

# Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2018

## February

19th: Parents Club Meeting 7:30pm

### *From the Principal*

#### **Working With Children's Check**

I wish to inform parents who may want to assist with school activities such as: Listening to students read, assisting with sporting activities or undertaking any voluntary work as part of school activities that it is advisable that they obtain a Volunteer Working With Children's Check. The application process for WWCC is quite simple and there is no cost associated with the check. Once an applicant has successfully completed the check process they will receive a document verifying their status. Parents can then present this to the school so that we may take a copy and add your name to our WWCC register.

To obtain a Volunteers WWCC please visit the website below.

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>

#### **School Wide Positive Behaviours Program**

Tomorrow Sally Brown, Keira Jennings, Shiralee Dawkins and I will attend the first day of a training program that our school will be involved in this year entitled, School Wide Positive Behaviours. This program is designed to increase the effectiveness and consistency of our behaviour management practices so that our students can continue to operate in a safe and orderly environment. Research has shown a typical school can use up to fourteen different responses to problem behaviour at any one time, and that strategies and responses are most often implemented inconsistently or imprecisely. Whilst there is no evidence to suggest that this level of inconsistency exists with behaviour management processes here at Marong we believe that there is room for improvement. It is intended that all staff will be trained in this program.

#### **School Fees**

All parents are advised that school fees for the 2018 School year are now due. The costs for this year are as follows:

**Prep, Grade One and Grade Two students : \$150 per child.**

**Grade 3/4/5/6 : \$175 per child.**

Unlike some schools we do not have an annual booklist requiring parents to purchase their child's resources prior to the start of school. Rather, we purchase in bulk and therefore reduce costs to parents. In addition, with regard to subscriptions we continually negotiate the best deals possible to again keep costs to a minimum. Unlike other schools we do not charge an additional \$150 plus, per child to access netbooks. We have undertaken research comparing the costs charged by schools that have a booklist with the fees we charge. The results indicate that we remain one of the most affordable schools in the district. Our fees are not voluntary and it is an expectation that all families pay them. Terms for payment are available for anyone experiencing financial hardship please contact Mr Jeffrey to discuss alternative arrangements. Throughout the year we will also request payment from parents for such events as school camps, excursions and special events. Advance notification will be provided to parents regarding these events and costs.

**Russell Jeffrey**

### Parents Club News

Our first parents club meeting has been moved to Monday, 19th February at Marong family hotel. There will be a number of positions available, if you wish to take one on or feel free to just come along and find out what it's all about. It's a great way to be involved with the school. Kind regards Terrie McKenzie

### Book Club

Could all orders and payment please be returned by Wednesday 21st February.

### LOTE Chinese

If you walked in our Chinese classroom you would hear our kids singing the song joyfully like that 'Happy New Year! Happy New Year! Happy New Year, everyone! Joyful singing, playful dancing, happy new year everyone!' in both English and Chinese. Yes, the Chinese Lunar New Year which is also called Spring Festival is on its way now. 2018 is the Chinese Year of the Brown Earth Dog. This lunar New Year starts from February, 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 and ends on February 4<sup>th</sup> 2019. It is the most important and popular holiday in China, 1/5 of the world's population celebrate the largest human event on the planet. Of course, these include our lovely Marong Primary School kids.

Last week our Grade 2-6 Students already made moving fishes to celebrate the Chinese New Year. In Chinese, "fish" (鱼 yú) sounds like "surplus". Chinese people always like to have a surplus at the end of the year, because they think if they have managed to save something at the end of the year, then they can make more in the next year. May you always have more than you need! Below are some pictures from our Grade Three/Four.



### Icy Poles –

On Wednesdays during term one we will be selling icy poles raising money for our Chinese trip.

**Icy poles will be \$1.00 each.**



## 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/One B- Oliver C

Oliver has settled into school well and is now teaching Mrs Brown about his favourite animals. Oliver has shown great 'Persistence' in arriving each day, getting his bag unpacked and his table ready for work and coping with ALL the new things at school. Great 'Organization' also Oliver – good boy.

#### Grade Prep/One T -Rachel C

For demonstrating 'Organisation'. She completes work that is neat and well 'Organised'. Keep up the huge effort Rachel!

#### Grade Prep/One J - Koby S

For demonstrating 'Confidence' in all classroom activities. Koby has a red hot go at all tasks. Keep it up Koby!

#### Grade Two G- Isaac P

For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success' EVERY day. Isaac sets a great example in the classroom, he always has his hand up to share information, completes all work tasks and puts effort into everything he does. Well done Isaac!

#### Grade Three/Four S- Chelsea B

Chelsea has picked up right where she left off last year. Demonstrating great 'Organisational' skills and 'Confidence' when attacking new challenges. She has been helping many grade threes prepare and complete their Words Their Way activities. A great start Chelsea!

#### Grade Three/Four R- Darcie T

For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success'. Darcie has shown she is a delight in the classroom who always shows great listening skills and produces some great work. Well done on a great start to the year Darcie!

#### Grade Five/Six W- Sophie S

For demonstrating great 'Resilience' to the new expectations of being in Grade 5/6 and is becoming more 'Confident' with her 'can do' attitude! Awesome work Sophie!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Marong Football Netball Club

Junior Football Registration Night-Wednesday 21st February  
Marong Football Netball Club are gearing up for another great season of junior footy in the BJFL. Our junior registration night will be held on Wednesday 21st February from 5:00-7:00pm at the Malone Park Clubrooms.



The Panthers will be fielding sides in the Under 9, 10, 12, 14 & 16 divisions of the BJFL. We are also looking to field an under 12 girls team in 2018. If you have a daughter who is interested in playing footy this year, please come along to the registration night.

For further information please contact Kylie Rowe (Junior Co-ordinator) on 0412 771 535 or email [marongjfc@hotmail.com](mailto:marongjfc@hotmail.com)

## Basketball Under 12's

Basketball starts at 5:10 on court 2

Bendigo Stadium

Please arrive ten minutes early to organise scorers and to warm up.



**MARONG** ALL COMMUNITY WELCOME!  
**MARCH 3RD 2018** RESCHEDULED  
**FAMILY**

**FUNIEVENT**

**4.00-6.00 PM MARONG SWIMMING POOL**  
Gold Coin donation for swimmers  
Free for Non swimmers and accompanying adults  
Season ticket holders also free

**6.00-7.00 PM FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  
FREE DONATED AND PROVIDED BY MARONG DISTRICT AND MARONG LIONS CLUB  
Gold coin donation to the Lions Club would be appreciated

**6.30 PM LAUNCH OF MARONG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY PLAN 2018-2022**  
BY LOCKWOOD WARD COUNCILLORS

**7.00-9.00 PM MOVIE DESPICABLE ME 3**  
**MALONE PARK - JUST OVER THE CREEK FROM THE MARONG SWIMMING POOL**  
Snow cones, popcorn and cool drinks will be available for sale on the night.  
BYO chair, cushion and rug.  
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