



Principal's Page

Newsletter WK 6
Term 1 2024

Assembly LA16

Well done to Mr Homer's year 5/6 class for the excellent assembly on Thursday. It was wonderful seeing the students perform short skits demonstrating the importance of character strengths.



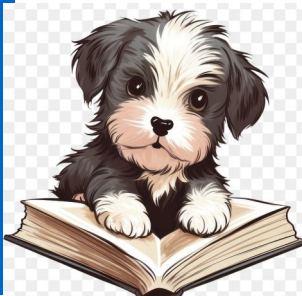
Nature Play Stage one

We have now completed stage one of the Nature Based Playground. It's been terrific to see the students really enjoying the space. Stage one is more geared towards the younger students so they will be using the area during breaks. Stages two and three will expand to include areas for both younger and older students. We hope to begin construction on stage two in second semester.



Reading Dogs

Reading dogs is going well so we will keep the sessions going until the end of this term and see if the interest is still there to continue in term 2. A reminder that students can come to the library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:25am to meet the dogs and enjoy some reading.





MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 21st 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 Development Days 2024

School Development Days have been locked in for 2024.
Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Term 2 15 April

Term 3 15 July

Term 4 4 November

Students do not attend school on these days.

Waste Free Wednesday

The Waste Free Wednesday reinforces in children a lifelong commitment to waste reduction. It encourages all families to think and accept responsibility for the waste they create, while at the same time promoting healthy eating and financial management. So, let's ensure that every Wednesday every child's lunch only contains items that will be eaten, composted or recycled. We hope this will become a habit for families that will have a positive effect in everyday life at school and home.

Discuss with children:

- What items can be recycled?
- What food can be used in reusable containers?
- Buying in bulk
- Reuse, recycle, reduce (positive environmental messages)

No bins policy-taking any waste home

Bill Boylan

Principal



Dental screening will take place on Tuesday 12 March for the Pre Primary, Year 3 and Year 6 students.

Only children enrolled in the School Dental Service will be screened. It is a quick growth and development check to look for any obvious concerns and is not a full dental examination.

If you have any queries please contact Marmion Dental Therapy on 94471275.



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Eco-Friendly Waste free Wednesday



**These are
examples of
waste free
containers**



CAN YOU NUDE YOUR FOOD?

**THE ECO-COMMANDOS ARE ENCOURAGING THE
MPS COMMUNITY TO DO YOUR PART IN SAVING
THE ENVIRONMENT**

**NO WASTE ON WEDNESDAYS
IN YOUR LUNCH BOX!**



**Every piece of rubbish saved from landfill
is a win for the planet**



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JUNIOR CHOIR 2024

The Junior Choir is on again this year! Junior Choir is open to all students in **Years 2, 3 and 4**. No audition necessary, everyone is welcome! We rehearse on **Friday mornings** in the Music Room from **8:10am – 8:40am** and rehearsals will begin in WEEK 3 of Term 2 – Friday 3rd May. The Junior Choir will perform a song at the Music Assembly at the end of the year.

Please see below rehearsal times for TERM 2:

Friday 3rd May (week 3)

Friday 10th May (week 4)

Friday 24th May (week 6)

Friday 7th June (week 8)

Friday 21st June (week 10)

**Please note that these can be subject to change if other school events pop up, however we will try our best to leave it unchanged and will communicate any changes with as much notice as possible.

About me: My name is Bec, I have a son in Year 1 and a daughter in Year 3 at Marmion, have been teaching singing for 25 years and have a current Working with Children Check. My focus for Junior Choir is about building the kids' confidence through music, singing and movement and keeping it simple and fun. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask me.

I am looking forward to seeing some new and familiar faces next term!

Bec Pearce
Junior Choir Instructor





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2024 Eco Commandos

Hello, this is a green message from the Eco Commandos.

We feel passionate about making sure our school is clean and eco-friendly. So this year we are working hard to educate all parents, staff and students about the importance of being sustainable and eco-friendly in 2024.

We have a Ride To School Day coming up so come on adults it is time to be a cool parent and ride with your kids to school! There will be jumps and places to show your biking skills. It's good fun and good for the environment.

Sustainability is the key! Also, now we have a waste free Wednesday so nude food it is! No wrappers, no packets, nothing in the bin! Let's get creative with our lunchboxes.

We are also collecting stationary that isn't needed by you anymore. We plan to give the collected pens, pencils, and textas etc to kids and schools in Papua New Guinea. Leave your old stationary outside the library in the tub provided.

Don't forget, please feed our mini monsters the right food at recces and lunch. You got this Marmion Primary!

Any questions, feel free to chat to one of the friendly Eco-Commando crew? Look for the kids with the Eco-Commando badges!

Alice Malseed (on behalf of the Eco-Commandos)





MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL



EXTEND IS PROVIDING OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT MARMION PRIMARY SCHOOL!

We look forward to welcoming your children with engaging and educational activities, delicious health-focused breakfast and afternoon tea, and a caring environment with professionally trained and experienced Educators while you work or study.

We are here for you!

The first day of service is in Term 1 on **Monday 18 March!**

OPERATING DAYS, HOURS AND FEES

Services will run Monday to Friday.

Before School Care | 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM

After School Care | 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Holiday Care | 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Session Type	Fee Before CCS	Out of Pocket*
Before School Care	\$29.95	Pay from \$2.99 after CCS
After School Care	\$41.65	Pay from \$4.16 after CCS
Holiday Care	\$88.45	Pay from \$8.84 after CCS

*The above "Out of Pocket" is based on the maximum entitlement for Child Care Subsidy.

HOW TO ENROL (FOR FREE) AND BOOK SESSIONS

1. Visit [extend.com.au](https://www.extend.com.au) and click "Book Your Sessions" in the top right of the page.
2. This will take you to our booking platform; **LookedAfter**. Click "Log in/Enrol".
3. Create your account and verify via email (check your junk if verification email not found)
4. Once logged in, enrol your children and book your sessions in minutes!

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Enquiries 1300 366 437 Book online today

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Guide Dogs WA are desperately searching for Volunteer Puppy Raisers! Many of our current Puppy Raisers are families with school aged children so we are reaching out in the hope you may be able to help us spread the word.

Volunteer Puppy Raisers provide the very first homes for future Guide Dogs, Autism Assistance Dogs, Therapy Dogs and Facility Dogs. The volunteers welcome an 8 week old puppy into their home and with support, spend approximately 16 months introducing the puppy to the environments and experiences they will encounter as a working dog. They also teach the young pup basic obedience and socialisation. It is possible to share the role between friends, neighbours etc., meaning the pup can be raised between two households.

If you have a section in your School Newsletter, (such as Community News), that an attached picture/s and information could be added, we would appreciate it greatly. If you would like to add the link to the video, it is lovely to watch, and the link for further information is useful also.

[National Volunteer Week - Puppy Raiser / Boarder \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Become A Puppy Raiser | Guide Dogs WA](#)

Guide Dogs WA also require Volunteer Bed & Breakfast Boarders, where the dog is dropped off to "school" each weekday morning at our centre in Victoria Park, and collected in the afternoon.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,
Megan Kellett

Megan Kellett

Volunteer Coordinator

Address: 61 Kitchener Ave, Victoria Park WA 6100

Phone: 08 9311 8286

Email— Megan.Kellett@guidedogswa.com



[Guide Dogs WA - Guide & Assistance Dog Providers In WA](#)



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

7	11	12 Reading Dogs 8:25am Dental Screening PP, Yr3 & Yr6	13 NAPLAN Waste Free Wednesday	14 Reading Dogs 8:25am	15	16/17
8	18 NAPLAN Board Meeting 7pm	19 Reading Dogs 8:25am	20 Waste Free Wednesday	21 Reading Dogs 8:25am	22 RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY	23/24
9	25 NAPLAN	26 Reading Dogs 8:25am	27 Waste Free Wednesday	28 Reading Dogs 8:25am	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 School Development Day	16	17 Waste Free Wednesday	18	19	20/21
2	22	23	24 ANZAC Assembly Waste Free Wednesday	25 ANZAC DAY	26	27/28
3	29	30	1 May Waste Free Wednesday	2 Yr2 Assembly	3 Junior Choir 8:10 – 8:40	4/5
4	6 Board Meeting 7pm	7	8 Waste Free Wednesday	9	10 Junior Choir 8:10 – 8:40	11/12
5	13	14	15 Waste Free Wednesday	16	17	18/19
6	20	21	22 Waste Free Wednesday	23 PP Assembly	24 Junior Choir 8:10 – 8:40	25/26
7	27	28	29 Waste Free Wednesday	30	31	½ June
8	3 WA Day	4	5 Waste Free Wednesday	6	7 Junior Choir 8:10 – 8:40	8/9
9	10	11	12 Waste Free Wednesday Learning Journey	13 LA14 Assembly	14	15/16
10	17 YEAR 6 CAMP	18 YEAR 6 CAMP	19 Waste Free Wednesday YEAR 6 CAMP	20	21	22/23
11	24	25	26 Waste Free Wednesday	27 LA17 Assembly	28 Junior Choir 8:10 – 8:40	29/30
	1 July	2	3	4	5	6/7



P & C News

Evening on the oval – this Friday

You may have noticed a buzz of activity around the school this week, as our hard working volunteers get ready for our first event of the year, the evening on the oval! This is a favourite with new and returning families every year, and a great opportunity to socialise with the school community.

Pop on Qkr to purchase your family tickets and a range of yummy food boxes.

Join the P&C for the Evening on the Oval

Let's Get Together & GLOW

Get ready to Disco & Shine bright with your MPS community!

Pre-purchase Tickets and Gourmet Food boxes now on Qkr!

Friday 8th March from 6pm

Available to purchase on the night:
BBQ Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Fairy Floss, Popcorn, Lolly Pops, & Glowsticks



P & C News

National Ride2School Day - Friday 22 March

Marmion P&C is excited to introduce Freestyle Now for a BMX stunt show to celebrate National Ride2School Day on Friday 22 March. Rolling out the rad since 1986, the squad will deliver an entertaining stunt show performance and riding safety talk.

Ride, scoot or walk to school, then head to the top oval at 8.20 am for the show. Park bikes and scooters in the designated rack areas first. Families are welcome to attend.

The event will be followed by coaching sessions to teach riding skills and tricks for BMX bikes and scooters. There are 40 places available for Year 3 to Year 6 students, which will be drawn by raffle at the end of the show. Only students that bring their bike/scooter and helmet will be able to participate.

Thank you to the Department of Transport and Your Move for providing the grant to support this event.



JUST DO IT! RIDE - SCOOT - WALK





P & C News

Easter Raffle!

Worried that your kids won't get enough chocolate this year!?! Neither are we, but everyone loves the Marmion PS easter raffle!! Keep an eye out, tickets will be HOPPING onto Qkr next week, with class prizes and a whole school prize to be won.

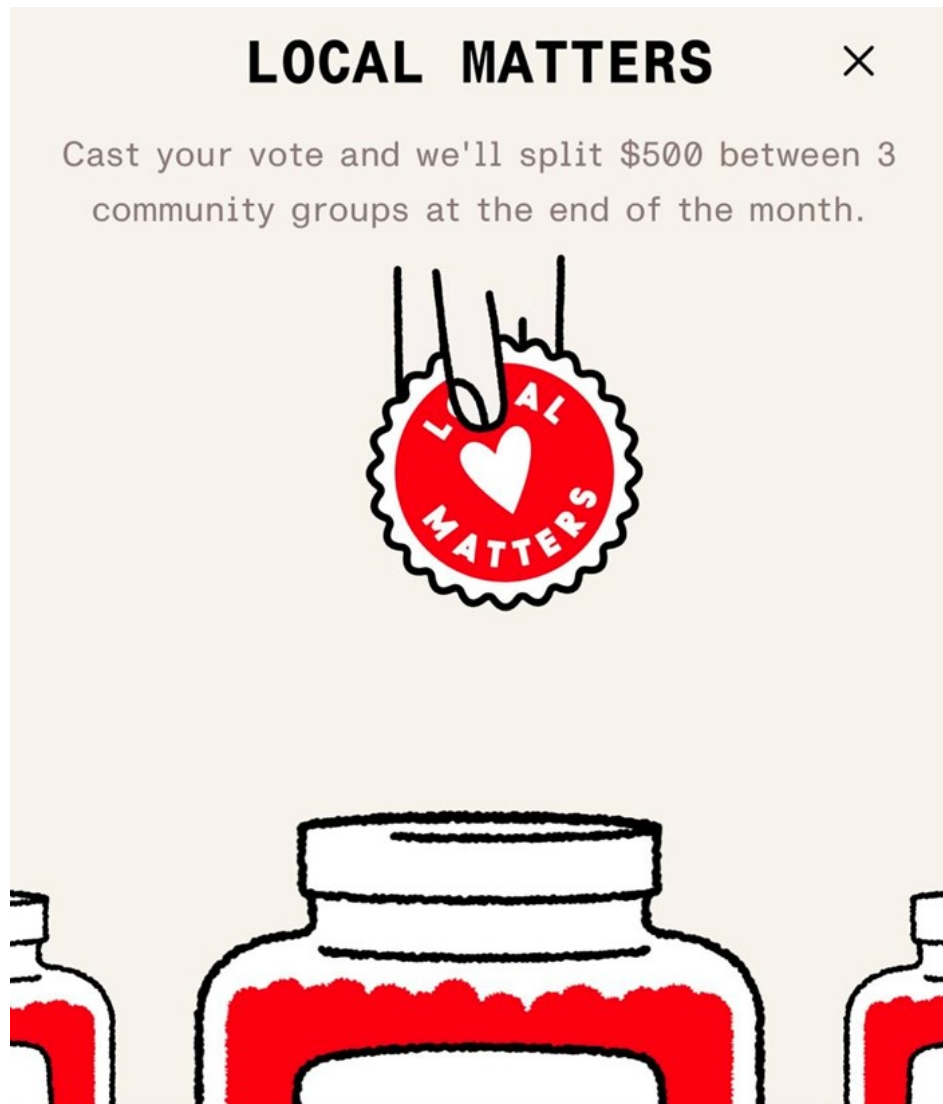




P & C News

Marmion fundraising at Grill'd

As if we needed any more excuses to take the kids out for burgers! Grab a grill'd burger at Hillaries and pop a bottle cap in our jar to support our new nature playground



MARMION PRIMARY P&C

Marmion Primary P&C are fundraising for a new nature playground near our early learning centres. It will benefit all the children at the school and the local community for many years to come.



P & C News

Friday Icecreams – Thank you volunteers!!

We've absolutely loved the wonderful show of hands for Friday icecreams, thank you! The kids are definitely loving the opportunity for some treats too.

You can sign up to volunteer here: https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=602161708042#choose_event_page



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.

Remember, if you can't make it the week your class is allocated, no problems, sign up for another week or bring some extra treats along to sell any week. 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.



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

TERM 1	LA
9/02	10
16/02	8
23/02	15
1/03	6
8/03	5
15/03	16
22/03	12

TERM 2	LA
19/04	15
26/04	17
3/05	16
10/05	10
17/05	8
24/05	7
31/05	6
7/06	5
14/06	11
21/06	12
28/06	14

TERM 3	LA
19/07	14
26/07	15
2/08	17
9/08	16
16/08	10
23/08	8
30/08	7
6/09	6
13/09	5
20/09	11

TERM 4	LA
11/10	12
18/10	14
25/10	11
1/11	5
8/11	17
15/11	10
22/11	8
29/11	7
6/12	6



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

Salad Box Lettuce, Carrot, Tomato, Cucumber, capsicum and a boiled egg	Abundance Bowl Roasted Pumpkin, Spinach, Cucumber, Avocado, Hummus topped with Pumpkin Seeds and a Balsamic Olive Oil Topping	Chicken Noodle Salad 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

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

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.





P & C News

Eco Commando's are selling laptop bags

FOR SALE an initiative by the Eco Commando's
Brand new HP laptop carry bags still in their original packaging. Perfect for music books or a high school laptop.

With money going to P&C, these are AVAILABLE NOW for purchase for \$5 on Qkr!

Delivered direct to your classroom.





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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:

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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

Holiday Absent Requests

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