

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2016

| <u>Aug</u> | | <u>Sept</u> | |
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| 25th | Parent Direct & Chalk money due | 8th | Parents Club Meeting 9:00am |
| 26th | LCDSSA Athletics Sports | 16th | Last Day of Term Three |
| 29th | Curriculum Day (No School) | | |

From the Principal

Parent Opinion Surveys

Some families will receive a Parent Opinion survey attached to their newsletter today. The selected families were chosen using a program on our administration computer that randomly selects 40 families from our total number of 84. If your family receives a survey I wish to encourage you to complete it and return it to school by **Tuesday, August 30th**. All surveys are treated anonymously, the completed surveys are sent to an independent company in Melbourne for processing.

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.

Athletics 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 wish to thank the classroom teachers for conducting a series of Parent Teacher interviews over this week. Thank you also to the parents who have been able to attend. If you haven't been able to meet with your child's teacher as yet and would like parents to please contact their teacher to arrange an alternative 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 from the hours of 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.



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.

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 eight weeks I am keen to split this homestay commitment between two families. Thus each family would only need to host for four weeks. The feedback from families across Bendigo who have hosted previously is that the four week program works best. Although there are no objections to families committing to the full eight 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.

Russell Jeffrey

Grade 4/5/6 Camp

All Grade 4/5/6 students are invited to attend the end of year camp to Baanya Biemi this year. Baanya Biemi is an adventure camp located near Beremboke, in the Brisbane Ranges. The dates for the camp will be Tuesday October 18th to Friday October 21st. The cost will be approximately \$250.

For those that may be interested in paying off the price of the camp into smaller weekly amounts, please contact Loretta at the office or see Mr Jeffrey.

Any questions regarding this camp please contact myself or see Mr J.

Miss Gallagher

Golden Dragon Museum Excursion 2016

Hello, dear parents and students,

Year 5 and 6 will be going to **Golden Dragon Museum** in Bendigo. The excursion will give the students a chance not only to experience the Chinese heritage and culture, but also to know more about the history of the first Chinese immigrants since 1850s'. The link may help you get a better idea about the museum: <http://www.goldendragonmuseum.org/>.



The children will be travelling to Golden Dragon Museum by bus departing at 1.00 pm from school and arriving at the museum at approximately 1.30 pm. We will participate in the general guided tour to see the ancient artefact brought from China and learn about the history of Chinese in Bendigo. The excursion will take 1 hour and we are expected to head back to school at 2.30 pm. Teachers accompanying the children are Chen Zhao and Bridget Gallagher.

The cost for the excursion is **\$5** per child and please be paid prior to the excursion. A date will be confirmed in next weeks newsletter.

Thank you!

Chen Zhao (LOTE Chinese Teacher)

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- Seth B.- For showing great 'Persistence' in all areas of his schoolwork. Seth has listened carefully, tried hard and is now giving his lucky teacher some great work. Thanks Seth !!!

Grade One/Two H- Liam C.- For demonstrating 'Confidence' and 'Persistence' skills during our writing and maths sessions. Liam has been working hard to improve the neatness of his work and he should continue to do so. Keep it up Liam!

Grade One/Two R- Tyson P. – For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success' this week. Tyson always works effectively during class time producing some fantastic work. Well done Tyson!

Grade Three/Four S- Tayla S.-For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success'. Tayla has been producing excellent work on a consistent basis. Even when Tayla was away sick she was still finishing off work at home. Well done Tayla!

Grade Five/Six G- Zach C. – For demonstrating increased 'Resilience' in the school yard. Zach is a bright natured student that always has a smile on his face, making him an absolute pleasure to teach. Well done on a great term Zach and please keep being an absolute superstar!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

WANTED

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

Thank you
Brooke Ball

Parents Club News

Please note there will be no lunch orders next week due to our athletic sports day.

Next parents club meeting will be on Thursday 8th September at 9am in the staff room, everyone is welcome and morning tea is provided. Don't forget the chalk and parents direct toy catalogue is due back on the 25th August it's a great and easy way to raise some funds for the school.

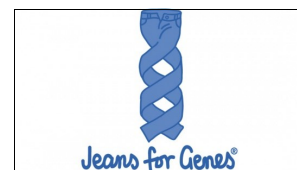
Jeans for Genes Day was on the 5th August and we were able to raise \$411.50 to help cure childhood illness. A big thank you to everyone for supporting this wonderful cause.

Parents club will be running a Father's Day stall on the 2nd of September gifts are \$5 each. Payment to the office or on the day is fine.

Book Club

Please find attached today our next bookclub catalogue. Could all orders and money please be returned by the 26th August 2016. Please note if you place an order through the loop system for scholastics can you please send a copy to the office for confirmation of order.

Thank you



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Casual Housekeeper Vacancy

We are looking for a housekeeper to join our team and growing business.

Must be fit, fast & fussy. Experience preferred, although not essential. 10—12 hours per week (more hours during busier months)

Must be available to work weekdays, weekends, school holidays and public holidays.

Please hand deliver your resume to BIG4 Bendigo Marong Holiday Park, 1449 Calder Hwy Marong, between the hours of 9am and 7pm Mon - Sun.



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



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

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



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