

Principal – Katie Lovel

Asst Principal – Jake Saddler



Marong Primary School

Respect | Responsibility | Honesty

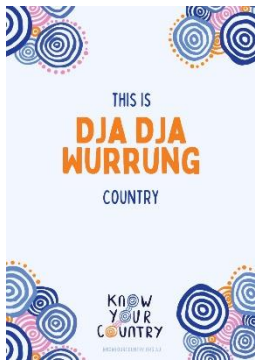
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 27, 2026 – Issue 9

SCHOOL VALUES

At Marong Primary School, we are committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment. Our core values guide our actions and shape our community:

- Respect: We treat everyone with kindness, consideration, and value their unique contributions.
- Responsibility: We take ownership of our actions, make responsible choices, and contribute positively to our school and community.
- Honesty: We act with integrity, communicate truthfully, and build trust in all our relationships.



On behalf of the students of Marong Primary School, we would like to respectfully acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung as the traditional owners of the land and pay our respects to 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Walk / Ride to School
Community Easter Event
PFA Easter Raffle

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27/03

Raffle tickets due back

02/04

2pm Last assembly – Easter
Raffle Drawn

2.30pm Dismissal





Marong Primary School

Respect | Responsibility | Honesty

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 27, 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are racing towards Easter after a very busy and industrious term! Thank you to the families who made time to connect with the staff this week during P/T interviews. Staff have enjoyed sharing the students' successes with you.

SAFETY REMINDER – We have been notified by a concerned community member there are students crossing Leslie street at the end of the day without looking for traffic. There have also been reports of students walking up the middle of the road only moving out of the way of cars at the last few seconds, and also near collisions with students riding bikes/scooters through the yard. If your child walks to school please remind them to use the footpaths/sides of the road. We will be reminding students to walk their bikes/scooters through the yard.



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

The AGM was held this week. We received 4 nominations for the 4 parent/carer positions so no elections were required. Your 2026 School council consists of:

Katie Lovel, Jake Saddler, Kristan Fry (Secretary), Chris Lakey (President), Michael Cook (Treasurer), Meron Pyper, Peter Pollock, Holly Punton (Vice President), Stacey Neilson, Bianca Cola, Leah Ladson

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Any sold or unsold raffle tickets need to be returned to the office by today. Any further donations can be left in the box by the office.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Ivy B – Ivy displayed great confidence and enthusiasm when presenting with her group. She sold me on their ideas with great reasoning and convincing arguments. Well done Ivy, it was obvious worked extremely hard on your presentation.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS MESSAGE

The new child safe standards go further to the child protection arrangements did in the past.

Good Friday Appeal at

MARONG PS!



Casual Clothes

& Gold Coin Donation



goodFriday
appeal
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Thursday, 2 April 2026

GRADE PREP

What we achieved this week!

Another fantastic week in Prep! We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm the students are bringing to their learning each day.

In Sounds-Write, we finished Unit 4, focusing on the sounds *d*, *e*, *f* and *v*. This week, students challenged themselves by having a go at writing a dictation sentence. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the confidence they showed in giving it a go. In Writing, we have continued building sentences using CVC words. Our focus has been on using capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops correctly. It has been wonderful to see students' independence growing as they apply these skills in their writing.

In Mathematics, we have been exploring patterns. The Preps have been working hard to identify, copy, continue, and create repeating patterns. They especially loved using hands-on materials to design and share their own patterns!



Reminders

- The last day of term is next Thursday 2nd April, with a 2:30pm dismissal.
- Term 2 will begin on Monday the 20th of April.
- Last day of term is a casual clothes day! Please bring a gold coin donation in support of the Good Friday Appeal.



GRADE 1/2

What we achieved this week!

We are inching super close to the end of the term and it has absolutely flown! It has been a very busy week this week for our Grade 1/2 students as we had our Parent Teacher Interviews and continuing on our inventions before we have our showcase on Tuesday!

In Sounds Write this week our Grade One students looked at the /oe/ sound with the 5 spellings o, oa, ow, oe and o-e. Our Grade Two students looked at the /oy/ sound with the oi and oy spellings. In Writing this week we continued looking at fables, adding adjectives, adverbs and alliteration. Students had a go at planning and writing their own fable this week. It was great to see them add more detail and make their stories more exciting! In Maths, we continued to work on skip counting. We looked at skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. In the back end of the week we looked at skip counting with money using 5 and 10 cent pieces. We are continuing to work super hard on our integrated projects this week. Next week on Tuesday (31/03) we are going to show case our inventions! You are invited to join us in the PAC from 3:00-3:30PM. We would love for you to come along and celebrate our creativity and innovation!



Reminders

- Check Sentral for any information regarding our inventions showcase!
- Next Thursday is the last day of the term!



GRADE 3/4

What we achieved this week!

That's the end of week nine, close to the holiday line. This week we have...

Math- continued efforts in multiplication and division this week, we were working on a range of different skills such as arrays, fact families, 12x12 sets and multiplying and dividing by 10,100,1,00 etc. You could help at home by beginning to practise memorising our 12 x 12's times table facts by reciting them in the car, during dinner or before home reading.

Writing- students have completed a summary on our class novel, a free write on our explorer's unit and some final fact gathering about famous travellers. Students were able to show their learnings from the unit and produce highest quality pieces now that they have all the background context.

ICT- students were working on group trivia on the program Kahoot; building teamwork skills and increasing our ability to navigate online safely and responsibly.

Wellbeing- students are beginning to work on the road to respect program ran by Carlton football club learning key concepts like communication and managing emotions.

Integrated- we summarised all that we have learnt this term about the age of exploration and created a word wall of all the new vocabulary we have. We then used these words to create our own wordsearch and discuss the meaning.



Reminders

- Please ensure you are listening to your student read 5 SESSIONS A WEEK, reading diaries are checked weekly and make a real difference.
- Causal clothes day Thursday, bring a gold coin donation for good Friday appeal royal children's hospital
- End of term Thursday the 2nd of April 2:30 pick up!



GRADE 5/6

What we achieved this week!

In Literacy, students have been working hard writing and typing up their speeches for their political parties, preparing to present their ideas clearly and persuasively. They have also been exploring 2- and 3-syllable words containing the /oo/ sound, strengthening their spelling and decoding skills. In our vocabulary work, students investigated etymology, focusing on words with the prefix “mis” and exploring their meanings and origins.

In Mathematics, students have been developing their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, making connections between these concepts and applying their knowledge through a range of problem-solving activities.

Thursday was a highlight of the week, with all political parties delivering their final campaign speeches ahead of the upcoming election. Students showed great confidence, creativity and enthusiasm as they presented their ideas to their peers.

Thank you to all families who attended the Parent Teacher Interviews this week. We appreciate your support and partnership in your child’s learning.



Reminders

The last day of term is Thursday 2nd April, with dismissal at 2:30 pm. Please wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation for the Good Friday Appeal!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep – Jess

Yo Yo Luwah - Yo Yo is a quiet but very valued member of our class. She shows incredible resilience and we are super proud of her new confidence in attempting new sounds and words out loud. Yo Yo is an incredibly hard worker. She gives every task her best effort and her writing and drawings are super neat and detailed. We are so proud of you Yo Yo, keep it up!

Grade Prep – Mrs Cook

Summer M - Summer has come into school each morning with a big smile and ready for anything that is thrown at her. She has really excelled in her independence and it is showing in her work. Summer is such a kind and bubbly girl and a delight to teach. You are AWESOME Summer!

Grade ½ Williams

Teddy W. I'm so proud of Teddy this week. He has been making a great effort to face challenging situations with a positive attitude, approaching all his work, especially his writing with a real "can-do" mindset. I'm particularly impressed by how much his handwriting has improved since the beginning of the year. We love having you in our classroom, Teddy. Keep up the fantastic work!

Grade ½ Riordan

Jaxton T - For demonstrating 'Responsibility' and 'Honesty' in his learning this week. It has been wonderful to see Jaxton focussed and putting in his best effort to his work this week. He works confidently in the classroom and has written and produced his own fable. Well done Jaxton.

Grade ½ Thorn and Hayley

Hunter L - Hunter is our student of the week for his outstanding effort in Mathematics, confidently skip counting to large numbers and showing a consistently enthusiastic and positive attitude towards his learning. Keep up the great work Hunter!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade 3/4 Miss O

Makadie G - I am loving how Makadie has approached being in middle school this year so far. She takes her learning very seriously and is a leader amongst the class. We are proud to have her and glad she is being celebrated for her success!

Grade 3/4 Westcott

Max C - Max has shown a positive attitude and consistently attempts all tasks showing courage speaking at assembly for JSC. Max supports others in the classroom and brings great energy to all activities. Well done, Max!

Grade 3/4 Lamb

Ruby G - Ruby has made a wonderful start to the school year. She is a kind and thoughtful member of the class who is growing in confidence each day. By always putting in her best effort, Ruby consistently demonstrates our school values and is a valued member of 3/4L. I am so proud of you Rubes, well done!

Grade 5/6 Johnstone

Cooper H - Cooper has been a superstar lately; I've been super impressed with his maturity while doing our sessions with Bendigo Health. His ability to confidently discuss and share his thoughts were a real highlight! Well done, Coops!

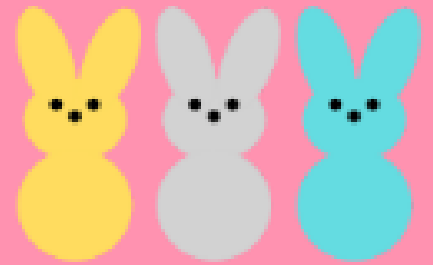
Grade 5/6 Fry

Chaz H - Chaz brings a thoughtful and friendly personality to our classroom every day and consistently demonstrates our school values. He has been doing a great job in maths, showing a strong understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. Awesome job, Chaz!

Grade 5/6 Burton

Audrey L - Student of the week goes to Audrey for her outstanding effort in Maths. She has made excellent progress in her understanding of fractions and decimals, and her confidence has really grown. Fantastic work, Auds!

EASTER RAFFLE



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHERE WE ALL GO HOPPING MAD FOR A LITTLE CHOCCY EGG TREAT!

THAT MEANS IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE COMING HOME WITH THE ELDEST SIBLING IN EACH FAMILY NEXT WEEK, IF YOU MISS OUT OR WOULD LIKE AN EXTRA BOOK, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.

DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER RAFFLE CAN BE MADE VIA THE TUB AT THE OFFICE FROM THIS WEEK. YOU CAN DONATE ANYTHING EASTER RELATED (DOESN'T HAVE TO JUST BE CHOCOLATE!).

THIS IS A GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCHOOL AND A FUN WAY TO FINISH THE TERM, SO PLEASE GET THOSE DONATIONS AND TICKET SALES COMING IN! ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE GOING TOWARDS BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES AND SUPPLIES AND BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY.

ALL WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE LAST ASSEMBLY OF TERM.

PLEASE HAVE RAFFLE TICKETS AND
DONATIONS RETURNED TO OFFICE

FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2026





GIANT
TENNIS
PLAY PARK



SATURDAY

1 HOUR OF FUN 9 - 10AM

5 YRS & UNDER

3 WEEKS - \$60
14 MAR - 21 MAR - 28 MAR

gianttennis.com.au

MAIDEN GULLY TENNIS CLUB



The grass stains you get playing as a kid stay with you your whole life. So for fun, friendship, and getting your hands dirty, it's gotta be NAB AFL Auskick.

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

Kangaroo Flat Auskick Centre

Monday | 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Starting 27th April | Dower Park

Auskick Coordinator | Stacey Thatcher



**REGISTER
NOW**



LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

LA TROBE SPORTS CAMPS (AGES 6+)

MULTI-DAY PACKAGES AVAILABLE! REGISTER FOR THE TERM I SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TODAY!







TERM I ULTIMATE SPORT CAMPS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



TUESDAY April 14th





Camp Olympics

-  Egg + Spoon Race
-  Obstacle Courses
-  Relay Races
-  Hula Endurance



WEDNESDAY April 15th





Play like the Pros!

-  AFL Footy Frenzy
-  Inflatable Soccer
-  Turbo Touch Footy
-  Hit out Hockey



THURSDAY April 16th

Eagle Explorers

-  Bouldering
-  Scavenger hunt
-  Bush Bash & Explore
-  DIY Treasure Maps

Purchase your Tickets Now!



Please note: Scheduled sports and activities may be subject to change.



Early Bird: \$60
General Admission: \$65
Packages: From \$170*

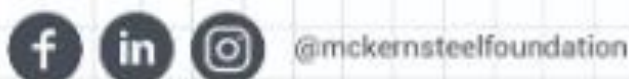


fresh fruit friday



Running for over a decade, the program now delivers 1,300kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week.

 **mckern steel[™]
foundation**



Made possible thanks to McKern Foundation and our supporting partners:



Want to support the program? Contact us to sponsor and provide more fruit to your school.