



The Marra Memo



Principal's message

We have already had some lovely celebrations and events this term, including the Preps celebrating their first 100 days of school. This was a great chance for the school to recognise what a special milestone this is. Thank you to all of our Prep parents for supporting us as a school and to the staff in the Prep team for all their hard work making the first 100 days of school so special.

This week we had a footy incursion for some of our students. Essendon Bombers came for the morning and delivered 30 minute sessions to most of the students across the school. The students had so much fun practising their skills and the staff from the club were so engaging. Even students who are huge footie fans and don't really like the Bombers (yes Luca we are talking about you!) were able to put their feelings aside and had an amazing session.

We also had our very first excursion this week. Our secondary students attended Mernda Central's College dress rehearsal of Alice in Wonderland. Kelly did a brilliant job organising this and the students gained so much from being there. There was lots of feedback from the staff and students about how much fun it was!

We will be sending out communication about food for children's birthdays in school, or class parties. We have a number of students across school who have allergies and anaphylaxis, therefore our policy is that any foods for class parties need to be shop bought so that the ingredients and allergens are clearly listed on the packaging. If you happen to be sending lolly bags in for any occasion, these also need to be packaged lollies, rather than loose sweets from a bigger bag. We will always send lolly bags home so that parents can make the decision themselves as to whether their child is allowed to eat the contents. We appreciate your support with this.

Finally, don't forget we have Book Week coming up in week 6. We will be doing an optional dress up day on Friday 21st August to celebrate. Students will take part in a range of activities across the week.

Lindsey



Wellbeing update

At Marra School, we are proud to use the School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) framework to help our students learn, grow and thrive in a positive, safe and supportive learning environment.

As part of our whole-school approach, students are taught and encouraged to demonstrate our school values of Bravery, Resilience and Respect. When students demonstrate these values and make positive choices around the school, they are recognised with Marra Merit tokens.

This term, we are excited to announce the official opening of our SWPBS shop Marra Market! Students can now exchange their hard-earned merit tokens for a range of rewards, including fidget toys, books, colouring packs and special experiences such as Lunch with the Principal.

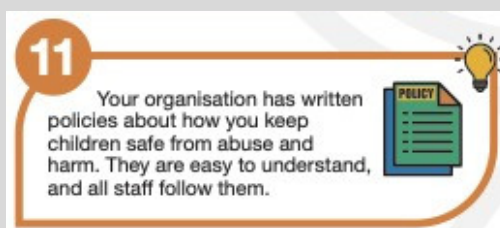
The response from our students has been fantastic! It has been wonderful to see the excitement and pride as they save their points, visit the shop and celebrate the rewards they have earned.

If you have any new or gently used items at home that you would be willing to donate to our SWPBS Shop, we would greatly appreciate your support. Donations such as books, pencil packs, fidget toys, small games, and even Ooshies help us provide an exciting range of choices for our students. Thank you for supporting our school community.



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 11:



- We have all relevant policies in place that are required and these are shared with staff.
- We do this through
 - Requesting staff to sign the key policies relating to child safe standards
 - Sharing information in daily briefing sessions
 - Providing dedicated professional learning
- Next year we will have our first school review, which will mean we will have all policies and adherence to these policies assessed in early 2027.

What can you do at home?

- Check out our website - many of our policies are listed on there for transparency



Curriculum Corner

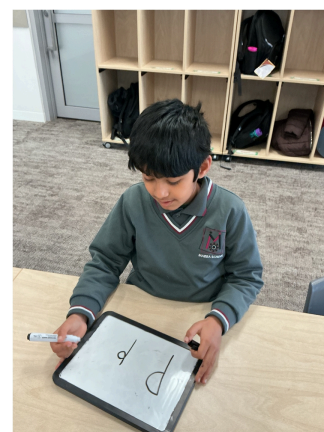
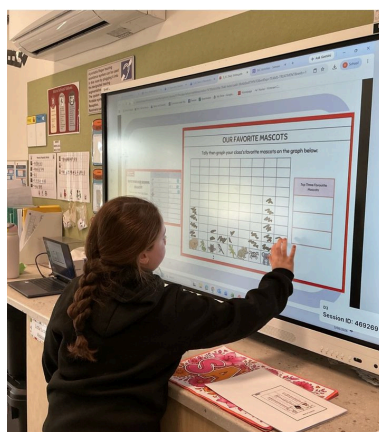
This fortnight, classrooms have continued exploring our Term 3 theme, "My Story, Your Story, Our Story." Across the school, students have been engaging with rich mentor texts and shared reading experiences, building their understanding of stories while making connections to their own lives, families and communities. It has been wonderful to see students using pictures, words and discussion to share their ideas and develop confidence as readers.

In Mathematics, students have been busy investigating patterns through hands-on learning experiences. From creating repeating patterns with concrete materials to identifying patterns in everyday environments, students are developing important mathematical thinking while having fun exploring and creating.

Our secondary students also enjoyed their first school excursion, attending Mernda Central College's production of Alice in Wonderland. This was a fantastic opportunity to experience live theatre, connect with literature in a new way, and celebrate the talents of students in our local community.

We were also thrilled to welcome the Essendon Football Club, who ran an engaging football clinic for our students. The clinic encouraged teamwork, participation and confidence while giving students the chance to develop their movement skills in a fun and supportive environment.

We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you over the coming weeks as our stories continue to grow.



Marra’s Marvellous Megastars

This week our Megastar awards go to:



Prep: Aavran Tamang

Year 1/2: Layla Couch, Mantaajdeep Kaur, Antonio Afolau and Aiden Nguyen

Year 3/4: Abdil Boran

Year 5/6: Sarina Peerani

Year 8: Jax Newton

Dates to remember:

Monday 10 th August	SSG Bookings become available at 4pm
Monday 24 th August	Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 28 th August	Book week dress up day
Tuesday 1 st September	SSG Early finish 1pm
Friday 4 th September	Fathers day celebration
Tuesday 8 th September	School Council meeting
Friday 18 th september	Footy colours day. Early finish 2pm

JOIN US FOR A

COMMUNITY

COFFEE

morning



MONDAY
24 AUGUST
9:30–10:30AM

EVERYONE WELCOME



**JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AND
CONNECTION**

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CITY COUNCIL**



MARRA SCHOOL LIBRARY

51 Lockerbie Street, Kalkallo



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AUG 2026



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

For more info call reception at (03) 8338 0919
 OR visit our Instagram page @headspace_craigieburn OR
 our website: <https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/craigieburn/>

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 Mind & Body Series 4:30 to 6 PM	5 Yoga Group 4 to 5 PM	6 Art Group 4 to 5:30 PM	7	8
10	11 Mind & Body Series; 4:30 to 6 PM	12 Yoga Group 4 to 5 PM	13 Art Group 4 to 5:30 PM	14 Beats & Bites 5:30 to 6:30 PM	15
17	18 Mind & Body Series; 4:30 to 6 PM	19 Yoga Group 4 to 5 PM	20 Art Group 4 to 5:30 PM	21	22
24	25 Mind & Body Series; 4:30 to 6 PM	26	27 Art Group 4 to 5:30 PM	28	29

ART GROUP

Please call reception on (03) 8338 0919 to enquire

Activities include:

- *painting*
- *drawing*
- *crochet/knitting etc.*



PEER WORK DROP IN SPACE

What is the peer work drop in space?

A weekly time where you can 'drop in' and talk about whatever you'd like with one of our peer workers.

Who can drop in?

Anyone aged 12 to 25.



What is a peer worker?

A peer worker is someone with a lived experience of mental health challenges and seeking support for themselves. Peer workers do peer support which is separate from therapy but equally valuable in mental health recovery. Peer workers can also talk about their own experiences and what they find helpful to get through life.

What can I talk about in the peer work drop in space?

Anything you'd like. You can talk about how you're feeling, vent or rant, talk about hobbies or ask questions about what services headspace can provide.

Please note this is not a scheduled appointment and amount of time available to chat will depend on the day.



headspace
Craigieburn

PEER WORK DROP IN SPACE AT HEADSPACE CRAIGIEBURN

WHAT is the peer work drop in space?

A weekly time where you can 'drop in' and talk about whatever is on your mind with one of our peer workers. You can also ask questions about what services headspace can provide and have a look around the centre.

WHAT is a peer worker?

A peer worker is someone who has their own mental health challenge experiences. They use these experiences to support others and share ideas about what they find helpful to get through life.



WHO can drop in?

Anyone aged 12 to 25

WHEN does this space run?

Weekly from 3pm - 4:30pm (dates on the following page)

WHERE is this space being held?

headspace Craigieburn

At 1/340 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn (up the elevators next to the 'Chemist Discount Centre' at Craigieburn Central)

HOW can I attend?

You can call us on 8338 0919 to let us know you'll be coming along or just drop in between 3pm-4:30pm on next ~~pages~~ dates.

Drop in spaces will run fortnightly from 3pm-4:30pm at headspace Craigieburn on the following dates:

July:

- Friday 31st

August:

- Friday 14th
- Friday 28th

September:

- Friday 11th

October

- Friday 2nd
- Friday 16th
- Friday 30th

November:

- Friday 13th
- Friday 27th

December:

- Friday 11th



Welcome to Whittlesea bus tour

Come along to the Welcome to Whittlesea Bus Tour, for newly arrived Punjabi and Hindi-speaking community members.

Attendees will:

- discover local services and programs available to you and your family
- explore the City of Whittlesea's rich Aboriginal history and key landmarks
- and gain confidence in navigating Council services, such as libraries, community hubs, and leisure centres.

The tour is free and open to all newly arrived people aged 18 and over.

Build new connections, make new friends, ask questions, and feel more at home in your local area.

Places are limited – don't miss out on this unique opportunity to connect, learn, and explore.

Friday 14 August
9.30AM - 3.15PM

Please be at the nearest pick-up point:

Pick-up point 1:

9.15am

murnong Community Centre
181E Olivine Boulevard, Donnybrook

OR

Pick-up point 2:

9.15am

Kirrip Community Centre
135 De Rossi Boulevard, Wollert



For more information and to book your spot, scan the QR code or contact

☎ 03 9217 2170

✉ communitydevelopment@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



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Supporting Neurodivergent Children – *Strategies for parents and carers.*

Presented by Andrew Fuller



Clinical Psychologist, family therapist, author, speaker, and creator of Learning Strengths.

Andrew Fuller will explore neurodiversity through a strengths-based lens, offering practical strategies to help parents and carers better understand and support their child's learning, wellbeing, and development.

This engaging session will provide valuable tools and insights to help you support your child as they navigate the developmental changes and challenges of growing up.

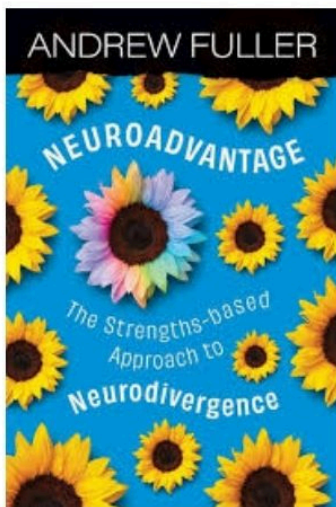
Join us for a FREE informative and empowering session.

Wednesday 20th August 2026

6pm - 7:30pm

Whittlesea Tech School, 415 Dalton Road Epping

Bookings essential. Childcare can be offered.



For more information visit

📍 whittlesea.vic.gov.au/youth

call ☎ **9217 2170** ask for the youth team

email ✉ youth@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



Scan the QR
code to register
your interest.



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Need Help With Services, Support or Getting Involved?

Sometimes navigating services can feel confusing – but you don't have to do it alone!

Whittlesea Community Connections – Community Information Session

Thursday 27th August 2026

11am – 1pm

murnong Community Centre

181E Olivine Bvd, Donnybrook VIC 3064



MORNING TEA
AND LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS
SERVED

Come along and chat with our friendly team about how we can support you with:

- ✓ **Centrelink forms and applications**
- ✓ Creating your **myGov account**
- ✓ Setting up your **Service Victoria app**
- ✓ Applying for a **Utility Relief Grant**
- ✓ Learning about **community services and local supports**
- ✓ Finding out how you can get involved through **volunteering opportunities**

Whether you need help, want to learn more,
or are looking for ways to connect with your
community – we're here to help!



Discover support.
Connect with your community.
Make a difference.

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