we have had the pleasure of running a dog assisted program called Paw Pals through MacKillop Family Services. The school applied and received a grant to run this wonderful program to further support our students.

Kerri, the facilitator and Zanna, her dog, make a great pair to help teach students a variety of skills related to emotions, communication and relationships. This program will continue next year.



SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



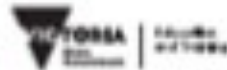
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Wednesday mornings

TIME: 8:20am-8:45am

ROOM: Big Deck

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.





Lunchboxes

\$12 regular \$16 large

All lunches are nut free.

Other dietary requirements upon request

Monday 27th

Option 1

- Chicken, cheese, lettuce and mayo sandwich
- Triple choc cookies
- Vanilla yoghurt with fresh diced strawberries
- Cheese rice crackers
- Orange wedges

Option 2

- Hawaiian pizza pieces
- Vanilla sprinkle cake
- Apple slices
- Pretzels
- Choc drizzled popcorn

Thursday 30th

Option 1

- Salami and cheese sandwich
- Choc cake topped with crumbled flake
- Watermelon cubes
- Pineapple and blueberries
- Pizza shapes

Option 2

- Ham and cheese croissant
- Caramilk slice
- Fruit salad
- Crackers with hommus
- Cucumber and carrot sticks

To place an order, or to go on the weekly mailing list,
message me on:

Facebook @ Zeds kitchen or text 0402626253

Payment via bank transfer



Zoopers Doopers

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

Calling all Swifties!

29 November, 2025
1 - 3.30pm

★ 📍 Axedale Hall, 94 High Street. ★

ARE YOU READY TO
SHAKE IT OFF?!

ADULTS

\$60

CHILD 8-13YR

\$30

What's included:

🍰 Decorate your own mini cake

🎤 Great vibes, photo ops & singalongs!

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