

# Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2020

## February:

Prep students are not required at school:  
Wednesday 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 Elections 2020

The nomination process for positions on the Marong Primary School Council will commence tomorrow February, 21<sup>st</sup>. Nominations will be accepted up until 4pm on Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>. This year we have a total of 5 parent vacancies on council. Four of these will be two year appointments and there is one casual twelve months vacancy. We also have one DET employee vacancy. Current members of School Council whose term is ending this year are welcome to renominate. To nominate for a parent position on our council you must have a child currently enrolled at our school. Listed below are the names of our current councillors.

Parent Member Term of Office expires February 2020	Parent Members Term of Office expires February 2021	DET Term of Office expires February 2020	DET Term of Office expires February 2021
Brett Peters Jason McDonald Leah Friswell Mychelle Bourke	Denise Munro Chris Lakey Michael Scanlon Kylie Rowe (Resigned creating a casual vacancy)	Corbin Stacey	Russell Jeffrey Jake Saddler

If at the close of business on February, 28<sup>th</sup> I have received less nominations than vacancies all nominations received will be declared elected, and a further call for nominations will then commence. If the number of nomination's matches the number of vacancies I will declare all positions filled and in the event we have more nominations than vacancies an election process will proceed. Parents can be nominated by another parent or they can self nominate. Forms are available from the office. For more information regarding School Council please contact the principal Russell Jeffrey.

## Facilities Upgrade

Work behind the scenes is taking place in earnest with regard to our building project. Last week Brett Peters (School Council President) and I signed off on a Design for Development report which incorporated some necessary changes to our original Schematic Design. Our Architects from E Plus Bendigo will submit this updated report to the Department for approval. Moving forward we hope that we are getting closer to the point where the documents can be released for tender. An updated drawing of the proposed works is on display in the foyer.

## Parent /Teacher Interviews

Parent /Teacher interviews will be held during the week commencing Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Classroom teachers will advise parents of students in their class of days and times when they will be available. A process to book an appointment will be conveyed via Classroom Dojo. If you don't use Dojo please contact your teacher personally to book a time.

## Maths Challenge

**How many times can you subtract the number 1 from 19?**

**Last weeks puzzle: One would think that if you added 1 ½ haystacks to 2 ½ haystacks the answer would be 4. However the answer is 1. One very big haystack!**

## School Crossing

With the growth of the Marong population particularly to the southern side of town there is a growing number of families needing to cross the Calder Highway to access the school. Following an enquiry about the crossing from a parent I provide the following information regarding the crossing. Our School Council has been in discussion with VicRoads and the Greater City of Bendigo to try and see if a strategy can be implemented to create a safe place for pedestrians to cross to and from the school. Whilst no decision has been made to reactivate the crossing with a supervisor we anticipate Vic Roads/GCOB conducting a survey to determine the need. This may take sometime based on advice I received today. School council however will continue to work with the other key stakeholders to try and obtain a positive result for our school.

## Head Lice

All parents are advised that we have had reports of the presence of head lice in our school. Head lice outbreaks occur at various times of the year and when they do it can be a quite annoying and trying experience. Your local pharmacy can provide you with a range of products to treat head lice. The secret appears to be in the consistency and regular treatment once an outbreak is identified. Whilst combing daily and applying lotions for up to a week can be a trying experience, it does seem to be the most successful approach. We recommend students with long hair should tie their hair up. Under DET guidelines a child identified with head Lice must remain absent from school until treatment is commenced.

**Russell Jeffrey**  
**Principal**

## CAMPS SPORTS EXCURSIONS FUNDING

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

## 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.**

## Parents Club News

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

## Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are back for 2020! Lunch orders are supplied by Marong General Store and will be available from next week. Orders will need to be handed into the office no later than Wednesday 9am. No late orders or orders straight to the shop can be accepted. As **Preps** currently have the Wednesdays off, their orders will need to be at the office by **Tuesday.**

Brown paper lunch bags need to be filled out with name, class and lunch order clearly written on the front.

Please find attached to today's newsletter a menu and instructions on placing lunch orders.



## **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- Andy D**

For showing 'Confidence' when arriving to school each morning. Andy has been coming into our classroom every day with a huge smile, doing his jobs without being asked and confidently going to play in the yard with his friends. Great stuff superstar, keep it up!

#### **Grade Prep/W/T- Sienna N**

For demonstrating respect towards her peers and teachers at all times by using her manners and talking kindly. Sienna has also been responsible with her learning and making sure she is doing her best! Excellent work Sienna!

#### **Grade One/Two O - Koby S**

For being a leader in the classroom and taking a step up this year. Koby has been challenging himself a lot in class and has been a leader in the yard. He has been very 'Resilient' when progressing his learning. Go Koby!

#### **Grade One/Two R- Amelia M**

For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success' consistently each week. Amelia is a brilliant student in the room. She is kind, helpful and always shows our school values in all she does. Well done on an amazing start to the year.

#### **Grade Three/Four S- Angus A**

For showing great 'Confidence', Angus has been producing great writing and displaying terrific numeracy skills. His enthusiasm towards his work when in teams is contagious within the classroom.

#### **Grade Three/Four P/S- Seth McK**

For all 'Five Foundations of Success'. Seth has made a wonderful start to the school year. He always applies himself fully to his school work and works well in groups also. Thanks Seth.

#### **Grade Five/Six W- Michael S**

For showing great 'Persistence' in his work this week. Michael is someone who loves a challenge in his learning and always produces his best work. Well done Michael!

#### **Grade 5/6 J-Chelsea B**

For her fantastic effort in all classroom activities. Chelsea has been excellent this week, displaying 'Organisation', working on and achieving her reading goals this week.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



Parking Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

## **BASEBALL REGISTRATION EVENING**

Albert Roy Reserve Eaglehawk

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Thursday February 20th

4:30 PM

Free Sausage Sizzle



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## **Out of School Tutoring**

The Kangaroo Flat Community House now offers tuition for students Prep to Year 10 in Maths, Reading and Spelling. Competitive prices and concession rates available. Tutoring will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays after school and Saturday mornings. Contact the Kangaroo Flat Community House (Monday-Thursday 9.00-3:00pm) on 54479687. AH 0476481378 or email: [adminkfch@bigpond.com](mailto:adminkfch@bigpond.com) for more information or to book your spot.