

Marong Primary School Newsletter

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	December		January
19th	Last Day of Term 4 1:30 Dismissal	27th	Statewide Student Free Day (Teachers Return)
		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,

Thank you

As another year at Marong Primary School ends, I want to take a moment to thank our staff, students and families for their hard work, support, and dedication throughout the year.

A warm thank you to the parents' club and our school council for their contribution to making 2025 another successful year for our students. The time and effort put in are greatly appreciated by all.

I would like to wish our graduating Grade 6 students all the very best as you begin school life at your respective Secondary Colleges and for those returning in 2026, we look forward to another year of growth, learning, success and of course lots of FUN!

I would like to also wish everyone a safe and happy summer break. I hope you all take the opportunity to relax with family and friends enjoying a well-earned rest. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Welcome to our new principal

On behalf of our school community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new principal Mrs Katie Lovel. Katie will be joining us from Dunolly Primary School where she has been principal for the last ten years. We look forward to beginning 2026 with Katie and helping her settle into the role here at Marong. I have no doubt that she will bring her own touch to the Marong way and I'm sure this will be a good thing as we strengthen our capacity as a staff and work together to action the recommendations from our recent school review.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate our 2025 student award winners on the amazing year they have had and the wonderful role models they are for their peers. Well done to our deserved winners. Congratulations also to our 2026 student leadership team.

Baby News

Congratulations to Mr Jeffrey who recently became a grandfather for the first time. Mr Jeffrey's daughter Grace and her partner Shawn welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Rose May on the 3rd of December.

Furthermore, to this news, I wish to inform our school community that Miss Maddern and Mrs Maher will both be taking maternity leave at the beginning of term 2 next year. We wish you both all the very best over the coming months and look forward to more exciting news ahead.

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.

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.

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!

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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

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

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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.

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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every week

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