

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2018

February

28: School Council meeting 7:00pm at school.

From the Principal School Council

A School Council is the governing body of the school. At Marong Primary School our council membership consists of eight parents and three staff representatives. In term one of each year a School Council election process is held to fill any vacancies for new councilors for the forthcoming year. In next week's newsletter information about the nomination process for School Council will be made available to our community. For the benefit of anyone who may be interested in joining our council, I have provided some information below about the roles and responsibilities of school council. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Key functions

The school council has particular functions in setting and monitoring the school's direction. School councils have three main responsibilities:

Finance: overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation.

Strategic planning: participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan.

Policy development and review: developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.

Other key functions of school councils include:

- raising funds for school related purposes
- maintaining school grounds and facilities
- entering into contracts
- reporting annually to the school community and the Department
- creating interest in the school in the wider community
- representing and taking the views of the community into account
- regulating and facilitating after-hours use of school premises and grounds
- operating a children's service at the school.

A Surprise Visit!

This week we were delighted to receive a visit from Chi Chi and her parents. Chi Chi attended our school in Term Four last year as a Homestay student from Suzhous China. Chi Chi loved her time in Marong so much that she wanted her parents to see where she had lived and attended school during her stay in Australia. It was a great surprise for us all when we were notified of their intending visit. It is also a great endorsement of our school to think our care and education of Chi Chi was deeply appreciated. Of course, much credit must also go to the homestay family, Sarelle, Nate and Simone Matheson who made Chi Chi welcome and ensured her stay with them was a special experience. Sarelle will be visiting China in June this year as part of the Chinese Overseas Learning Experience and whilst there she will have an opportunity to catch up with Chi Chi and her family in their city Suzhous.



School Improvement Processes

In line with our newly established School Strategic Plan and our Annual Implementation Plan significant work is being undertaken by the staff to ensure we continue to strive for improved student learning outcomes, build upon our current student behaviour management processes and increase teacher knowledge and capacity to provide challenging and engaging programs for our students.

In order to achieve our goals we will be involved in the following major programs this year:

School Wide Positive Behaviours Program: Is a PROCESS, that is DATA BASED, is supported by SYSTEMS, that seek to improve PRACTICE. SWPBs aims to pull together all current valued practices addressing student behaviour management with a view to ensuring consistency, fosters positive adult-student interactions and ultimately aims to lift achievement in both social and academic learning. The program takes three years to fully implement and we have been advised that "It is not a quick fix, it does take time and there are NO short cuts".

Reading A School Wide Focus:

With the support from Marita McLean Education Improvement Leader we will be reviewing all aspects of our reading programs and increasing our expertise and knowledge to ensure best practice.

Seven Steps Writing Workshops :

A program designed to equip teachers with engaging ways to create student interest in the Writing process.

2017 School Council

Current members of School Council are advised that there will be a meeting of School Council on Wednesday, February 28th here at the school commencing at 7pm.

Parents Club News

Parents club ran our AGM on Monday, 19th February with myself and Lisa Bradley standing down a new committee has been formed.

President- Angela Lynch Vice President- Rebecca DiPetta Secretary- Heidi Bennett

We will be running some great fundraisers this year which we will hear about as they get closer.

Kind Regards Terrie McKenzie

Outside School Hours Care

Please find current invoices attached. If you have made a payment for February it may not appear on your account as yet.

Russell Jeffrey

LOTE Chinese

Chinese New Year is the most significant of all Chinese festivals. It is also one of the most widely celebrated events across Asia. Of course, we are still celebrating it on the campus, for the Chinese New Year celebration last for 15 days. Our Prep to One students enjoyed watching and reading the legend of Chinese New Year and finding out why Chinese people celebrate the Chinese New Year and how to scare away the Nian Monster and have a lucky new year. They loved watching the lion dance a lot and were so eager to share their personal experiences in watching lion dance. Grade Two students made their lucky dogs using the love heart shapes to welcome the Year of the Dog. Grade 3-6: Students designed posters to celebrate the Year of the Dog which have unique images of their lucky dogs and their New Year wishes written in Chinese characters. We are glad that we have so many creative artists and thinkers in our classes. Below are some great work samples we want to share with the parents.



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-Nate R

For always helping others and being respectful of our school values. Keep up the amazing job. Well done!

Grade Prep/One T -Asher K

For coming to school with a smile on her face and working hard on all activities. Keep up the 'Confidence' and 'Persistence' Asher!

Grade Prep/One J - Amelia S

For demonstrating 'Confidence' in all classroom activities. Keep it up Amelia, Great work!

Grade Two G- Ashleigh M

Ashleigh has had a great start to grade two and I love how 'Organised' she is for all activities. She gets to school and quickly gets all her belongings organised and during class time she is always one of the first students sitting down and starting her work. You are being a great example for all the other students. Well done Ashleigh!

Grade Three/Four S-Declan C

Declan has been full of 'Confidence' since join Marong Primary School and has been seen 'Getting Along' with many of his classmates. It has also been a pleasure to watch Declan work so well in group activities in the classroom. Great start!

Grade Three/Four R- John B

For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success'. John works hard in the classroom and always tries his very best in everything he does. Great work John!

Grade Five/Six W- Chloe L

For demonstrating excellent 'Organisational' skills and 'Persistence' with getting back on track since her family holiday. Super effort Chloe!

CONGRATULATIONS!



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Grade 3/4 S News

Old electronics needed!

If you have any electronics at home that you no longer need or are **not** working, our 3/4 class would gladly appreciate your donation. Things such as old remotes, keyboards, computer, game consoles, laptops, phones, radios and CD players would be a big help! Many thanks, Mr Stacey.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Icy Poles –

On Wednesdays and Fridays during term one we will be selling icy poles raising money for our Chinese trip. **Icy poles will be \$1.00 each.**



Basketball Under 12's

Basketball Bye this week



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

FUN EVENT

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
SPONSORED 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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