



The Marra Memo



Principal's message

Another two weeks have disappeared in a blink of our eyes! Firstly I wanted to say thank you to all our families who attended SSGs, or have them booked in at an alternative time, supported with our book week celebrations, and attended our Father's Day/Special Person event. SSGs are always a good way to celebrate the progress of your children and with only one more term to go, it was a good chance to discuss any final aims for the rest of the year.

Our book week parade was wonderful - all of the classes did an amazing job transitioning to the basketball court and it was a lot of fun with lots of positive support towards each other. Another wonderful opportunity for our students to show our three values of bravery, resilience and respect. I had so much fun hosting the parade and then dashed into a school tour dressed as a crayon that quit!! I also really enjoyed recording a range of stories for the students to listen to through the week. I absolutely love telling stories and I loved the reaction and interest from students through the week who told me how much fun they were having.

We have had a few families starting to ask us about our transition arrangements for term 4, to get ready for 2027. At the moment we are still waiting for confirmation as to how many new portable classrooms we will be getting. This will significantly impact how many students will be coming into school for 2027, but also significantly impacts how many new teaching staff we need. The leadership team have started working on class planning especially the year groups that will not be changing in numbers (Year 1/2 for 2027). We should have confirmation from the department very soon on the classrooms we will be given, which will then mean that we can plan the transition/staffing arrangements/class structure more effectively.

Arrangements will hopefully be confirmed mid Term 4 although we can't give any fixed dates yet. Please keep an eye out and I will update you all via the newsletter as soon as I have more to share.

As we near the school holidays, please reach out to the OSHC team if you need any care for the school holidays. The team have planned some lovely incursions and their first local walk.

Finally, it is that time of year where UV is starting to increase. Please remember to send hats in for students. We are working through some alternative options for yard spaces, especially for our Preps where the shade is limited. We will begin to transition Preps into the Y1/2 yard space for outdoor play in Term 4.

Lindsey



Wellbeing update

The wellbeing team have been planning all the Term 4 events.

Here are the dates you need to know:

Coffee catch ups: Thursday 22nd October at 1.45pm
Friday 20th November at 1.45pm

Dress up days: Friday 30th October - Halloween themed dress up
Friday 20th November - dress as your icon day

Celebration days: Thursday 3rd December - students will be participating in a wonderful day of events for International Day of People with Disability.
Friday 11th December - Christmas Fun Day

We are really keen to keep giving families the opportunity to meet together to create connections and to be able to have some additional support from us as a school. We have tried a variety of different mornings with a small number of families joining us each time. For Term 4, we are trialling running the coffee catch ups on two different afternoons to see if this is more effective for more families. We will share who will be joining us at these catch ups in Term 4.

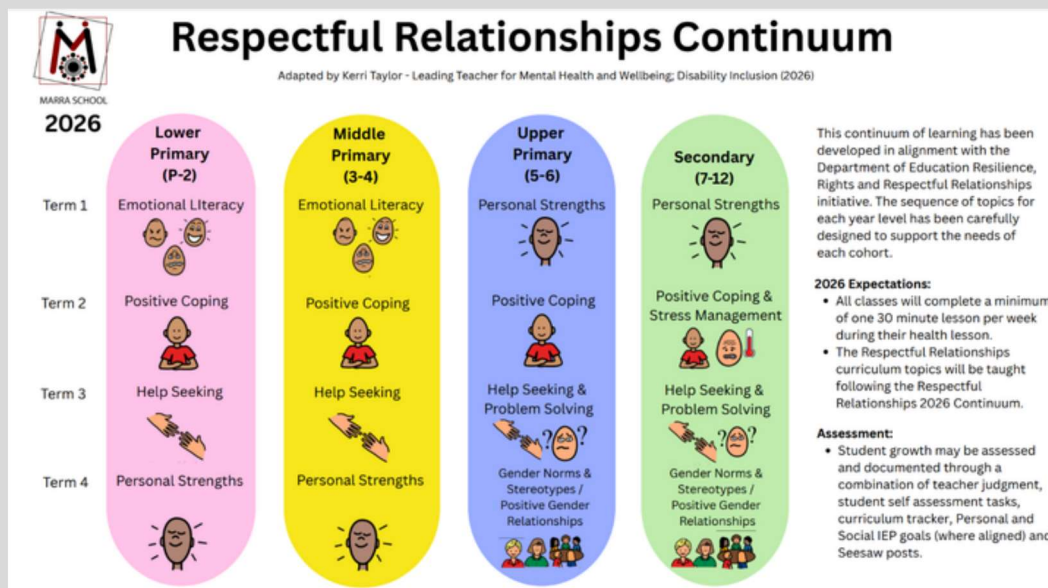
Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) Program

The RRRR program has been designed to develop students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills. The program is mandated and therefore has to be taught in all schools.

There are 8 units in total that need to be delivered. These are:

- Emotional Literacy
- Personal Strengths
- Positive Coping
- Problem Solving
- Stress Management
- Help Seeking
- Gender and Identity
- Positive Gender Relationships

As a specialist school we have mapped these units carefully to match the development and needs of our different year groups. This is what units will be taught in 2027:

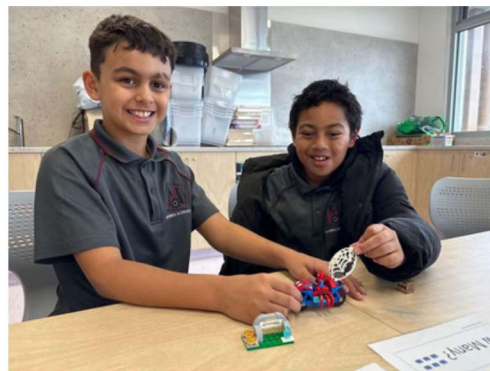


Curriculum Day - Junior School

It has been a wonderful fortnight in Junior School, with plenty of opportunities for learning, connection and celebration. With the warmer weather, students have been enjoying outdoor structured play and chalk drawing, making the most of our outdoor spaces while developing creativity, cooperation and confidence.

A key focus across the fortnight has been understanding and navigating our school day. Students have been continuing their use of visual schedules to recognise the different parts of their day, anticipate transitions and build greater independence and confidence in their routines.

We have also enjoyed celebrating Book Week! Students listened with excitement as Principal Lindsey shared stories with us, created their own bookmarks and proudly took part in our Book Week Parade. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm, creativity and joy our students brought to celebrating books and reading together.



Curriculum Day - Secondary School

It has been another busy and exciting few weeks of learning in Secondary!

Book Week was a fantastic success, and we loved seeing the incredible costumes and enthusiasm from our students! In the classroom, we are continuing our study of *Wonder*, exploring characters, key events and themes of kindness, acceptance and belonging.

Students are building on their understanding of patterns and beginning to explore multiplication during Numeracy sessions. Through hands-on learning, students are developing skills in recognising and continuing patterns, skip counting and making equal groups.

It's time to get making in Science! Students are putting their plans and prototypes into action as they create the products they have been designing. Check out the fantastic seed bombs students have been making while developing their practical and problem-solving skills.

Our school café continues to provide meaningful opportunities for students to develop real-world skills. Students are building independence through food preparation, following visual recipes, working safely, serving customers and working as part of a team.

We are so proud to see our Secondary students continuing to build their confidence, independence and skills across all areas of their learning.



At the start of the story Auggie was...

Shy Scared Nervous

Because everyone will
laugh at his face



By the end of the story Auggie was...

Confident Brave Resilient

Because he making friends

How did they change?

He changed because his hanging out
with jackwill and summer.



What is $3 \times 5 = ?$

15

Correct! 1 Try



What is $5 \times 5 = ?$

25

Correct! 1 Try



Marra's Marvellous Megastars

This week our Megastar awards go to:



Prep: Samantha, Emma and Moussa

Year 1/2: Miliana, Zidane, Nehal, Adnan and Darpan

Year 3/4: Rayaleh

Year 5/6: Taau and Isacc

Year 7: Adhheyraj

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 8th September	School Council meeting
Friday 18th September	Footy colours day - 2pm finish
Monday 5 th October	Term 4 starts
Monday 2 nd November	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Public Holiday - no school
Tuesday 24 th November	SSGs - 1pm finish for students
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term - 1pm finish



Community Referral Poster Whittlesea

Accommodation	Positive Choices Positivechoices.org.au	Nasihah Consulting – Northern Psychology Clinic	Holstep Health
DFFH Housing 1300 598 521	Quitline (24 hrs) 13 78 48	9351 1166	9495 2000
Front Yard Youth Services 9977 0077	Uniting AOD Services (Adult & Youth) 1800 700 514	Northpoint Centre 9338 1898	Leadership Plus 9489 2999
Haven Home Safe 1300 428 364	Youth Drug Alcohol Advice (YoDAA) 1800 458 685	Reconnect (Prace) 9462 6072	Little Dreamers 1800 717 515
Homelessness Intervention Prevention (HIP) 9450 4700	Youth Projects (Glenroy) 9304 9100	Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre 9413 0100	National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) 1800 800 110
Kids Under Cover 9429 7444	Youth Northern Outreach Team (YNOT) 1800 627 727	Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre 9977 9000	Royal Children's Hospital Centre for Community Child Health (CCCH) 9345 6150
Merri Outreach Support Service (MOSS) 9482 3488	Youth Support & Advocacy Service (YSAS) 9415 8881	Translation Interpreting Service 131 450	Scope Disability Services 1300 472 673
Salvation Army Housing Victoria (SAHV) 8878 4500	Behaviour Change Berry Street - Matters Program 9450 4700	VictTranscultural Mental Health 9231 3300	Traveller's Aid 9654 2600
Statewide Crisis Accommodation After Hours Service 1800 825 955	Teenage Aggression Responding Assertively (TARA) 9457 4700	Victorian Arabic Social Services (VASS) 9359 2861	Whittlesea Disability Network 921 721 70
Transition to Independence (TTI) 9450 4700	Uniting Men's Behaviour Change 9457 0500	Victorian Co-op of Children's Services for Ethnic Groups (VICSEG) 9383 2533	Child FIRST & Child Protection Child Protection 1300 664 977 After hours: 131 278
Transitional Youth Support Services (TYSS) 9450 4700	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)/ Multicultural Asylum Seekers Resource Centre 9326 6066	Whittlesea Community Connections 9401 6666	The Orange Door 1800 319 355
Uniting Reconnect Program 1800 002 992	Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre 9388 2459	Carers Support Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) 1800 277 328	Community Agencies
YouthLink ReConnect 9832 3934	Arabic Welfare Inc 9380 9536	Brotherhood of St Laurence 1300 275 634	Anglicare 8470 9999
Alcohol & Other Drugs Anglicare/Reach Out Youth Drug Alcohol Outreach 8470 9999	Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights 9481 3000	Carers Vic 1800 514 845	Berry Street 9450 4700
Caraniche 9401 0600	Brotherhood of St Laurence 9422 5650	Carer Gateway 1800 422 737	Epping Community Services Hub 1300 015 107
Directline 1800 888 236	Centrelink Multilingual Service 131 202	Disability Justice Advocacy 9474 0077	DPV Health 1300 234 263
Family Drug & Gambling Helpline 1300 660 068	Centre For Multicultural Youth 9340 3700	Disability Services Commissioner 1300 728 187	Kids First Australia 9450 0900
Holstep Health Needle Syringe Program 9am-5pm. 93 Bell St, Coburg and 11 Glenlyon Rd, Brunswick.	Foundation House 9389 8900	DPV Health Disability Services 1300 234 263	St Vincent de Paul Society 1300 305 330
Mirabel Foundation 9527 9422	Islamic Council of Victoria 9328 2067	EACH Allied Health Care Services 1300 003 224	Brotherhood of St Laurence 9483 1183
Odyssey House 9420 7600	IndianCare 1300 005 040	Emergency After Hours Response Service (EARS) 1800 727 280	Uniting Epping 9408 0958
		Front Yard Youth Services 1800 800 531	



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Education & School Support	Emergency Relief	Uniting Men's Behaviour Change Program	Legal Support
Anglicare 1800 809 722	Big GroupHug 9401 6666	9408 0958	CommissionforChildrenand Young People 1300 782 978
Ardoch Youth Foundation	Encompass Care Bundoora 9467 6777	Young People's Health Service 1800 800 531	Court Network 1800 571 239
AustinSchool 9537 2414	Foodbank 9362 8300	Youth Early Psychosis Service (YEPS) 1300 859 789	OfficeofthePublicAdvocate 1300 309 337
9496 5324	Mill ParkBaptistChurch	Youth Outreach and Recovery (YORS) 1300 003 224	VictorianAboriginalLegalService (Preston) 1800 064 865
DepartmentofEducationNorthWest 1300 333 232	Salvation Army 94368797	Gambling Support Services	Victorian LegalAid 1300 792 387
Hester Hornbrook Academy 1800 517 218	St KildaMums 8873 5288	Gambler's Help 1800 858 858	Whittlesea Community Connections 9401 6666
Hume Whittlesea Local Learning Employment Network (HWLEN) 9309 5500	1300 789 509	Gambler's Help Youthline 1800 262 376	Women's Legal Service Vic 1800 133 302
Les Twentyman Foundation 9689 4800	St Vincent de Paul Society 1300 305 330	Health Centers	LGBTIQ+ Support
LOOKOUT Education Support lookout.nev@education.vic.gov.au	Uniting (Broadmeadows) 9351 3600	DPVHealth(MillPark,Epping,Whittlesea) 1300 234 263	Minus 18 Minus18.org.au
Melbourne Polytechnic 1300 635 276	VACCA 9287 8800	NorthernHealth 8405 8000	Genderqueer Victoria Genderqueer.org.au
Navigator Program (Anglicare) 1800 809 722	Whittlesea Community Connections 9401 6666	Primary Care Unit (Epping Plaza) 9422 2222	QLife 1800 184 527
Plenty River College 9437 7016	Family Mediation	Sexual Health Victoria www.shvic.org.au	QueerSpace 9663 6733
Reconnect (Prace) 9462 6077	Bouverie Centre 8481 4800	First Nations Services	Rainbow Door 1800 729 367
School RefusalClinic	Catholic Care (Epping) 8468 1305	13 YARN 13 92 76	Rainbow Network 9479 8870
State School'sReliefFund 0409 024 485	DrummondStreet 9663 6733	Bouverie Centre	Switchboard (Rainbow Door) Call:1800 729 367 Text:0480 017 246
StudentInternet Program 8769 8400	Relationships Australia 1300 364 277	Bubup Willam 8481 4800	Transcend Transcendsupport.com.au
1800 954 610	Family Violence	CentrelinkIndigenous CallCentre (AbStudy) 1800136 380	
Sustainable School Shop www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au	***Call 000 if you or someoneyou know is in immediate danger*** 1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732	DardiMunwurro 8456 3044	
The Pavilion School Epping Campus: 94013900	In Touch 1800 755 988	Koorie Connect 9287 8800	
Uniting – School Focussed Youth Services 0466 957530	Mensline Australia	Victorian Aboriginal Child & Community Protection Authority (VACCA) 9287 8800	
Victorian Aboriginal Educational Association Inc (VAEAI) 9481 0800	Men's Referral Service 1300 789 978	Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) 9419 3000	
Y Community School 9407 6229	Safe Steps 1300 766 491		
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Youth Take Over Junior

For children aged 8 - 12 years



Youth Take Over Junior (YTO Jr) are monthly sessions that aim to help children build confidence, explore their interests, and have fun in a relaxed setting.

What to expect each month:

- Fun, engaging activities like art, games, crafts, and challenges
- A friendly space to connect and make new friends
- Supportive staff who make sure every child feels welcome.

Upcoming sessions:

Wednesday 10th June 2026
Wednesday 1st July 2026
Wednesday 5th August 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Wednesday 7th October 2026

YTO Jr is held at Laurimar Community Activity Centre, Doreen from 4pm - 5:30pm.

For more information visit

📍 whittlesea.vic.gov.au/youth

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

email ✉ youth@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



Please scan
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Keeping Kirpan

Information Sessions

Session 1	10A Forum Way, Epping	Monday 7 September, 1pm-3pm
Session 2	Murnong Community Centre 181E Olivine Bvd, Donnybrook	Wednesday 16 September, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Join one of our information sessions to increase understanding and cultural awareness about the Kirpan across the community, ensuring Sikh community members can practice their culture and faith safely while promoting harmony, respect, and community safety.

Everyone is welcome. Free to attend.

Bookings required
Contact Uzma

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✉️ culturaldiversity@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



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