

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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December		Diary Dates 2018
21st	School Dismissal 1:30pm Free BBQ Lunch from Parents Club	

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY

Merry Christmas and a Happy Festive Season.

On behalf of the staff at Marong Primary School I want to wish everyone all the very best for the festive season. We look forward to working with you in the new year.



Last Day of the year

The school year will conclude on Friday, December 21st. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm. We will have a final assembly commencing at 1:00pm approximately.

School Resumption 2019

Teachers will resume duty on **Tuesday, January 29th**.

Students in grades 1-6 will resume on **Wednesday, January 30th**.

Foundation (Prep) students will commence on **Friday, February 1st**.

Please note there will be interviews scheduled for Foundation students at various times on the 31st January, 1st and 2nd day of February. Parents will be advised of their interview times.

OSHC Care

As tomorrow is the final day of the year the OSHC program will close at an earlier time on Friday, December 21st. Parents who make bookings for this day need to be aware students in care need to be picked up no later than **4:30pm. Bookings are essential.**

Casual Dress Day

Students are invited to wear casual dress tomorrow on our last day of school.

Grade Structure 2019

Following a greater number of Foundation enrolments than we anticipated, we have had to review our Grade structures for 2019.

I wish to confirm the revised grade structure for 2019.

Prep/One	Mrs. Keira Jennings and Ms. Alice Thorn
2/3	Matt Riordan and Moyra O'Donoghue
4/5	Corbin Stacey and Jack Wardell
5/6	Jake Saddler and Melissa Patching

We will now operate with two Grade Prep/One classes. Parents will receive advice as to which group their child will be in either by mail or via a note sent home with their child.

Russell Jeffrey
Principal

Chaplains Corner

There is one thing you can be certain of in life and that is nothing stays the same.

Things are constantly changing, looking back over this past year there have been many changes at school, new teachers, new babies, new families, new friendships, new lunchboxes! I am sure that there may have been changes within your families and homes too. That is the reality; change is always going to happen.

While change is inevitable, it is so important to provide our children (and ourselves) with anchor points. This helps provide stability amongst that change – just in the way a boat may lower an anchor in a storm, although tossed about, it does not get completely blown off course- it remains anchored by what has been purposely put in place.

These anchors in a child's life can be things as simple as family routines, things such as take away Friday nights, visiting Grandmas house every Wednesday, saying the same little blurb as you tuck them in. Little routines that remain amongst changes that might happen in life.

Think about what your anchors are, if you do not have them maybe you might like to make some. If you do then celebrate them, and understand that you are providing a valuable tool for your children. If things have changed for you this year then begin again and start to create, they don't have to be too glamorous just consistent. Just think of the possibilities!

I was only reminded of this the other day, when my daughter called out the car window to her children as she dropped them to school, "don't forget, no matter what happens at school you are loved at home" and the memories of years of saying this to my own kids every day came flooding back. I never realised that this would be the very anchor that she passed on to her own children years later.

So no matter what changes have happened this year, keep hold of the little things that can make a huge difference.

Wishing you all have a fantastic Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all next year.
Shiralee

Parents Club News

Last day of School BBQ lunch!

Parents club will provide ALL children with a bbq lunch **tomorrow** to celebrate the end of a fantastic school year. We will be serving sausages in bread a drink and icy poles.

Parent helpers would be appreciated.



OSHC News

Wow what an amazing term four we have had! We have celebrated, welcomed new friends, and said see you later to old friends and created a lot of fun times over the past few weeks. This week has all been about celebrating and reflecting on the year that has been 2018. Yesterday the before school class had a special breakfast of pancakes and fruit.

Today and tomorrow the after school class will have a celebration afternoon tea.

Today is Bec's last day with us. Bec has been a fantastic friend and educator to us and we wish her all the best with the last semester and into her teaching career.

I have had so much fun getting to know everyone over the past three months and look forward to 2019.

Chelsie