

# Marong Primary School Newsletter



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## March:

27th Last day Term One.

9<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Public Holiday.

25th School Council & AGM

**RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY**

### Back of Beyond Development

The area of our school playground affectionately dubbed “Back of Beyond” is located at the rear of the school and runs parallel to the Bullock Creek. It is the area that the Marong Early Learning Centre often uses with their pre school students. Currently this area is undergoing some major re-commitment to provide some challenging playground events that will be of particular interest to our older students. Funding for this project has been accumulated over the last four years via our school fundraising program. School Council has set aside \$22,000 to provision this project. Chris Lakey (parent/school councillor) has taken a lead role with this project and through his persuasive efforts a large amount of the raw materials needed for this project have been donated. I want to thank Chris for the enormous amount of work he has committed to ‘Back of Beyond’. Over the last couple of weekends we have also had a number of parents assisting Chris with the preparation of the site. Thank you, to all of those parents who have committed their time to help. A plan of the proposed development is on display in the school foyer. Please feel free to drop in and see our plans. Whilst our financial commitment is substantial School Council will be considering fundraising activities in 2020 to help inject additional funds into this project.

### Health and Hygiene

The Department of Education has provided schools with the following information as a reminder for staff, families and children that everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene.

Here are some tips that everyone at our school can follow:

- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
- Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.
- Wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet, and before eating.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews are being held this week. These meetings are an important aspect of the Home/School partnership and it is our hope that all parents will be able to find some time to meet with their child’s teacher. If you were unable to meet this week the staff are more than happy to meet with parents at anytime. Simply contact your child’s teacher and make an appointment.

### School Council Elections

The 2020 School Council election process has now been completed. I am pleased to advise our community that the following parents have been elected to council.

Parent Reps: Brett Peters, Jason McDonald, Mychelle Bourke, Michelle Smith and Leah Friswell.

DET Rep : Jack Wardell.

The new elected members will form our 2020 council with the following members:

Michael Scanlon, Dee Munro, Chris Lakey, Russell Jeffrey and Jake Saddler.

The next meeting of School Council will be held on **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. This will be our Annual General Meeting to be followed immediately by our general meeting for March.

### Public Holiday

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> is a gazetted public holiday. School will resume on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Food Bank Breakfast**

On Thursday morning March, 12<sup>th</sup> Chelsie Nickson and our OSHC program will be serving breakfast to students in the Before School Care program. In addition, Chelsie is inviting students from Mr Waddell's grade and their younger brothers or sisters to attend. There is no charge for this activity. Breakfast will be available between 8am and 9am. Any bus travellers from Mr Wardell's grade can attend. Over the remainder of this term we will be inviting different grades and their siblings to attend. For this program to work we will need volunteer helpers, hence I am seeking names of volunteers from staff, parents and our student leadership group. If your interested contact Chelsie or Mr J.



### **Fresh Fruit Friday No Longer Available**

Unfortunately our school is no longer receiving weekly donations of fresh fruit for distribution to our students. We do have some items that we have accessed through the foodbank program such as cups of two fruits, long life milks and muesli bars. We will continue to assist students who may not have brought fruit with them. As a recommendation it would be preferable if all parents packed two or more pieces of fruit in their child's lunch bags daily. I will be applying to the foodbank program for Fresh Fruit in term two. I will advise if we are successful as soon as possible.

**Russell Jeffrey**  
**Principal**

### **Premier's Active April**

Our school will be participating in Premier's Active April as it is a great way for students to stay healthy and active by being active for 30 minutes a day. This initiative will run for the month of April, meaning there will be time to complete activities at home during the holidays and back at school during term two. By signing up you are supporting our school, as well as receiving many member exclusives, including 10 free YMCA sessions and 25% off at Melbourne Aquarium and LEGO Land (which could be very useful for holiday activities). Additional information can be found at [https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/PAA\\_A4\\_Parent\\_Information\\_Flyer.pdf](https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/PAA_A4_Parent_Information_Flyer.pdf), otherwise please feel free to see me for further information. Our school team ID for easy registration is marong-primary-school Ms. Gallagher

### **OSHC News**

We have had yet another exciting week down in the OSHC annex. This week has seen a wide range of activities on offer from matchbox cars to sewing, from loom bands to marble runs and everything in between. We have welcomed many new students across each year level and have loved getting to know them and show all the fun things we do in before and after school care. Just a friendly reminder, if your child is unable to attend their intended booking you must let either myself or the office know.  
Chelsie- OSHC coordinator

### **Parents Club News**

Five weeks until Easter! Calling all families to please donate an egg, bunny or anything Easter themed to go towards our raffle prize. Raffle tickets are attached in today's newsletter, raffle will be drawn on the last day of term. Please return the tickets and your donation to the office by Tuesday, 24th March. Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive envelopes went out last week, these need to be back to the office by Friday, 13 March. Spare envelopes are available at the office if you need another one. Lunch orders continue to be available on Fridays, orders are to be in to the office by no later than 9am on Wednesdays. And don't forget Zooper Doopers on a Friday recess for \$1. Thankyou for your continued and ongoing support!



### **Book Club**

Could all orders and payment please be returned to the office by **tomorrow**.

### **Asthma Action Plans**

A reminder that Asthma Action Plans are due to be returned tomorrow, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. If you have been unable to arrange a doctor's appointment, please still return the plan as it contains vital information for the management of your child. A plan signed off by your doctor can always be provided at a later date.



## 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- Ebony P**

For always having a fantastic attitude towards all areas of learning. In particular, Ebony has been working so hard on her handwriting and her pencil grip. She no longer needs to be reminded to hold her pencil correctly and her handwriting has improved out of sight. I'm very proud of you Ebs, well done!

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

For always showing respect, responsibility and honesty in our classroom. Stella is so kind towards her peers and always completes tasks to the best of her ability. Keep up the wonderful work Stella - we are so proud of you!

#### **Grade One/Two O - Zachary A**

For showing so much emotional 'Resilience' this week and trying to challenge himself even when a task is overwhelming and difficult.

I'm proud of the way Zach has started the new year as he is showing so much growth in his learning.

#### **Grade One/Two R- Milla L**

For demonstrating all 'Five Foundations of Success'. Milla is always 'Organised' and works well in classroom activities. She demonstrates all our school values and is a leader within our classroom. Well done Milla!

#### **Grade Three/Four S- Nash McK**

Nash has been very 'Persistent' and responsible for his learning as well as his actions this week. Not just in the class but outside during lunch and recess. Reporting any major misbehaviours is important not just for your learning but for your safety. Great work Nash!

#### **Grade Three/Four P/S- Axel K**

For the foundation of 'Persistence'. Axel is a great role model for our class by demonstrating how to stay focussed on a task and work hard even when it gets a little challenging.

#### **Grade Five/Six W- Declan C**

For showing responsibility for his learning this week. Declan has been making great choices in the classroom, working his best in all areas. Well done Declan!

#### **Grade Five/Six J-Lilly McK**

Lilly has had an excellent week, especially when we were doing our narrative writing, she shows initiative and is always seeking ways to get the best out of herself. Keep up the great work Lilly!



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Auskick & NetSetGO

Registrations for 2020 are now open for Auskick and NetSetGO, running for Term 2. Sessions will be held at Malone Park on Sunday mornings at 10am, kicking off on Sunday April 17th. All boys and girls welcome, aged 5-10 to the 10 week programs, to have some fun with friends and learn some fundamental skills of Footy or Netball!

**NetSetGO** - \$78 per child - any questions, contact Stacey Lakey on 0407 024464. Registration link is via the NetSetGO website, or send Stacey a message and she can forward you the link.



**Auskick** - \$90 per child - any questions, contact Chris Lakey on 0438 445914. Registration is via the NAB Auskick website, or send Chis a message and he can forward you the link.



### Local Public Transport Petition.

Members of the Marong community are currently seeking support by way of a petition to try and have a regular public transport system established, that connects with Marong. If you wish to support this campaign you can sign the petition at our office.



### 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.