

Marong Primary School Newsletter



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July

29th School Council meeting

31st Book Club orders close.

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

HONESTY

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

COVID 19

A reminder that it is a DET expectation that any staff or students who are unwell with Covid like symptoms must stay home until the symptoms are no longer present. If necessary they should seek medical advice and attend a medical centre for a Coronavirus test.



School Camps 2020

Parents of students in Grades 3/4 are advised of the following information with regard to the proposed camp. The cost for this camp will be \$245 per student.

If you are eligible for camps and excursion funding the amount held by the school can be used as a part payment for the camp. Payments for this camp can be made in part or full via the QKR app or at the office. Permission forms will be circulated once payment has been received by the school. If you have any questions regarding payment for the camp please contact Russell Jeffrey Principal.

School Council Meeting

The next meeting of School Council will be held on Wednesday, July 29th.

This meeting will be held via Webex as we are required to hold meetings remotely until further notice by DET.

Councillors will receive an invite to the Webex meeting, at this point in time the meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm.

Farewell

This week we farewell the Scanlon family who are relocating to Mildura in the near future.

Michael Snr has been a member of our school council for some years now and has given his time on numerous occasions to support school activities. At our school fairs Michael has been a stalwart behind the BBQ.

On behalf of our community I want to wish Michael, Cassie, Michael Jnr and Adeara all the very best for now and into the future.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews are now available to parents by request. In light of our changed format student goals for this semester will be sent to parents by Classroom DoJo. Please review these goals before requesting an interview or submitting questions. It is possible that once you have seen the student goals you may be content with the information supplied. However, if you would like a face to face meeting with your child's teacher please contact them to arrange a suitable time. Face to face meetings must be structured to facilitate social distancing. Alternatively you can submit questions to your child's teacher via DoJo and the teacher will reply as soon as practical.

QKR App

The above app proved to be very useful this week with regard to lunch orders. Of the 80 orders received 72 were made via the app. I know this reduced the workload considerably for Stacey Lakey from our parents club. If you haven't downloaded the app onto your phones please consider doing so.

DRINK BOTTLES

We have a large number of students coming to the office on a daily basis requesting a cup of water. Whilst we have been accommodating these requests 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!



Grade Prep News

The Prep students were so excited to finally play on the new play area down at 'Beyond' last week. They really appreciate the hard work from those that contributed to developing the space. So much so – they wrote thank-you letters to Chris Lakey and his helpers and drew a picture.

Don't forget 100 Days of Learning will be celebrated on the 4th August. We would love the students to dress up like they are 100 years old and the teachers will too! It will be a fun day!

What have we been learning about this week?

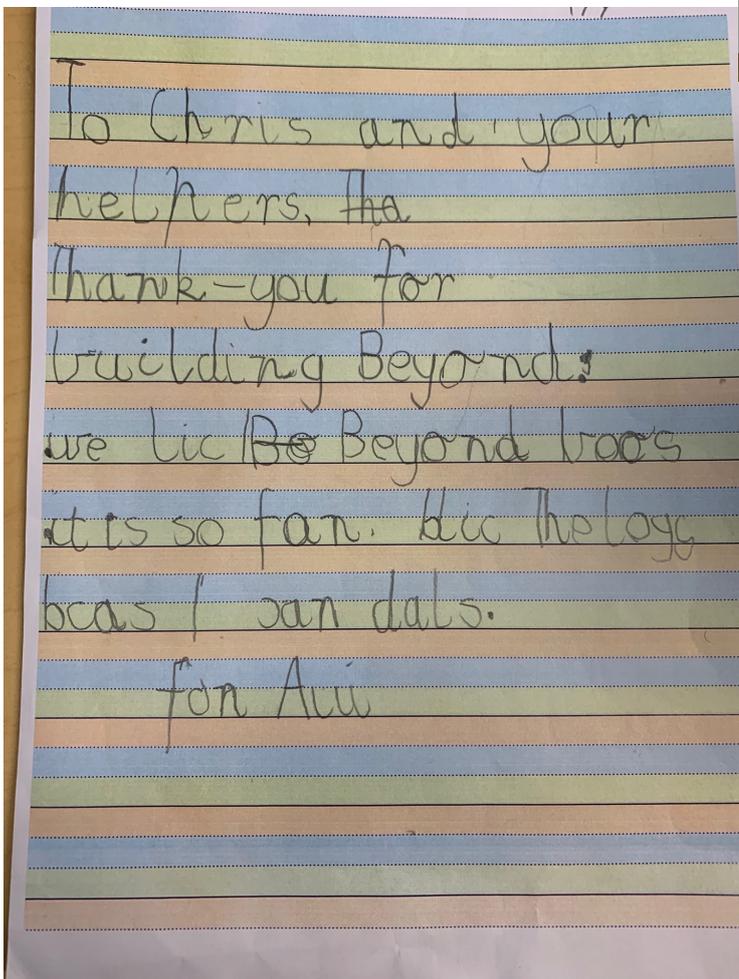
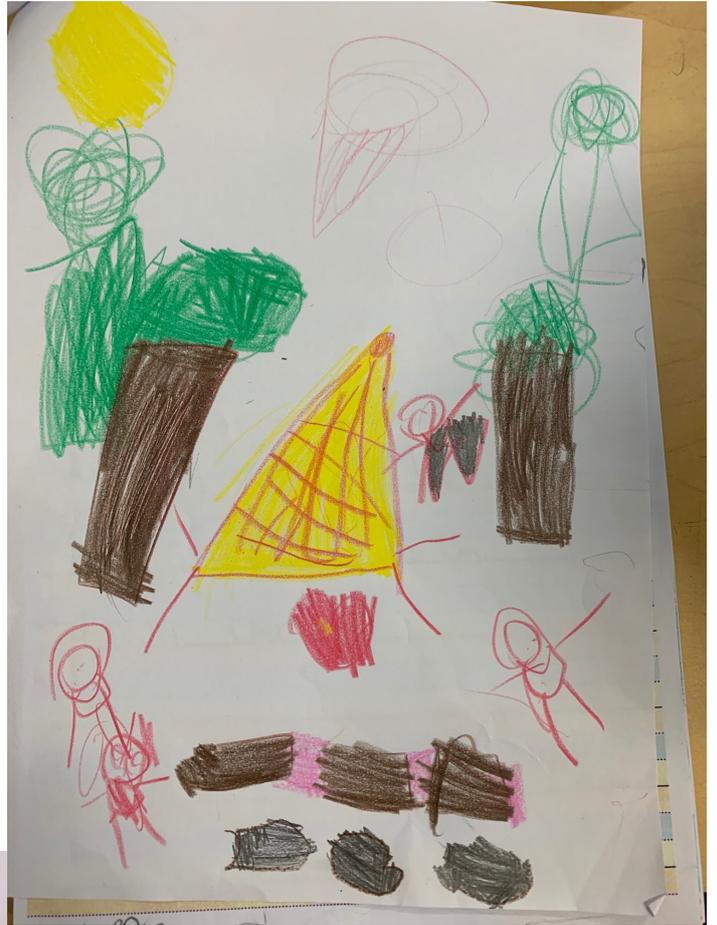
Reading – Reading Strategy 'Lips the Fish' where students need to get their mouth ready to sound out the first letter/blend/digraph of the word they are reading.

Writing – our theme this week is 'beach'. Students used prompts (digital/physical/pictorial) to assist their writing.

SMART Spelling – words of the week are 'beach' and 'teacher'. We focussed on the digraphs 'ea', 'ch' and 'er'.

Numeracy – Money - continued to build skills and knowledge about coins and notes and skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s.

Jess, Mrs White & Miss Adams



Grade 1/2 News

Another wonderful week in the classroom, with everyone continuing to settle in well from a great holiday break. This week, students have been busy doing lots of fun and engaging things. We have been learning;

To read fiction and non-fiction texts and identify the text features.

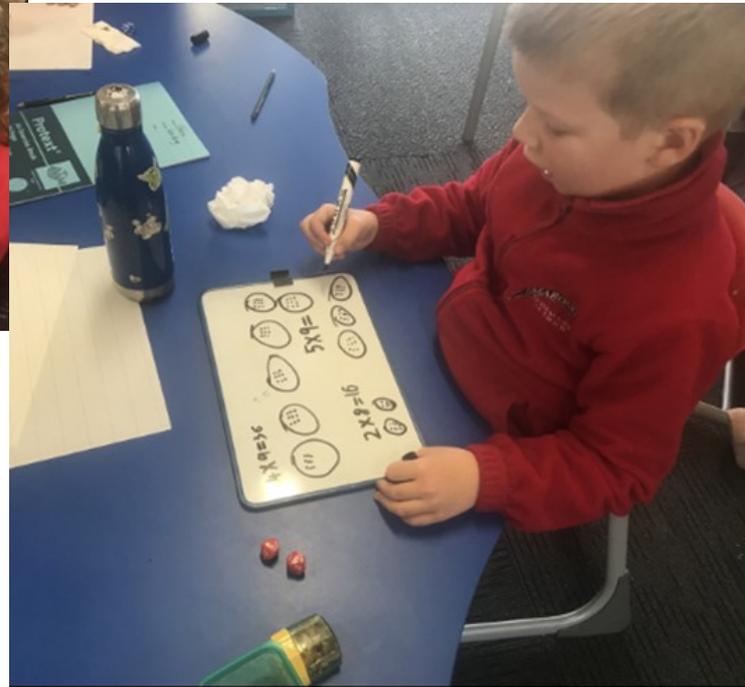
To write narrative stories and include a problem and solution in our writing using a writing prompt.

To multiply numbers using strategies such as arrays, groups and repeated addition.

To know our school values and how we can show these at home and at school.

Keep up the great work grade 1/2!

Miss O'Donoghue and Mr Riordan



Grade 3/4 News

This week we have been researching and learning a lot about Australia and other countries as part of our inquiry topic 'Our World'. We have focussed on identifying the states and territories of Australia and locating well known landmarks and places.

We have also begun to look at other continents and gathering important information about them to write our information reports.

In Maths we have continued our focus on measurement and worked hard when converting litres to millilitres and vice versa.

We have been having fun with 'imagery' when reading by finding examples of when the author has used description vocabulary to help the reader to imagine what a character or setting might look like.

Mr Stacey, Miss Patching and Mr Saddler.



Our World - Wonderings

- What is the difference between a country and a continent?
- What is the difference between the sea and the ocean?
- How many Melbourne's make up China?

Grade 5/6 News

This week the grade 5/6 students have continued to develop their ability to analyse and create poetry. We have looked into the theme of different poems and how this can affect the emotional response of the reader.

In numeracy, students have designed their dream house including calculating the area, perimeter and volume that they have used for each room.

For integrated, students have chosen a country to research from the North America, Europe or Asian region.

The standard of work has continued to be high across both classrooms and we look forward to this continuing next week.

In our classes next week students will be continuing to write poetry, they will be conducting an author study and will be looking at mass and reasonableness of answers in numeracy.

They will also be presenting the information that they have found on their chosen country.

Keep up the great work grade 5/6s.

Mr. Wardell and Mr. Johnstone

Chaplain's Corner

Circumstances don't determine who we are, but who we really are is a direct result of the way in which we choose to respond. Our choices often come down to the basic question of whether we opt to become bitter or better.

I had a dear friend that everyone in the district simply called Granny B. She was in her nineties when she died, but she left a legacy of joy. People loved to visit her because they always came away feeling loved. Her life hadn't been easy by any stretch of the imagination, but you could see in her, tangible evidence of her wise and discerning responses to difficult circumstances. Much of her life was 'others-centred' and this manifested in the multiple stories told by those whose lives she impacted.

How do each of us want to be remembered? I don't believe it is morbid to think about that. Just like we set goals for what we want to achieve in life, so it is surely important to set goals for the kind of person we want to BE!

Who is it in your life that inspires you toward 'betterness?'

Have a wonder-filled week.

Denise

Parents Club News

Firstly a big huge thankyou to everyone who ordered lunch orders via **Qkr** this week, saved us so much time on this end, hopefully saved you some time too and also trying to find that loose change! For anyone who wants any help with setting up the app, send us an email and we can talk you through it! Reminder as always: cut off is Wednesday 9am sharp for both manual brown bags to the office and Qkr orders, and no late orders at the shop can be accepted. **Cookie Dough** orders are going crazy!! Keep up the good work - only two weeks to go! We're hoping to purchase a few iPads with the money raised to complete a class set, so share away to your family and friends, and keep those orders coming in. If anyone needs any help setting up the online ordering page, the step by step

instructions are on the Facebook page, or send us an email and we can talk you through it.

Reminder that orders close 31st July and

delivery is 19th August. Spare order forms can be collected at the office if needed. **Crazy Hair Day** is coming up on Friday, 7th August and will be a gold coin donation handed to your child's teacher. **Elmore Pie Drive** details will be out later in the term. As always, we'd love to hear any ideas or feedback, please email us on parentsclub.marongps@gmail.com.



Marong Auskick 2020

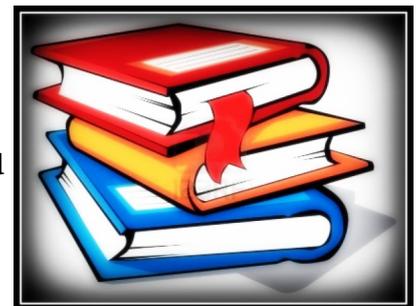
Unfortunately to the current issues surrounding COVID-19 we have decided to cancel Auskick at Marong this year. This was a difficult decision however the health and safety of all must come first. A representative from AFL Victoria will be contacting all of the 2020 registered participants in the coming week or so to arrange refunds where required.

Thanks Chris Lakey



Book Club

Students have received the latest Book Club catalogue today. Could all orders and payment please be returned to the office by 31st July 2020.



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 being an all-round superstar in every aspect of school. Eleanor is such a delight to have in the classroom. She always works hard, tries her best and is so incredibly kind to others. Keep it up superstar!

Grade Prep W/T-Mitchell W

For demonstrating great responsibility and resilience this week. Mitch has continued to work in the classroom and catch up on content he missed out on last week. He has also been a great role model to his peers for super neat handwriting/letter formation. Amazing effort Mitch!

Grade One/Two O-Max M

Max has been so 'ready to go' since returning this term. He has been super organised this week, often being the first one to begin his work. He has been making an active effort to remember all his jobs and showing plenty of maturity. Superstar Max.

Grade One/Two R-Bella O

For demonstrating 'Organisation' and 'Confidence' during our learning activities this week. Bel has been focussed, producing some wonderful work, especially during writing narratives this week. Well done on a great week Bel.

Grade Three/Four S - Angus A

As I was away for the week, Angus's peers voted him as the standout student of the week. Students mentioned that he was very inclusive of others, was very successful during numeracy and helped others without hesitation during the week. These are the qualities I see everyday from Angus so it is no surprise he was acknowledged by his fellow classmates. Well done Angus!

Grade Three/Four P/S- Miller B

For demonstrating our school value of Responsibility. Miller has been applying himself really well in class, asking clarifying questions and working hard to complete all set tasks. Well done Miller!

Grade Five/Six W-Michael S

For showing all of the school values. Michael has been an amazing leader in our class who is going to be missed. We wish you all the best at your new school and I am sure that you will be just as amazing as you have been in your time at Marong. Well done on a great week, term and year!

Grade 5/6 J-Tyler B

Tyler has had an excellent week and has been displaying all school values. In class, he has been putting in a lot of hard work to achieve his goals and this week, he has smashed his goals. Great work Tyler!

