

# Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	October		November
Fri 7th	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free	2nd, 9th & 16th	2023 Foundation Transition (Extra Sessions)
Wed 26th	Bendigo Cup Holiday	Tues 15th	Grade 5/6 Camp – Halls Gap
Thurs 17 & Fri 18th	Grade Two Camp – Pioneer Settlement	22nd & 29th	2023 Foundation Transition (Core Sessions) (6th & 13th December)
		Wed 23rd & Thurs	Grade 3/4 Camp – Kookaburra Camp, Corop

**RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**HONESTY**

## From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### Welcome to Term Four

#### Marong Community Family Fun Day

On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> the Greater City of Bendigo, in conjunction with representatives from Marong community groups and the school, will conduct a Family Fun Day at Malone Park between 10.00am and 1.00pm. On behalf of the organisers I wish to extend an invitation to all our Marong Primary School families to attend this event. There will be lots to do and various information tables that will provide access to information about future plans for the town.

#### An example of some of the activities are listed below:

Mother Bean    Lions Club BBQ    Live Music/Entertainment ACA

Tim Tim    The Zone Climbing Wall    The Zone Jumping Castle

COGB consultation and activities from Strategic Planning - consult

Animal Management Services – Information and Activity

Resource Recovery and Education – Activity    Jobs Victoria Advocates - information

Proposed Marong Kinder and Community Hub – design and information

Malone Park Masterplan – design and information    Yo Bendigo – Activity /Youth Councillor

Marong Cricket Club – activity    Marong Football Club – activity

Marong Neighbourhood House – activity    Marong Community Action Group – Activity

## **From the Principal Cont'd...**

### **Curriculum Day**

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> has been set aside as a Curriculum day for staff. On this day staff will work with Andrea Hillbrick ( Educational Consultant) on the development of effective teaching practice in Mathematics. This day will be a pupil free day.

### **Melbourne Cup Hat Parade Its Back!**

On Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will hold our Melbourne Cup Hat Parade. Students are invited to wear a theme based hat on the day. They can create their own or wear something that they have at home. There will be different categories for students to enter into. A panel of judges will be present on the day to judge the winning hats from each category. Please see examples of the categories below.

**Biggest hat, Smallest hat, Best Sporting hat, Best Melbourne Cup theme hat, Best floral hat, Best Australian hat and Best Marong Primary School themed hat.** There is also a category for **Best Parent/Community Member Hat**. This year the winners of each category will receive in addition to a certificate, 200 points for their respective houses.

On this day students may wear casual dress, please note as our sun smart policy is now in force, singlet tops and thongs are not permitted.

*Russell Jeffrey*

*Principal*

### **SunSmart School**

As we are now in fourth term all students are required to wear a hat whilst outdoors. SunSmart policy advises that when the UV index reaches three, we need to actively protect our skin from the sun by putting on protective clothing, using sunscreen and seeking out shade.

Students will need to have a hat available to them at school at all times. Hats need to be clearly named and may remain in lockers at school to prevent them from being left at home. As the weather becomes hotter/sunnier, students who do not have access to a hat will be asked to remain in shaded areas during time outdoors.



### **Thunderstorm Asthma**

There is an increased risk of seasonal asthma, hay fever and epidemic thunderstorm asthma during seasons with increased grass pollen levels. This typically occurs between October and December.

Epidemic thunderstorm asthma events are triggered by a combination of higher grass pollen levels and a certain type of thunderstorm. People with a history of asthma, undiagnosed asthma or hay fever are at an increased risk under these conditions.

This risk is increased further for people who have poorly treated hay fever and asthma.

The best way to reduce and prevent symptoms of asthma or hay fever and reduce unnecessary absences from school is to follow an up-to-date asthma action plan or hay fever treatment plan, provided by a general practitioner (GP) or specialist.

## Grade Prep

How lovely it has been to see all our beautiful students skip through the door and ready to start term four with a bang. We had our last gym session this week where the students thoroughly enjoyed balancing, rolling, jumping and tumbling! Writing this week was all about correct sentence structure and the four key aspects of a sentence. The kids blew us away with their writing abilities and independence. In maths we revised matching numerals to number names as well as sequencing duration of events such as morning noon and night. In smart spelling we focused on the 'or' digraph such as in the word 'fork.' Our sentence of the week was 'Can you bring a fork from the bench?' It has been wonderful to see all our students after the break and we are looking forward to a fun and full final term of Foundation!!!

Mrs Cook, Jess & Kate



## Grades One/Two

Grade 1/2 s started the new term off full of excitement and energy as we had gym on Tuesday. Our focus this term is information reports in writing, looking at bees and how they produce honey in their hives. Did you know a bee only produces a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime? Reading this week is all about predicting, using the clues in the title and front cover illustrations. They also predicted possible problems that may occur using their inferencing skills. In numeracy students were looking at a variety of addition and subtraction strategies to assist them in solving worded problems and given equations. A terrific start to what will be a busy term four. Enjoy the long weekend kids!

Miss O, Ms Whatley, Mr Stacey, Mrs White & Christine



## Grades Three/Four

WELCOME BACK!!!

It has been fantastic to have everyone back at school this week! After a much-needed two week break it was straight back into it, with everyone ready to finish the year strong.

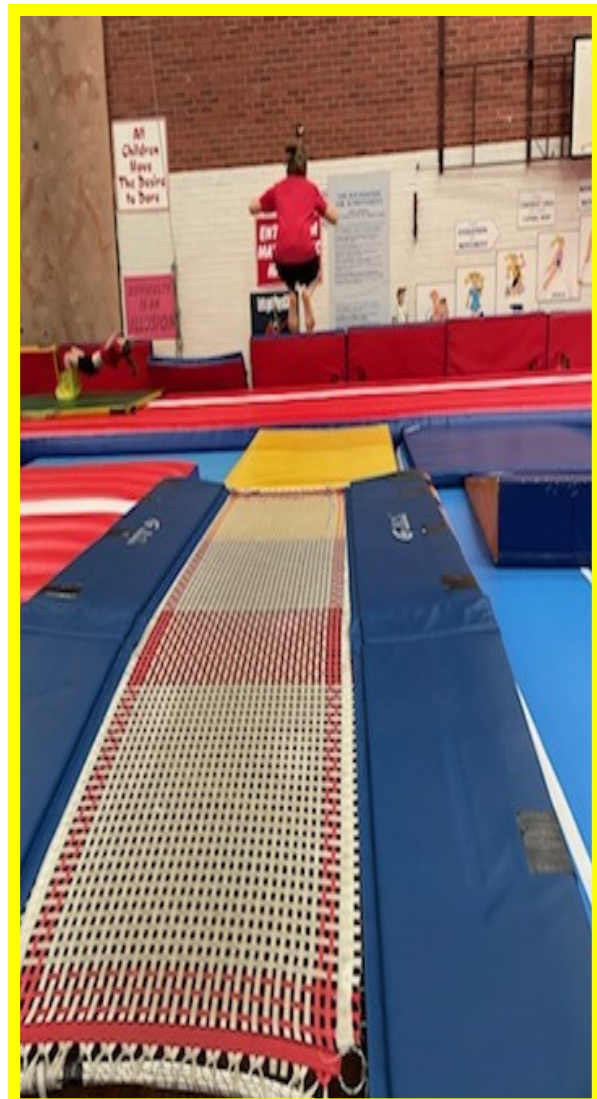
In literacy this week we have been looking into biographies, and in particular, autobiographies. Students have been planning out information about themselves including their favourite things, achievements, challenges they've overcome and their dreams and plans for the future.

Numeracy has seen us break down worded problems including both open and closed questions. We have discovered the difference between the two and how to solve each type of question. We have also begun our chance unit. Students have played a heads and tails chance game and learnt about events that are certain, likely, impossible and unlikely.

This week also saw us go for our final session at Palmers Gym. Everyone had a great time rolling, jumping and tumbling their way around the gym.

We have lots of exciting activities coming up this term and look forward to a super end to the year.

Mr Johnstone, Mrs Maher, Chelsie, Fraser and Rose



## Grades Five/Six

Welcome back to all students for term four. With a busy term planned including camps and other excursions, students have been reminded to put their best foot forward, ensuring that their last term at school this year is a great one!

This week, students enjoyed their last Palmer's Gym session on Tuesday. Students loved the chance to show their skills of tumbles, flips and other key skills. Thanks to all students for an enjoyable few sessions.

In the classroom, students have been learning to;

Reading – making inferences, connections and synthesising information.

Writing – creating narratives texts including key features such as characters, setting, plot, problem and solution.

Numeracy – creating a birds eye view of a future Marong town plan, using key features students would like to see in their town of the future.

Spelling – onset/rime, short and long vowel sounds, blends and digraphs and polysyllabic words.

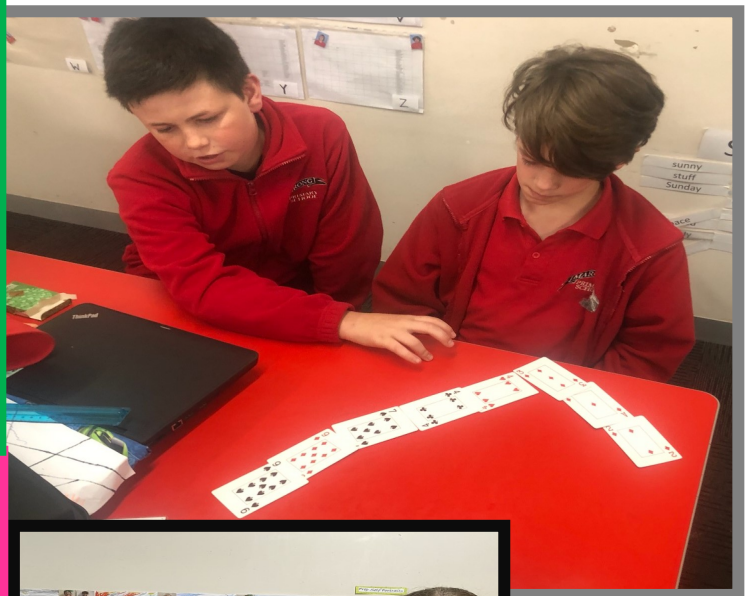
Integrated – finishing creating their ecosystems project, including QR codes to represent their information.

RRRR – Help Seeking –

Next week, students will have a Futsal clinic ran by Football Australia here at school. Stay tuned for some photos of that great activity for students to be involved in.

We look forward to seeing all students back in the classroom on Monday due to tomorrow's Curriculum Day.

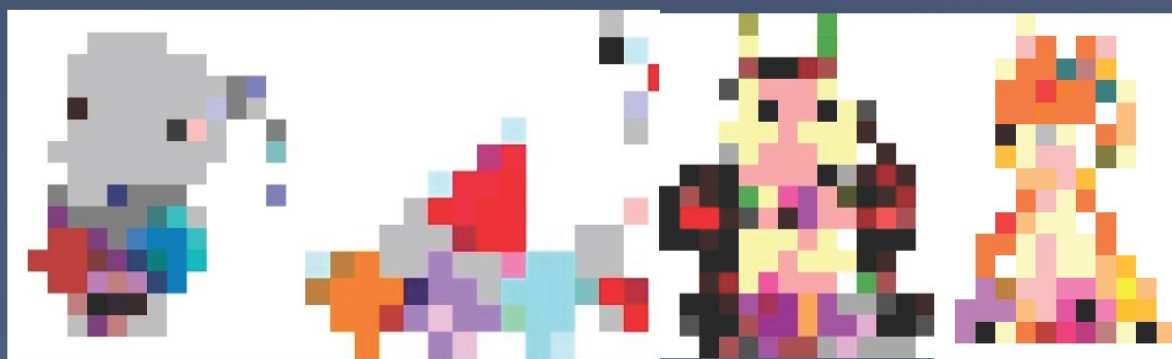
Ms Gallagher, Mr Wardell, Mr Riordan, Jasmin and Abby.



# *COMING SOON*

CAN YOU GUESS  
WHAT IS COMING?

**OCTOBER 2022**





#### **Prep - Patrick B**

Patrick has returned to school with a fantastic attitude! He has been working really hard in class and impressed us with his neat writing and beautiful drawings. Super effort Patrick!

**AND**

#### **Prep - Ashlyn F**

Ashlyn has hit the ground running this week. She has returned to school with a 'can do' attitude and has made a huge improvement with her writing. Keep up the fantastic work Ash!

#### **Grade One/Two Stacey - Abby S**

Abby's enthusiasm and effort towards her information report, addition work and reading goals has been a pleasure to watch. She is such a kind, caring and thoughtful person who approaches tasks and issues with positivity and politeness. Such a pleasure to have in the classroom. Finish strong Abby!

#### **Grade One/Two Whatley/White - Lilly B**

Lilly has been working exceptionally hard on her writing this week and showing great interest in our Integrated topic - Animals. Lilly is also a very helpful student in our class by helping with tidying and keeping things in order! We love the confidence you are bringing into Term 4 - keep it up Lilly!

#### **Grade One/Two O'D - Abi P**

Abi is a sensational worker and is a pleasure to have her in the classroom. She has started the term with clear goals in mind but still manages to fit in time to help others in the classroom. Abi has been working hard on where to go next in her learning and she is doing a great job of understanding how she can continue to improve. Well done Abi!

#### **Grade Three/Four C - Georgia H**

Congratulations on a fantastic week Georgia! Georgia has come back to school determined to work hard and achieve her learning goals. She has been super focused and trying really hard to challenge herself in all tasks. Superstar efforts this week Georgia!

#### **Grade Three/Four J - Campbell N**

Campbell has had an excellent week in his first week back after holidays. Campbell is always trying his best and applies himself to all tasks with an unreal attitude. His work this week in math and writing tasks has been fantastic. He's worked hard analysing and breaking down worded math problems and has made a great start to his auto-biography. Well done Campbell, super work legend!

#### **Grade Five/Six R - Ruby R**

Ruby has demonstrated all three school values this week and has had another great start to the term, working confidently on all tasks by showing great dedication. She always puts in the effort, producing some great work. Well done Ruby.

#### **Grade Five/Six G/W - Sharnie M**

Sharnie is starting the term with a BANG! We are seeing the best version of Sharnie this week. She is dedicated and working well in the classroom, demonstrating responsibility and honesty in all activities. She is working well with her friends and other members in the class, particularly evident when she worked with Ashleigh on her ecosystem project. Well done on a fantastic start to the term Sharn! You've set the bar high for you to continue this stellar work for the remainder of the term.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

# Marong Family Fun Day

**Sunday October 16, 2022**  
**10am to 1pm**  
**Malone Park**





# Bendigo Gem Club OPEN DAY

Sat 8 October - 10am-3pm

Free Entry - 10 Galvin St, Bendigo, Victoria

- ❖ Rocks
- ❖ Minerals
- ❖ Gemstones
- ❖ Rock Cutting
- ❖ Polishing
- ❖ Silversmithing
- ❖ Jewellery making



*Look through the microscope at minerals. Bring your stones & minerals for identification (no valuations).*



Gem sifting & Metal Detecting for the kids

Glowing rock display

BBQ

Raffle



**Buy genuine gemstones & handcrafted jewellery from the Members' Stall**

Love rocks- join the club! Chat with members, view the workshop facilities & become a member on the day or at [https://bendigogemclub.tidyhq.com/public/membership\\_levels](https://bendigogemclub.tidyhq.com/public/membership_levels)

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