

# Marong Primary School Newsletter



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## Diary Dates 2017

### **August**

4th: PJ Day Gold Coin Donation  
14th: Cyber Safety Day-Parent Meeting  
3:30-4:30pm

### ***From the Principal***

#### **Parent Volunteers/Classroom Read Aloud Programs.**

This term we have adjusted our daily timetable to enable students to commence the school day with a classroom 'Read Aloud' program. Huff n Puff is now conducted after lunch each day to enable this program to occur. To maximise opportunities for students to read we are inviting parents to help with this program. Classroom reading commences at 9am and the task involves hearing students read. Each teacher will be able to provide parents with guidance as to how our program runs. If you are able to help please contact your child's classroom teacher. The time commitment is approximately 20 minutes and there is no expectation that a parent would commit to helping everyday. Research has proven that students who are able to read regularly to someone else develop reading skills more easily than those who don't. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

#### **Working With Children Checks.**

Under Department of Education policy, people employed to work with children must hold a valid Working With Children Check card or equivalent. In some instances this can apply to volunteers. However, parent volunteers who assist with a school based program that includes their child are exempt from holding a WWC card unless the school has a policy requesting that they do. The Marong PS Volunteers policy currently does not require parents to hold a WWC card. Our school council will be reviewing our volunteer policy and it is possible that in future all volunteer helpers would need to hold a valid card. A Working with Children check for volunteers can be obtained free of charge and therefore if any parents were interested in obtaining one please contact Mr Jeffrey.

#### **Head Lice**

Last week I informed the community that the presence of head lice or eggs had been detected in our school community. Hopefully families have taken the opportunity to check their child's hair. Given the first notice was seven days ago it is timely to remind parents who have identified head lice infestations in their family to check again to ensure the treatment applied has been effective. This additional check is a critical phase in dealing with head lice.

#### **Professional Learning teams**

The teaching staff have been working collectively in our newly formed Professional Learning Teams. These teams have commenced a process whereby they meet regularly to discuss student achievements, the art of teaching and to formulate action plans to ensure best practice in all classrooms. We have always had a focus on these aspects of teaching before, however we believe the PLTs will be a more effective model as they ensure the teachers are given uninterrupted time to meet, resources to plan and implement strategies and clear and concise guidelines to inform their processes. The formation of PLTs has occurred following our recent school review. I commend all of the staff for their commitment to this process.

#### **Pat On the Back**

A big POB is awarded to Tahlia and Louise our school captains for coordinating tomorrow's Pyjama Day. Well done girls I hope it is a roaring success.

***Russell Jeffrey***

## Cyber Safety Day Monday, 14th August

Janita Docherty will be at our school Monday, 14th August during the day to discuss Cyber Safety with our school community. Janita will be taking 10 minutes bookings with individual parents/families throughout the day. These sessions will focus on individual needs or questions that you have around cyber safety. Cyber safety is an increasingly important part of our children's lives so please consider making a booking. Appointments can be arranged by contacting the office to make a time that suits you.

**There will also be a parent session from 3:30-4:30pm. Bookings also essential.**

Mrs Lindsey White

## OSHC

Due to a system issue, it has not been possible to issue invoices. We are hopeful that this problem will be rectified in the coming week and accounts will be issued with next weeks newsletter. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Rosemary Stewart

## Poetry Grade Prep

This week the Preps talked about Poetry. We listened to poems and watched Mrs Brown try to write one. We set them out lots of different ways and that's OK when you're writing a poem.

What fun !!!



### GREEN

John Deere  
Growing grass  
Crunchy apples  
Green is the best.  
Harry Mc.

### COLOURS

Roses are red.  
Why are eggs orange?  
Why are grapes green?  
Why are there beautiful fish?  
Why is the sky blue?  
Why are lemons yellow?  
Why are high heels pink?  
Victoria R

### BLUE

Blue is water  
Sky  
Balls  
Fish  
Petals  
Eyes  
I like blue.  
Jackson W

### GOLD

Gold is on a locker.  
Gold is on your hat.  
Gold is on your belt.  
Gold is on your shoe.  
Portia P

### WHITE

I see it everywhere.  
In eggs, clouds, mice...  
I love white.  
Noah R

### GREEN

Green is an apple.  
Green is a hat.  
Green is a jet.  
Green is a box.  
Green is my favourite.  
Seb Mc.

### ORANGE

Orange  
is my favourite.  
Orange  
is an orange.  
Orange  
is a flame.  
Orange is my favourite.  
Jake R

### RED

Watermelon  
Red as can be.  
Apple  
Red as can be.  
Sun  
Red as can be.  
Yo-yo  
Red as can be.  
Tomato  
Red as can be.  
Nate R

### RED

Red is fantastic.  
Red is spectacular.  
Red is fireworks,  
An apple,  
Red is awesome.  
Kallan H

### GREEN

Is grass  
Is a pear  
Is an apple  
And textas.  
Miller B

# The 'You Can Do It' Program

This program has 5 Foundations for Success: **Persistence, Resilience, Organisation, Confidence and Getting Along**. Each week we acknowledge individuals who have demonstrated one or more of these qualities. Nominees will receive a Student of the Week Award at Monday's assembly.

## Students of the Week

### Grade Prep B - Victoria R.

For showing great 'Confidence' in her writing.

### Grade Prep T - Ruby R.

For showing great 'Confidence' during our writing sessions.

### Grade One/Two H - Lucy C.

For consistently demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success'. Lucy is a wonderful student to have in the room and she sets an example of excellence in behaviour and attitude every day. Keep up the great work Lucy!

### Grade One/Two R-Jack D

For demonstrating 'Organisation' and 'Confidence' in classroom activities this week. Jack has been working hard on being organised and showing effective listening skills in the classroom this week. Awesome Jack!

### Grade Three/Four S- Jack McD

Jack has had a very engaging and productive week. He has shown great enthusiasm towards many of our hands on lessons during our composting experiments, Lego procedure writing and graphing our lollies. Most importantly Jack has worked extremely well in his groups during these team based activities.

### Grade Three/Four G—Axel P

For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success' and working very hard on all aspects of his schooling this term. I was very impressed with the knowledge he demonstrated when he made pie graphs during maths this week. Keep up the great work Axel you are making me very happy!

### Grade Five/Six W - Jorja P

For demonstrating 'Persistence' and 'Confidence' in the tasks that she is completing. Jorja created a wonderful biography on Thomas Edison. To achieve this Jorja did succinct note taking, put the notes in her own words, made sure she understood the information and which meant that her piece made sense. Well done Jorja – this has been one of the best pieces of writing I have seen from you. Also, keep being a hard working student in our classroom!

## **Pyjama Day**

On **August 4<sup>th</sup> tomorrow** we will be running Pyjama Day which is a day that you can come to school in your pyjamas! Come to school in your favourite pyjamas and bring a **gold coin donation**. If you wish to make a larger donation, please access the Pyjama Foundation website ([www.nationalpyjamaday.com](http://www.nationalpyjamaday.com)).

Pyjama Day raises funds for children in foster care. Foster care is a system designed to cater for kids that have parents who are unable to care for their children so, these children are then put in a family that is willing to take care of them.

We greatly appreciate your support, efforts and contributions which will allow the Pyjama Foundation to help foster kids achieve their dreams. The Pyjama Foundation provides children in foster care the opportunity to change the direction of their lives with learning, life skills and confidence.

-By the School Captains Tahlia Cook and Louise Toomey



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## **Marong Neighbourhood House**

Yoga Classes

Thursday Nights. Bring mat and small blanket.

Cost \$10

Time 7:00—8:00

Suitable for beginners.

Mediation included.



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**KAT BROWN** *fitness*

Get fit and meet local Marong mum's at the same time!

**HIIT- 7:30pm Monday**

**TABATA- 7.30pm Wednesday**

**BOXING- 7.30pm Thursday**

**\$10 a class**

Please contact Kat on 0437151433 to book in, as places are limited.