

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	December		January
15th	End of Year Awards	27th	Statewide Student Free Day (Teachers Return)
19th	Last Day of Term 4 1:30 Dismissal	28th	MPS Curriculum Day (Student Free)
		29th	First Day of School for ALL GRADES
		4th	Foundation Students Day Off (assessments begin)
		11th	Foundation Students Day Off (assessments continue)

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,

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.

2026 grades

The following outlines the classroom structure for the 2026 school year.

Foundation classrooms	Jess Taylor, Emma Cook, Kate Maddern, Casey Wilson, Brandi Stewart
Grade 1/ 2 classrooms	Alice Thorn, Matt Riordan, Abby Williams, Hayley Squire, Jai Gretgrix, Christine Palmer, Jobe Thomson
Grade 3/ 4 classrooms	Leigh Westcott, Shayla Lamb, Moyra O'Donoghue, Jimmy Gadsden, Fraser Stewart
Grade 5/ 6 classrooms	Kristan Fry, Kayla Burton, David Johnstone, Chelsie Nickson

Supporting the classrooms:

Principal	Katie Lovel	Assistant Principal	Jake Saddlier
MHWL	Lindsey White	D&I	Melissa Patching
Phys Education:	Bridget Gallagher	STEM	Kerrieanne Hocking
Arts	Hayley Squire	Chinese	Yuzi Xie
Tutoring/ intervention	Bridget Maher	Chaplain	Marc Cowan

School Uniforms

Our school has outgrown the capacity to undertake admin, stock and supply our school uniform. After consideration of four local suppliers with the parents' club and school council, a preferred supplier was decided upon. Bob Stewart is our preferred supplier for next year and beyond and our school community will be able to order directly from them in store or online.

Our School Council Agreement with Bob Stewart begins January 1st, 2026, so links via the supplier's or the school's website may not become live until the new year, however they do already have stock in store and are happy for our families to begin ordering through their High Street store opp. Red Rooster as of Monday 15th December. As soon as online ordering become available, I will let our community know and provide links to do so.

Jake Saddlier

Grade 6 Graduation

Last night we celebrated our graduating class of 2025. I have been incredibly proud of the manner in which our grade 6 students have conducted themselves all year and they should be commended on their achievements. Their speeches last night light was a highlight for me as it was testament to how far our students have come on their school journey thus far and the respect they have for their teachers, peers and family. A big thanks must go to Miss O and Chelsie for the dedication and genuine care they display for our students. Such a fun and successful year of learning by both students and staff... well done!

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.

End of Term 4 early Dismissal: a reminder that the school term will finish up on next Friday 19th December. 1:30pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Wow, what an amazing turnout!

It was fantastic to see so many students proudly supporting their House colours for Phillips, Brennan, Barling and Jeffrey. The PAC was buzzing with excitement as students participated in our Junior School Council Minute-to-Win-It Games.

Classes rotated through a range of fast-paced challenges, including Silver Stacker, Bouncer, Stack Attack, Bucket Head, Beanbag Toss, Keep It Up, and Basketball Shootout. Students worked in small groups, showed great teamwork, and encouraged one another throughout the event. The scores were tallied and the results were:

1st place - Barling
2nd place – Jeffrey
3rd place – Brennan
4th place - Phillips

Junior School Council also presented special points for:

Best Effort by a Student

Full House Participation – most students dressed in House colours

Teacher's Choice Award – standout effort

Funniest Outfit – creative and school-appropriate

JSC Bonus Points Award – for enthusiasm and team spirit

We are incredibly proud of the positive energy and participation shown by all students. Thank you to our school community, together, we raised over \$200 for the Royal Children's Hospital. A big thank you to Parents Club for providing Zooper Doopers for the whole school, they were very much appreciated on the day!

What a wonderful day of teamwork, colour and fun! Who will be on top of the points for 2025?

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.

THANKYOU TO OUR PROUD SPONSORS
CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
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Individual & Team
registrations open now

RED ENERGY ARENA

INDOOR NETBALL

MONDAYS

9.30 &
10.30AM

Supervised
Playgroup





*Special visit
from the CFA
and SANTA!*

TICKETS

HOME GAME ROUND 10

ON SALE NOW

SPIRIT VS LIGHTNING



Friday 19 December 5.30pm AEDT
Red Energy Arena, Bendigo



KIDS GO FREE!
THANKS TO POWERCOR

TICKETEK



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**



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