

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	November		December
24th	Grade 6 La Trobe Visit	8th	Student Free Day
26th	Prep/1 Excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Park	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,

Special Assembly for Mr Jeffrey.

It was lovely to see our extended school community attend a special farewell assembly to honour our principal Mr Russell Jeffrey and recognise the contribution he has made in his 30 years as Principal of Marong Primary School. 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. I would like to especially acknowledge our school leaders, Ciara and Tori, Deon and Willow for leading our formal assembly so diligently and students Maddie, Sophie and Hamish who spoke extremely well when asking Mr Jeffrey some questions on behalf of our student body. We trust you will enjoy retirement Mr J!

Welcome Beth

On behalf of the Marong Primary school community, I would like to welcome Beth Towler to our staff. Beth will be replacing Seb and working in Mr Riordan's foundation/ one classroom. It's great to have you with us Beth.

Whooping Cough

There has been a recent diagnosis of pertussis (whooping cough) in some children at our school. Whooping cough affects people of all ages. It can be especially serious for babies under 6 months of age who have not had the chance to have 3 doses of the whooping cough vaccine. Whooping cough is highly contagious respiratory infection and is spread by coughing and sneezing. The infectious period of pertussis can last up to 3 weeks and begins from the onset of symptoms which may include a runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever and a mild occasional cough. Parents and staff should be aware of developing signs or symptoms of pertussis particularly in the coming weeks. Please inform the school if your child is home with a confirmed case of Whooping Cough.

Prep/1 Fun Day

To celebrate an awesome year, the Prep/1 students will be heading off on our Fun Day to the **Ballarat Wildlife Park, this 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 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



Grade 2/3

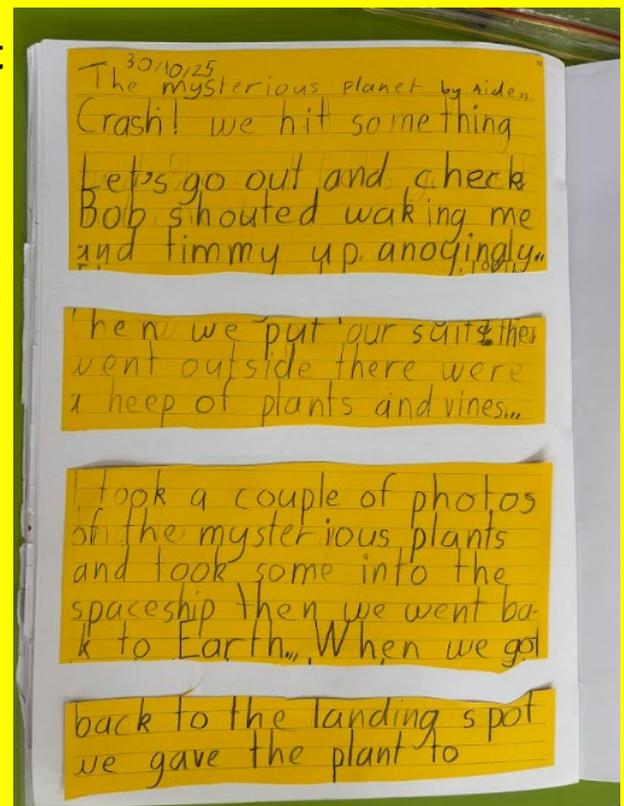
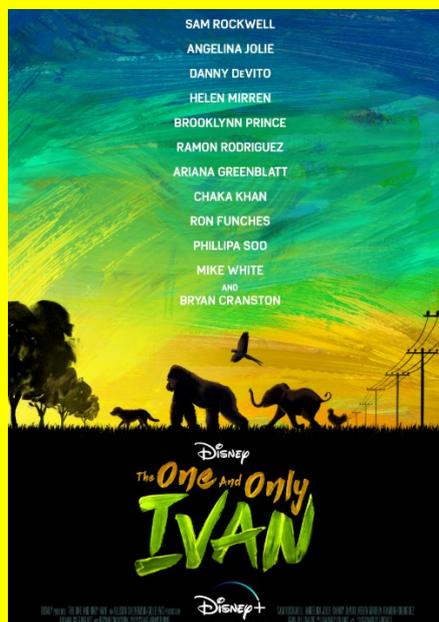
In literacy this week, students completed a range of punctuation activities to strengthen their understanding of how and why punctuation is used. The Year 2/3 team is looking forward to seeing the results of this term's focus on building student confidence in using a variety of punctuation marks such as full stops, capital letters, question marks, commas and exclamation marks.



To conclude our novel study, we will be watching the PG-rated film adaptation in class. This will give students the chance to compare the book and movie and explore the story's themes in an engaging way. Permission will be provided via Sentral, and an alternative activity will be available for students not viewing the film. We have also begun reading the sequel, *The One and Only Bob*, which students are very excited about.

In maths, students have been learning to represent places and objects from different viewpoints.

This includes understanding what a map is, recognising simple grids, and exploring top-down and bird's-eye-view perspectives.



Grade 4/5

Hi this is Issy and Airlie. This week in the 4/5 unit we have been learning a lot! We have plenty on, here are some of the things that we have been doing.

In writing we have been researching Australian inventors and inventions, either on paper or computers. We have had to choose, research and present our projects on things like posters, PowerPoints and comic strips. We have also been doing our handwriting about different inventions as well as our partner reading. We have also been doing integrated about different Australian inventors and inventions.

In maths, we have been working on mass, and measurements, like how many millilitres go into a litre and how many grams go into a kilogram.

A highlight this week for us was on Tuesday. We did a session of Golf, and it was very fun!



Issy and
Airlie



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 Mrs Cook & Jess

Buckley M – Buck has had a ripper of a week and been demonstrating all of our school values. He has been making good choices and showing that he is ready for Grade Two next year. We are so proud of you Bucko, keep up the super work!

Prep/1 Williams

Isabella S-J - Isabella is such a kind and caring friend. She always goes above and beyond to make sure everyone is included. As well as being an amazing friend, Isabella always tries so hard at everything she does. Keep up the great work Isabella.

Prep/1 Maddern

Tom H - For demonstrating all of our school values this week. Tom is a kind, helpful student who has shown great persistence in his learning this week. He participates well in all activities, no matter what teacher he is working with. Well done on a great week Tom!

Prep/1 Riordan

Remi F - For demonstrating confidence in her learning this week. Remi has been producing some wonderful writing in our classroom, growing in confidence to write independently. I have loved seeing her have a go using her known sounds and High Frequency words. Super work Remi.

2/3 Westcott

Oliver P - Oliver produced a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on our topic of Japan, clearly explaining the information in his own words. He spoke with confidence while sharing his presentation with the class. Well done, Oliver!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2/3 Lamb

Shayla L - Layla has had an amazing week! Despite having some time away, she returned with a fantastic attitude and completed all her testing efficiently. She has been a wonderful friend to her peers, constantly lifting them up and celebrating their success. Layla, we are so proud of you! You are truly an asset to 2/3L!

4/5 Burton

Francis B - Francis has been an absolute champion this week. His dedication to learning has been outstanding. He works hard every day and gives his best effort to all tasks. I have been particularly impressed by his super neat handwriting. Great work, Frank!

4/5 Fry

Issy H - Issy is a friendly and thoughtful class member who consistently shows kindness, respect, and a positive attitude towards her learning and her classmates. This week, Issy impressed us with her fantastic poster about the inventor of the Black Box, Dr David Warren. Well done, Issy. We're very proud of your efforts!

4/5 Johnstone

Mitch W - Mitch is finishing the term strong, showing all our school values. He has put excellent effort into his student applications and approached all tasks with a great attitude. Well done, Mitch!

6 O'Donoghue

Andrie C - We have been saving this SOTW all year to celebrate this wonderful student. Andrie embodies all the school values, he is very respectful of school rules, has proven his responsibility in his friendships and is always 100% honest. Andrie we are so proud to see you grow over the last 7 years and are thrilled with the legacy that you're leaving behind.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB



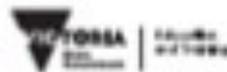
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

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





Lunchboxes

\$12 regular \$16 large

All lunches are nut free.

Other dietary requirements upon request

Monday 24th

Option 1

- Chicken, cheese and avocado wrap
- Watermelon cubes
- Strawberries
- Crispy bacon dip with cheese rice crackers
- Chocolate mud cake with crushed flake and m&m's

Option 2

- Toasted ham and cheese croissant
- Vanilla yoghurt with toasted coconut and blueberries
- Fruit salad
- Pretzels
- Vanilla sprinkle cake with mini marshmallows

Tuesday 25th

Option 1

- Hawaiian pizza bites
- Pineapple jelly with mandarin
- Choc drizzled shortbread
- Pink lady apple pieces
- Cheese corn chips with salsa

Option 2

- Sushi - california, tuna, crispy chicken or veg
- Honey joy
- Popcorn with m&m's
- Orange wedges
- Twiggy sticks with cucumber and carrot

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

CHRISTMAS *Carols*

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SEE YOU AT THE MARONG
COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP CAROLS
AT MALONE PARK, MARONG

ENJOY VARIOUS SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- LIVE MUSIC & CAROL SINGING
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE & FOOD VANS
- A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA!

ENTRY: VOLUNTARY
CHARITABLE GOLD
COIN DONATION

14 DECEMBER 2025
FROM 5.00PM

COME AND ENJOY THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT.

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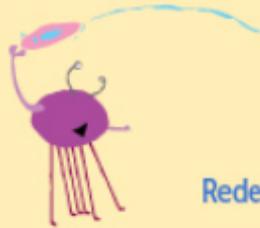
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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

-  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!

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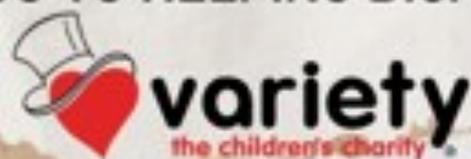


Zoopers Doopers

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

Celebrate the **END** of an **ERA**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELPING DISADVANTAGED KIDS!



29TH NOV
2025

AXEDALE HALL

**DECORATE YOUR
OWN CAKE**

SWIFTIE TRIVIA

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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