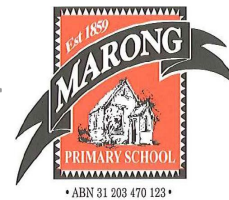


Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2017

August

25th: Book Week Parade 9:00am
29th: Parents Club Meeting 7:30pm

September

1st: Fathers Day Stall
8th: Athletics Sports Day

From the Principal

Book Week Celebrations 2017

Marong Primary School will be having our annual Book Week celebrations on **Friday 25th August (tomorrow)** with this year's theme being 'Escape to Everywhere'. Students are asked to come dressed up as their favourite book character. There will be a parade starting from 9am on the basketball court where we will get to celebrate and see all the wonderful costumes from the day. Students will be participating in Book Week activities from 10am onwards which is always lots of fun. I wish to thank Mrs Gentry in advance for all her hard work and organisation for the day. (Please provide spare clothes for lunch and recess if your student's costume is not ideal for play).

Athletics Sports 2017

The LCDSSA Athletics Sports will be held on **Friday, 8th September** at the Flora Hill Athletics Track. Students are asked to arrive by 8:45 am with events to be started around 9:15 am and concluding around 3 pm. If any parents would like to help out on the day please come and see myself or the office.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder to all parents that interviews are coming to a close this week. If you have not made a time to speak to your child's teacher, please get in contact with them so they can arrange a suitable time.

Head Lice and Student illness

We have been informed over the last few weeks that head lice or eggs have been detected in our school. As parents, please take the necessary steps to check and treat your child if head lice are present, to stop the ongoing spread throughout the school. Parents are also to be aware that with the cold weather we are facing at the moment and being in the midst of flu season, being healthy at school is very important. If your child is feeling ill and has any signs of gastro or conjunctivitis, please inform the school and keep your student/s at home until symptoms have passed. This is to ensure they are fit and well and they are not passing the bug around our school community. Please make sure students are washing hands regularly throughout the day to ensure not to spread any germs.

Pat on the Back

Congratulations and a huge Pat on the Back to Tahlia Cook and Louise Toomey for organising a fantastic Pyjama Day earlier this month. As a school we raised \$171.70 and all money has gone to help support children in foster care. Great work girls!

Matthew Riordan
Acting Principal



Book Week

Book Week will be celebrated at Marong on **Friday 25th August**. There will be a parade at 9am. Students can come dressed as a character from a favourite book. We will then rotate around activities related to some of the short-listed and notable books.

Looking forward to the celebrations!

Sue Gentry

Parents Club/Father's Day Stall

Our next Parents Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, 29th August, 7:30pm at the Marong Family Hotel, everyone is welcome and I hope to see some new faces join us. Please note that sauce is an extra .20c for lunch orders. There will also be no lunch orders on the 8th September due to athletics day so please make sure you pack your child's lunch. Next Friday, 1st September Parents Club are running a Father's Day stall. **Gifts are \$5** which can be paid at the office or on the day.

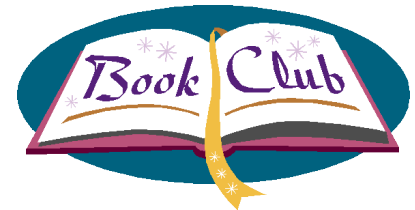
Attached to this weeks newsletter is a parents direct catalogue it's an easy fundraiser for the school and a great way to get some Christmas shopping done. Orders are due back on September 13th.

Kind regards

Terrie McKenzie

Book Club

Please find attached our next Book Club catalogue. Could all orders and payment be returned to the office by September 6th. Thank you



Footy Tipping

Thank you to all of the families who participated in this years footy tipping competition. Coming up to the last round it would seem that we have two red hot contenders in Greg Toomey (Tigers Man) and Matt Riordan (Magpie Fan) with just one point between them! Great to see a Tigers supporter take over the top spot after many years of Hawks fans dominating proceedings. Good luck to everyone whose team will be competing in finals and to those who haven't got a side in; better luck next year.

Go Tiges!



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 - Micah K

For showing improved 'Confidence' in our classroom. He is becoming a neat, 'Organised' worker. HOW EXCITING!!

Grade Prep T - Kallan H

For showing increased 'Confidence' in all classroom activities.

Grade One/Two H - Zali B

For demonstrating 'Persistence' and 'Confidence' in her school work this week. Great work Zali keep it up!

Grade One/Two R- Nattai C

For putting in a great effort across all learning areas especially writing. Well done Nattai.

Grade Three/Four S- Logan H

For 'Organisation' and 'Persistence' with his writing. After missing a few days the week before being ill, Logan has caught up with his procedural writing and finished off his final piece in style!

Grade Three/Four G - Brianna R

Brianna has had a wonderful couple of weeks and has been demonstrating great signs of 'Resilience' and dedication to improve her time at school. Well done Brianna keep up the great attitude!

Grade Five/Six W - Stef L

For demonstrating 'Persistence' and 'Confidence' in the classroom. Stef is demonstrating great reading skills by modelling excellent reading strategies in her guided reading group and is completing her home reading more consistently. I'm loving the newly 'Organised' Stef L!



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Qixi (七夕 qī xī), also known as Double Seventh Festival or Chinese Valentine's Day, is the most romantic festival in China.

The Interesting Facts

- **Chinese Name:** Qīxī 七夕
- **Date:** 7th day of 7th month of the Chinese lunar calendar (August 28, 2017)
- **History:** over 2,000 years
- **Celebrations:** giving gifts (flowers, self-made scarves...). Young Chinese girls will demonstrate their sewing skills and pray for intelligence and happiness.



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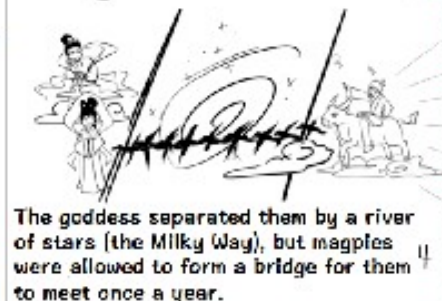
An oxherd Niulang with the help of his ox married a fairy, Zhi niú, who became a weaver girl.



Niulang's ox who was a magical creature helped him to find his wife in heaven.



Zhinü's mother, a goddess, was very angry and returned Zhinü to heaven.



The goddess separated them by a river of stars (the Milky Way), but magpies were allowed to form a bridge for them to meet once a year.



Today's first character is 人 (rén), which means "person". The character has two simple strokes, looking like a person walking. When you put two of this character together, producing a new word 人人 (rén rén), it means "everyone."

The second character 大 (dà) means "big", which we have learnt before. Adding one more horizontal line on top of "大" will produce "天"(tiān), which means "sky" or "day". Two of this character together 天天 (tiān tiān) means "every day".