

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2017

November	December
24th Pupil Free Day	1st Swimming
27th/29th/30th Swimming commences	Disco Night 6:00-8:00pm Marong Hall
	6th Parents Club meeting 7:30 Marong Family Hotel
	13th Grade Prep/One Maldon Excursion
	14th Swimming

From the Principal Curriculum Day

Parents are advised that students will not be required at school tomorrow, Friday November 24th. All staff will be participating in a Curriculum day. OSHC full day care will be available on this day however bookings are essential and places limited.

Swim Gym program

Our Swimming program will commence on Monday, November 27th. Additional sessions will take place on the 29th, 30th, 1st December and Thursday, 14th December. On Friday, 15th December we will be taking the students to the Marong pool for an end of year activity. Details regarding this event will be released closer to the date. Payment and permission forms for Swim/Gym are now due.

Child Safe

Parents are advised that our Child Safe Code of Conduct policy can be viewed via our school website. Please take the time to read this document.

MARC Van End of An Era

I write to advise parents that due to our rapid enrolment growth our school will not be eligible to receive MARC Library lessons from the commencement of the 2018 school year. The MARC Library program is funded by the Department of Education to ensure schools with enrolments less than 120 students receive library lessons. Many small schools lack sufficient space to house a library hence the program also allows the students from small schools an opportunity to borrow library books.

As part of our proposed facilities upgrade, planning is included to address our needs with regard to the provision of a Library and library program. I will inform the community of our progress with regard to our planning as it unfolds. The MARC van and library resources will continue to be based at Marong Primary School into the foreseeable future. Whilst we have outgrown the need for the MARC van an opportunity has arisen for Elmore Primary School to join the cluster. From term one 2018, Elmore PS will be included in the MARC fortnightly rotations.

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.



Enrolments 2018

If you have a child that you intend enrolling at Marong PS for the 2018 school year please ensure that you have completed the enrolment process by Monday November 27th. In addition to filling out the enrolment forms, it is a requirement of DET that a copy of a valid immunisation certificate be presented before the school can accept the enrolment.

Building Works

Work will commence on Tuesday with respect to the on-site relocation of the Grade 1/2 modular building. This process will impact on grades 1/2 Riordan and Haddow. These grades will be working in the old brick room and in Mrs Brown's room. Preps will combine in Miss Thorn's room. A safety fence will be installed on Wednesday next week and works will commence on the demolition of our rebound wall and preparation of the site.

Russell Jeffrey

T20 Blast Cricket

On Tuesday, nine eager students, Miss Gallagher and Mrs Toomey departed at 7:30am to attend the regional cricket finals in Mooroopna. The girls were wonderful ambassadors for the school, demonstrating great team work and sportsmanship. Unfortunately, we were beaten in our first three games, but ended on a high, coming a draw with Boort on 58 runs a piece in the final game. A big thank you to the parents for getting the students to school early and to Kath Toomey for helping chaperone the students.



Grade 3-6 Lawn Bowls

This week, the students in grades 3-6 began lawn bowls sessions with Andrew Whatley. The students walked over to Malone Park and completed a circuit of multiple activities to improve their rolling technique. All students and teachers had a great time. There are still two more



sessions for the students, with a bare foot bowls night planned for the 8th December, where the students will be able to show their parents what they have learnt. If you would like any more information, please contact Miss Gallagher.

Grade Prep/One Excursion

On Wednesday, 13th December Grade Prep/One will be travelling to Maldon to catch the steam train to Castlemaine.

Cost and permission forms to be sent home shortly.



Parents Club News

Christmas Raffle

A Christmas raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Awards night. To assist in the accumulation of prizes for our raffle we are seeking

donations of non perishable items to be included in our hampers. Eg: Fruit cakes, plum puddings, tinned fruit, bon bons, Christmas decorations, biscuits etc. All donations are to be handed in to the office. Thank you in anticipation of your support. Could all money

and tickets please be returned to the school by Wednesday, 13th December.

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 - Jack M

For being 'Organised' and reading every night at home. How amazing!

Grade Prep T - Kallan H

For being 'Organised' and reading every night. Magnificent effort Kallan! Keep it up.

Grade One/Two H- Lucy C

For all 'Five Foundations of Success' and always trying her best. Well done Lucy!

Zali B

For demonstrating 'Persistence' with her reading. Keep working hard Zali!

Grade One/Two R- Isabella W

For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success'. Isabella has had another amazing week and semester at school. Isabella is always kind, helpful and courteous to all students. Not only is she a wonderful person, she is producing some fantastic work in our classroom. Great work Isabella. Love your work!

Grade Three/Four S- Logan L

Logan has been very 'Persistent' and has shown great 'Resilience' towards many assessment tasks this week. He has also shown great leadership during group work and in sport. Well done Logan.

Grade Three/Four G-Lily H

For continually trying very hard with all of her school work and demonstrating the 'Organisation and Persistence' with all work tasks. I have been very impressed with the effort Lily has put into her project on the twelve apostles. Your poster and 3D model are awesome Lil!

Grade Five/Six W - Jayson & Qi Qi

For doing such an amazing job at being students at Marong Primary School!! We love having you here in our community.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Grade 3/4 Chinese

Yilin the Chinese teacher is asking students in Grade 3/4 to bring in a plain white or pale coloured t-shirt (no print) that they can decorate during their Chinese session. Please bring your t-shirt to school by Thursday the 30th of November.

Book Club

Please find attached to today's newsletter our last Book Club catalogue for the year. Could all orders please be returned by Thursday, November 30th.



2018 Enrolments and Prep Orientation Programs

Tuesday November 28 th	Orientation Program Session	2	9am -10am
Tuesday December 5 th	Orientation Program Session	3	9am -11am
Tuesday December 12 th	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.



Chinese and Australian Cultural Day

Last Thursday at Confucius Classroom of Bendigo Senior Secondary College, around 150 primary school students, including exchange students from Suzhou and their host family buddies, joined together to celebrate Chinese and Australian Cultural Day.

The students enjoyed a day full of fun activities, including dumpling and spring onion pancake cooking, Australian aboriginal dot painting, singing and dancing to Australian and Chinese songs, fun games and lunch.



The photo shows students from Marong: Qi qi, Jayson, Sarelle and Rhylee had fun in their dancing session with Li laoshi. They think it is a good idea to learn about each other's culture, and enjoyed the chance to make friends with students from other primary schools who are also learning Chinese.

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 1st and 8th December. On the 15th December there will be a meal deal and the 22nd December (last day of school) no lunches provided.



Sale of second hand school uniforms

I will be selling all lost property tomorrow for \$2 per item. First in best dressed.