

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2017

November	13th	Grade Prep/One Maldon Excursion	
30th	School Council meeting 7:00 at school	14th	Swimming
December	18th	Presentation Evening J B Theatre 7:00pm	
1st	Swimming		
	Disco Night 6:00-8:00pm Marong Hall		
6th	Parents Club meeting 7:30 Marong Family Hotel		

From the Principal

End of Year

Parents are advised that school will conclude on Friday, December 22nd, the students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on this day. Whilst After School Care will operate, it will close at 4:30pm on this day.

End of Year Presentation Night

Parents are advised that our annual presentation night will be held at the JB Theatre, Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat on Monday, December 18th commencing at 7pm. At this event we will acknowledge our Grade six graduates for 2017. We will present awards to students who have made outstanding achievements in one or more curriculum areas. The 2017 grades will be presented with their individual learning journals and we will have some entertainment provided by the students.

Staffing News

Lucy Butler-Rees has commenced leave as she awaits the arrival of her baby. On behalf of the staff and students, I wish to thank Lucy for her significant contribution to our school this year. We are all looking forward to hearing the news when baby arrives. Mrs. Emma Cook will be conducting art lessons for the students over the final three weeks of the year. Mr. Riordan and his wife Rebecca are also expecting a baby in the near future. Mr. Riordan anticipates he will take leave prior to the end of term, once his baby has arrived. Plans are in place to cover Mr. Riordan as soon as a date for his leave is known. (Most likely the final week of school)

School Start 2018

I wish to advise parents of the following dates.

Monday January 29th: Pupil Free Day 1. Teachers resume duty

Tuesday January 30th: Pupil Free Day 2. All staff will be attending a mandatory first aid training program on this day.

Wednesday January 31st : Students in grades 1-6 resume school.

Friday February 2nd: Prep students First Day

(Prep parents 2018 are advised that pre interviews will be held commencing Wednesday, 31st January. A timetable will be sent to you advising of your interview times.)

Swim/Gym program

We have just one session of gym left, it will conclude on Tuesday, December 5th. Our swimming program will continue weather permitting. If we lose a day due to inclement weather, back up days will be arranged where possible. Payment and permission forms for Swim/Gym are now due.

Food Share Program

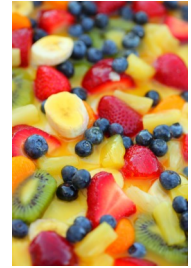
Shiralee, the School's Chaplain has organised for our school to participate in a Food Share program. This food is available free of charge to all takers. Please feel free to come in collect some items. A shelf is located in the foyer. This week we have bunches of celery, assorted vegetables, apples, some packaged foods and lots more. We also have tubs of yoghurt and cheese which are stored in a fridge. Help yourselves to whatever you fancy!!

Orientation Day

Parents of students in Grade 6 are advised that Orientation Day for state secondary schools will be held on Tuesday, December 12th. On this day Grade 6 students should attend the secondary college that they have enrolled at for 2018. (Note: Some private schools are conducting an orientation day on Tuesday, Dec 5th).

Fresh Fruit Friday

Please note that Fresh Fruit Friday will conclude on Friday, December 15th. It will resume again in 2018. I wish to thank McKern Steel, Eaglehawk for their generous support of this program.



Code Red Bushfire Days

Parents are advised that on a day that has been declared a CODE Red day by the Emergency Services our school will close. A Code Red day is declared when an extreme weather event is highly likely. This is a requirement of all schools listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR). As Marong is on the BARR we will close on CODE RED days and no one is permitted to attend the school on these days. This includes all students and staff. Parents will be advised as soon as practical if a Code Red day is declared.



School Council

School Council Meeting is tonight at 7pm at the school.

School Accounts

Please find attached to today's newsletter all family accounts for the year. If you have directly paid funds into the school bank account within the last week, these funds will not show on your statement. If you have paid at the office within the last week, this will not be on your current statement. If you have any questions regarding your account please speak to Loretta at the office or myself.



Russell Jeffrey

Outside School Hours Care Program

Users of our OSHC program are reminded that you are required to keep your accounts up to date. Failure to make payments in a timely manner may result in your placements being forfeited. Updated accounts are being sent home today. Due to some process errors during this year, those who have Child Care Benefit (CCB) discount applied directly to their Outside School Hours Care account will notice some amendments to the amount owing. Please contact me via the office if you have any queries regarding your account.

Rosemary Stewart

Grade Prep/One Excursion

On Wednesday, 13th December Grade Prep/One will be travelling to Maldon to catch the steam train to Castlemaine. Permission forms have been sent home today. Could all permission forms and money please be returned to the office by Friday, 8th December so student numbers can be confirmed.

Chaplains Corner-Foodshare

Christmas is nearly here, which means extra expenses for everyone! The school has been able to arrange an assortment of food that has been sourced from

Foodshare, this has been set up near the staff room doors. It is filled with goodies, everything from tinned peaches to cake mixes!

The idea is that anyone is welcome to take what they need, and if you are aware of someone who may need a little extra help from our school community then please feel free to gather some things for them also.

If you would rather assistance to gather some things then please don't hesitate to come and see me, I would be happy to do this for you.

Shiralee



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 - Hudson S

For showing great 'Persistence' in his writing. It is pleasing to read Hudson's writing.

Grade Prep T - Jack A

For 'Getting Along' with others. Keep being friendly Jack!

Grade One/Two H Darcy C

For showing 'Resilience' skills during a very busy week at school. Keep it up Darcy!

Grade One/Two R William D

For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success'. William has shown great 'Organisation' and 'Persistence' in his work all semester. He is a hard worker who always tries his best.

Great work William!

Grade Three/Four S- Tyeler B

Tyeler has demonstrated great 'Persistence' while finalising his explanation writing piece. His 'Getting Along' skills has also been a pleasure to watch during both swimming and lawn bowls.

Grade Three/Four G- Lilly McK

For demonstrating 'Confidence' and 'Persistence' during the swimming program this week.

Thanks for putting a smile on my face every single day and trying hard in everything you do.

Keep it up Lilly!

Grade Five/Six W - Gemma W

Qi Qi and Jayson (Our Chinese students) have picked Gemma as our student of the week. She always helps us and is very friendly. She is a lot of fun. Thank you Gemma!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Milo Cricket 3-6 Intra School Competition

Due to equipment unavailable from Cricket Victoria next week, the school competition that was due to be held on the 8th December is postponed, with the hope of it being held before the end of term.

Any questions, please see Miss Gallagher.

2018 Enrolments and Prep Orientation Programs

Tuesday December 5th Orientation Program Session 3 9am - 11am

Tuesday December 12th Orientation Program Session 4 9am - 11am

For more information on enrolment processes or any aspect about our school please contact our office or the Principal.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Icy Poles –

On Wednesdays during term four we will be selling icy poles raising



Basketball Under 12's

6:00 court 3 Bendigo

Stadium

Please arrive ten minutes early to organise scorers and to warm up.



Community Christmas

Festival Bendigo Botanic Gardens

Saturday 2nd December 2017

Free family friendly games from 5pm Carols begin 6:45pm food, coffee and drinks available for sale.

Marong Swimming Pool—Now Open

Marong swimming pool daily opening hours are 10:00-6:30pm. Season passes available at the pool.



Family Lawn Bowls Night



To conclude the Marong Primary School's Grades 3 – 6 Lawn Bowls Program we are inviting families to attend the Marong Bowls Club in Malone Park for a celebration of the program on Friday, 8th December between 6:00 – 7:30pm. The children will be able to show their parents what they have learned, and everyone is welcome to participate in some simple bowling drills, skills and modified games.

A barbecue tea will be available and a sausage in bread with a drink will be just \$2.

Everyone welcome!

Parents Club News

Parents club are running an end of year disco on the 1st December at the Marong Hall.

Entry is \$5 at the door.

Lunches

Shop lunches are available on the 8th December. On the 15th December there will be a meal deal and the 22nd December (last day of school) no lunches provided.

