

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	November		December
21st	Special Farewell Assembly for Mr J	8th	Student Free Day
24th	Grade 6 La Trobe Visit	9th	Statewide Transition Day
26th	Prep/1 Excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Park	11th	Grade 6 Graduation
		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 Goodbye Seb

Today we say goodbye to a much-valued staff member in Seb. The 12 months Seb has been with us has gone very quickly however the impact he has had on the students he has supported will undoubtedly last much longer. Seb has fitted seamlessly into the Marong Primary School culture of showing genuine care and support for all and we wish he and his wife Stacey all the very best as they return to their hometown to be closer to family.

Special Assembly for Mr Jeffrey. NEXT WEEK

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.

The assembly will be held next Friday 21st November at 9am in the PAC at Marong PS.

Parking – (repeat notice)

It has been noted that some parents are not using designated car parking spaces when collecting their children after school. In the interest of pedestrian safety, the safety of our young children, the school kindly requests that families always park safely and appropriately. Designated parking bays are located along the school side of Leslie Street and Adams Street (highway) and families are asked to meet their child on the school side of the road before crossing safely to their vehicle if parked across the road.

Vehicles should not be parking on nature strips, in bus zones, or opposite double lines near the school crossing. **Students should not be crossing the road without an adult.**

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

Gold coin donation to go
towards



The Royal **Children's**
Hospital Melbourne





CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Give a toy, share the joy!

GIFTS SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN FROM NEWBORN TO AGE 6*

*Donated toys need to be new, in original packaging and unwrapped

All toys will be distributed via Sunshine Bendigo's social agency network to the many vulnerable families, experiencing challenging times, across our region



The Junior School Council is encouraging our school community to support the Christmas Toy Drive by donating new toys for children in need. Please drop off any donations at the school office.

Sunshine Bendigo is a community-based, volunteer group that provides support to families experiencing challenging times in the Central Victoria region.

Grade Prep & 1

Hi Prep/One families!

Once again the Preps 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 are learning about how we can take care of the earth. Students are learning to write facts and their own personal knowledge about recycling.

In Math, Preps and Grade One's are revising all aspects of the number knowledge and are completing assessment tasks

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, the Grade 2/3 students have completed the read-aloud *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. When asked to rate the text out of 10, students gave it an impressive average score of 8.5. To conclude our study, we will be watching the PG-rated film adaptation in class. This will allow students to compare the book and movie while exploring the story's themes in an engaging way. Permission for students to view the film will be provided through Sentral, and an alternate activity will be available for those not participating.

In maths, students explored location and mapping activities, learning to create and interpret maps of familiar places and identify different perspectives. They practised drawing objects from various viewpoints and recognising how images can show different perspectives. As part of our integrated topic, students attended a Remembrance Day ceremony and completed related classroom activities. They learned why Remembrance Day is important, discussed the role of soldiers in helping our country, and demonstrated respect during the minute of silence.



Grade 4/5

Hi this is Millie, Ellie, and Aidan. This week in the 4/5s we have been writing and submitting our 2026 house captain and school captain applications, and we also did our KSC and our cover letters for Mr. Saddler.

In maths this week we have been looking at 3D shapes and we have been doing LOTSSS of testing.

In literacy/integrated we have been starting our projects for our chosen inventor/ invention. We are going to be researching and Australian Inventor and completing a project about them. We are going to use a rubric to see what will make our work better.

This is Aidan, Ellie, and Millie signing off now!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 Mrs Cook & Jess

Ned P – Ned has had a wonderful week and really started to apply all his skills and knowledge when working independently. Ned has also been a kind friend by helping others in the classroom and playing beautifully in the yard. Keep up the great work Ned. SUPERSTAR!!!

Prep/1 Williams

Noah H - Noah is so deserving of this award! He always shows kindness to his classmates and never fails to make everyone laugh and smile. We love your fun and energetic personality, Noah! Keep being amazing.

Prep/1 Maddern

Lennon C - Lennon has been working hard across all activities and continues to challenge herself. This week, she showed fantastic persistence during Math, even when the tasks felt a bit tricky. Super proud of you, Len!

Prep/1 Riordan

Boston P - For demonstrating all of our school values this week. Boston has enjoyed another wonderful week, putting in his best to all he does. He tries his best in all learning tasks, representing our classroom and school values each and everyday. He is always kind and helpful. Super week Boston. Keep it up!

2/3 Westcott

Laila H - Congratulations Laila, on a wonderful start at Marong Primary School! You have quickly built strong friendships through your honesty and the respect you show others. You have also demonstrated great responsibility by being well organised and ready for all activities. Well done!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2/3 Thorn & Gallagher

2/3 Lamb

Jackson B - Jackson has been on fire this week! He has been working very hard and trying his best in all areas of his learning! Jackson we are so proud of you and hope you continue this amazing effort the rest of the year!

4/5 Burton

Sienna T - Sienna has been on her A-game this week! She has been a helpful and respectful classmate, always looking out for others. She has shown great focus and determination in her learning by consistently completing her work on time. Fantastic work Sienna!

4/5 Fry

Braxton M - Braxton has been voted as our Student of the Week for his friendly and kind nature, which helps make our classroom a positive and welcoming place. He is always willing to lend a hand, include others, and show respect to his peers and teachers. This week, Braxton also impressed us with his thoughtful and well-written application for a leadership position in 2026. Congratulations Baxton, we are very proud of you.

4/5 Johnstone

Ivy B - Ivy has had a great few weeks and has been putting in effort to everything she does lately. I am proud of her efforts lately, especially with her testing. She's been showing resilience and persevering when things get hard, and she's been getting some fantastic results. Keep it up Ivy, awesome work.

6 O'Donoghue

Robbie JB - Robbie showed great engagement and enthusiasm during our excursion to Crusoe, actively participating and showing genuine interest. He also approached our puberty sessions with maturity and a positive attitude. Keep it up Robbie!



Lunchboxes

\$12 regular \$16 large

All lunches are nut free.
Other dietary requirements upon request

Monday 17th

Option 1

- Hawaiian or meatlovers pizza
- Oreo cupcake
- Caramel popcorn
- Orange wedges
- Mixed fresh berries

Option 2

- Party pies and sausage rolls with tomato or bbq sauce
- Hedgehog
- Fruit salad
- Kabana and cheese cubes
- Savoy crackers

Thursday 20th

Option 1

- Bacon and egg puff pastry quiche
- Pears in mango jelly
- Double choc chip cookies
- Crunchy coconut rolls
- Watermelon cubes

Option 2

- Chicken, cheese and lettuce sandwich
- Blueberry yoghurt
- Tropical muffin
- Pretzels
- Apple slices

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

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



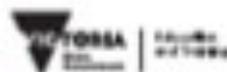
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Wednesday mornings

TIME: 8:20am-8:45am

ROOM: Big Deck

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.



Marong OSHC News



Exciting Activities Week's Ahead

Week Beginning 17th November

This week we expand your knowledge and appreciation for Australian animals and wildlife. Through activities and discussions

Week Beginning 24th November

Come explore how Canada and America celebrate Thanksgiving and why, lets experience a different culture this week.



Cooking Club

Tuesday 25th
November

Making Yummy
Bacon & egg rice

Joke of the week

I jump when I walk and sit when I stand. What am I?

A kangaroo.



Join The Fun OF OSHC

Registration is FREE all you need to do is visit our website at www.afterthebell.com.au and complete the online Enrolment. Please feel free to contact our Head Office as we are happy to help you out with the process.

CONTACT US

OSHC- 0428 247 072

Head Office- 1300 977 599

Program Leaders- Dakota and Jobe





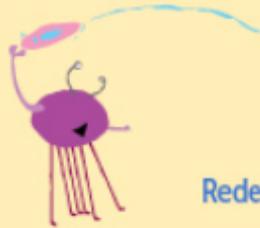
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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

-  Friday, 5 December 2025
-  11:00 am - 2:00 pm
-  Quiet session from 11am–12.30pm
-  Red Energy Arena
-  Free entry
-  Food, music, chill zone, fun and more!
-  Disability-led

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MARONG



GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

Christmas

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

DECEMBER 2025

22

Monday

Festive Crafts

Get into the festive spirit! Children will create ornaments, decorate mini trees, and make cards for loved ones using a mix of natural and recycled materials.

23

Tuesday

Jolly Good Time In The Sunshine

Join us for a day packed with festive outdoor games, laughter, and holiday cheer. Children will enjoy friendly competitions, teamwork challenges, and plenty of active fun in the great outdoors.

24

Wednesday

Holiday Movie & PJ Day

Relax in your comfiest pyjamas as we enjoy festive crafts, games, a movie, popcorn, and some downtime before the Christmas rush!

Program finishes at 5pm today-- **Merry Christmas**

Address:

2 Leslie Street
Marong

Program Hours:

7.30am till 5.30pm

Room Location:

Beehive Building

Head Office Contact

1300 977 599

Program Number:

0428 247 072



**Daily Cost \$85.00 per day/ per child

**prices are reduced with the eligible Child Care Subsidy*

Note: Days will operate where 15 or more bookings are made. The account holder will be notified via email on the **5th December 2025** on operational status days.

***Bookings to be made via Kidsoft**

****Terms and conditions have been emailed with the flyer to the account holder**

• Library News

A huge thank you to all our wonderful students and families who have supported our library this year! It's been another fantastic year of reading, borrowing and enjoying our beautiful library space.



Important Dates

- **Last week of borrowing:** ~~woec~~ week **18th November**
- **All books due back: Wednesday 27th November**
- **Library closes: Friday 28th November**

Overdue notices will be sent home next week. If any books have been misplaced, please come and see me — we'll sort it out together!

Book Club – Issue 8

Issue 8 has been sent home this week! If you're ordering Christmas presents, please let me know so I can make sure they are not sent home holents.

Thank you for your amazing support of Book Club this year. It's been another hugely successful year, and thanks to your purchases, we've been able to add many wonderful new books to our school library!



Order due date: Sunday, 1st December

If you have any questions about the Library or Book Club, please feel free to come and see me at school.

Warm regards,
Christine



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**Camp #35: 7-9 Jan
Camp #36 & Camp OUT:
12-16 Jan
Camp #37: 19-23 Jan**

LIMITLESS SPORTS

SUNDAY
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.

TRY INCLUSIVE SPORTS, ENJOY HEALTHY SNACKS, AND DISCOVER EXCITING WAYS TO STAY ACTIVE TOGETHER.

FREE EVENT

- ACCESSIBLE BIKES AND RUNNING FRAMES!
- DANCING, CHEERLEADING AND TUMBLING!
- SENSORY EQUIPMENT AND MUCH MORE!

REGISTER BELOW!



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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!

❤️ Dress in your Era-inspired outfit

🎁 All proceeds go to help disadvantaged kids!

Get your tickets here:

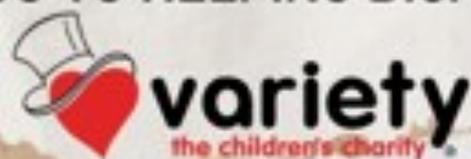
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29TH NOV
2025

AXEDALE HALL

**DECORATE YOUR
OWN CAKE**

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SILENT AUCTIONS

BEST DRESSED PRIZE!

SINGALONGS & PHOTO OPS!

Ticket Prices:

ADULT: \$28

CONCESSION: \$21

CHILD 8-13YR: \$17.50



SCAN HERE

 **AXEDALE HALL, 94 HIGH STREET**

 **1 - 3:30PM**



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