

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	November		December
12th	Crusoe Big Day Out	8th	Student Free Day
21st	Special Farewell Assembly for Mr J	9th	Statewide Transition Day
24th	Grade 6 La Trobe Visit	11th	Grade 6 Graduation
26th	Prep/1 Excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Park	12th	Grade 6 Big Day Out
		19th	Last Day of Term 4

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,

Farewell Mr Jeffrey - Special Assembly.

As you are all very aware, after many wonderful years at Marong Primary School, Russell Jeffrey will be retiring at the end of this year. He has been such an important part of our school community, leading with care, kindness and a deep commitment to every child, family, and staff member.

We will be holding a special assembly in his honour to recognise the contribution he has made in his 30 years as Principal of Marong Primary School.

We cordially invite you to attend a special farewell assembly to help us celebrate Mr Jeffrey and kindly extend this invitation to past students, families and friends of our school.

Positive Feedback

While attending a principal network meeting yesterday, the principal of Crusoe College made a point of speaking to me about a recent visit he had to our school with our grade 6 students. He spoke highly of the how focused and mature our students were during a presentation about transition and mentioned how calm and inviting the whole school was as he walked through to meet with the students. He also noted the wonderful student teacher relationships observed in the grade 6 classroom.

This feedback mirrors the wonderful praise our staff and students received from recent camps attended and fills me with so much pride to know our students represent our school in such a positive way when attending extra-curricular events.

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.

Jake Saddler



HOUSE COLOUR DRESS UP DAY 2025



Friday, December 5th.

Come dressed in your
craziest house colour costumes!



House points up for grabs

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Grade Prep & 1

Hi Prep/One families!

We couldn't be more proud of the Preps this week as they showed tremendous leadership during the first kinder transition day on Tuesday. The Preps helped the kinder students to settle in and modelled how to participate in school activities. During this time, the Grade One's enjoyed their time taking part in dance and physical education rotations. This week in Sounds-Write, students have been building and reading the target words and have been revising sounds from the Initial Code and Extended Code

Students have been experimenting with these spellings through word building, games, and sentence writing.

In Writing, we have been continuing to practice writing 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 and Grade One's are revising all aspects of the number knowledge and are completing assessment tasks

Students watched the Melbourne Cup race on Tuesday afternoon and continue 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.

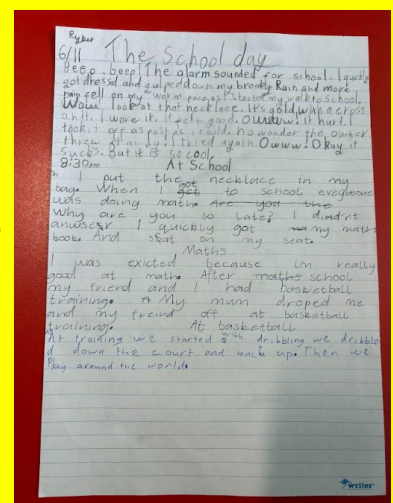


Grade 2/3

In Literacy, students continued reading *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate, exploring the part of the story where Ivan begins adjusting to life with other gorillas in the zoo. Together, we discussed key events from pages 229–237 and used prompts like who, where, when, and why to help summarise the story and identify its main ideas.



In Mathematics, students completed Essential Assessment tasks across several areas, including Number, Measurement, Statistics, Algebra, and Space. They also used the My Numeracy program to practise skills in their individual focus areas. This program provides instant feedback, helping students feel confident about their answers and encouraging them to reflect on alternate solutions.



In our Integrated Studies unit on Japan, students explored the question: What Japanese traditions are still practiced today? Together, they discovered customs such as wearing kimonos, the tea ceremony, the holiday Shichi-Go-San, and traditional arts like origami, ikebana, and bonsai. They also learned about haiku poetry and the spring celebration cherry blossoms.



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Grade 4/5

Hi, our names are Abi and Aidan, 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 applications, while applying for school leadership roles. We looked at cover letters and KSC (Key Selection Criteria), and wrote our own one for the school applications. We can apply for school captain or house captain for 2026.

In math this week we are looking at flip, slide and turns. We played a game called Bloxorz, it's based on flip slide and turn. We have played a friendly game of blocket as well.

In integrated this week, we are learning about the founder of Lego, Ole Kirk Christiansen, who founded the company in 1932, with his fun plastic toy. We have learnt about his past and why he changed from wood to plastic.

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

Grade 6

On the 27th of October, the grade sixes went to camp in Queenscliff. We went for four days and three nights. We were split into two groups and we did different activities like rock pooling, boogie boarding, low ropes, beach walks, war bunkers, sea glassing, visiting the marine discovery centre, and the boat charter. For food, we had fish and chips on day one, pasta and garlic bread on day two, chicken schnitzels on day three, and the same breakfast every day. We had stories, trivia, free time, movie time, birthdays, and sweet treats. We watched Megamind and The Karate Kid for movie time. There was this massive slide from the second floor to the bottom; we would usually just hop in and slide down and go back up the stairs. Whenever we had an activity, we would just go down and head to the basketball court. We had an ocean view of all these little boats and massive ships passing through the rip, which is a really dangerous place for boats to cross. We also went to the lighthouse and ran around it three times and made a wish. The day after, we went to the pier where some people were fishing, and we went to see the ocean and try to find some fish. The staff were Billy, Ebony, Asha, Shelby, Anika, Alice, Josh, Ellie, Tom, Ally, Tori, and Will. It was the best camp and I loved being with my friends.

Written by Andrie Cuento



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 Mrs Cook & Jess

Huxley S – Hux has had a great week and is doing a wonderful job taking on feedback about his work. In maths he is listening respectfully and trying hard to complete work independently. Keep up the hard work Huxley, you are doing an AMAZING job!

Prep/1 Williams

Ethan L - Ethan is very deserving of this award this week. He has been demonstrating all of our school values consistently. Ethan has been working extremely well in the classroom, putting in his best effort and producing some wonderful work. He is a kind and caring friend who always knows how to put a smile on our faces. Well done on a great week, Ethan!

Prep/1 Riordan

Lindsey M - For demonstrating all our school values this week. Lindsey has been showing respect, responsibility and honesty in his learning all week. He has been doing a wonderful job with his writing, showing some wonderful improvement. I love the way he is always kind, helpful and focussed in our classroom. Super job Lindsey.

2/3 Westcott

Xavier T - Xavier has had a fantastic week! He worked hard completing all his tasks to the best of his ability, especially shining in his maths test. Xavier also showed great self-awareness by noticing when things weren't going his way in a game and choosing to take a break. Well done, Xavier!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2/3 Thorn & Gallagher

Miola M - Miola has had a wonderful start at Marong! She has settled in beautifully and quickly become a valued and caring member of our classroom. Her kind nature and enthusiasm make her a joy to have in the class. What a fantastic start Miola, keep up the amazing work!

4/5 Burton

James W - James has impressed us all with his focus and determination this week. He has applied himself in every lesson and produced some excellent pieces of writing. Keep up the fantastic effort, James!

4/5 Fry

Sophie K - Congratulations to Sophie for being this week's Student of the Week! Sophie is a friendly and thoughtful member of our class who always shows kindness towards others. She listens carefully, helps her classmates, and contributes positively to every activity. Sophie impressed us with her amazing story "Stuck in Space", which was creative, detailed, and full of imagination. Well done, Sophie — we're so proud of your effort and positive attitude!

4/5 Johnstone

Olivia S - Olivia was a standout at Cottage by The Sea. Olivia Scott gave 110% at camp, shining as a boogie-boarding star and consistently making sure everyone felt included.

6 O'Donoghue

Charlie LM – I am so impressed with how Charlie was on camp, a true leader and adventurous with all activities. He was a standout in the Crusoe College session we had earlier in the week and also gave his moderated writing a huge effort and presented well. It's so nice to see him ending his primary school career with pride and hard work, I am stoked to celebrate you, Charlie!



Lunchboxes

\$12 regular \$16 large

All lunches are nut free.

Other dietary requirements upon request

Monday 10th

Option 1

- Crispy chicken, cheese and avocado wrap
- Banana and caramel muffin with choc chips
- Vanilla yoghurt with apple and crumble topping
- Strawberries
- Pretzels

Option 2

- Puffy dogs with tomato or bbq sauce
- Vanilla sprinkle dessert ball
- Duo layered jelly - lime and raspberry
- Orange wedges
- Fresh avocado dip with mini grisini sticks

Thursday 13th

Option 1

- Cheesy puff pastry twists
- Mini pikelet stack layered with chocolate sauce and strawberries
- Corn chips with mild salsa
- Fruit salad
- Cucumber, carrot and twiggy sticks

Option 2

- Bacon, lettuce, tomato and cheese sandwich
- Mini Milo and weetbix balls
- Cheese rice crackers
- Apple slices
- Watermelon cubes

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SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Wednesday mornings

TIME: 8:20am-8:45am

ROOM: Big Deck

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.





INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

-  Friday, 5 December 2025
-  11:00 am - 2:00 pm
-  Quiet session from 11am–12.30pm
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30TH OF
NOVEMBER

LA BIRPA
ATHLETICS
TRACK
9AM-12PM



JOIN US AT LIMITLESS SPORTS IN BENDIGO ON NOVEMBER 30 FOR A FUN DAY OF INCLUSIVE AND ADAPTIVE SPORTS FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES.

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Calling all Swifties!

29 November, 2025
1 - 3.30pm

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2025

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Ticket Prices:


ADULT: \$28


CONCESSION: \$21

CHILD 8-13YR: \$17.50



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