



The Marra Memo



Principal's message

Last week was Education Week with a theme of 'Showcase your school'. Students took part in lots of activities as you can see below from Aisling's update. We completed Education Week with our first Whole School Assembly. This was the most beautiful and wholesome assembly, with a performance from Kelly (music teacher) and Nehal to end the afternoon. It was brilliant having everyone together, something that we know many of our students find hard, however every class was able to come and join us which was great.

The School Captains had their first meeting with me towards the end of last week. They have started planning a range of fundraising days/activities, as well as some really nice fun days for students, such as 'Dress as your idol' day. Once we have scheduled all of these days in we will let you know what to look forward to!

On Sunday 7th June school will be running the sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Craigieburn. Please pop in to show your support (and ask any friends, family, neighbours to join us too!) This is a great way to kick start our school fundraising to try and get a minibus. Every cent counts as we have a long way to go.

Our next coffee morning will be held on Thursday 18th June 9-10am. Please feel free to drop in for a cuppa and a treat made by our secondary students. We will also have Carer's Gateway attending to talk to any families interested. This is a free event - no registration required just pop in and say hello.

And finally Speaking Insights are presenting on Wednesday 17th June. This is a paid event, however Marra families can receive a 20% discount by using the code Marra20. See the flyer below for more details and how to register.

Lindsey



Wellbeing update

SWPBS: This fortnight's 'Respect' focus is:

We wear our uniform



At home you can help by encouraging your child to wear the school uniform! Let us know if your child is having any issues with the uniform. We are still looking at trying to get a dress added to the uniform list (this has proved trickier than anticipated!) ready for when the warmer weather comes around again.

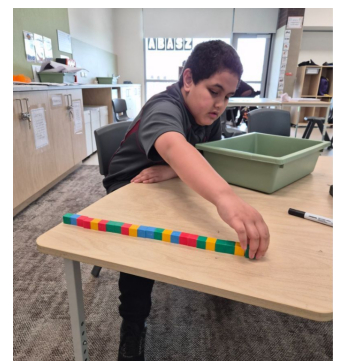
Curriculum Corner

Week 5 was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to celebrate Education Week alongside schools across Victoria. This year's theme, "Showcase Your School," highlighted the many ways schools create engaging, inclusive and connected learning communities. Throughout the week, all classes enthusiastically participated in activities organised by our Learning Specialists, providing students with opportunities to collaborate, create and celebrate the learning taking place across our school.

This fortnight, students have continued exploring our whole-school unit focused on investigating their environment. Our senior students have been working hard on creating artworks that are displayed in our admin building, helping to make our learning spaces vibrant, welcoming and reflective of student voice.

Across classrooms, there has been so much exciting learning taking place. Our Prep students are becoming increasingly confident with their morning routines and transitions, and it has been fantastic to see them sitting so proudly and engaging during Morning Circle. In Grades 1 and 2, students have been exploring sensory stories, building their communication and comprehension skills through engaging, multi-sensory learning experiences. Grades 3 and 4 students have been busy investigating informal units of measurement through practical, hands-on activities, developing their understanding of comparing and measuring objects in meaningful ways. In Grades 5 and 6, students are continuing to make strong progress in phonics, using tangible materials and hands-on strategies to blend and segment words to support their reading and spelling development.

Students have also been thoroughly enjoying Music sessions, where they have been exploring a range of instruments and developing confidence in experimenting with sound, rhythm and performance. A particular highlight this fortnight was having student Mahnoor perform at our very first Marra Assembly. We were incredibly proud of the confidence and enthusiasm she showed in sharing her talents with the school community.





Child Safe Standards

Each fortnight we will share with you information about what the standards mean and how we are implementing them. We will also give you some ideas of what you can do at home to help.

Child safe standard 7:



- Families are always welcome to raise any concerns they have with our school.
- The first step is to contact your classroom teacher.
- If any concerns remain unresolved, please contact the Admin team via Marra.Sch@Education.vic.gov.au
- Emails will be directed to the appropriate level of leadership.
- We know that not everything is always perfect and we are keen to continue improving our practice as a whole school

What can you do at home?

- Keep us informed of any concerns that you have and be respectful in your communication to school

Marra’s Marvellous Megastars

This week our Megastar awards go to:



Prep: Bosa O, Ethan C, Zylah F

Year 1/2: Ahmad Z, Aliyah P, Cody F, Nehal L, Samuel B

Year 3/4: Braxton S, Armaan B, Isaiah S

Year 5/6: Seth P, Preston L, James G, Sanshi S

Year 7: Amir W

Year 9-12: Jaycob O

Music: Mahnoor L

Art: Rayaleh A

Dates for your diary:

“Wear it Yellow” Day for National Reconciliation Week	Friday, 29 th May
Curriculum Day – No students required at school	Friday, 5 th June
King’s Birthday Public Holiday	Monday, 8 th June
SSG’s Meetings – Early finish 1pm	Tuesday, 9 th June
Speaking Insights Presentation: “From Diagnosis to OAM”	Wednesday, 17 th June
Coffee Morning with Carer Gateway Presentation	Thursday, 18 th June
School finishes at 2pm	Friday, 26 th June
SSG’s Meetings – Early finish 1pm	Tuesday, 1 st September
Curriculum Day – No students required at school	Monday, 2 nd November
SSG’s Meetings – Early finish 1pm	Tuesday, 24 th November



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Gateway

Presentation

COME FOR A COFFEE AND
A SWEET TREAT AND HEAR
ABOUT THE GREAT WORK
OF CARER GATEWAY

18 JUNE 2026

9AM - 10AM
MARRA SCHOOL STAFF ROOM

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**



From Diagnosis to OAM

plus a Sibling's Perspective: A Personal Autism Journey

Kalkallo

Wednesday 17 June 2026, 9:30am-12:30pm
(3 hour seminar including question time, doors open 9am)

Daniel and Daniel's Dad (Daryl) will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Daniel's sister (Alicia) will also be sharing the sibling perspective and is a qualified educator (may be prerecorded).

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

Featuring Exhibitors



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Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM
Order of Australia
Medal Recipient
& Autistic Self-Advocate
Daryl Giles
Daniel's Dad

Alicia Purcell
Daniel's Sister
and Educator



speaking insights

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Venue

Marra School
51 Lockerbie St, Kalkallo VIC

Tickets (*includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)

Child (0-11 yrs): FREE **Child (12-17 yrs): \$10.50***

General Admission: \$35.50*

Professionals (Educators/Caseworkers/Therapists - incl. CPD cert.)
\$85.50*

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