

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2016

Aug		Sept	
26th	LCDSSA Athletics Sports	16th	Last Day of Term 3.
29th	Curriculum Day		

From the Principal

Athletics Sports Important Notice

The annual LCDSSA Athletics carnival will be held at the La Trobe University Track in Flora Hill on **Friday August 26th**. All students from Marong Primary School will participate in this whole day activity. All parents are advised that for this particular event, we request that parents transport their child/ren to and from the venue.

Aths Sports Helpers Required

We need helpers to escort the various groups around the complex. Each age group requires three helpers. If any parents are able to assist on the day please contact Mr Jeffrey or Mr Riordan.

Parent Teacher Meetings

I will be sending out Notices advising of your appointment times for the P/T meetings over the next two days. Where a family has more than one child attending the school I have endeavoured to align meetings back to back with the respective teachers. If you receive notification of a specific time and cannot make it please contact the teacher concerned to choose an alternative meeting time.

Curriculum Day

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

Whole day OSHC Care program.

Our staff from our OSHC program will be available to care for students on this day 9am –5pm. Bookings are essential. As the school will be closed due to the Athletics sports on the 26th it is essential that our OSHC staff know numbers for catering purposes. Therefore If you intend to book your child/ren into this program please do so before the close of business on Thursday August 25th.

Principal Consultant Architect Appointed

I am pleased to advise our community that Tony Di Mase Architect has been appointed as the successful tenderer for the role as our consultant architect to prepare our school Master Plan for future facilities development. Under the terms of the contract Tony and his staff will commence work immediately on this program. If you are interested in viewing some of Tony's previous projects this is his website. www.td-architect.com

Team China

Inside this newsletter you will find an article that provides information about an upcoming Homestay program for students visiting Bendigo from China in Term Four 2016. There is also information about an exciting opportunity for students who will be in Grades 5 or 6 in 2017 to visit China on a 9 day Overseas fully escorted Learning experience.

Chinese Student Homestay Program / Overseas learning Experience Program

Marong Primary School in conjunction with the member schools of Team China coordinate two special cultural programs for interested families annually. The Homestay program occurs in Term Four and approximately 50 students from Suzhou China come to Bendigo for an 8 week English language immersion program. During their time in Bendigo the Chinese students are housed in local homes and attend Bendigo schools. The second program occurs in June and it involves approximately 50 grade 5/6 students from Bendigo travelling to Shanghai China and Suzhou as part of an Overseas Learning experience. Since 2012 we have hosted 9 students in the Homestay program here at Marong. We have had 8 students from Marong travel to China as part of the OSLE program.

In June next year an opportunity is available for eligible Grade 5 or 6 students to participate in the 2017 OSLE trip to China . In order to participate Team China gives preference to students from families who have participated in the Homestay program. Therefore I am currently seeking expressions of interest from potential families who would be willing to host a student from China in Term Four this year . Whilst the students are in Bendigo for a total of 8 weeks I am keen to split this homestay commitment between two families. Thus each family would only need to host for 4 weeks. The feedback from families across Bendigo who have hosted previously is that the 4 week program works best. Although there are no objections to families committing to the full 8 weeks. There is a financial support program that covers costs associated with hosting a student. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible. We are working under a very tight timeline and I need names of host families by Friday August 19th.

I am also seeking expressions of interest from students in Grade 5/6 2017 who may wish to visit China in next year. We will be sending a staff member from Marong along with the group. Please contact Mr Jeffrey for more information on either programs.

Team China

Team China is made up of Primary Schools located in and around Bendigo. The Team coordinates a Chinese Language program for all students attending the schools in conjunction with staff from the Bendigo Senior Secondary College. In addition Team China coordinates an Overseas Learning program for Bendigo students and a homestay program in Bendigo for Chinese students from Suzhou. Suzhou is a city located 90 minutes drive from Shanghai. Marong primary School has established a sister school relationship with Qian Jian Lake School Suzhou and a memorandum of understanding to forge educational links between both schools was signed by both the Qian Jing Lake school principal and myself as principal of Marong PS in 2012.

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- Will L.- For showing persistence and a positive attitude all week. This effort allowed Will to settle into his work quickly and quietly and produce some pleasing results.

Grade One/Two H- Isabella R.- For demonstrating great confidence skills during our writing sessions this week. Isabella always works very hard in any classroom activity and shows lots of persistence. Keep it up Isabella!

Grade One/Two R- Tyeler B. – For demonstrating 'confidence' and 'persistence' in all classroom activities this week. Tyeler has remained focused and putting in his best efforts throughout the week. Well done Tyeler.

Grade Three/Four S- Stef Lock: For Demonstrating all 5 foundations of success.

A quiet achiever in our class, Stef has been consistently giving 100% effort in all classroom activities. She has been willing to help others and is always persisting with her classwork without any distractions. She has demonstrated confidence in sharing her ideas to the class and overall, having a fantastic term.

Well done Stef!

Grade Five/Six G- Louise T.- Louise has had a fantastic start to Term Three. She is consistently completing work to an extremely high standard and demonstrates all 'Five Foundations of Success' on a daily basis. Louise is commended on her attitude towards her whole schooling experience. She is a fantastic buddy and speaks to all teachers and students in a respectful manner. Well done Louise, keep up the great work!!!

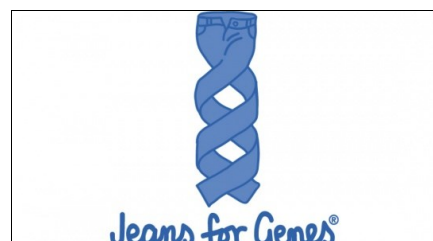
CONGRATULATIONS!

WANTED

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

Thank you
Brooke Ball

Jeans for Genes Day – Congratulations to Miss Gallagher for organising a highly successful Jeans for Genes day. Well done to everyone who participated and a huge thank you to the Parents club for organising and preparing lunch on the day. We will announce how much we raised in a future newsletter.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



BLACK BEAR BREW
ITS ALL ABOUT THE
COFFEE

OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 30TH JULY 2016
MARONG TRUCK STOP
{ HIGH STREET, ADJACENT TO SWIMMING POOL }

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK FROM 6:30AM TO 2:30PM

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



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13,000 litres = \$130.00

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