

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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International Women's Day

Today we celebrate the wonderful contribution women make to our society. On days such as these, it is often common that we think of famous people, such as Amelia Earhart the great aviator, Madame Curie Physicist and Chemist, or sports stars such as the Williams sisters or Cathy Freeman. On days like these my thoughts turn to my own mother who brought me up in a small country town after my father had passed away when I was just three years of age. My mother grew up in Liverpool, England and she often told me stories of her experiences during World War two. At this time it was all hands on deck, so my mother volunteered as an Air Raid warden. One favorite story was a time when an incendiary bomb landed on the roof of the house next door to hers. The neighbours were out so my mother and her brother and two friends raced into the house to try and douse the fire. The fire bomb had burnt through the roof and was burning away in the attic. The room below was a bathroom so quickly mum commenced filling the bath with water whilst a stirrup pump was placed into action. A loud shout of "Lookout!" was heard from the attic above and almost simultaneously the burning bomb burnt through the ceiling and crashed onto the floor next to my mother and her friend. Using buckets of water the fire was quickly doused. I cant imagine what it would have been like to live in those times, nor can I understand how my mother could muster the courage to do what she did. What I do know is that I deeply appreciate all the sacrifices and effort she did for me to ensure I had an opportunity to succeed in life. And so on such a day as this, I think it is pertinent that we acknowledge the contribution of women across the world and especially all the women who make a significant contribution to the education of our students at Marong Primary School.

Happy International Women's Day

Sally Brown , Alice Thorn, Keira Jennings, Bridget Gallagher, Lindsey White, Loretta Williams, Rosemary Stewart, Madi Higgins, Sue Gentry, Chloe Adams, Jacqui Whatley, Emma Cook, Brook Ball, Rebecca Kreltzheim, Belinda Dennis, Yimin Chen, Mellissa Patching and Shiralee Dawkins.

Thank You and we hope you enjoy this special day.

Grade Six Polo Tops

This week our Grade Six students received their legends polo tops. These tops are provided free to the grade six students each year courtesy of Parents Club. I wish to thank Parents Club for this generous program.

School Accounts

Invoices are being sent home today to all families with regard to our 2018 Resources Levy. For some families there may be items listed that are still to be paid from 2017 or longer. It is a Department of Education policy that schools provide parents with invoices as part of our financial management controls.

Head Lice

Parents were advised in last weeks newsletter of the presence of head lice in our community. If you have commenced treatment a reminder that you should continue the combing process for at least a week.

Bicycles at School Important notice

Students who ride to school need to ensure that it is safe to enter the road before riding off at the end of the school day. The traffic around the school between 3pm and 4pm is significant and bike riders need to take extra care at this time. I have received reports of some concerning incidents with cyclists pulling out in front of moving vehicles. Students who ride to school are advised that they must dismount before entering the school grounds. At the end of the day they must not ride the bike whilst still within our school boundaries. It is the parents responsibility to ensure your child is capable of riding a bike safely. VIC ROADS advises that students under nine years of age should be accompanied by an adult. Older students should have an understanding of road rules before riding unaccompanied.



Outside School Hours Care

Parents must ring the school if their child is not attending Outside School Hours Care and are already booked in.

Our number of staff and food is affected by these numbers. Thank you for your co-operation.

Crusoe College Transition Cluster news

Next Friday, March 16th students from Marong Primary School will participate in a leadership development day coordinated by Crusoe Secondary College. On this day the students will receive a presentation from a guest speaker followed by a series of team based activities designed to facilitate leadership skills. Students nominated to attend this event will be advised tomorrow.

Russell Jeffrey

Chaplains Corner

It has been great to meet so many new parents and great to reconnect with parents again so far this year.

I have gotten off to a very busy start and have loved the trust that you have placed in me to walk alongside your children as they navigate their way through school and life, this I consider to be a very great privilege. So thank you!

For those of you who may not yet be aware, I am here for the whole school community, staff, families and students. I am available for any issues that you might need help or resources for, all in a confidential manner. This is a service that covers the whole school well-being and the little and big worries that people carry around, things such as death within families, not wanting to engage in school, friendship issues, anxiety or financial assistance. Nothing is too big or too small but always easier if its carried together.

You are able to access me via a 'catch up' if you see me about at the school or by calling through and booking an appointment time to ensure you get my full attention. My office has an open door policy so feel free at any time to pop in.

I am at the school every **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY**. If this doesn't suit of course I would be happy to arrange a time that works for you.

Please be aware that I require written permission to assist your children with any support and permission forms are available through me or via the office.

Permission forms will be sent home with students who have not yet returned one and should you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me and have a chat.

With thanks,

Shiralee

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- Jackson W.

For giving all his work 100% and showing more 'Resilience'. Fantastic!

Grade Prep/One T – Gursher R.

Gursher has settled into school and has been working hard to be more 'Organised' Keep up the huge effort at your new school too!

Grade Prep/One J - Micah K.

For showing 'Confidence' with his reading and 'Persisting' when it gets a bit tricky. Keep it up!

Grade Two G– Nattai C.

For having a very settled week, trying extremely hard and being very 'Organised' and 'Confident' in daily activities. Well done on a fantastic week Nattai! Keep up the great work!

Grade Three/Four S–Peter H.

For showing a great amount of 'Confidence' and 'Organisation' during the week, finishing all tasks on time and of a high quality! Well done Peter!

Grade Three/Four R– Lilly McK.

For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success' consistently each week. Great work Lilly! It is an absolute pleasure having you in my classroom this year.

Grade Five/Six W- Jackson McK.

For demonstrating 'Confidence' and 'Organisational' skills. He has really stepped up in these behaviours by completing home tasks as directed and has been contributing in class discussions extremely well! Your peers have been super impressed with you Jackson! Top effort!

CONGRATULATIONS!



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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



MARONG UNITING KIDS CHURCH

Sunday - 11th March

9.00—10.00am

Talk, games and activities followed by Morning tea.

All Welcome.

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.**



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.

