

School Newsletter

Term 2 2023 | Issue 8

A Word From The Principal

The past month has seen our students enjoy a wide range of activities and special events with these things often being highlights of their schooling journey. We've had the Book Fair, Grandparent's & Special Friends Day, Alpine School's Gnurad-Gundidj Campus excursion and personal development for Years 3-6 and our JSC organised event, 'A Day in May'. We are so proud of how our students have come together to showcase their personal skills and demonstrate our school values of 'Excellence, Care, Respect and Responsibility'.

Hands on Learning

It's fabulous to have Dave in 'The Shed' working alongside our Hands on Learning Crew planning, designing and constructing special items. The latest creation to emerge from the shed is a birdhouse mansion. This is a special project created for the Hawkesdale Kindergarten and truly demonstrates what the program is all about – finding purpose in meaningful tasks to give back to the school and community. We are impressed by the communication and teamwork on display and cannot wait to see what's next!



ACCIONA Grant success

I received a wonderful email earlier this week, notifying us of our successful Community Sponsorship grant application for our project – Kitchen Garden – A return to roots. I will work closely with students, staff and parents to utilise our money. Early ideas are covers for the veggie gardens, storage containers to kit out our pantry and some new equipment to make kitchen / garden sessions easier for all.

Parent Contributions

We would like to thank all the families who have paid their parent payment contributions in full. There are also some who have organised a payment plan with Casey. It's greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make your contribution please make use of our different options, as your contributions are supporting the learning of your students in our school community. As to date ADD% of students have paid in full.

Child Safety Processes - Volunteers

We are excited to have parents, carers and grandparents helping in the school as volunteers, and I'd like to remind you that we welcome volunteers for any length of time – weekly, fortnightly, monthly, termly, or on a casual basis. All you need is a willingness to become involved with the school, and a Working With Children Check which is free for volunteers (remember to provide the Office with proof of your WWCC). Please see your child's classroom teacher if you would like to volunteer for any aspect of school life.

National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week

Last Friday all students created individual purple hibiscus flowers following our discussion about the impacts on our First Nations people - 'The Stolen Generation' - as a result of the mistreatment when they were forcibly removed from their families and communities. Be sure to pop into the Office to see the eye-catching display in the front Office.

It led into this week's valuable learning surrounding National Reconciliation Week which is held annually from May 27th to June 3rd. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

This year's National Reconciliation Week theme, Be a Voice for Generations, urges all Australians to use their power, their words and their actions to create a better, more just Australia for all of us— where we live, work and socialise.



Hlona Watkins

Slippers Indoors

Due to the weather and muddy conditions we are asking students to please remove their shoes when entering the main classroom building. Students may wear a pair of slippers whilst indoors. Please ensure they are named and can easily slide on and off.

Items for Sale

The school still has several items for sale. There is a freezer and cupboards outside the MPR. Each are \$40 each. If you wish to purchase or know someone who may be interested, please let staff know.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to Beck, Sarah and Erin who continue to volunteer their time to ensure every child has a full tummy every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. If anyone else is interested in assisting, please see us for further information

School Hours

Classes begin at 9am and finish at 3.30pm. Please ensure your child/ren are here and ready to start class on time. It is good practice to allow them **10 minutes** to do what they need to do before the bell goes each morning.

Late arrivals and early departures

Students arriving late or needing to leave early must report at the office. The parent can collect and sign in or out. This is a safety requirement as well as enabling us to update attendance information. is provided – this is your parental responsibility.

Mindfulness

We have been working on mindfulness activities to support us when we are feeling too energized and when we are feeling too sleepy. Mindfulness is a great way to reset our brains throughout the day to help us with our learning.



F-2 Learning Community

BE EXCELLENT
BE RESPECTFUL

BE CARING
BE RESPONSIBLE

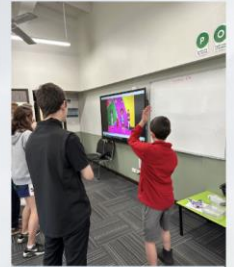
Gurud-Gundidj Local Learning Day

Callum — I loved meeting an older me — my buddy and I liked a lot of the same things and we were basically twins.

Charlie — I liked meeting my buddies and playing ping pong.

Kenz — My buddies Lucy and Stacie made me feel welcome. We got our face painted and did Just Dance. It was so much fun!

Harry — I loved playing basketball with my buddies.



Excellence, Care, Respect and Responsibility

MARC Library News Term 2



This term is certainly passing by very quickly! It is that time of the year again where it is perfect weather to curl up in front of the fire with a good book. Congratulations to all those students who have been remembering to return their books each week. I am just thrilled with the high rate of borrowing so far this year. Lots of new books have been purchased and will be available for loan over the next few weeks. Mrs White and I have been busy cataloguing, processing books and covering. A great range of new and exciting books...something to interest all students!

The planning of the MARC Library Program this term is based on a thematic approach with the students learning about the wonderful world of **MINIBEASTS**. The P-2 students are exploring the features of a non-fiction text, as well as further developing their ability to identify important facts and new knowledge from an information book. The Year 3-6 students are further consolidating their research skills using non-fiction books and the Internet. They are also continuing to develop their ability to refine their search when using the Google Search engine, as well as be able to locate websites that are appropriate to their level of understanding. The students will complete a research task about a Minibeast of their choice. All tasks are adapted to suit each year level. I am also sharing lots of entertaining picture storybooks about **MINIBEASTS** with the students.

There is lots to look forward to in MARC Library for the remainder of the year. Please pop the date for Book Week celebrations on your calendar.

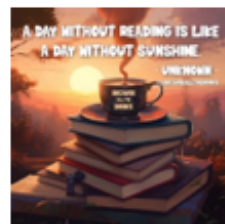
Kind Regards Chris Howlett

Date to Remember!

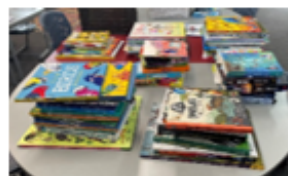
MARC Library
BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS
Wednesday August 23rd
Dress-up Day and Fun Activities



Next holiday????



Happy reading!

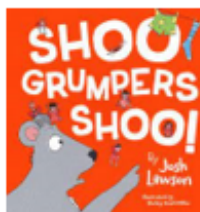


Upcoming Event

So excited to announce that local author-illustrator and cartoonist, Shelley Knoll-Miller, will be visiting MARC schools' next term. Date yet to be confirmed.

Shelley has had 20 years of experience as a cartoonist. As an Australian illustrator, she created the illustrations for 'Shoo Grumpers Shoo!', which was written by Josh Lawson and published in 2018.

She now writes and illustrates her own books, and her creative talent has been recognised both locally and nationally through awards. Her latest work, Parcel for Penguin and Parcel for Gorilla' are just brilliant. The loveable characters, the humour, the intriguing storyline, and the bright, vivid illustrations in these books immediately engage the students. It is such a privilege to have Shelley visit our MARC schools' and very much look forward to her sharing her experiences as an author-illustrator and cartoonist.



MARC Library Children's Book Awards



MLCB Awards 2023

In conjunction with the upcoming CBCA Awards and celebration of Book Week in Term 3, we have decided to organise our own MARC Library book awards. The MARC Library teachers will select a collection of popular books which are regularly borrowed from the van. There will be four categories:

- Picture Storybooks (P-6)
- Junior Novels (3-6)
- Older Readers- Novels (5/6)
- Non-Fiction (P-6)

THEME FOR
MLCB AWARDS
2023



The students will vote on their favourite book from the categories. They will be encouraged to make good choices when selecting for each category (high interest, engaging, as well as encouraging them to 'dream with their eyes open').

The most popular three books from each category will be shortlisted. The MARC Library teachers will be the judges of the shortlisted books and make the final decision on the winners. The structure of the MLCB Awards is in keeping with that of the CBCA Awards. The book selection process will begin this term and the MLCB Award winners will be announced during Book Week.

We are so excited to present our MLCB Awards for the first time and to give the students a voice and the opportunity to share what they love to read!

Chris Howlett
Christina White
MARC Library Teachers



Student Achievements

STUDENT AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

Term 2 Week 5

Miss Horsnell

Be Excellent- Trinity Bell

This term Trinity has listened attentively, participated in learning discussions and independently produced her own ideas for writing a reading response when learning about book to self, book to book and book to world connections. Well done!

Term 2 Week 6

Miss Horsnell

Be Respectful- Apollo Miller

This week Apollo has demonstrated how hard he has been working on communicating respectfully, listening while others are talking, and staying focused on tasks. Keep it up!

Mrs Watkins

Be Responsible- Charlie Colyer

Charlie has shown a great sense of responsibility this week. He has been helpful to all within the classroom, is assisting younger students and offers assistance with tasks around the school. Keep up the great leadership qualities Charlie!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Harrison Plater

Harrison has settled into this term so well and has developed a real sense of belonging within our school and is showing ownership over his learning. He is demonstrating our school values consistently. I am so impressed Harrison!



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2024 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

*Call the School — 5592 5282 for an
enrolment pack.*

Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2024

The Department of Education has released a new statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2024 school year.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2024, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by Friday 28 July 2023.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2024, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.

If you are seeking to enrol your child into Foundation next year, please pop in, contact our school office on 55925282 or jump on our website to download an enrolment form.



Terang Tornadoes Basketball Club

BASKETBALL VICTORIA

Register to Terang Tornadoes Basketball Club as a:

 Player

Season information

Tryouts and Preseason - Junior Country Representative Squad, 2023/24

01 Apr 2023 - 28 Feb 2024

Ages

9 - 16 Years Old

Age is calculated as at 31/12/2023

Pricing information

2023/2024 Junior Representative Squad Season Try Outs

\$5 per session

U12 Boys & Girls born:~ 2013/2014

U14 Boys & Girls born:~ 2011/2012

U16 Boys & Girls born:~ 2009/2010

U18 Boys & Girls born:~ 2007/2008

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday 18th/Wednesday 19th July

Tuesday 25th/Wednesday 26th July

Additional information

***Please note session nights and times for each age group will be confirmed closer to the date ***

These will be conducted as closed sessions with only players and relevant coaching staff present.

All participants are required to be registered in Terang Olympic Basketball Association domestic competition.

For any queries please contact Belinda Dwyer - 0488 921122 OR Jane Vaughan - 0458 004 948.

READING ADDS UP!

WHAT A DIFFERENCE READING FOR 10 MINUTES A DAY MAKES...

A student who reads for 10 minutes every day typically has a broader range of vocabulary and an increased level of spelling. Reading exposes children to new ideas, facts, and cultures, helping to expand their knowledge and understanding of the world around them. Not only does regular reading help make students smarter, it can actually increase brain power.



365 minutes in one year
2555 minutes by year 6
8000 words in one year!



3650 minutes in one year
25,550 minutes by year 6
600,000 words in one year!

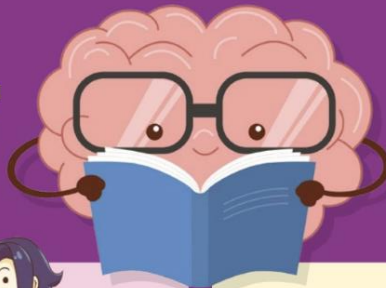


7300 minutes in one year
51,100 minutes by year 6
1,800,000 words in one year!



Adapted from Adams (2006) with baseline data from Anderson, Wilson, & Fielding (1998).

READING IS A WORKOUT FOR YOUR...



READ FOR AT LEAST 10 MINUTES EVERY DAY TO EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN



Reading is a positive habit that has life-long impacts on your knowledge and your health. It's like exercising or eating your vegetables!

HEART

Research shows that reading about a character's thoughts and feelings make you kinder.



MEMORY

Reading exercises the brain, improving your memory (maybe you'll stop forgetting your lunch at home!)



IMAGINATION

Books can help you see vivid pictures in your mind so you feel like you're actually immersed in another time or place. The whole world comes alive as your reading journey continues through each page!



Important Dates to Remember

TERM 2 CALENDAR DATES

Saturday 27 th May	National Reconciliation Week 27 th - 3 rd June
Saturday 3 rd June	MABO Day 3 rd June
Monday 5 th June	Ilona out- Education State Principal Conference
Tuesday 6 th June	Ilona Out-Education State Principal Conference
Monday 12 th June	King's Birthday- Public Holiday No School
Thursday 8 th June	Hands on Learning today, not tomorrow
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 3-6 to Worn Gundidj Nursery
Friday 23 rd June	End of Term 2- Finish at 2.30pm
Monday 3 rd – 10 th July	NAIDOC Week

TERM 3 CALENDAR DATES

Monday 10 th July	Beginning of Term 3
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