

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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Diary Dates 2020

March:

25th School Council & AGM 7:00pm at school
27th Last day term one. Dismissal 2:30

April:

14th School resumes

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY

Covid 19/Coronavirus: Update

The Department of Education and Training is keeping schools up to date with regular correspondence and advice with regard to the impact of the Corona Virus. Please note the following the most recent information provided to us.

SCHOOLS WILL REMAIN OPEN.

Parents of students with specific health problems that are already impacting on their immune system should contact the school for advice with regard to attendance of the student and their siblings.

All school camps and excursions planned for 2020 are cancelled or postponed indefinitely.

The LCDSSA Cross Country/Junior Fun day planned for April 17th is cancelled.

Due to the impact of Coronavirus we will not be conducting a whole school performance this year.

The annual Footy Tipping competition this year is not proceeding.

The annual School's Anzac Day service in Melbourne is cancelled as are all locally held services.

The school we are continuing to adopt recommended practices to reduce the risk of infection. All classrooms have posters detailing procedures to follow if you cough or sneeze. We also have posters listing the correct method for washing hands. Teachers are showing students the video 'Soapy Heroes' and explaining the key points as necessary.

I wish to remind parents that in the event urgent information is required to be sent out to parents by the school, we will use our **SMS messaging system** as well as paper notices. Please ensure your mobile phone details are up to date. Loretta can add any changes to phone numbers via her office computer.

School Assembly/ Whole School Community Walks/Cross Country Training

Please note that Monday assemblies are cancelled until further notice, our end of term assembly will also be cancelled. In addition, the whole school Monday morning walks and cross country training sessions are cancelled. Information normally shared at our assemblies will be broadcast into each room via our PA system.

End of Term Arrangements

Term one will conclude on Friday, March 27th. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on this day. After school care will commence at 2.30pm.

In the event the school needs to contact parents during the vacation it will most likely occur via SMS.

Please ensure we have current mobile phone numbers recorded accurately.

Term two is scheduled to commence on Tuesday, April 14th.

School Council

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25th commencing at 7pm. At this meeting we will elect our office bearers for 2020. The March general meeting will immediately follow the AGM on the same night.

A finance sub committee meeting will be held at 6:30pm prior to the AGM.

Bullock Creek Cup

As part of our overall School Wide Positive Behaviours program this week we launched the Bullock Creek Cup. Thirty grade 5/6 students commenced playing in our double wicket cricket competition. This round robin competition will be held at lunch times and during recess breaks. It is very popular and the efforts thus far have been fantastic from all players. Jayden leads the run scoring 37, Bailey D 33 and Anthony 27. Alana scored a credible 21 runs and her sister

Brianna was close behind with 18. Bailey D is our Chris Lynne this week with five sixes to his name.

More games tomorrow.

Russell Jeffrey
Principal

OSHC News

Another fun week in before and after school care. We have been discussing hand washing practices and health and hygiene. Next week is our last week of term one. On Friday we will be finishing at 5pm sharp.

Chelsie Nickson OSHC coordinator

Breakfast Club News

Yesterday morning we welcomed grades 5/6 J, 3/4 PS and 3/4 S for breakfast club. Next week we invite the grade 1s and 2s on Wednesday and the preps on Friday. Breakfast club is open between 8am and 8:40am.

Chelsie Nickson Breakfast club coordinator



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, otherwise please feel free to see me for further

information. Our school team ID for easy registration is marong-primary-school.

Ms. Gallagher



Parents Club News

Just over a week of term one to go! Calling all families to **please donate** an egg, bunny or anything Easter themed to go towards our raffle prize. The box is looking a little empty. Please return the tickets and your

donation to the office by Tuesday, 24 March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 25th March and prizes will be handed out to students on the last day of term. Winners will be announced in next weeks newsletter. **Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns** will be ready for collection next Tuesday, 24 March after school on the big deck, thank you for your orders. Due to the current circumstances, some items may be missing from your child's **lunch orders**, should this happen, a refund will be given for that item(s). And don't forget zooper doopers on Friday at recess for \$1.



Lunch orders - last week of term - lunch orders will run as normal next Friday from the shop, and as a thankyou from us to you for your continued and ongoing support, all children will be given a free zooper dooper at lunch time.

Birth and Immunisation Certificates

The Department of Education requires all students provide a copy of their Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate upon enrolment.

Could all parents please check with the office that we have received both of these documents. If you have any questions please contact Loretta.

Asthma Plans

A reminder to parents if your child suffers from asthma an Asthma Plan must be obtained from the office. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Rose Stewart.

Jump Rope for Heart

All students have been eagerly skipping and improving their skills in weekly Phys Ed sessions and during lunch and recess. I am most impressed with the improvement all children have made in a short period of time. As Jump Rope for Heart is a fundraising and fitness program, we will be running a casual clothes day on Friday 27th, March (last day of term) with the hope of all students bringing a \$2.00 donation. All money raised will be donated to the heart foundation going towards lifesaving research and health projects. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gallagher.



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- Eleanor O

For always showing respect towards her classmates and teachers. Eleanor is such a wonderful member of our classroom. She always speaks kindly to her peers and is always caring for others. Keep it up El!

Grade Prep/W/T- James W

For demonstrating all three school values throughout the term. James listens to all instructions and tries his best in all tasks. He shows respect all of his peers! Super effort James!

Grade One/Two O - Lana M

Lana is starting to understand her own learning more and more in the classroom. She knows when she needs to challenge herself and also knows when to take herself back a level. Lana always works hard as well as being a kind student to all. Super star Lana!

Grade One/Two R- Reegan W

For showing 'Organisation' and 'Confidence' in all classroom activities. Reegan has been working hard in the classroom, showing great listening skills and putting in his best effort. Well done Reegan.

Grade Three/Four S- Ashleigh

Ashleigh has shown terrific responsibility towards her learning this week. She has been busy collecting evidence, conferencing with her teacher and setting new goals. Ash has also demonstrated great leadership qualities assisting and including others throughout the term. Well done Ash!

Grade Three/Four P/S-Clancy P

For demonstrating all five 'Foundations of Success'. Clancy has made a wonderful start to the year. He is very aware of his learning goals and works hard to achieve them. Thanks Clancy for being a positive role model in our learning community.

Grade Five/Six W- Max O'D

For showing the value of responsibility this week. Max is always happy to lend a helping hand to students and teachers around the school. He is responsible in the classroom and gets along well with everyone outside in the yard. Well done on a great week Max!

Grade Five/Six J- Brianna R

Brianna has been leading by example this week in and out of the classroom and has been a positive role model for her peers. She continually shows the value of responsibility and is awesome to have in 5/6 J. Great work Brianna!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Auskick & NetSetGO

Unfortunately we are unable to proceed with Auskick and NetSetGO at this stage. AFL Central Vic have put things on hold until the end of May 2020 and we will advise of any updates and

changes as they come about. We might even look to running the programs in Term Three instead!

Hopefully. For anyone that has already signed up and wishes to remove their registration, please contact Chris on 0438445914 (Auskick) or Stacey on 0407024464 (NetSetGO).



Newbridge 13 & under netball team is looking for players.

Training starts 5th March. If you would like to be part of a family orientated club please contact Claire Jungfer on 0458424145 or Melissa Curnow on 0407046799.



The Y School Holiday Programs deliver experiences full of discovery and adventure!

**Holiday adventures with the Y
30 MAR - 9 APR 2020**

Fun, active experiences

Child care subsidies may apply

Convenient locations

Qualified staff

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