

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2016

July

29th Music Is Fun

Aug

1st School Council Meeting 7.00pm

26th LCDSSA Athletics Sports

29th Curriculum Day

From the Principal

Parking Issues

In recent days I have received quite concerning reports of dangerous practices that have occurred at dismissal times. Specifically, the concerns relate to children crossing from the school side of Leslie Street to the church side of the road unsupervised. In addition, there are issues around parking. Consequently, I wish to ask that parents take note of the following requests that are made in the interest of child safety.

1. Parents who have to park on the church side of Leslie Street due to the unavailability of a park immediately outside the school are requested to collect their child/ren from the school and escort them safely across the road to your vehicle.
2. Students who walk home are requested to walk on the footpath on the school side of the road until they reach the Torrens Street and Leslie Street intersection, before carefully crossing the road. If parents aren't of the view that their child can independently cross a road safely, then they should escort them home themselves or make alternative arrangements.
3. Parking in Leslie Street is permitted in the 90 degree angle car parks adjacent to the school. Alternatively, parents may parallel park on the other side of the road. However, their vehicles must be parked facing in a northerly direction. Parking is available along the (Adams St) Calder Hwy side of the school, however double parking is illegal.
4. Vehicles should not park in the bus zone.
5. All pedestrians, cyclists and drivers are requested to take extra care at drop off and dismissal times around the Leslie Street and Adams Street parking areas.

I am currently corresponding with the Greater City of Bendigo council requesting a review of the parking issues in Leslie Street. I am hopeful of arranging a meeting to discuss issues and potential solutions. Until such time, decisions if any are made, I wish to encourage parents to adhere to the above requests. In closing I wish to advise parents that **Traffic Police** will at times patrol our school to ensure drivers are adhering to parking requirements around the school.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Commencing, Tuesday August 9th the classroom teachers will be conducting parent/teacher meetings. These meetings will allow the teachers to share first hand with parents information regarding their child's progress through the first half of the year. It will be an opportunity to reflect on the semester one written reports and for parents to ask questions if they have any. In addition, the teacher may discuss plans for the coming terms. More details will be circulated shortly.

School Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of School Council commencing at 7pm here at the school on Monday, August 1st. Key business to be discussed: School Parking, Principal Architect Consultant Appointment, Child Safe Policies, Fundraising activities.

Curriculum Day

The school will be closed on Monday, August 29th as staff will be attending a professional development program in Bendigo.

Deakin University Study

Representatives from Deakin University will be conducting some Physical Education tests on students in Grade 4 and Grade 6 on Thursday August 11th as part of an ongoing study they are working on. In order for the students to participate in these Physical Education assessments a permission note must be obtained. Miss Gallagher will send a note home this week to the students in Grades 4 and 6.

Architects Selection

Today I have been involved with a selection panel reviewing submissions from three architectural firms who are vying for the tender for the position of Principal Consultant Services for the Marong Primary School master plan. I will advise our community of the outcome in next weeks newsletter.

Music is Fun

The annual Music is Fun program will again be held this year. Andre Oosterbaan and his troupe of musicians will perform at Marong Hall on Friday July 29th. The cost of this event will be \$6.00 per child. Due to the large number of students and staff there will be two performances this year. Marong students will attend the 10:30am show. We will be having a later lunch than normal as a consequence. Lunch will be at approximately 12:15pm.

Victorians Regulation and Qualifications Authority VRQA

The Department of Education requires that all schools meet the standards as required by the VRQA. To be registered with the VRQA all schools must have up to date policies on a wide range of matters including Emergency Management procedures, student discipline, attendance, student engagement etc. In 2016 the DET and the VRQA have delivered a requirement that all registered schools must develop strategies to embed a culture of child safety at the school. The requirements as stated will fall under the heading **CHILDSAFE**. Registered schools have an important responsibility for keeping children safe. There are set requirements that schools must meet. Marong Primary School has commenced processes that will build on our current practices and ensure that we are compliant with the VRQA regulations by the end of 2016. Child safety standard one (clause seven of Ministerial Order No. 870) has five specific requirements.

Requirement 1: The school governing authority must develop strategies to embed a culture of child safety at the school.

Requirement 2: The school governing authority must allocate roles and responsibilities for achieving the strategies.

Requirement 3: The school governing authority must inform the school community about the strategies, and allocated roles and responsibilities.

Requirement 4: The school governing authority must put the strategies into practice, and inform the school community about these practices.

Requirement 5: The school governing authority must periodically review the effectiveness of the strategies put into practice and, if considered appropriate, revise those strategies.

To successfully embed a culture of child safety, a commitment to **zero tolerance of child abuse** must be led by the school governing authority. This commitment must be shared, openly and transparently, by all members of the school community, including staff (including school employees, contractors and volunteers), parents and families, visitors and children. Further information will be shared with our community as we work through the various requirements.

Casual Bus Users

From time to time non bus travellers may like to travel on our school bus in order to visit a friend for the purpose of events such as a birthday party, sleepover, sporting event or just going out for a play. I wish to advise parents that in order for this to occur, I require a request in writing for your child to travel on our school bus. The DET provides bus travel free of charge to eligible students, consequently, all regular users are required to be registered. This requirement is also essential in the event of an emergency or breakdown so that the school has knowledge as to who is on the bus. I am happy to grant permission to casual users providing I receive a request in writing prior to the travel occurring. Please note, the written request must come from the parent or carer of the child wishing to travel on a casual basis and not from the parent of the regular bus user. If you have any questions regarding this request please contact me.

Welcome

Madi Higgins and Hayley Brennan to our Outside Hours School Care.

Russell Jeffrey

The YCDI 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.

Student of the Week

Grade Prep B- Leah N.- For showing huge improvement in her writing. She has shown 'Persistence' and is now attempting to write with 'Confidence'.

Grade One/Two H- John B.-For demonstrating good organisational skills. John as approached his work with such enthusiasm this week and has shown 'Confidence' when completing all classroom activities. Well done John!

Grade One/Two R-Brianna R.- For demonstrating all five foundations of success consistently throughout each week. Brianna is a fantastic student who works effectively on all tasks. She is 'Confident', 'Persistent' and a wonderful friend to others. Well done on a marvellous week Brianna!

Grade Three/Four S- Maisie H. -For showing 'Resilience' and 'Persistence' during a challenging math test and showing an improved behaviour and attitude towards her work this week, well done Maisie!

Grade Five/Six G- Mark A.- For trying extremely hard with all activities and demonstrating great 'Organisation' and 'Persistence' with his learning. Mark is a wonderful student to teach, who is tremendously helpful at all times. He is commended for the effort he applies to all school and work tasks. Well done on a great year to date Mark. Keep up the fantastic work!

CONGRATULATIONS!

WANTED:

Recycling items (with labels still attached). Plastic bottles, containers, cereal boxes, muesli bar boxes.

Thank you Brooke Ball

Parents Club News

Please find enclosed with your newsletter today a Chalk and Parents Direct catalogue. Could all orders and payment please be returned to the school by Friday August 28th. Thank you

Jeans for Genes Day -

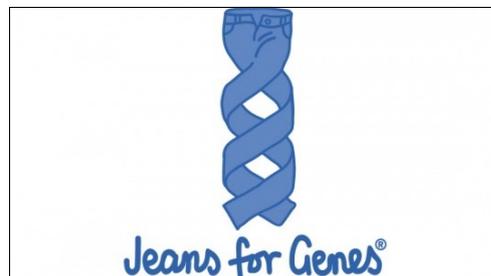
Next Friday, 4th August, Marong Primary School will be helping raise funds for Children's Medical Research by wearing our jeans to school. Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at Children's Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

To support this worthy cause, parents club will be holding a lunch meal deal consisting of a sausage in bread, a cup cake and cordial. The cost will be \$5, with all proceeds going towards medical research.

If you would like to help support this cause, but are not interested in a lunch order, please dress in your favourite jeans and bring a gold coin donation.

We would love to see the WHOLE school dressed in their favourite jeans, or even those who want to try double or even triple denim. Miss Gallagher will be rewarding the best dressed on the day with a special prize. The only conditions are; You must be wearing denim to support Jeans for Genes day and remember you will still be required to participate in Huff 'n' Puff and Whole School Sport.

If you would like any extra information, please visit www.jeansforgenes.org.au



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Bendigo Four Wheel Drive Club

General meetings are held at The Foundry Hotel, Golden Square on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm For further information call Russell Thorsen on 0407 352545.



Fitness Classes now in Marong

Are you looking at getting fit? Sick of driving in and out of town to attend fitness classes? HIIT classes and TABATA classes are now in Marong!

Sessions are running every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night @ 7.30 PM – places are limited! Sessions are \$10 but get your first session for **FREE**

Contact Kat Brown on 0437151433 to book in or find me on Facebook at Kat Brown Fitness Sessions are held at Kat Brown Fitness, 729 Edwards Rd Marong

Star Gazing

Dark sky nights at Raywood are coming up (weather permitting!) this weekend, and the one after, Fri 29/07, Sat 30/07, Fri 05/08, and Sat 06/08. Start time is 7:30pm.

All members and guests are welcome. If you don't know the way there, give me a call on 5448 4616, or email to <mailto:education@bdas.net>



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DRINKING WATER DELIVERIES

13,000 litres = \$130.00

\$5.00 from every delivery will be donated to Marong Primary School when you quote ref: MPS



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