

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY

Dear Parents/Care givers,

I want to congratulate our students, parents and staff for the excellent start to the Flexible and Remote learning program that will run for term two. There were some teething problems but our staff were able to resolve these quite quickly. If you are experiencing any issues please contact your child's teacher via Classroom Dojo. One issue that some families experienced was the ability to upload completed work onto Dojo. Mr Stacey has created a Help Video that should allow you to overcome any issues, classroom teachers will advise parents of how to access the link to the video.

Yesterday was the first time in Victoria's history that a state wide Remote and Flexible learning program has been implemented. It is a huge change for all of us, but one that we can make work effectively if we continue to collaborate and support each other.

Are parents expected to teach their children?

This is a question I'm sure many parents are wanting an answer to. The answer is No! We are not expecting parents to teach their children. Our staff will provide work on a regular basis that will be accompanied with support documents and instructions. In addition, staff will have their laptops on throughout the day so that they can respond to questions from the students and consequently provide further advice and instruction. As parents you are always encouraged to be a partner with our school in terms of supporting your child's development academically, socially and physically. You can do this by setting a daily timetable for them to do their work. This should reflect our normal school timetable. Starting at 9am -11am. Having a break and then working again from 12-2pm approximately. During these times students would most likely be working on their core subjects Maths and Literacy. Once they complete these they can undertake some of the extra curricular activities provided by Mrs Cook or some of the physical activity as suggested by Miss Gallagher. Parents can also assist by listening to their children read and helping them with tasks where you can.

If you have any concerns please contact your classroom teacher or myself here at the school.

New Chaplain.

I am pleased to advise that Denise Needham will be taking on the role of School Chaplain commencing Monday, April 20th. Denise has been a teacher for most of her working life and more recently has been a School Chaplain at Elphinstone PS. Denise will continue to work at Elphinstone in addition to working here at Marong.

Given the highly unusual situation we are all experiencing at this time there may be people amongst our community who are struggling with a range of issues. It could be financial, emotional, a sense of fear about the risks of exposure to Corona Virus or they might be experiencing anxiety or heightened levels of stress.

Regardless of what the issue might be Denise will be available to talk with anyone who would like to take up the invite.

Russell Jeffrey
Principal

Grade Prep

Wow! What a start to Remote Learning! Firstly, we would love it if you could read this item to your Prep child.

The Prep teachers have been blown away by the support and cooperation from our parents. Thank-you so much!

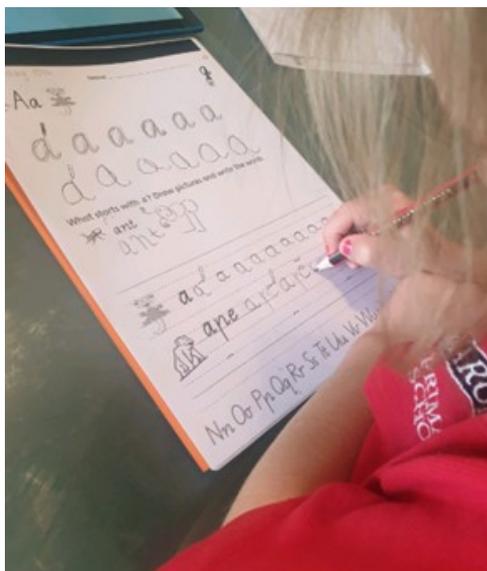
Also, thank-you to the students who have been completing the tasks with a smile and enthusiasm!

The Prep students have been revising content from Term 1 and learning how to learn from home. This has been beneficial for our parents/carers and students because they are familiar with the content.

While the students have been learning at home, we have been receiving continuous updates (photos/videos) with their completed work. We have been giving them feedback on what they have done well, how they could improve (or bump up their work) or even extension questions to further develop their learning.

Next week, we will continue with a similar learning format for our Prep students and the Prep teachers are now investigating the best way to connect with our families virtually so we can have face-to-face conversations. We believe it is vital to have these conversations so we can maintain positive relationships and engagement with their school. Happy Birthday to Alirah for the 5th April and Happy Birthday to Erika for the 11th April.

Mrs White, Miss Adams & Jess



GRADE ONE/TWO NEWS

The grade 1/2's have started term two off with a bang (from a distance). We haven't let being at home stop us and can always find a reason to be happy about school. We have been flooded with photos and messages of awesome home work spaces, smiley students and amazing efforts of work. We have been predicting, writing recounts and working on our place value as well as beginning our integrated topic of HISTORY. We have loved seeing some of those family tree projects sent through. Huge thank you to our parents and families who have been engaged and supportive of the remote learning process. We couldn't run these lessons without your commitment to teaching your children and we have been grateful with the waves of feedback and support! In grade 1/2 we wished Addison and Maddy a happy birthday since we have been at home and wish you all a good luck with all the challenges that remote learning will bring.

GRADE THREE/FOUR NEWS

First of all I just want to say well done to all those who have been completing their work at home and uploading them onto their ClassDojo portfolios. The students in both 3/4 S and 3/4 S/P who have been at school this week have also been working hard to complete their week one activities.

Next week we have the following activities planned:

Reading – Completing daily summarising questions based off a chosen text or video such as BtN.

Writing – Cut and pasting given procedures into order as well as using the given template to write your own procedure piece

Numeracy – Students will be completing their Numeracy Packs as well as attempting the Victorian Maths 'Titanic' Challenge.

Chinese – Week 2 worksheets have been uploaded to ClassDojo.

Happy Birthday to Lachie B for the 5th April and Kallan H for the 8th April.

GRADE FIVE/SIX NEWS

Welcome back to term two in what is certainly different circumstances. This week students worked hard on summarising in their reading, writing an interesting recount (even with the holidays being locked down) and beginning their problem based learning task of creating their own taco truck. It has been great to see so many students ask for feedback and share their work on class dojo and we encourage students to continue doing this.

Next week students will work on predicting in their reading, they will begin writing procedural texts and will continue on with their taco truck. Students will also start their integrated project for the term looking at animal and plant adaptations.

Also a big happy birthday to Tyeler (Snags) Bingham who turned 12 on the 11th April.

Have a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you online next week.

Mr. Wardell and Mr. Johnstone

MARC Van

During the holidays the MARC Van got a new look! Local illustrator Chris Kennett designed some amazing artwork, which was made into a vinyl wrap. The van now looks brilliant. In the coming weeks work will be sent out to students via Dojo and take home packages.

Just make sure to keep reading!

Mrs G



Breakfast Club News

Although we might not be able to share breakfast as a whole school community it is still important to ensure we all have a healthy breakfast to set us up for a day of learning. Please see below the recipe for crumble cups. Please feel free to post a photo on dojo of your breakfast creation. Watch this space for future recipe ideas.

Chelsie - breakfast club coordinator

Crumble cups

This recipe is **GREEN**

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Ingredients

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| 2 cups muesli OR 2 cups oats OR 4 wheat biscuits | | 1 litre yoghurt | 1 large tin fruit |

Equipment you will need:

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|  |  | <p>Cups Bowl Measuring cups Spoons Can opener</p> | <p>Makes 20-30 cups </p> <p>Preparation time: 10 minutes </p> |
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How to make it:

-  1. Count out enough cups for everyone.
-  2. Pour muesli or oats into bowl, or crush wheat biscuits into bowl.
-  3. Put a spoon of yoghurt into each cup.
-  4. Cover yoghurt with a spoon of muesli (or oats or wheat biscuits).
-  5. Carefully open tinned fruit and drain.
-  6. Cover each cup with a spoon of fruit.
-  7. Add another layer of yoghurt, muesli and fruit. Use up all the leftover ingredients.
-  8. Place a spoon in each cup, serve.

Marong Neighbourhood House

FREE SCHOOL BASED

Photocopying and printing also available at the [Marong Neighbourhood House](#).

Please leave USB's and contact details, descriptions of what needs printing or photocopying in an envelope/plastic ziplock bag in the mailbox out the front of the Neighbourhood House.

We will contact you when it is completed to arrange pick up or delivery within the township.

FREE UNLIMITED WIFI in the vicinity of the Marong Neighbourhood House.

Please observe social distancing and internet safety protocols.