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Learning together, Growing together

MPS NEWSLETTER

9th February
2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday February 14th** Preps Rest Day (No school for preps except if scheduled for their assessments this day)
- **Monday 12th February** Swimming at Orbost 1:30-2:30pm **Group 3 and 4 ONLY**
- **Wednesday 14th February** Preps Rest Day (No school for preps except if scheduled for their assessments this day)
- **Thursday 15th February** Swimming Carnival at Orbost (all students)
- **Friday 16th February** Hockey Clinic
- **Monday 19th February** Swimming at Orbost 1.30-2.30 **Group 1 and 2 ONLY**
- **Monday 19th February** School Council Meeting 5:30pm
- **Wednesday 21st February** Preps Rest Day (No school for preps except if scheduled for their assessments this day)
- **Friday 23rd February** Pub Raffle Night

School Council Members

- Conni Greenwood (President)
- Brad Young
- Kiely Lobley
- Grant Tucker
- Elizabeth Barnes
- Joe Murray
- Andrew Bennett
- Nicole Pollard

Remember to bring your bathers and towel on swimming days!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ASSEMBLY

Exciting news families, as a result of students requesting more sport in their days, teachers have decided that school assembly will be moved to Wednesday afternoons, 3pm, to allow Huff 'n' Puff every day of the week! AND we would love to see **You** at assembly. This weekly meeting is run by students and is a celebration of our week. We hope to see you at 3pm at the undercover area on Wednesday next week.

MARLO PRIMARY CUTS DOWN ON WASTE!

This term, our student leadership team have decided that they are going to encourage students to pack waste free lunches. Each day, students who bring lunch boxes free of waste will put their names into a tub, which will be used to choose students to win prizes at assembly.

Marlo Primary is dedicated to cutting back our impact on the planet and we ask you to support our students in this quest.

BUSY SUMMER

You may notice some changes at MPS when you visit this term, after a busy summer of work at our school. We would like to thank the contractors who have worked hard to install new paths, table & chairs, automatics doors and more.

Also, thanks to Richard and Kiely for their work repairing and beautifying many areas of our school.

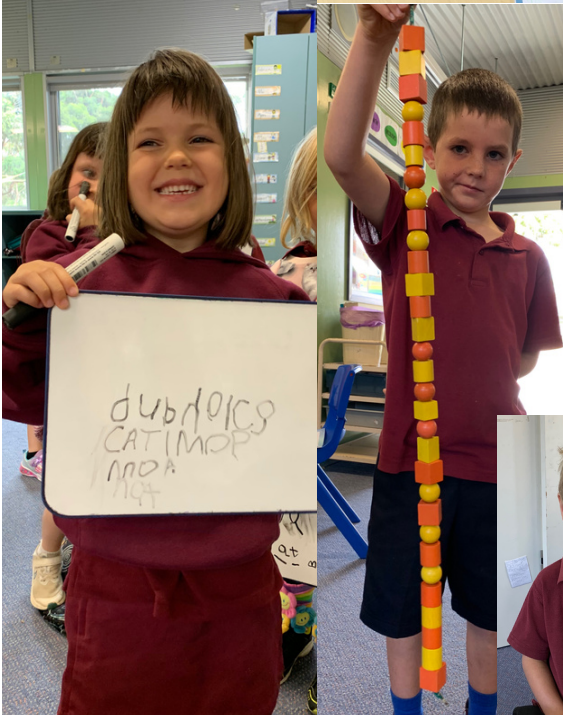
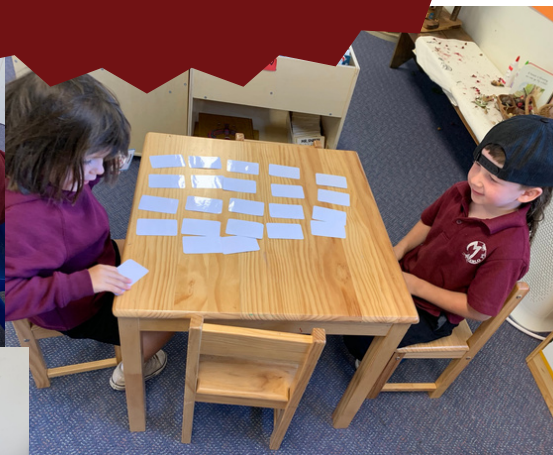
At the end of 2023, School Council also approved the purchase of a defibrillator, which is now installed and set up in the staff room.

Nicole Pollard
Principal

In the Classroom

Prep and Year 1
with Miss Breezy

We are so happy to welcome our new 8 prep students to the P/1 class. In their first week we learnt all about working in pairs, groups and individually. We have explored our school and spent lots of time getting to know each other through games, art and play.

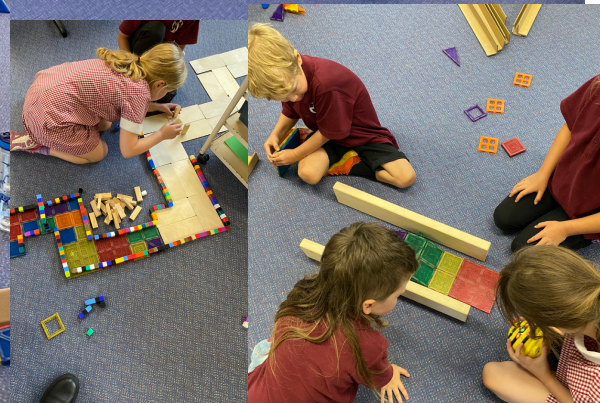
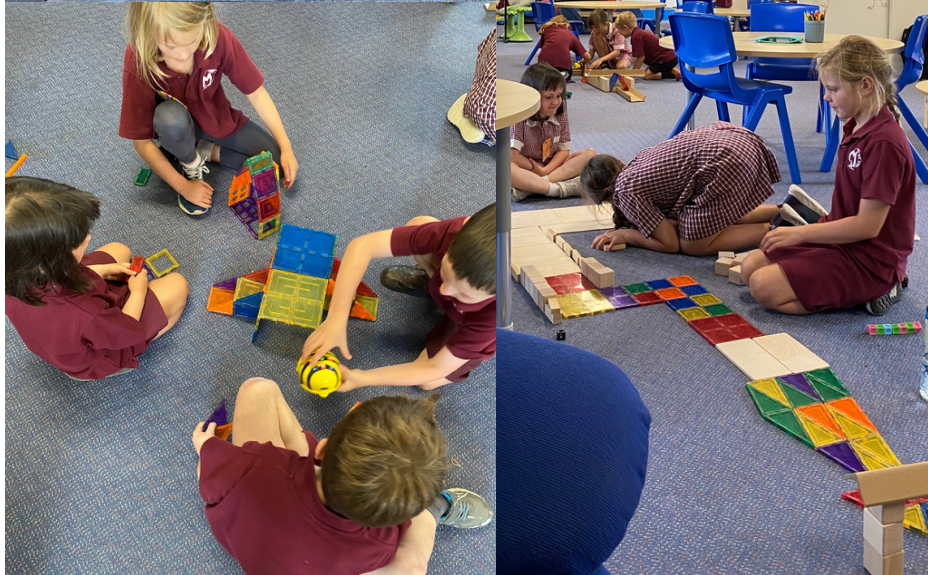


We are learning to make a pattern with shapes, stickers and beads!

In the Classroom

Year 2 and Year 3
with Miss Treacy

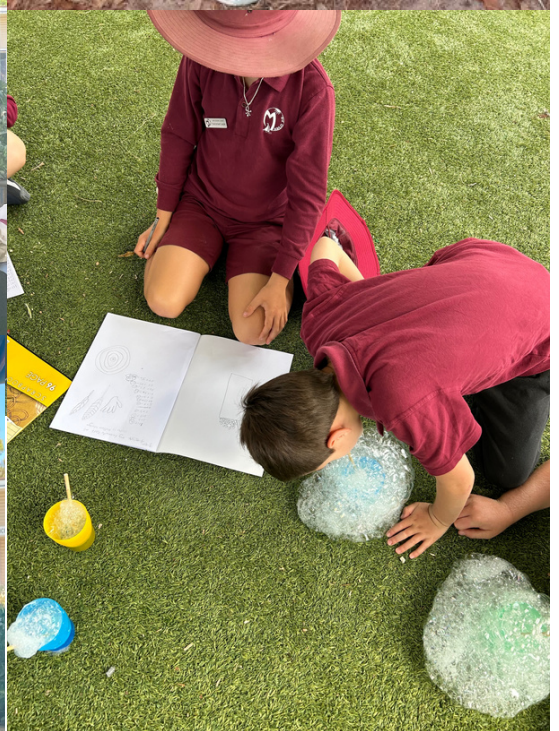
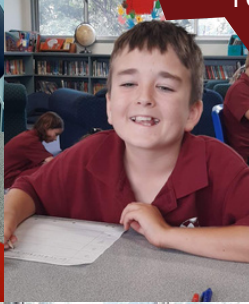
The year 2/3 students have had a magnificent start to the year. Their passion for reading and writing is clear as they independently sorted their classroom library into categories. They have also been fantastic leaders to our younger students during STEM.



In the Classroom

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
with Mr Pashos and Ange

The senior students have got to work straight away! They have been learning about maths in nature by exploring Fibonacci maths. Our senior student leaders lead our first Wednesday afternoon assembly and should be commended on their preparation and engaging items. They have begun buddy reading with the junior class.



MARLO PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Dear Families,

Marlo Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through our request for financial contribution, fundraising or volunteering your time. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide extra Teacher Aides assistance in classrooms, run a Science and Spanish programs, provide 1:1 iPads/ laptops to students, construct a kitchen garden and enhance the STEAM (technology) program.

The total Voluntary Curriculum Contribution for 2024 is \$265 per student.

Extra-Curricular Items & Activities

Payments for Extra-Curricular activities will be requested on an opt-in or user pays basis in 2024. Please find attached an outline of Extra-Curricular options the school is proposing for 2024.

Information regarding the Marlo PS camp program will be forwarded during term 1, 2024.

Payment Methods

Cash or Cheques can be received at the school office (cheques made payable to Marlo Primary School)
Direct Deposits – BSB 313 140 Account 1200 3211

Please include family name as payment reference

Yours sincerely,

NICOLE POLLARD
Principal

CONNI GREENWOOD
School Council President

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTION ITEMS 2024

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Year Prep-Grade 6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stationery and Classroom consumables • Workbooks eg home reading diaries & handwriting books • Art, STEAM & Bookweek supplies and resources • Printing and photocopying of worksheet and learning materials to learn in class and at home. <p><i>Online Learning Resources</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics • IT Apps 	\$130.00
<p><i>Year Prep-Grade 6 Whole school curriculum events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster Arts Council performances one per Term • Local class minor excursions – Can include transport to and from all local events:- Examples- OPS play, ONPS play, OSC concert, RSL – ANZAC, Winter sports, Athletic sports, Orbost Library, Buchan Caves, Interschool athletic sports, Interschool Cross Country, Flower Show, Coastal School, Farm visit, Marlo Beach, Choir rehearsal, NPS Musical rehearsals, OSC transition, Emergency Services day, Swimming sessions, Arts council performances etc. 	\$75.00
<p><i>Swimming program-</i> Participation in the swimming program at Orbost Pool for 6 sessions and one swim fun day, including transport.</p>	\$60.00
<p>Total Amount</p>	\$265.00

Educational items for students to own

Our school purchases all stationery and student supplies in bulk and distribute them to the classrooms in preparation for the school year. These items are included in the Curriculum Contribution.

Financial Support for Families

Marlo Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State School's Relief (SSR)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact the school office 5154 8236/ marlo.ps@education.vic.gov.au.