

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	December		January
8th	Student Free Day	27th	Statewide Student Free Day (Teachers Return)
9th	Statewide Transition Day	28th	MPS Curriculum Day (Student Free)
11th	Grade 6 Graduation	29th	First Day of School for ALL GRADES
12th	Grade 6 Big Day Out	4th	Foundation Students Day Off (assessments begin)
15th	End of Year Awards Ceremony	11th	Foundation Students Day Off (assessments continue)
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,

Curriculum Day – Monday 8th December:

Our staff will be undertaking a professional learning day on Monday 8th December. Consequently, no students are required to attend school on this day. After the bell will not be running on this day due to lack of numbers.

Statewide Transition Day

On Tuesday 9th December students in years Foundation to 5 will have their 'Step-Up to 2026' day as traditionally undertaken between 9:00 - 11:00am. Students will return to their 2025 classes once the transition session has concluded. Our grade 6 students will spend the entire day at their respective 2026 secondary schools.

End of Year Assembly

On Monday 15th of December at 9:15am we will hold our Special End of Year Assembly in the PAC. This occasion will celebrate our end of year awards such as:

- Representing the Grade 6 Awards - Student of the Year, Maiden/Gully Lions Club Citizenship Awards, Crusoe College Awards and Cottage by the Sea Awards.
- Filcock Awards
- Rose Stewart Award
- Teale Hammond Award (new)

Values Awards

We will also announce our 2026 Student Leadership (school captains and house captains) and the 2025 winning house.

Parents will be notified if their child will be receiving an award or position of leadership so they can try their best to attend.

Leigh Turner's musicians and our choir will perform songs too.

Quick notes and reminders

2026 Start up days:

Tuesday 27th January, 2026	Statewide Student Free Day (teachers return to school) Staff involved in professional development.
Wednesday 28th January 2026	Marong PS curriculum day – Student Free Day. Staff involved in professional development.
Thursday 29th January, 2026	School begins for all grades foundation to 6. 9:00am start.

2026 payments: Our 2026 curriculum, voluntary and extra-curricular payments for next year are all currently available for families. These payments are all the QKR app under accounts and can be paid at the office also.

Consent forms: Parent/ carers are also encouraged to return the consent forms for local excursions, media consent and ICT Acceptable use policy document as soon as possible please, along with CSEF (camps -sports-excursion) application forms.

Whooping Cough: Can I please encourage parents and carers to notify the school if your child is absent from school due to displaying whooping cough symptoms.

School Council Meeting: our final meeting for 2025 will be held Wednesday 10th December at 6:30pm.

Jake Saddler

Grade Prep & 1

Hi Everyone!

Once again the Prep/Ones showed tremendous flexibility on Tuesday during the kinder transition time. During this time, the Preps Grade One's enjoyed their time taking part in classroom activities 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 letter writing and students will have the opportunity to write a letter to Santa or someone special in their life.

In Math, Preps and Grade One's are revising all aspects of money and we have been discussing the importance of money and the difference between wants and needs.

Collectively, the students have been getting extremely tired as we come towards the end of term. Please ensure they have lots of extra food as students are fatiguing quickly and are frequently asking for additional food as they are running low on fuel.

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 Bob* by Katherine Applegate, exploring Chapters 79–84 where themes of bravery and friendship stood out strongly. In Morphology, we focused on the prefix “multi–” to help students understand new vocabulary, using examples such as multimillionaire, multiplication, multicoloured, multiply, and multicultural. In Handwriting, students practised cursive letters with diagonal joins from below the baseline, including from the letter ‘q’, using words such as quilt, quiver, quiet, and quickly.

In Mathematics, students worked on partitioning three-digit numbers and writing them in standard expanded form. They used base-10 materials, matched visual representations to numbers, and broke numbers into hundreds, tens, and ones to deepen their understanding of place value.

In Integrated Studies, students have begun presenting their Japan PowerPoint projects to the class. We have been practising key presentation skills such as speaking clearly, facing the audience, explaining slides in their own words, showing confident posture, and answering questions respectfully. It has been wonderful to see students confidently share their learning.

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!

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MARONG



GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

Christmas

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

DECEMBER 2025

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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.

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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**



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