



## Principal's Page

Newsletter WK 4 Term 2 2023

### Walk to School Day

Walk to school day was another huge success.

It was terrific to see so many students and families making the most of the beautiful morning by walking, riding or scootering to school.

It was a colourful event with students wearing their crazy socks and joining in with the dance party on the oval, lead enthusiastically by Bec Pearce. It was a lot of fun.

The walking school buses will run for another three weeks on Friday mornings, with a prize draw at the end for everyone that boarded.

As always, the organisation was spot on, so congratulations to Mel Davies and her outstanding team.





# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Year 4 Assembly

Its terrific to have assemblies back this year. We certainly got off to a great start with an outstanding performance from Mr Hackett and Ms Sheriffs classes. They combined live action with technology to put on an entertaining item. It was also great to see so many parents and carers attend the performance.



## Heart felt thank you

Today is WA P&C Day. It is a day where we give thanks to Marmion P&C for all their hard work and contributions. Marmion P&C does an outstanding job in supporting the school. I have only been at the school a little over a year, but I have been overwhelmed by how willing the P&C has been to support the school. Not only has the P&C has given the school thousands and thousands of dollars to provide resources, but also assisted with improving the physical environment. They have also provided feedback on a range of policy and programs. Thank you, Marmion P&C, on behalf of I the staff and students.



**We're celebrating P&C Day WA**  
**19 May 2023**  
**#PANDCDAYWA**



**P&C DAY**  
**WA**



# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Character Strengths

### Why Character strengths instead of merit awards?

We know from decades of research that emotional intelligence, which is linked to an individual's character strengths, is just as, if not more important than IQ. What research does tell us is that IQ gets you in the door but it's the EQ that helps you to thrive.

It's no surprise then, that companies are now focussing more on these qualities in prospective employees. In fact, it is these 21<sup>st</sup> century character strengths that are changing the scope of employment criteria. The good news for schools is that character strengths are something that can be taught and learned. A focus on Character Strengths helps students to better understand themselves, those around them and why they do well in some areas of their life and not others. All areas of a student's success can be linked to their character strengths.

For example—

- Why did a student do well in completing a project (**perseverance**)?
- How can the student do better? (**Courage**) They may need to engage with something they find difficult and step outside of their comfort zone.
- A student who struggles to work with others may need to focus on **teamwork** or **kindness**.

Character Strengths also provides more informative feedback for students. Instead of teachers saying, "This is great work!" teachers at Marmion add "This is great work because you used **perseverance**." or "You did well because you displayed **fairness** during group work." Ideally, we want students saying, "When I show **courage** I do better." "If I focus on my **self-regulation** I can contribute more during class and others want to work with me.

Other students also do not see the student who is doing well just as "smart". They begin to recognise that this student may or may not be smart, but he/she has strong **character strengths** that enable him/her to maximise their potential.

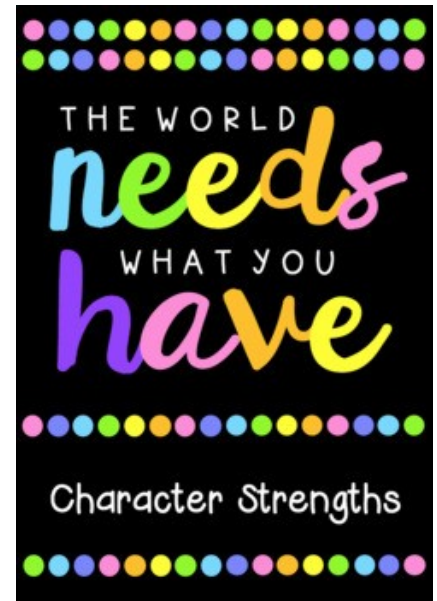
A focus on character strengths also assists students to set goals - "My writing is not improving. Therefore, I need to focus more on **creativity** and really brainstorm my ideas.

As teachers we may start to look at students a little differently. For example, Simon is a quiet, nice student, but he has never been acknowledged for **courage** or for **gratitude**. I could then work with Simon to set goals in these areas

This process is not just about the individual. Students can monitor each other within their group. They can clearly label or articulate when a member of the group is or is not exhibiting a key strength. At Marmion the goal is to develop a common understanding of the strengths and to use the same language, when working with students, colleagues, and parents.

Identifying students who have achieved an identified character strength is an important element of the process as it establishes the role models in each class and throughout the school. So, if a student has a particular strength they need to focus on they can look to a role as a clear example of the behaviours necessary to achieve that strength.

Although we identify the students who have developed a particular character strength with a certificate, it is important to understand that students are pursuing their character strengths not solely as a means to be rewarded or to please the teacher, but because they see personal and community benefits in doing so.





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## School visits

We have had a number of teachers from other schools visit Marmion to learn more about some of our work in mindfulness and character strengths. Without exception these teachers have commented on the strong culture within the school and the professionalism from all staff they came into contact with. I would like to acknowledge the work of the staff at Marmion who work hard to receive this feedback.

## Parent Feedback

**We would appreciate your feedback on our current school photographer and parent workshops run at Marmion.**



Please click on the link below to complete a short feedback form —

<https://forms.office.com/r/vk1wnqMx1k>

## Covid update

We are still asking parents/carers to be vigilant around testing children that show signs of Covid. These can include cold/flu like traits, sore stomachs and throats or conjunctivitis like symptoms. We have appreciated families informing the school of any positive tests and keeping children home until symptoms resolve

Principal

Bill Boylan



# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Marmion's Link to Culture



### Culture

Marmion was the state's first marine park and was declared on 13 March 1987. The park has great natural beauty and is one of Perth's most important areas for aquatic recreation. The small islands of Marmion Marine Park provide important habitat for a wide range of sea life and plant diversity. The area is culturally significant to local Aboriginal people who have a long history of connection to the land and sea. The Whadjuk Noongar people are the traditional custodians of Marmion Marine Park. Prior to the end of the last Ice Age, the Western Australian coastline was about 10km west of where Rottnest (or Wadjemup) Island is now located. Noongar people lived on the lands that are now submerged in the marine park. The Whadjuk Aboriginal people called the area Mooro, gathered abalone and other shellfish in large numbers off the nearby reefs.





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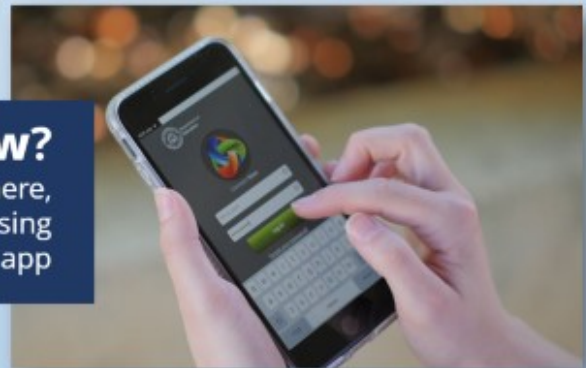


### What is my child doing?

Receive notifications to keep up to date  
with what's happening at school

### How to ConnectNow?

Access Connect anywhere,  
anytime on your phone using  
the **ConnectNow** app



Wherever you are... **ConnectNow**

If you would like to know more  
about **Connect** or **ConnectNow**  
please contact:

[marmionps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:marmionps@education.wa.edu.au)





# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Keep an eye on the calendar as it is updated regularly.

## Term 2 Calendar 2023

5	22	23	24 National Simultaneous Storytime 10:30am 	25	26 Walk to School Bus  Winter Interschool Sport Y5/6	27/28
6	29	30 Woodwork 3:30-5:00	31	1 June	2 Walk to School Bus 	3/4
7	5 WA Day	6	7	8	9 Walk to School Bus  Winter Interschool Sport Y5/6	10/11
8	12 P&C Meeting 7:30	13 Woodwork 3:30-5:00	14	15	16 Winter Interschool Sport Y5/6	17/18
9	19	20	21 MPS Cross Country 	22 Assembly LA17	23	24/25 SCHOOL DISCO 
10	26	27 LIGHTENING CARNIVAL Winter Interschool Sport Y5/6 Reports Sent Home	28	29 Assembly LA5&6	30	1/2 July
	3	4	5	6	7	8/9
	10	11	12	13	14	15/16



# P & C News

## P&C Meeting: Monday 12 June

Our next meeting will be on Monday 12 June at 7:30pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

The committee represents our parents and the wider school community. Participating in the P&C is a valuable way we can contribute to our children education, increase learning opportunities and improve school resources.

It is a great way to stay informed about what is happening at school and have your say in the way the funds are raised and spent to benefit all the kids at Marmion.

## Mothers Day Stall

The Marmion P&C would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the Mothers Day Stall last week. We had an overwhelming response for the stall and seeing the joy on the kids faces as they picked something special from the assortment of gifts on display was just precious!

We are so pleased to announce that the total raised came to \$1,550, which is wonderful. We hope that every recipient of a gift on Mothers Day enjoyed seeing the special treat that was selected for them!

A big thank you goes out to Emily G & Rebecca H for championing the Mothers Day Stall this past year and also to our wonderful team of volunteer parents who helped on the day of the stalls.

P&C events are successful due to the incredible volunteers who chip in & we are so grateful to have THE BEST team here at Marmion! If you would like to join the fundraising team and be the first to find out about upcoming events, please email Kate at [marmionfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:marmionfundraising@gmail.com) to be added to the private facebook group page.

With two massive announcements coming to you in this newsletter including the SCHOOL DISCO PARTY and WHITE CHRISTMAS IN JULY, now is the perfect time to join our fundraising team. Thanks again for your support!

Kate Buchan & The Fundraising Team.







# P & C News

## Mar-mites canteen - Convenor & committee roles available.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful P&C run canteen at Marmion. It is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday serving a variety of delicious lunch and afternoon recess options.

The P&C are very grateful to our canteen convenor and all the members of the canteen committee who volunteer to ensure the smooth running of the canteen.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents who have recently stepped down from the committee for all the hours, expertise and energy you have given to the canteen during your children's schooling.

### **Therefore the Marmites canteen committee is looking for new members!**

The committee meets once a term to discuss the canteen operations and organise special order days such as the disco and sports day. We are currently working on implementing a number of sustainability measures, including reusable food packaging and cutlery, and more fresh meals.

If you would like to help the canteen work towards our mission statement 'To provide and promote nutritious and affordable recess and lunch items to the students and staff at Marmion Primary School' please get in touch with us. No canteen experience required.

The canteen is also looking for a new canteen convener. This role is part of the P+C executive committee and reports on the canteen activities to the P+C. The convenor is also responsible for other activities such as grant applications and employing canteen staff, as well as supporting the canteen operations. This role is a great way of providing a meaningful contribution to the school and canteen, however does require a little more time commitment than the canteen committee members.

Again, no previous canteen experience is required as the committee members will support you in this role.

Please contact the canteen at [marmioncanteen@outlook.com](mailto:marmioncanteen@outlook.com) if you are interested in these roles or would like more information.

## Uniform Shop

Our onsite uniform shop, run and staffed by volunteers is open every **Wednesday from 8:30 - 9:15am**. Yellow polo shirts have now been restocked!

Online orders are available via Qkr! with the option of delivery to your child's classroom or collection during opening hours.

The second hand rack is also well stocked with clothes so be sure to pop past. We thank you for your second hand donations but please note we are not able to accept hats, or any clothes with more than 2 stains. As a general rule of thumb; "If you saw it on the rack, would you buy it?". If no, please don't donate it.



# P & C News

MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS...



# WHITE Christmas IN JULY 29.7.23

TOM'S ITALIAN, NORTH BEACH



# P & C News

## WHITE Christmas IN JULY

**When:** Sat 29th July 2023

**Doors Open:** VIP 5pm | General 6pm

**Ends:** 12am (midnight)

**Venue:**

Tom's Italian

Upstairs at 1 North Beach Road, North Beach

**Tickets:**

ON SALE

THURS 1ST JUNE

VIA QKR!

\$90 per person

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT from 8pm with Hi-NRG taking the stage!  
GIVING TREE and Silent Auction with amazing prizes!**

***Cocktail style event with canapes and pizza all night PLUS a drink upon arrival.***

All money raised supporting the P&C with our main goal  
to raise money for the New School Nature Playground!

Don't miss out on this epic event. Tickets are limited so get in quick!

## DONATIONS WANTED...

In order to make this event a HUGE success, the P&C are seeking donations for silent auction prizes! Do you have a local business or know a business who might like to help? Or would you be willing to donate a bottle of wine, gift voucher, pamper pack etc? Please get in touch with KATE on [marmionfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:marmionfundraising@gmail.com) to find out how you can get involved!  
Thank you for supporting the P&C!





# P & C News

MARMION P&C PRESENTS...



SAT 24TH JUNE

K-PP 2.30-3.30PM

YEAR 1-3 4-5PM

YEAR 4-6 5.30-6.30PM



\$10 SINGLE PASS

\$15 FAMILY PASS

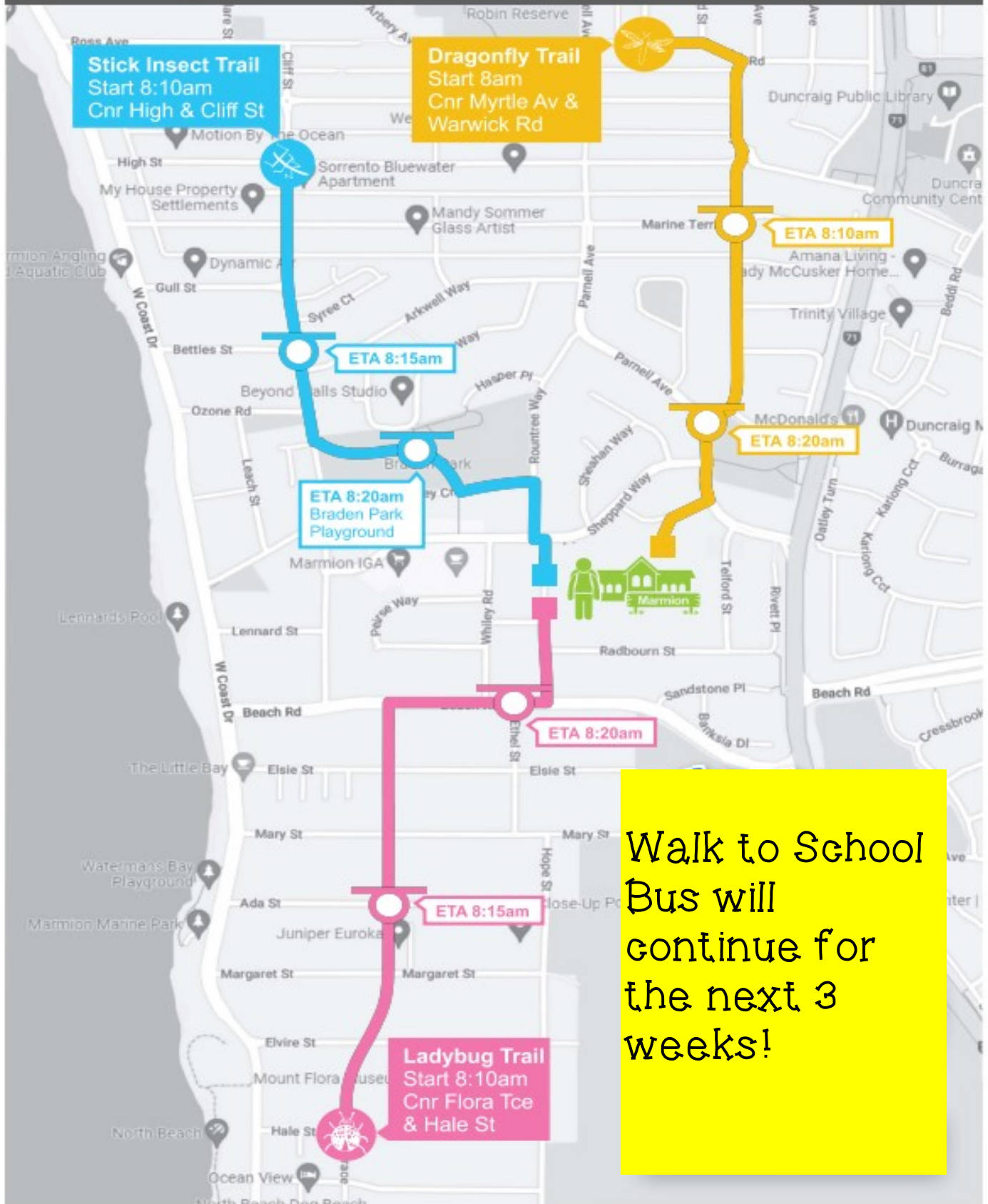
TICKETS VIA OKR!





# P & C News

## Walking School Bus Trails



Walk to School Bus will continue for the next 3 weeks!



# P & C News

**MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C**

## PROCESS FOR P&C FUNDING PROPOSALS

The P&C provides funding for numerous initiatives and projects around the school each year.

The P&C raises funds via our Fundraising Committee through a variety of events over the year, for example The Evening on the Oval, Mothers/Fathers Day stalls & Sports day. This is how we can provide funding to support the school.

If there is something you are passionate about that you think the school will benefit from or would like to coordinate an event for a purpose, whether it be new play infrastructure, IT equipment or recycling bins, you will need to submit a Funding Proposal to the P&C for discussion at a General Meeting.

We've set out a step by step process to assist in getting your Funding Proposal approved.

1. Speak to the School, (first stop Mr Boylan our Principal) to put forward your idea, confirm the need and get their approval. When you have this, then...
2. Research suppliers and try to get at least three quotes if it's an item you wish to have the P&C purchase for the School.
3. Liaise with the P&C to see if any grant opportunities would be available if applicable (e.g. could Lottery west provide some funding?).
4. Request the appropriate forms from the P&C for your funding Proposal to include the above information and confirm the content with Mr Boylan prior to submitting to the P&C.
5. Submit all relevant information to P&C 10 days prior to P&C meeting.
6. Be prepared to answer questions at the next general meeting to discuss your Funding Proposal.
7. Once approved you may proceed with your Proposal and ensure all receipts are provided to the P&C Treasurer for reimbursement of the approved amount.



Rest assured the process is not always complex and once the need and process is established, repeat approvals are often far quicker.

[MARMIONPANDC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARMIONPANDC@GMAIL.COM)



# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Canteen 0491 127 076**

Wednesday-Friday takeaways only.

**Uniform Shop**

Wednesday 8:30-9:15am

## USEFUL CONTACTS

**New School Phone number:**

**9492 2300**

**Absentees**

[Marmion.ps@education.wa.ed](mailto:Marmion.ps@education.wa.ed)

[u.au](http://u.au)

**Holiday Absent Requests**

## Professional Development Days 2023

Term 2 — 24 April

Term 3 — 17 July

Term 4 — 6 November

## School Times

**Start of Day:** 8:50am

**Lunch:** 10:50am - 11:30am

**Recess:** 1:20pm - 1:40pm

**Well being time:** 1:40 –  
2:05pm

**End of Day:** 3.00pm

## Term Dates 2023

Term 1: Feb 1 - 6 April

Term 2: 24 April - 30 June

Term 3: 17 July-22 September

Term 4: 9 October-14  
December

Marmion Primary School

Containers for Change Scheme ID

**C1029646**

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Use this code when returning containers so MPS can receive the 10 cents per container refund.

Please remember to advise the school when your child is absent either by phoning the school on **9492 2300** or sending an email and advising the reason for the absence so we can code it correctly in lesson attendance.

For all general absentees such as illness, specialist appointments: [Marmion.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Marmion.ps@education.wa.edu.au)