

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2020

February:

Prep students are not required at school :
Wednesdays Feb 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.
28th/29th : School Census

March:

9th Labour Day Public Holiday.
27th Last day Term One.

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

HONESTY

2020 School Year Week One

Welcome back to all returning students and welcome also to our new students who are commencing school at Marong for the first time this year. At this point in time we have 166 students, a record high for the school. It is likely that this number will change as I am aware of some potential new enrolments yet to confirm if they will be joining us. The 2020 school year will be one of great change and excitement here at Marong. We anticipate building works taking place around the middle of the year. Once the building starts we will face some challenges with regard to moving around the site and we can expect some reduction in available play space. We are working on some alternative arrangements to address these issues. Despite the potential challenges we are all keen to take the short term pain for long term gain.

Coronavirus

Attached to this newsletter is a fact sheet relating to the **Coronavirus**. An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus? Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

If any parent or student has visited China in recent times or if you have been in contact with someone who has recently been to China it is important that you take note of the information in the fact sheet. Please contact the school if you need further information. At the time of preparing this newsletter I wish to advise that no decision has been made with regard to the Overseas Learning Experience trip to China in May this year. I will advise parents as soon as any further information comes to hand.

School Fees

School fees are now due. Fees can be paid in full or part payments can be made if required.

Fees are as follows:

Students in Grade Prep/1/2 **\$170 per student.**

Students in Grades 3-6 **\$195 per student.**

OSHC Program

Our Outside School Hours Care program is up and running. Operating from 7am -8:45am and 3:30pm-6pm daily. Fees are as follows;

Before School Care \$15 a session and After School Care \$20 per session.

Enrolment in the program is essential, contact our office for more details.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents are advised that we will be conducting Parent/Teacher interviews in the week commencing Monday, March 2nd. Information on the process for making an appointment with your child's teacher for these interviews will be sent home in the near future.

School Wide Positive Behaviours

A great deal of work has been undertaken by Mr Stacey, Mrs Jennings and Miss O'Donoghue with regard to our SWPBs program. All classrooms are now displaying our Nine Golden Rules which are linked to our school values. Breaches of these rules have been defined into two categories minor and major behaviours. Our students have had significant input into the process of defining minor and major incidents. Posters displaying examples of these types of behaviours and the consequences that may be applied are also being displayed around the school.

Are our Records Accurate?

It is essential that family contact details are kept up to date. If you have changed your phone contact numbers or email address it is important that we are advised of this change. We use SMS messaging to advise parents of important events and emergencies such as forced school closures due to bushfires or other events. Phone contacts are critical as we need these if your child is unwell at school. Please contact the office to advise of any updates.

Musical Instrument Tuition Program 2020

Phil Seaton (former Big Hill PS teacher) is offering Musical Instrument tuition in Guitar and Keyboard to Marong PS students in 2020. As this is a private program there are fees associated with program and instruments can be hired at a cost. If you are interested in your child's participating please collect an expression of interest form from the office and return it asap. Please note this program is for students in **Grade 3-6 in 2020**

School Leadership Positions 2020

I wish to congratulate the following students as the nominated school leaders for 2020.

School Captains	Barling House	Brennan House	Jeffrey House	Phillips House
School Captains: Amelia Lee Amba Pollock Vice School Captains: John Bradley Jack McDonald	Captains: Michael Scanlon Chelsea Bradley Vice Captains: Max O'Donnell Miranda Falconer	Captains: Bailey Dyson Liam Collins Vice Captains: Harrison Stewart Jaxson Parsons	Captains: Anthony Gray Violet Roby Vice Captains: Tyeler Bingham Bella Orton	Captains: Lilly McKenzie Flynn Ferguson Vice Captains: Harri O'Donnell Isabella Webster

Russell Jeffrey
Principal

Fresh Fruit

Parents please note fresh fruit will not be available at the school. Could all parents please ensure an extra piece of fruit is packed in school lunches.

Thank you

Parents Club News

Parents Club will be having a meeting at the school at 3:30pm tomorrow. Any parents are welcome to attend.

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 T

Grade Prep/One J-

Grade Two/Three O -

Grade Two/Three R-

Grade Four/Five S -

Grade Four/Five W-

Grade Five/Six P/S -



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