



## Principal's Page

Newsletter WK 4 Term 1 2024

### Nature Based Playground

We sent out a Connect notice on Tuesday informing the school community of the commencement of our Nature Based Playground. We believe this will be a wonderful addition to the fabric of the school.

I just wanted to reiterate the outstanding contribution of the P&C in supporting this project. With the continued support of the P&C we hope to complete stage one this year and stages two and three over the coming years.

So, wherever possible, get involved with the P&C and support fundraising efforts.



### Parent information evening

Thank you to everyone that responded to the survey asking for feedback on the parent information evening. We will now use this information to see if we can do things better. We will also discuss the feedback at the Board meeting in term 2.

### Assemblies

We are looking forward to our school assemblies again this year. Our first assembly will be conducted by the year 5/6 class on March 7. Character Strengths certificates will be presented at all assemblies.



# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Reading Dogs

The program is up and running. All parents and students are welcome to come to the library every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:25am and meet our wonderful reading dogs, listen to a story and then stay and share books. Our reading dogs this year are Peppa, Lucky, Otis and Bear. See you there!



## Thank you event

Frau Valli and Mrs Mason attended the "Thank You Event" held at Anzac House by the Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany Dr Gabriele Maluga. It was an opportunity to thank German teachers and administration for their support of German in schools. It was a acknowledgement of the terrific job Frau Valli does in teaching German at Marmion



## Character Strengths

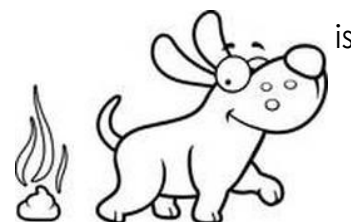
At the commencement of every year, we always have a strong focus on manners. One of the most important jobs we have as parents and teachers is to help children develop social skills, show them how to interact in a polite manner with people, and teach them to treat others with respect. Displaying good manners is a vital part of life. Children who are polite, well spoken, and attentive to others find it easier to get along with their peers and make a positive impression on the adults in their lives. So, take the time to work on things like please, thank you and how we acknowledge others using simple greetings. Unfortunately, manners can become the casualty of our busy lives.

## Dog issues

As you walk through the school if you see any dog poo, please let us know. Simply report it to the office and we will ensure it is cleaned up.

Also, just a reminder that we cannot have dogs on the school grounds during working hours. We have two exceptions which the reading dogs on Tuesday and Thursday and a therapy dog which is currently undergoing training.

We appreciate your cooperation.





# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

## MSN messaging

Marmion Primary has implemented a new system that will use mobile phone Short Message Service (SMS) to send text messages to parents/guardians/caregivers to notify them of an unexplained absence or late arrival of their child. SMS may also be used to provide information to parents such as emergency/unplanned events such as school closures.

Parents will be informed by SMS to their mobile phone each time their child is absent and an explanation has not already been provided to the school. If your child is absent and a reason has been provided before the time the SMS is due to be sent, you will not receive a text message.

Marmion Primary is introducing SMS communications to build on existing attendance procedures and to ensure that parents are notified as soon as possible if their child is absent from school without an explanation. This system has been shown to assist in making schools (and parents) more aware of where students are and improve student attendance. These factors will enhance learning opportunities for all students and contribute to their safety.

## ADVANTAGES OF USING SMS TO COMMUNICATE TO PARENTS

### □ **Faster Communication**

It takes a long time for school staff to individually make phone calls to each parent. By using SMS schools can get important messages to parents faster and can send a message to one or more people instantly. Parents can also use this system to notify the school of their child/ren's absence to avoid receiving a text message. The school can be contacted by SMS 24/7.

### □ **Cost effective**

It can be expensive, from a monetary and time perspective, for school staff to individually phone large numbers of parents regarding student absences. SMS communication to parents will be less expensive for the school and for parents replying via SMS. It also removes the need for parents to wait in telephone queues to provide an explanation for a student absence.

The requirement for the school to issue absentee follow-up letters will also decrease.

### □ **Emergency Message**

If there is an emergency situation that requires rapid communication to parents this can be achieved using SMS. This communication would not usually be possible without the use of SMS.



# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SMS COMMUNICATIONS

### **As a parent, what do I need to do?**

You will be notified when the school is going to commence the use of SMS. If you know your child is going to be absent, please call the school well before the set SMS sending time which will be 10am every day. If you do not contact the school, the SMS system will automatically send you a text message advising you that your child is not at school.

If you do not wish to receive SMS communication regarding student unexplained absences, please contact the school to discuss other options for receiving this information.

### **How do I reply to an SMS message from the school?**

When you receive an SMS about an absence, reply to the number and make sure that the text includes the student name, date of absence and reason for absence. Do not call the number as it is an automated system, using a virtual number which is not manned by a person.

Sample SMS Reply Message: Jane Citizen, 11 Feb, sick

### **What will it cost me?**

Standard SMS charges apply, depending on your mobile phone carrier and plan. The cost of an SMS is usually cheaper than a local telephone call.

### **What if my mobile number changes?**

Please notify the school immediately if your mobile number changes.

### **What if I don't have a mobile phone but I still want to receive messages/information about my child?**

Please contact the school to discuss the available options for receiving messages/information.

### **What if I decide that I don't want to receive the messages anymore?**

Please contact the school to discuss the available options for receiving information.

### **What if there is a custodial order preventing contact?**

The parent/guardian with legal custody of the child must provide evidence to the school in the form of a court order for the school to legally deny a parent/guardian access to any information about their child.

### **What are the requirements for notification of student absences?**

It is a legal requirement that parents contact the school regarding any student absences or reasons for lateness. If an explanation for the absence has been provided prior to 9:45 each morning, then parents will not receive an SMS.

Parents need to be aware that this system is an additional absence follow up service only. There will be times when parents may not receive a text message due to technical issues. In cases where you are concerned about your child's attendance, please contact the school directly on 9492 2300.

If you have any other questions regarding the SMS Communications plan for Marmion Primary, please call 9492 2300 and Front Office for more information.



# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Split classes

Sometimes parents' express concerns when their child has been allocated to a split class and believe that it may be a disadvantage to their child. It is important that you, as parents, are aware that contrary to these beliefs there is no disadvantage to a student being in a split class.

Split classes are a practical response to the problem of uneven year level enrolments; for example, when there are too many students to form one 'straight' grade but not enough to form two. Combining students in this way is enables a solution that not only allows schools to ensure more consistent class sizes, but more easily match teachers to student need and maximise teacher funding and resources.

In years gone by split classes were formed by placing talented students in the lower grade level with lower achievers in the higher grade. This concept has long been abandoned. All classes are formed by teacher placing students with a range of information such as social cohesion, academic variations, gender balance and individual student needs.

A split grade class has no extra variation in the needs of learners than a straight grade. In fact, it is often a smaller variation in the split class. Each year the curriculum builds on the curriculum from the year before so, in order to cater for the different needs of students, teachers are consistently teaching above and below that year's curriculum requirements. Teachers must adapt the curriculum to suit the needs of individual learners within the classroom.

Experts agree the most important factor in determining how well a student does is the quality of the teacher and providing a 'differentiated' curriculum that caters to all children as individuals, according to their needs. Differentiation describes a concept being taught universally to all students within a class and creating related tasks at varying levels of complexity. When differentiating instruction in this way, teachers are providing for the needs of students at multiple levels of understanding at the same time which in turn allows students to see clearly not only where they are at, but where they are going. Differentiation occurs in every classroom at Marmion Primary School and children are taught in accordance with their individual learning needs.

What about socially? Children benefit enormously from having friends outside of their year group. It allows them to develop a wider group of friends which gives them more options in the playground, greater connections across the school and can benefit them within the wider community. It helps them build social skills which has long term effects for building resiliency.

Bill Boylan

Principal



# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Daughters and Dads Cricket

Term Three last year I participated with eleven other girls in the first Marmion Primary School Daughters and Dads cricket program. Six of this year's Yr5 girls, me, Alex, Isla, Darcy, Ava H and Ruby C, enjoyed the program enough to form our very own team.

We are now two games away from finishing our first season and have been having so much fun. Last week we skipped training on Friday night to go see the Aussie women smash the South Africans at the WACA. It was so cool we even got to get autographs from the players.

I loved participating in the Daughters and Dads cricket program and recommend it for other girls if they get the chance this year. Who knows we might even get another team going, go Bulldogs!

Alice Malseed





# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

5	26	27	28	29	1 March	2/3
6	4 Labour Day	5	6	7 LA16 Assembly	8 Evening on the Oval 6pm	9/10
7	11	12	13 NAPLAN	14	15	16/17
8	18 NAPLAN Board Meeting 7pm	19	20	21	22	23/24
9	25 NAPLAN	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30/31
	1 April Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6/7
	8	9	10	11	12	13/14

## TERM 2 SEMESTER 1

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
1	15	16	17	18	19	20/21
2	22	23	24 ANZAC Assembly	25 ANZAC DAY	26	27/28
3	29	30	1 May	2 Yr2 Assembly	3	4/5
4	6 Board Meeting 7pm	7	8	9	10	11/12
5	13	14	15	16	17	18/19
6	20	21	22	23 PP Assembly	24	25/26
7	27	28	29	30	31	1 June



# P & C News

## **P&C meeting Feb 12th**

Thanks to everyone who attended our first meeting of the year! The minutes will be sent out to all parents via connect next week, but in summary, we elected a fundraising coordinator and secretary (yay!) and voted to provide the school with \$30,000 for the new nature playground, we're so excited to see all the logs turning up! It's thanks to all the amazing Marmion PS parents and supporters that we are able to support the school in this way, and we're very grateful for all the contributions that people have made over the last year.

We also wanted to do a huge shout out to the amazing uniform shop team, led by the unstoppable Tenielle and Tracey. As with the beginning of every year, there was a huge rush for uniforms over the first few weeks when we all realised how much our kids had grown, and you managed all the rush with a smile and a big stack of bright yellow shirts!

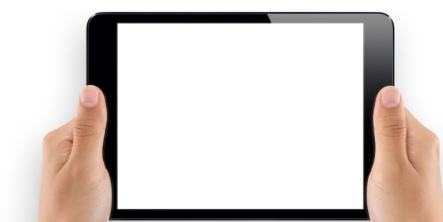
Our next P&C meeting will be on the 22nd of April, but if you want to raise anything before then, just get in touch with any of the team.

## **Meet the P&C executive for 2024**

Jack Whitcombe (president), Lizzy Lowe (VP), Caroline Godfrey (Secretary), Pip Fenton (Communications), Jen Wischhausen (Treasurer), Candice Hannaford (Fundraising), Tenielle Higham (Uniform shop), Amy Aldous and Kate Buchan (Executive members). Huge thanks to Caroline and Candice for stepping up to fill the secretary and fundraising roles, we literally wouldn't be able to have a P&C without you. Both roles are temporary, and we would love to have them filled by someone on a longer term. So, if you have an interest in either role it would be great to take the opportunity to learn from Caroline or Candice while they are acting in the roles.

## **Technology fund**

The generous contributions made into the technology fund mean that we now have iPads for kids in every classroom and we have been able to replace a lot of the ageing infrastructure in the school. This offers our kids the best access to educational technology without the need for a bring your own device policy and both the P&C and the school are very grateful for the support received from parents each year.







# P & C News

## 2024 Parent class reps

Thank you to all the parents who signed up to be class reps this year. The role of the reps is to pass information from the teacher to the parents, help remind about events and (if time and energy permit) encourage a few social gatherings over the year. We really appreciate the effort that you put in to keep us updated and connected! There are a few different ways that the reps can choose to contact the parents in their class, but most have a facebook group, so keep an eye out for your group if you haven't yet joined. The reps will also be provided with a list of parent emails from the school, so you may hear from them that way. If you are in a class and can't get in touch with your rep, pop the P&C an email and we'll chase it up.

## Friday Icecreams

Last year the kids LOVED ice-cream Fridays, and the Marmion P&C are excited to continue the tradition this year. To do this, we need two volunteers per class each week to open up the canteen and sell the icecreams and icypoles to the kids (trust us, it's great fun and one of the only volunteer roles the kids actually appreciate) Ice creams are \$2, icy poles are \$1 or half for 50c and all baked/donated goodies are only \$1.

Year 1-6 can go up to the canteen window however Pre-Primaries are able to bring in \$1 for an icy pole that their teacher will hand out at lunch time. We've allocated each week to a different class, so check your diary and pop in your availability here: [signup.com/go/wFcAJmO](https://signup.com/go/wFcAJmO)

Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far, we really appreciate your time!! If you can't make it the week your class is allocated, no problems, sign up for another week! We'd love the help any week, anyhow.

If you have time and can contribute, we'd love it if anyone on their class day or any Friday, could bring some extra treats along to sell. The kids love anything from chunks of watermelon to cupcakes, slices, cookies and more. Don't have time to bake?!? Just drop in a box of ice creams or icy poles, any kind will do. But NO NUTS please. All money raised goes to our P&C to continue to support your children at our wonderful school.





# P & C News

## Lunch Orders

Lunch ordering is back for 2024 via the Duncraig High School canteen.

Delivery is available for our school at lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Download the Flexi schools app to see the menu and select your favourites!

Orders close at 8am on the day of delivery.

## New Canteen Menu

Fuelling bodies, minds & hearts at Marmion PS

### SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS

**Choose your filling** From \$3.50  
Ham, Chicken, Cheese, Egg, Salad, Tuna,  
Vegemite, Falafel, cucumber, Tomato,  
Lettuce

### TOASTED SANDWICHES

**Choose your filling** From 4.50  
Ham, Chicken, Cheese, Tuna, Egg, Vegemite,  
Falafel, Cucumber, Tomato, Lettuce

### SUSHI

**Made in house (5 per serve)** \$5.50  
Teriyaki Chicken, Teriyaki Chicken &  
Cucumber, Tuna and Mayonnaise, Tuna,  
Cucumber and Mayonnaise, Vegetarian  
(Carrot and Cucumber \$5.00)

### HOT FOOD

Round Pizza Rolls	\$3.50
Veggie Burger	\$5.50
Cheeseburger	\$5
Chicken Burger	\$5
Crumbed Chicken Tender	\$2
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender	\$2
Ham Quiche	\$5
Chicken Nuggets	\$4.50
Pasta Napolitana	\$5
Spaghetti and Meatballs	\$5
Macaroni & Cheese	\$5
Fried Rice	\$5
Mrs Macs Pies	\$3-\$4.50

### YOU DO MAKE FRIENDS WITH SALAD

FROM \$4.50 - \$5.20

<b>Salad Box</b> Lettuce, Carrot, Tomato, Cucumber, capsicum and a boiled egg	<b>Abundance Bowl</b> Roasted Pumpkin, Spinach, Cucumber, Avocado, Hummus topped with Pumpkin Seeds and a Balsamic Olive Oil Topping	<b>Chicken Noodle Salad</b> Rice Noodles tossed through Shredded Chicken, spring onions, cucumber, snow peas, cabbage and fresh mint with an Asian Dressing
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### GLUTEN FREE

Banana Bread	\$3
Chicken Nuggets	\$4
Chicken Tenders	\$2.20
Toasted Sandwiches	From \$4.50
Chicken Tender Sub Roll	\$5.50
Macaroni & Cheese	\$5.50

### FRUIT

Two Fruits Tub	\$2
Piece of Fruit Apple	\$1.50
Piece of Fruit Orange	\$1.50
Piece of Fruit Pear	\$1.50

### SNACKS

Mini Blueberry Muffin	50c
Mini Raspberry Muffin	50c
Brownes Strawberry Yoghurt	\$2
Brownes Lactose Free Mango	\$2
Banana Bread Slice	\$3
Popcorn Sea Salt	\$2.50
Dip with Rice Crackers	\$2.50
Dip with Vegetable Sticks	\$2.80
Brownes Chocolate Yogo Tub	\$2.50

### DRINKS

Variety of cold drinks available \$1.80 - \$2.80  
(milk, juice & water)



# P & C News

MARMION P&C BRINGS YOU



## FRIDAY ICE CREAM DAY



EVERY FRIDAY, THE CANTEEN WOULD LIKE TO OPEN FOR ICE CREAM AND ICY POLE SALES AT LUNCHTIME

TO DO THIS WE REQUIRE TWO VOLUNTEERS PER CLASS

FIND YOUR ASSIGNED WEEK BELOW

SIGN UP VIA THIS LINK:

[HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/WFCAJMO](https://signup.com/go/WFCAJMO)

LOCK IT IN YOUR DIARY AND THEN ASK OTHER PARENTS IN YOUR CLASS TO MAKE GOODIES TO SELL

\*NO NUTS PLEASE\*

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ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO OUR MARMION P&C TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT OUR WONDERFUL LITTLE SCHOOL





# P & C News

## Evening on the Oval

The P&C invites you to an Evening on the Oval

**Lets Get Together!**

Get ready to mingle with fellow Marmion Primary School families

Save the date - 8th March from 6pm



# P & C News

## Uniform Shop

Our onsite uniform shop (located on the verandah near LA14) is open on Wednesdays from 8:30-9:15am. Orders through Qkr! can be picked up from the uniform shop during these hours or delivered to the classroom.

We are currently sold out of Size 4 and Size 6 yellow polos with further stock arriving at the end of March/April.

Further stock of shorts and dresses will be arriving in 2-3 weeks

Second hand donations - No more than two stains. A general rule of thumb, 'If you saw it on the rack, would you buy it'. If no, don't donate it. We do not accept hat or non current uniform donations.

If you need to contact the uniform shop please email : [marmionuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:marmionuniformshop@gmail.com)

## Stationery Recycling

If you find yourselves with extra stationery - used or near new - our senior school Eco Commandos would love it if you donated it to the collection boxes located either outside the library or in the Uniform shop during opening hours

**Thank you for supporting the Eco Commando program and for recycling.**



## For Sale:

Brand new HP laptop carry bags still in their original packaging. No longer required by the school, available for you to purchase for \$5 on Qkr! Delivery to your classroom. Perfect for music books or high school laptop.





# FROM OUR ECO COMMANDOS

An Eco Commandos Initiative



# RECYCLE YOUR STATIONERY

Donation boxes in the Library and Uniform Shop  
and at Recycling HQ (outside the Library)

## New or near new for reuse

Pens	Sharpeners
Pencils	Crayons
Textas	Scissors
Erasers	Pencil cases
Glue	Rulers
Highlighters	Calculators
Display books	
Unused (or almost unused) exercise books	



## Heavily used and ready for Recycling

Pens – all types	Crayons
Highlighters	Pencils
Textas	Liquid Paper

## We can't take

Lever arch or ring binder files  
Used exercise books





# 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



5 wks for only  
**\$65**

Marmion Primary School

## Multi-Sports

Before-School  
Classes PP-Y6

Thurs mornings  
7:45-8:45am

**Weeks 5-9 of Term 1**  
**Limited Spots Available**

Join our active non-competitive classes where kids get to try their hand at different sports and no week is the same. Build confidence and learn sports skills the fun way!

### Sports Include:

- AFL • Athletics • Baseball • Cricket • Hockey
- Lacrosse • Soccer • Ultimate Frisbee • Volleyball & more

**To book go to:**

[bit.ly/3vXqQBG](https://bit.ly/3vXqQBG)

0467 156 964 westcoast@geckosports.com.au



**Gecko  
Sports**



# MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 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 2024

Term 1: 31 Jan - 28 Mar  
Term 2: 15 April - 28 June  
Term 3: 15 July-20 September  
Term 4: 7 October-13  
December

## USEFUL CONTACTS

**New School Phone number: 9492 2300**

### Absentees

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

### Holiday Absent Requests

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

**Marmion Dental:** 9447 1275

**School Security: 9264 4771**



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)