

# Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2020

## February:

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

## March:

9<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Public Holiday.  
27<sup>th</sup> Last day Term One.

**RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY**

### School Council

A meeting of the current School Council (2019/20) will be held in the staffroom at 7pm on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February. Information regarding the 2020 School Council elections will be released in next week's newsletter.

### Sunsmart

Our school is an endorsed Sunsmart school and consequently it is our policy that students wear a protective hat whenever they are outside. This includes lunch and recess playtimes and outdoor lessons such as Physical Education or Sport. Students without a hat can borrow one from the office but it must be returned after each use. Alternatively if they don't have a hat they can play in shaded areas. Our preference is that everyone has a hat and that it is left at school at the end of the day ready for use the following day.



### 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.**

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents are advised that we will be conducting Parent/Teacher interviews in the week commencing Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

### 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 participating please collect an expression of interest form from the office and return it as soon as possible. Please note this program is for students in **Grade 3-6 in 2020.**

**Russell Jeffrey**  
Principal

## **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 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.

**Russell Jeffrey**  
**Principal**

## **CHAPLAINS CORNER**

What a start back to school!

There are more students than the school has ever had, with new classrooms and new classmates, new staff, certainly has been a buzz to begin what will no doubt be a very exciting year.

New starts are so exciting and it made me flash back to a New Year's Eve gathering as people contemplating the year ahead. I listened to those around me declare their resolutions, some to get in shape, some to not eat meat, some to go back to study and then the time came for an eight year old to say what she decided would be her main focus for the year ahead...we sat...we waited...and soon she declared with much confidence, "this year I will be happier than I think I can be"! It sure made eating a steak or lifting extra weights pale to insignificance...to be happier than you THINK you can be...what a resolution!

This year will no doubt be filled with many challenges, changes and opportunities but this year as we come together as a school community may we take example from an eight year old girl and "be happier than we think we could be".

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## **Asthma Plans & Anaphylaxis**

Families of children who have advised the school that they have student/s with asthma will receive an 'Asthma Action Plan' with today's newsletter. Parents are asked to return the plan prior to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. It is important that the school holds an up to date plan, so if you are unable to access a doctor within this timeframe please still complete and return the form as soon as possible. The certified copy provided by your doctor can then be provided to the school at a later date.

Also a reminder that Marong Primary School has a 'NO SHARE' food policy. This policy ensures that children with allergies are not exposed to foods that could potentially result in illness. The start of the school year is a great time to discuss this rule with students and remind them that they can only eat the food provided to them by their family and must not accept food from other students.

## **Parents Club News**

Introducing our new Parents Club committee for 2020.

President - Leah Ladson

Vice President - Terrie McKenzie

Secretary - Melissa McDonald

Treasurer - Stacey Lakey

Parents Club will be selling Zooper Doopers on Fridays at recess for \$1.

## **Book Club**

Our current catalogue will be sent home today.

Could all orders and money please be returned to the office by Wednesday 19th February.

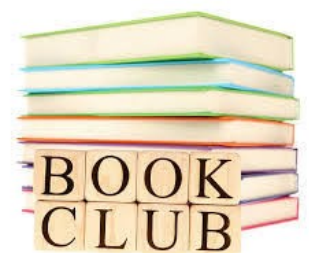
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## **Fresh Fruit**

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



## **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/A- Aidan B**

For showing 'Confidence' in his first week at Marong Primary. Aidan has been a superstar in our classroom, having a red hot go at everything and asking lots of questions when he is unsure. Well done on a fantastic start to Grade Prep Aidan, keep it up!

#### **Grade Prep/W/T-Charlee B**

Charlee is a quietly confident student. Charlee has demonstrated great 'Respect' for her classroom, following instructions and setting a great example for her peers. Charlee works hard and showed great initiative by using her 'name rock' to help her write her name. Great first week Charlee, fantastic effort!

#### **Grade One/Two O - Oliver C**

For coming back to school ready to learn with a fantastic attitude. Oliver has been so 'Organised' making sure he is pushing himself to get the most out of every lesson. Super work Oliver!

#### **Grade One/Two R- Draven S**

For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success' this week. Draven has had a wonderful week, showing great listening and organisation skills in the classroom. He has been working hard and always being a great help in the room. Well done Draven.

#### **Grade Three/Four S - Chloe T**

For 'Getting Along', Chloe has shown fantastic leadership skills. She has been encouraging, inclusive and leading by example of our Golden Rules. Well done Chloe!

#### **Grade Three/Four P/S- Ruby R**

For 'Getting Along' and making new members of our class feel welcome.

#### **Grade Five/Six W- Ruby G**

For showing the 'Five Foundations of Success' this week. Ruby has started the school year amazingly and been producing some outstanding work. Well done Ruby!

#### **Grade 5/6 J - Peter H**

For having an excellent start to the year showing all 'Five Foundation of Success'.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

Huntly Family Fun Day is fast approaching, another FREE, Fun, community event offering loads of FREE activities for children & families to enjoy! The event will be held at Strauch Recreation Reserve in Huntly, on Sunday February 16, from 10am – 1pm.

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

# Huntly Family Fun Day

- Inflatible water slide and Jumping castle
- Mobile Playzone
- Face painting and Henna painting
- Animal farm
- Music and dance
- Huntly CFA
- Coliban Water refill units
- Northern Bendigo Landcare Group
- Kids DIY Workshop with Bunnings, Epsom

**BBQ**  
Sausages and veggie burgers \$1 each  
Drinks \$2 each

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**Sunday February 16, 2020**  
10am – 1pm  
Strauch Recreation Reserve  
14 Gungurru Road, Huntly  
Remember to **BYO** towel and change of clothes for the water slide!

## ***Bendigo Senjuns***

### ***Hockey Club***

#### **Registration Day**

**Sunday 9 February 2020**

**12pm –2pm at the Bendigo hockey ground**

BBQ and drinks included. We have hired the turf from 1pm-2pm, so bring your gear for a hit around. Uniforms will be available on the day to borrow (for Juniors players) or to buy (for Senior players).

**Come along for a chance to win \$100 cash!**

*Email for more information: [senjuns@gmail.com](mailto:senjuns@gmail.com)*