

**MARONG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
AGENDA OF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Present:** Jake S, Lindsey W, Kristan F, Peter P, Michael R, Murray W, Chris L, Michael C, Meron P & Holly P  
**Apologies:** n/a

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** n/a  
**Business Arising from Minutes:** n/a

**Correspondence In:** Emily Edgar (MCAG) wish to hold an expo using our facilities.

School Council approved Emily's request on the condition that no food/drink is consumed in the PAC and a thorough clean up is conducted and ready to be used Monday morning for school operations. MCAG will need to organise their own Public Liability Insurance.

Council discussed other relating matters such as the red tape to rent out the PAC for future events. No worth pursuing. Council will ask Parents Club to run a sausage sizzle as a fundraiser. Murray offered to donate the meat and bread if they can cook it.

**Correspondence Out:** nil

**Reports:**

**Principal:**

- **Principal Conference:** Earlier this month I attended the annual Principal Conference. This year's theme: Excellence in Every Classroom, was highlighted through the many keynote speakers and schools presenting on important topics relating to curriculum, leadership and school improvement  
I was fortunate enough to see some schools present on the new Victorian Teaching and Learning Model which our team leaders are currently undertaking professional development and is a focus of our school's annual implantation plan (school goals 2025). I look forward to sharing my take aways from the conference and helping to further improve student outcomes at our wonderful school.  
Sonja Wood was a standout speaker.
- **School Review:** As previously mentioned, our school is undertaking a review this year. After being successful with the compliance section of the review I term 1, we will now undertake the curriculum section in term 3. The following dates are identified for the review. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Mid cycle review:** Last week, Lindsey White and I met with Stephen Brain (SEIL) regarding our mid cycle review for our annual school goals (AIP). We are tracking very well with delivering on our wellbeing goals. Our focus for semester 2 will be on our curriculum and data driven goals.
- **2026 enrolment forecast:** Foundation enrolments for 2026 are due by Friday 25th July. Our Current 2026 enrolments forecast is 36 foundations students and 245 students in total.
- **End of Term 2** A reminder term two ends on Friday July 4th. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on this day.

Prin report moved: Jake S Sec: Kristan F

**Finance Report:**

Lindsey questioned the Sidebottom payment which was PD for staff and sessions for students.

Jake further addressed Chris's query around comparing 2024 finances to this years. Jake explained that it was like comparing apples to oranges. Jake provided confidence that the school is in a good position financially. Advice is that a school should have a teacher's wage (\$70-\$100K) in surplus. We are currently at \$80,000. Furthermore, Tiff Holt (Department of Education) has overseen the finances several times to ensure the school is in a good position financially.

'Spare' cash isn't always available but grants would help us get bigger projects done.

Murray requested number of families who have paid curriculum fees. Jake will need to get back to SC.

**Environment Committee:**

- **Rocks in the yard.** Over the coming weeks, the school will be removing as many rocks as possible from our yard. These rocks continue to pose safety issues while kids are playing at lunch and recess times.

- **School Holiday trades onsite:** Over the coming school holiday period, the school will provide access to our preferred electricians to address some speaker issues and our plumber to conduct our annual roof and gutter inspections. Damien (Plumber), will also decommission the drinking taps at the PAC.)
- Front sign is warping again (glue is coming off). Murray to speak to Mick.

Repeat items. (read only)

- **Annual Playground Equipment Audit:** This audit was undertaken in December. The report was overall a positive one. Our maintenance man continues to rectify any safety concerns on a priority basis.
- **Tree and shrub removal:** Barry and Jake have identified several trees and shrubs which need to be removed before they begin impacting on our buildings. This work has begun and will be carried out over several weeks.

#### Curriculum:

- **Reports:** Teachers are currently conducting final edits to student academic reports for the first semester. A new reporting template will reflect the changes to the mathematics curriculum. Teachers are to now only provide 1 progression point for Mathematics instead of 3 (number/ algebra, measurement/ geometry and statistics/probability) as previously reported on. Reports will be sent home to families during the last week of term 2 via the Sentral parent portal.
- **Staffing.** Corbin Stacey and Moyra O'Donoghue will both be taking leave in term 3. A recruitment process is currently being undertaken to replace Mr Stacey however I can confirm that Miss O's classroom will be covered by Bridget Maher Mon-Weds and Shelly Eaton Thur-Fri. Both teachers are well known to the students.
- **Planning days** During the last week of term 2 our teachers will be undertaking shared planning time in preparation for term 3. Teams will be released on different days throughout the week by specialist and current classroom teaching staff meaning your child's usual day for a particular specialist class may change, but importantly, not missed.

#### **Repeated items (read only)**

- **Student Support Group meetings (SSGs)** 40+ meetings were conducted over a two-week period at the start of June. SSG meetings support our funded students but also several other students which the school deems necessary for extra support.
- **Attitudes to School Survey.** All government schools must participate in AtoSS, providing the opportunity for students from Year 4 to Year 12 to complete the survey. The survey provides data that helps the department understand student perspectives of their school and to improve the schooling experience. Data collected includes how students feel in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. Our school conducted the survey Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Deep engagement partnership:** for almost 18 months our school has been working with Kerry Carman (Education Improvement Leader, from regional office) with a focus on deep engagement processes for inclusion practices. This partnership will cease at the end of term 2.

**Parents Club: / Fund Raising Committee:** n/a

Sub Committee Reports moved: Holly P sec: Meron P

#### **General Business:**

Mick shared two petitions:

1. To improve signage and parking outside the school on Leslie St.  
Jake approved that the petition could be circulated through the Marong PS Parents Facebook Page, pub, bakery and font office. Mick to boost the cover letter outlining statistics from the traffic counter report.
2. To stand against a childcare being constructed on Leslie St.  
School/School Council cannot be directly related to this matter but those who wish to support, need to sign as a parent/community member not a staff member.

3. Drafted letter to promote payment of school fees. Jake outlined that the school can't share this letter due to the payment policy. The letter prompted discussion about transitioning to booklists instead of the school paying. The Council were supportive for this to occur. More to be unpacked at future meetings.

School Uniforms: whilst discussing booklists, Jake took the opportunity to raise the notion that uniforms be outsourced due to the admin (ordering and payments) and service (trying on sizes, picking up, unpacking). Again, the Council were supportive for this to occur. More to be unpacked (which business we go through) at future meetings. Currently, uniforms are sourced from CentreVic Clothing.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

**Meeting Close:** 8:20pm

***Future School Council 2025 Dates***

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December