



The Marra Memo



Principal's message

Welcome back to all of our families for the start of Semester 2. I can't believe that we are already two weeks in!

We have some wonderful news to share. Muniirah (PB teacher) had a beautiful baby girl last Thursday. Both Muniirah and baby Hazel are doing well and we are all very much looking forward to cuddles very soon.

Last week we had our second assembly of the year. Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners for Term 2: Jordan T, Amelia T, Marco S, Harleen K, James T and Zoha R. We are very proud of these students for all their hard work. The assembly was also really important for us as we celebrated our school captains. Our four captains, Will, Layla, Charli and Lucas M all received their school captain badges and we heard some amazing acceptance speeches from the team. All four are wonderful role models, showing true Marra Bravery in reading their speeches.

Last week our School Captains were also invited to Ngayuk College to participate in their smoking ceremony for NAIDOC week. It was great to build connections with the college and we are looking forward to many more opportunities in the future.

This week I got chance to sit with a few of our local community members including members of the local council and the manager of Kalkallo's community hubs. We are exploring further opportunities for our students and families, including looking at local inclusive practice. Towards the bottom of this newsletter you will find a couple of flyers about current opportunities for our students to submit art work for a local exhibition and an after school crafting workshop in Craigieburn. We will continue to share opportunities with you that we find out about and will be asking the parents who attend any of our coffee mornings for further ideas.

And finally! Please come and join us for our coffee morning on Monday next week, 9-10am. Drop in for a natter, a cuppa, a biscuit, a chance to say hello and a chance to meet the team. Rachel, our wellbeing officer, will be sharing some information about service providers for those interested.

Lindsey



Wellbeing update

The wellbeing team have been hard at work alongside the school captains helping to plan activities for this term. There are lots of days that we could have chosen from (as you will have seen in the first draft of the parent calendar for this term!) We have tried to simplify some of these events to ease the pressure on families.

This term we are looking forward to:

Pyjama day - Friday 24th July. This was picked by the school captains as a fun dress up day (or an easy dress up day!) and to raise money for The Pyjama Foundation. The money will support children in foster care.

Wear it Purple day - Friday 26th August. This day allows us to stand alongside the LGBTQIA+ community. We are an exceptionally diverse school and we are proud of it!

Footy Colours Day - Friday 18th September. To celebrate the end of term and the Footie finals, students can come in any sports dress/footy colours (Go Doggies!!)

All of these dress up days are completely optional, even if it is just a touch of something, for example a ribbon, or socks...

Child Safe Standards

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 10:



- We are working with staff on a daily basis to continue improving our practise.
- We do this through
 - Daily briefing sessions
 - Dedicated professional learning
 - A robust wellbeing team
 - Clear procedures and polices, documented and displayed throughout school
 - Reminders about expectations in school
 - Calls to relevant services when required
 - Debriefing with staff
 - Advice from the Department of Education when required, including Conduct and Integrity, the Legal division and the Regional Team.

What can you do at home?

- Talk to us if you have any concerns that we need to be aware of so that we can follow up with staff and students in a timely manner

Curriculum Corner

This term, our whole-school curriculum theme is ***My Story, Your Story, Our Story***, with a focus on **diversity, identity and community**.

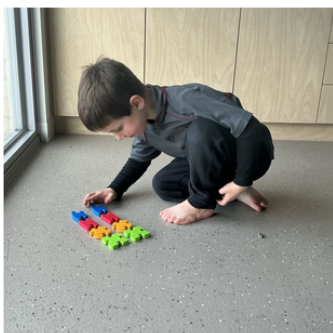
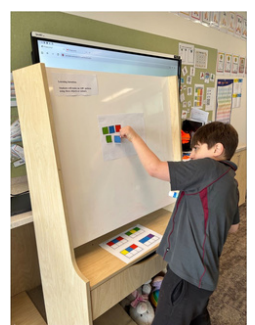
Across the school, students are exploring their own cultural backgrounds, family traditions and personal stories while learning about the experiences of others. Through storytelling, role-play, shared discussions and visual supports, students are developing their understanding of respect, inclusion and the value of celebrating our differences.

It has been wonderful to see our primary students engaging with a wide range of texts in English. Students have been making meaningful connections between stories, their own experiences and the world around them, building both comprehension and a love of reading.

In our secondary classrooms, students have begun their novel study of *Wonder*. It has been fantastic to see students engaging with the text through both independent and shared reading experiences, thoughtfully discussing the characters and themes, and responding through a variety of writing activities.

This term, in Maths our students are learning about patterns. Across the school, classrooms have been buzzing with hands-on learning as students explore, create and extend patterns using a variety of materials and environments. From manipulatives and art to movement and outdoor learning experiences, students are developing their mathematical thinking through engaging and meaningful activities.

This term, our Respectful Relationships focus is Help Seeking. Students are learning how to identify when they need support, who the trusted adults in their lives are, and how to ask for help in different situations. Developing these skills helps students build confidence, resilience and positive relationships both at school and in the community. Students have also begun participating in our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) lessons. These lessons explicitly teach the behaviours and expectations that help everyone learn and feel safe at school. By practising these expectations across a range of settings, we are building a positive, predictable and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive. We look forward to sharing more of our learning throughout the term as our students continue to discover, create and celebrate their stories, each other's stories, and our shared story at Marra School.



Marra’s Marvellous Megastars

This week our Megastar awards go to:



- Prep: Samantha, Ricky, Alisha
- Year 1/2: Samual, Sejan, Marco and George
- Year 5/6: Lamar, Amarthya
- Year 8: Marcus
- Music: Rehaan
- Art: Spencer

Dates to remember:

Friday 24 July	Pyjama Day - Gold coin donation
Monday 27 July	Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 31 July	100 days of school - Preps only
Wedensday 5 August	Senior Students Excursion

OSHC News:

School Holiday Fun

The students had a ball in the OSHC program over the holidays!!!



Jordan loved the bubbles, his favourite part standing in the bubble



Animesh playing with our brand-new magnetic shapes.



Samantha building a rocket



Josiah building a fence



Aishani Loved the balloon twisting



ALL ABILITIES COME & TRY DAY!

ALL
WELCOME!
NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY!



COME & TRY SESSIONS

NEW!

A great opportunity to try football in a fun, welcoming and supportive environment.

- ✓ Open to all abilities – everyone is welcome!
- ✓ Inclusive, adapted activities
- ✓ Highly experienced all abilities coaches
- ✓ Small group sizes and individual support
- ✓ A safe, respectful and encouraging space



SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2026



9:00AM



**MITCHELL RANGERS
SOCCER CLUB
BROADFORD**



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

Valley Sport
Goulburn Valley Sports Assembly Inc.



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FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDS & FOOTBALL!
COME ALONG, HAVE A GO AND BE PART OF THE TEAM!



*Everyone
Belongs Here!*

QUESTIONS?

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Mitchell Rangers Soccer Club



ART
COMPETITION
2026

ART ANTHOLOGY

YOUNG PEOPLE'S STORIES OF A LIVEABLE CITY

Like to get creative?

Young people aged 6-24 who live, study or work in Hume are invited to submit a creative art piece reflecting the shared theme of 'A liveable City' to our Art Anthology art competition for 2026.

This could be a poem, short story, drawing, painting, photography, a short 3 -minute video, a fashion design, sculpture or anything creative- it's up to you!

Be considered for a Best creative Award category and win a \$250 Deans Art Supplies voucher!

SUBMISSIONS OPEN APRIL 20 AND CLOSE JULY 31, 2026!



To submit a piece of work
scan the QR code or visit
hume.vic.gov.au/youth

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the Stitched UP



Crafternoon

From collage to crochet, painting to pottery-
jump in, try something new, and get creative!

Age: 10-14 years

Time: 3:30 for a 4pm start-5:30pm

Date: Tuesdays fortnightly from the 21st
July-15 September, 2026

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre
Registrations Only



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The stitched-up series will focus on sustainability
and reducing our environmental footprint.

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