

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2014

June:

7th: OSLE Group Return

9th: Queen's Birthday Holiday

13th: Winter Sports Day/Junior Fun Day



From the Principal

Bon Voyage

By the time you receive this newsletter Miss Thorn, Bridget, Andaan, Ashlee, Ella and Billy will be well on their way to Shanghai, China. A large group of parents, family members and school representatives, myself included gathered at the QEO this morning at 5.30am to see them off. We wish them all a safe journey and we look forward with great anticipation to their return.

Council Decision Re Parking

Following submission of a letter on behalf of the Marong Primary School and the submission of a Petition on behalf of the community with regard to parking concerns at Marong PS, the following outcomes have arisen. At a meeting of the Greater City of Bendigo Council the following decisions were made by the council with respect to car parking in Leslie Street. The council decided to leave the current 90 degree parking arrangements in place. They also decided to relocate the bus shelter from its present location (Outside the ELC) to the area where our bus picks up students on a daily basis, outside the main school building. Additional parking spaces will be lined in Adams Street. This was a disappointing result as we had been optimistic that our concerns warranted some action. In light of this decision, I wish to remind all parents to exercise extreme caution when arriving and departing from the School designated parking areas.

Country Cakes Pie and Slice Drive

Attached to your newsletter today is an order form for a Pie and Slice drive that we are conducting, to raise funds to purchase Literacy Support materials. For each item sold we will receive approximately \$3 for the school. We are sending this order form home with ample time as the delivery date is July 25th, the second Friday of Term Three. Orders and money will need to be returned to school on or before Wednesday July 16th. "Country Cakes" a Bendigo company will make and bake the Pies and Slices and from experience they are very good.



LCDSSA Winter Sports/ Junior Fun Day.

On Friday June 13th we will conduct the annual Winter Sports/Junior Fun day at Bridgewater. All students Prep-6 will be involved in this day. This year a lunch will be available for purchase or alternatively students may bring their own. An order form for this special luncheon is attached to your newsletter. Please note funds raised will go to the Lockwood PS, Energy Breakthrough Group. The sports association has granted them a one off opportunity to conduct this activity. Participation is not compulsory in the luncheon. Transport to the Sports day will be by bus, cost will be **\$6.00 per student**. All students are covered by the local excursions policy. Students in Grades 3-6 will participate in sports such as football, netball and soccer. Prep 1/2 students will be involved in a rotation through 6 or 7 activities including parachute games, relays, poison ball etc.

Russell Jeffrey

School Review / Self Evaluation WE NEED YOU!

“The self-evaluation is a significant opportunity for discussion, consultation and feedback across the whole school community, with an opportunity for active contribution and leadership from students, staff and parents.” DEECD Self Evaluation Guidelines 2014.

As part of our Self Evaluation process we would like to engage staff, students and parents in a process that facilitates an opportunity for each group to reflect on the strengths, current practices and areas for improvement that exist within our school. Therefore on **Monday June 2nd**, I wish to invite all parents to attend a forum to be held at the school **5.00pm –6.30pm**. At this forum we will briefly outline the School Review Process and provide information around proposed projects already planned for our school. Parents will then have an opportunity to provide feed back to the school with regard to their views on our strengths, current practices and areas for improvement. We would also like to gauge parent views around our School Values. **Afternoon tea will be available.**

Marong Primary School is anticipated to grow significantly in the near future and consequently this is an ideal opportunity for all stakeholders to assist in the development of future goals and aspirations for today’s and our future students. If you are unable to attend on Monday afternoon we will be collating data throughout the week, so please contact Mr Jeffrey if you would like to contribute to this significant process at another time in the week. Whilst we have allocated 90 minutes for this process most parents will only need to be here for 20 minutes or so.

Please Note **“You are most welcome to bring your children to this event.”** we will entertain them while you participate in the forum.

School Improvement Projects.

At our most recent school council meeting it was decided that a number of projects that need attention will be addressed as soon as possible. These projects, include Landscaping in and around the front of the school, construction of a sand pit under the carport roof, completion of an outdoor chicken run, maintenance of the Bullock Creek Playground, and installation of the large water tank and upgraded sprinkler system.

Some of these tasks will be undertaken by contractors and some via volunteer labour. I have listed below two of the tasks that need volunteer helpers. If you are interested in assisting please contact Mr Jeffrey.

Chook Shed run

A fox proof run is to be constructed between the front of our chook shed and across to the old sports shed. All materials will be supplied, Mr J has the plan all we need is some help.

Sand Pit

I have a parent who will coordinate this project, and I know of at least one other helper . If anyone else is interested contact Mr J. We will be constructing a timber box that will be secured to existing support posts on the carport . The sand pit will take up two thirds of the space underneath the roof space making a very large play area for our students. The front third of the carport will be paved as a BBQ area.

Chinese Language Program

In order to celebrate and showcase students’ great achievements in the Chinese Program in semester 2, I am pleased to advise you that on **June 19**, Thursday, the second last week of this term from **9:00 am – 12:00 pm**, we will hold a Chinese Function.

During this session, students will present their language learning through songs, conversation performances, Chinese dancing and so on. Many cultural activities such as Chinese painting, Chinese martial arts, Chinese games will be held.

We would like to invite you to join us and share the happiness of learning with your children. Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday **June 19**.

We will be organizing a special Chinese luncheon for students on this day. The luncheon will consist of chicken kebabs, spring rolls, dim sims and rice.

Hui Guo

Chinese Teacher



The YCDI program

This program has 5 foundations for success, **Persistence, Resilience, Organisation, Confidence and Getting Along**. Each week we intend to acknowledge individuals who have demonstrated one of these qualities. Nominees will receive a Student of the Week Award.

Student of the Week

Grade Prep/One Thorn: Logan H.-For demonstrating great "Organisational" skills especially in the art room. Well done Logan!

Grade Prep/One: Jaxson P- For demonstrating improvement across all "5 foundations" of success. Well done Jaxson!

Grade Two/Three: Byron R.-For demonstrating "Confidence" during Chinese class this week. Well done Byron!

Grade Four/Five: Ethan H – for demonstrating "Persistence" in Cross-Country Training and completing set tasks on time. Well done Ethan!

Grade Five/Six : Blake K.- For using "Persistence" skills when things appear to get hard, and showing signs of "Resilience" when problems occur. Congratulations on a great week at school Blake!

Chaplain's Corner

I can't believe that we are already halfway through term 2, and what an exciting term it has been. The Grade 4, 5 & 6's concluded their Bike Ed Sessions with a half-day bike ride out into the Marong Bushland, on Monday afternoon. This was a great time to enjoy the outdoors, as well as see the students putting into practice, some of the skills we had learnt during the sessions. Over the last 6 weeks I have enjoyed getting to know the students, as well as getting a feel for how the school community works together. I am very excited to see what new initiatives start up over the next few months, one such initiative has started this week. With the help of Miss Stewart and the Change Makers, the Lunchtime program, kicked off this Wednesday with a session in the MARC office library, giving students a chance to look around the collection of books and sit a read for a while. With this great start we are looking forward to quite a few new activities over the coming terms.

Rowan



HEAD LICE

I wish to advise that I have received a report of head lice in our school. Consequently all parents are requested to check their child's hair and if necessary apply appropriate treatment. Students with head lice should not return to school until treatment has commenced. For information regarding treatments contact your local pharmacist.

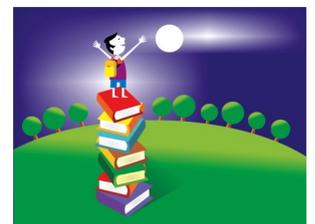
Premiers Reading Challenge

Hello my fellow readers, I hope you have all been enjoying your reading. Just a quick reminder to remember to write your books down and hand your lists to Miss BG. Grade's 5/6 have been given their usernames and passwords so that they can enter their own books, however, if you wish to do the same at home please feel free to pop in and get your details. Remember that students in Prep/1/2 are required to read 20 books off the challenge list and 10 free choice and students in Grade 3/4/5/6 need to read 10 challenge books and 5 free choice books. The website is <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx> for you to have a look at the list of books that are on the challenge list. Happy Reading Everyone! Miss Boyd-Graham



BOOK CLUB

Please find attached to today's newsletter our latest book club catalogue. Could all orders and payments please be in by Wednesday 11th June.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

MARONG PRIMARY SCHOOL/MARONG EARLY LEARNING CENTRE TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 14th June 7.00pm for a 7.30 start

Dress : Sports Tickets \$10 per head.

BYO Nibbles and Drinks

Tables of 10 available or individual seats available

Contact : Sharon Dalton 0417 516 579 or sharon.m.dalton@gmail.com

Funds raised will go towards Kelly Sports Programs for the school and kinder.

Are you eligible for public dental care?

All children aged 0-12 years and all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to access public dental services and are offered the next available appointment. Treatment is free for people who hold a health care card; a minimal co payment may be required for people who do not have a health care card. Call Bendigo Health public dental service - 5454 7994 or Amy Clark, Loddon Mallee Oral Health Network on 0418 983 190.

ANDY GRIFFITHS IS COMING TO BENDIGO

Andy Griffiths will be coming to Bendigo on Friday June 13, from 6.00 – 7.00pm.

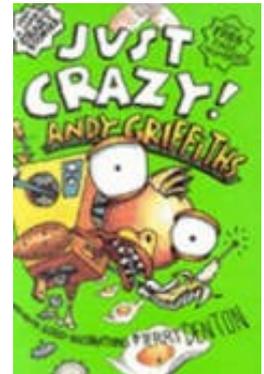
Goldfields Libraries have secured Andy's visit as part of the High Road to Reading program sponsored by the State Library of Victoria.

The library has decided to locate him in the Bendigo Town Hall in order to give as many children as possible the opportunity to see him.

The library is currently sorting out ticketing arrangements and tickets should be available via their website (www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au) by midweek.

There will be no charge for tickets.

The library is also happy to take any enquiries regarding bookings by phone (54492771) or email: tammyh@ncgrl.vic.gov.au



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