

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HONESTY

Curriculum Day

I wish to thank all our families for their quick response and compliance with regard to the short notice that Tuesday, 4th August was a curriculum day.

Preparation of School work:

Our staff are working extremely hard to ensure that school work will be ready for distribution to students by Friday this week. On Tuesday we commenced the day with a review of the procedures and processes we implemented during the term two remote and flexible learning (RFL) period. In light of this we are suggesting that the following weekly generic timetable be used as a guide for parents during RFL term three. By designating Wednesday as a “Special Activity day” the intent is to give parents a day in the middle of the week where the demands of teaching at home are decreased by not requiring students to undertake a suite of maths and literacy activities on this day. Classroom teachers will provide more detailed advice to their students regarding daily activities. Classroom Dojo will continue to be our direct link between school and home.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Students should undertake the activities set by their classroom teachers on this day.</p> <p>Activities will include:</p> <p>Literacy tasks: Eg Reading, writing and comprehension activities.</p> <p>Mathematical tasks: Set tasks as provided by teachers</p> <p>Integrated study tasks.</p>	<p>Students should undertake the activities set by their classroom teachers on this day.</p> <p>Activities will include:</p> <p>Literacy tasks: Eg Reading, writing and comprehension activities.</p> <p>Mathematical tasks: Set tasks as provided by teachers</p> <p>Integrated study tasks.</p>	<p>Wednesdays will be used as a day to address specialist teacher tasks and free choice activities.</p> <p>Such as:</p> <p>Art activities</p> <p>Chinese language activities</p> <p>Physical Education activities.</p> <p>Free choice activities: Board games, cooking, craft, construction, computer games etc.</p>	<p>Students should undertake the activities set by their classroom teachers on this day.</p> <p>Activities will include:</p> <p>Literacy tasks: Eg Reading, writing and comprehension activities.</p> <p>Mathematical tasks: Set tasks as provided by teachers</p> <p>Integrated study tasks.</p>	<p>Students should undertake the activities set by their classroom teachers on this day.</p> <p>Activities will include:</p> <p>Literacy tasks: Eg Reading, writing and comprehension activities.</p> <p>Mathematical tasks: Set tasks as provided by teachers</p> <p>Integrated study tasks.</p>

School Camps 2020

Parents of students in Grades 3/4 are advised that regrettably the proposed camp to Camp Currumbene has been cancelled.

If any parents have made payments towards this camp the funds will be reimbursed.

At this point in time no decision has been made regarding our proposed 5/6 camp in term four and I am waiting on advice from the Department of Education and Training.

School Photos

The date for school photos has been rescheduled to **Monday, October 19th**.

If any parents have paid for photos you have 2 options:

1. Leave the payment at school and we will hold it until October 19th or
2. Collect your envelope from the office.

Outside School Hours Care

Parents wishing to access Outside School Hours Care are advised that bookings are **ESSENTIAL**. Please notify the office as soon as possible of the times and dates you require care for your child.

School Council

Marong Primary School Council currently has two parent member casual vacancies.

If you are interested in joining our School Council or would like to know more about it please contact Mr J.

DRINK BOTTLES

I wish to remind parents that due to Covid restrictions all students are required to have their own drink bottle. Drink bottles can be refilled at lunch time and recess times using our dispensers.

Don't forget to bring a drink bottle daily!

Russell Jeffrey
Principal



Chaplain's Corner

Listening and observing children at play can be very revealing and informative, aside from

being extremely entertaining. We can observe an inside picture of how their own life experiences play out in negotiating their understanding of right and wrong, fair and unfair, good and evil etc. Pure play encourages creative imagination, initiative, negotiation skills and problem solving.

The commercial world has long since recognised the dollar value of our children's play and have capitalised on mass producing toys generated in conjunction with their favourite TV shows or movies. So we have a vast array of toys ranging from Sesame Street, to Peppa Pig to Jurassic Park to Transformers....the list is endless.

However, when they play with TV toys, there is a difference. It is no longer free, imaginative play from the child's own world, because their favourite TV toys have already been pre-programmed with a set of character traits, purposes and likely action. As such, the child does not engage so much in pure play, but in *imitation*. So as parents, it's not an inappropriate question to ask, "What pre-programmed character traits, purposes and actions is my child imitating from this toy, that is now being reinforced in my child, through 'play?'" Check it out. In some instances, you might be pleasantly surprised, but in others, you may well be horrified! Enjoy observing your children at play. Lockdown provides some positive opportunities.

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Parents Club News

Elmore Pie Drive details will be out later in the term, time to clear out some room in your freezer! That's it from us, as always, we'd love to hear any ideas or feedback, please email us on parentsclub.marongps@gmail.com.