



The Marra Memo



Principal's message

Another amazingly busy couple of weeks. Thank you to all of our families who have supported school through attendance at SSGs. These are an important part of each term to celebrate the learning and achievements of our wonderful students.

School reports will be published through Compass before the end of term. Reports will have subject comments that relate to the area of the curriculum that your child is working on, as well as giving an indication of the level of independence your child has when completing activities.

On Sunday we ran our first Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. This was a lovely day, meeting lots of community members. We raised just over \$2000 which is an amazing start to our fundraising for a minibus. Thank you to all families who popped in to buy a sausage and a huge thanks to all the adults who helped run the day (especially Marnie and Tammy - what legends they both are!) We have a number of ideas for fundraising over the rest of the year. Once these ideas have been finalised by our school captains and our leadership team, we will let you know all of our plans!

Just a reminder about our next coffee morning 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.

Another reminder - 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 use our iPad for learning



At home you can help by reminding your child that in school the iPads are used for learning. This is sometimes hard for our students to understand, however we have set the iPads up in school so that

only the apps that we want to use for educational purposes are available. If your child brings in a communication device, make sure it is locked on that app for use in school.

Curriculum Corner

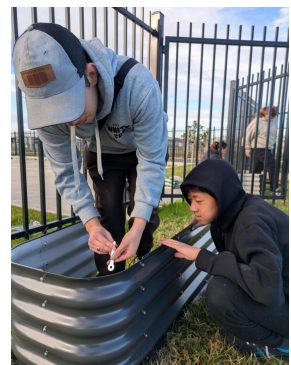
Students continue to engage enthusiastically in our Term 2 focus, *"This Place Matters"*, where they investigate their environment through exploring natural, built and shared spaces. Across the school, students are developing their understanding of how people care for places and contribute positively to their communities.

It has been wonderful to see this learning come to life through a range of hands-on and sensory experiences. Many classes have incorporated sensory learning opportunities that allow students to explore different textures, materials and natural elements, helping them build meaningful connections with the world around them.

Creativity has also been on display through a variety of recycled art projects. Students have transformed everyday materials into imaginative artworks, demonstrating both environmental awareness and artistic expression. These projects have encouraged students to think about how items can be reused and repurposed rather than discarded.

Our secondary students have been particularly excited to begin establishing a vegetable garden. From preparing garden beds to planting and caring for seedlings, students are developing practical skills while learning about sustainability, responsibility and where food comes from. We look forward to watching the garden grow and seeing students continue to take pride in caring for this shared space.

Through these rich learning experiences, students are building a deeper appreciation for their environment and developing important skills in responsibility, collaboration and community participation.

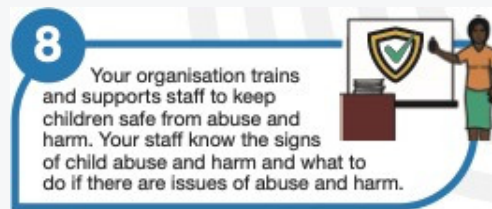




Child Safe Standards

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 8:



- All staff participate in yearly child safety training
- All staff are mandated to complete child safety training run by the Department of Education
- We have the Protect Posters posted around school in all relevant locations to remind staff of the steps required to keep children safe and what to do if there are concerns

What can you do at home?

- Talk to us if you have any concerns that we need to be aware of
- Ask for advice when you need it, we have a great wellbeing team and we can also share details of services that may be able to help
- If we raise a concern with you, know that it is coming from a place of care for your child. We have to be vigilant to ensure safety and if a child raises something with us, it is important that we follow through with what we need to do as part of our duty of care

Marra's Marvellous Megastars

This week our Megastar awards go to:

Prep: Josiah JF, Moussa W, Rehaan M

Year 1/2: Aiden N, Zidane H, Purity G, Axel P, Zara H

Year 3/4: Angad V, Mahnoor L, Micah L



Year 5/6: Charli W, Isabelle M, Haris S

Year 7: Thomas B

Year 9-12: Will T

Music: Jaycob O

Art: Sejan P

Dates for your diary:

Speaking Insights Presentation: “From Diagnosis to OAM”	Wednesday, 17th June
Coffee Morning with Carer Gateway Presentation	Thursday, 18th June
Final Day of Term 2 - School finishes at 2pm	Friday, 26th June
First Day of Term 3	Monday 12th July
S SG’s Meetings – Early finish 1pm	Tuesday, 1st September
Curriculum Day – No students required at school	Monday, 2nd November
S SG’s Meetings – Early finish 1pm	Tuesday, 24th November

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



ABN: 11 945 440 100

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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MARRA SCHOOL



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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!



Refugee Week
2026



Hume City Council welcomes refugees and asylum seekers

Let's celebrate "**A Million Stories: Journey to Hope**" with cultural performances, art, music, dance and food.

This event is proudly organised by people from refugee backgrounds.

When: Saturday 20 June

Time: 1pm – 5pm

Where: Town Hall, 10 Dimboola Road Broadmeadows

Enquiries: communitydevelopment@hume.vic.gov.au

Information
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You are welcome
to dress up in
your cultural
attire

Free



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