

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2018

March

5th: Parents Club Meeting 7.00pm Marong Hotel

From the Principal

School Values RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY

To help with the embedding of our values within our school culture I encourage all members of our school community, students, parents and teachers to use our values in general conversation when appropriate.

For example: When a student is seen returning sports equipment to their room that they had borrowed, the teacher could acknowledge their sense of Responsibility. When a student uses good manners when talking to others we could congratulate them for being Respectful.

School Council

Parents are advised that the School Council Election process for 2018 commences tomorrow with a call for nominations for vacant positions. The Marong Primary School Council consists of eight parents, two staff and the Principal. Councilors are elected for a two year period with half the council concluding their term of office each year. We currently have the following vacancies on our council :

Membership Category

Parent Member: 4 vacancies

DET Employee Member : 1 vacancy.

The call for nominations will conclude at **4pm on Friday, March 9th**. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies an election may be necessary. If this is the case information regarding a ballot process will be circulated commencing February 16th. A parent or DET person can self nominate or they can be nominated by another person from their category.

Nomination forms are available from the Principal.

Head Lice

We have received notification of the presence of head lice at school. Consequently, I wish to advise all parents to check their child/ren's hair. If head lice or eggs are found please apply an appropriate treatment. Your local pharmacist can advise you of suitable products. Under the Department of Education guidelines, any student found to have head lice must not attend school until treatment has commenced. Once a treatment has been applied they are able to return to school.

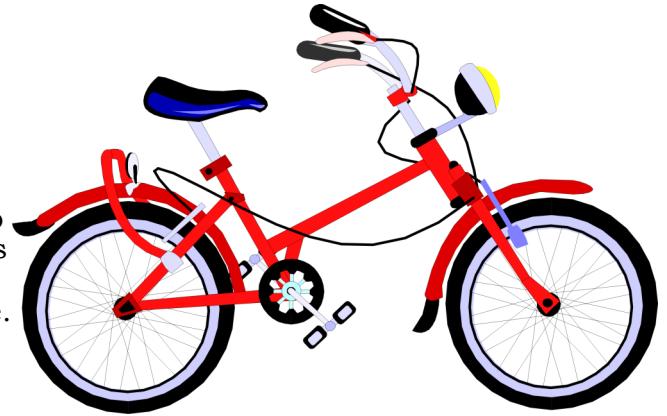
Head lice outbreaks unfortunately can occur at various times during a school year. To minimise the risk or spreading of head lice there are some steps parents can take. Students with very long hair can tie their hair up. Regular checks by parents can also be an effective preventative measure. A key aspect to bringing an outbreak under control is diligence by the family. This involves applying the medicated treatment, which is often a lotion or mousse based product to the head. Then a thorough combing of the hair is required with a nit comb, available from Chemist shops. One treatment alone will not necessarily be effective and parents will need to continue treatment two or three times at least. From personal experience after applying, the medicated treatment, subsequent combing can occur using a hair conditioner product. By covering the hair with conditioner and then combing the head lice and eggs out, then wiping the excess conditioner onto a tissue allows the parent to see if any lice or eggs have been removed. The process needs to be repeated for up to a week. Finally a critical measure for reducing the impact of head lice within a school is notification to the office. Parents are required by the school to advise us if head lice are found in their child's hair.

School Nurse Forms to be returned urgently from Prep Students

The Department of Education conducts a School Nurse program. The school nurses undertake a range of services for parents and schools. At our school Denise Watson, conducts Puberty Education programs for our older students and undertakes prep health checks. These services are free of charge. Parents consent is required from the parent before a student can be seen by the nurse. The health checks are non threatening and can identify health concerns around sight and hearing that may potentially impact on the students ability to learn at school. Forms have been distributed to all prep parents and it is compulsory under DET regulations that a response be returned to the school. I urge all prep parents to return their forms as the nurse will be here next Monday, March 5th.

Bicycles at School

Students who ride bikes to school are required to dismount and wheel their bikes whilst in the school grounds. They are not permitted to ride their bikes within the school boundary unless they are participating in a supervised Bike Ed program. Bikes are to be parked behind the sports shed. For safety reasons Vic Roads recommends that students under the age of 9 should be supervised by an adult if riding a bike.



Russell Jeffrey

Asthma Care Plans

Families who have asthmatic children are reminded to return their 'Asthma Care Plans' as soon as possible. If you have been unable to visit your doctor recently please still complete the blue form so that staff are aware of what triggers your child's asthma and what the preferred management is. Plans signed off by a doctor can be provided at a later date.

Rosemary

Parents Club News

Calling all Parents!

We want you! Yes we do! Come along to our meeting and see what Parents Club is all about! Why? Because without you, your help and support our school can't grow.

Parents Club is a space to work together and raise funds to implement new ideas for the benefit of our kids. We are all new forming this committee and with existing support we are working to make epic stuff happen.

So watch this space...

We are having a causal meeting Monday, March 5th at 7pm at the Marong Family Hotel. We would love for you to join us!

Let's make this school year brilliant!

Angela Lynch President

Bunnings BBQ Epsom Sunday March 18th

The school will be running a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings. If you can spare an hour or so can you please complete the attached form and return to the office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you Terrie McKenzie



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-Kobei B

For settling into school well and becoming a happy, hard working member of our grade.

Grade Prep/One T - Kodi H

For 'Persisting' and reading with great fluency. Keep up the home reading and the hard work Kodi!

Grade Prep/One J - Daphne P

For showing 'Confidence' in our daily literacy sessions and producing beautiful neat work. Keep it up Daphne!

Grade Two G- Angus A.

For consistently completing work to a very high standard and demonstrating all 5 Foundations of Success daily. Well done Angus keep up the amazing work!

Grade Three/Four S-Harri O

Harri has shown tremendous 'Confidence' towards his numeracy this week. Completing all set task, constantly asking for challenges throughout the day. Well done Harri.

Grade Three/Four R- Lucy C

For showing great 'Confidence' and 'Organisation' in the classroom. Lucy has had an amazing start to the year, being a great leader in our classroom. Well done Lucy!

Grade Five/Six W- Tayla S

For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success'!! Tayla is consistently setting a great example to her peers and is completing some exceptional work at the moment!!

Keep it up Tayla!

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

WANTED - A PERSON TO WEED AND KEEP TIDY THE SMALL GARDEN NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF THE COMMUNITY HALL, CNR. HIGH & TORRENS STS., MARONG.
ENQUIRIES TO MAUREEN EGAN 0428511183

Basketball Under 12's

Basketball 6:50 PM COURT 3



Icy Poles!

Icy Poles are now available for \$1 every Wednesday and Friday to help raise money for our trip to China!

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.**

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

FUNICVENT

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
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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