



The Marra Memo



Principal's message

And just like that Term 3 is over! And what a term we have had... our first excursion, more incursions, fun dress up days, parades around school, lots of tours for prospective families, the cafe expanding their service, more coffee mornings and so much more!

Term 4 looks like it is shaping up to be a beautiful celebration term, with lots of fun activities and the secondary students attending their first camp. We can't wait for all the upcoming fun.

Just a reminder with Term 4 heading quickly this way - we will aim to apply sunscreen throughout the day in Term 4. If your child is sensitive to sunscreen, please make sure your class teacher is aware and provide an alternative option if possible. Please ensure that your child has a sunhat in school. We will encourage all students to wear these and this will be modelled by the adults.

Our Prep students will be moving into the Year 1/2 playspace during Term 4 to ensure they have shade available. They will use this space at a different time to the other students, but this will also be a lovely transition to support getting them ready to move into Year 1 for 2027.

Planning for 2027 has begun, although we are still waiting for confirmation of how many additional classrooms we will be given. As yet we do not know when this decision will be communicated to us. For now we are having to plan just for the new Prep students who will be joining us, however we are still hoping that we will be able to expand in some of our smaller year groups. We will send out further communication as soon as we have it.

The school council agreed at their last meeting that we can start 2027 in the same way that we did this year. This means that we can already tell you the following plan:

- Wednesday 27th January: Curriculum Day
- Thursday 28th January: Curriculum day
- Friday 29th January: Day 1 for all students - 9-11am.
- Monday 1st February: 9-1pm for all students.
- Tuesday 2nd February: 9-3 for all students.

SSGs will also continue to run on Tuesday, week 8 of each term in 2027 and school will be a 1pm finish on those days.

Thank you as ever for your ongoing support and I hope you all manage some restful and fun family time over the holidays.

Lindsey



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) update



This term, our students have been learning about our school value of Resilience. Through weekly SWPBS lessons, students have explored expectations such as 'We Try Our Best', 'We Encourage and Support Others' and 'We Listen to Others'. It has been fantastic to see students working hard to demonstrate these expectations each day and proudly putting their learning into practice across the school. Students have also been eagerly collecting Marra Merits for their efforts. The SWPBS shop has had so many visitors, with students looking forward to visiting the shop each week to choose a reward and celebrate their achievements.

A huge thank you to the families who have generously donated items to our SWPBS Shop. Your generosity has helped us keep the shop stocked with exciting rewards for our students to choose from, and we truly appreciate your ongoing support in helping us recognise and celebrate positive behaviour across our school community.



Spring School Holidays: A Family Resource Guide

Free and low-cost days out, part 1

- Craigieburn (Livvi's Place) All-Abilities Playground, ANZAC Park – a fully inclusive play space with an accessible circuit path, all-abilities carousel and sensory play elements, built for kids of all ages and abilities to play side by side.
- Hume Libraries school holiday program – free craft, storytelling and activity sessions across Craigieburn, Sunbury, Broadmeadows and Hume Global Learning Centre libraries. The spring program is published about two weeks before the break – check humelibraries.events.mylibrary.digital or the library app closer to the date.
- Hume Leisure school holiday programs (swimming, multisport, gymnastics and more, across Splash Craigieburn, Sunbury Aquatic & Leisure Centre and Broadmeadows Aquatic & Leisure Centre) – the spring line-up goes live on humeleisure.vic.gov.au/active-hume/sports-development-and-inclusion closer to the break.
- Murnong Halloween Meet and Treat - Donnybrook (Murnong Community Centre) - Friday, 30 October 2026 | 03:00 PM to 05:30 PM. Come along to our Murnong Meet and Greet Halloween event and enjoy an afternoon of fun, creativity and community! Bring along the family to get involved in face painting, Halloween craft activities and plenty of spooky fun, all while meeting other local families and getting to know your neighbours.
- Youth Chill Out - Galada Community Centre, 10A Forum Way, Epping, Wednesday, 23 September 2026 | 01:30 PM to 05:00 PM - Ages 13-16 <https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/Things-to-see-and-do/Events/Events-calendar/Youth-Chill-Out>
- Circus Nexus Workshop - Join the coaches from Circus Nexus for some fun circus activities and games including juggling, acrobalance, flower sticks, and more. This workshop helps build strength, coordination, confidence, social skills in a playful and supportive environment. Next date: Thursday, 24 September 2026 | 09:00 AM to 12:20 PM - Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, 35 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang, 3752 <https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/Things-to-see-and-do/Events/Events-calendar/Circus-Nexus-Workshop>
- African Beats, Riverside Community Centre, 8 Doreen Rogen Way, South Morang - Next date: Thursday, 24 September 2026 | 12:30 PM to 01:30 PM <https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/Things-to-see-and-do/Events/Events-calendar/African-Beats>
- Bringing Up Kids, Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre, Eucalypt Room, 35 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang, 3752, Next date: Tuesday, 29 September 2026 | 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM. Bringing Up Kids is a fun and informative day for families, bringing together local community agencies and services from across the City of Whittlesea. Families can connect with local providers, learn about the range of services, programs and events available to support them, and enjoy plenty of activities for the kids along the way. The day will also feature face painting, a kids' dance class and a range of fun, interactive activities at participating service stalls, making it a great day out for children and families. <https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/Things-to-see-and-do/Events/Events-calendar/Bringing-Up-Kids-1>

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Free and low-cost days out, part 2

- The Wobbly Wallaby, Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, 35 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang, 3752. Next date: Tuesday, 29 September 2026 | 11:00 AM to 11:50 AM Presented by PRACC Performance Season 2026. The Wobbly Wallaby just can't hop in a straight line, no matter how hard she tries. She is easily distracted and is often running late. She just does not seem to do things the way the other wallabies do. The Wobbly Wallaby and the Absolute Bandicoot is a new, heartwarming children's production for 3-to 8-year-olds and their families, based on the book by local author Prema Nishan. <https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/Things-to-see-and-do/Events/Events-calendar/The-Wobbly-Wallaby>
- Build A Spaceship, Laurimar Community Activity Centre, 110 Hazel Glen Drive, Doreen, 3754 Next date: Tuesday, 29 September 2026 | 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM. Get creative and become a spaceship builder! Use your imagination and woodworking skills to design and build your very own awesome mini wooden spaceship. Snacks provided. Please note bookings are essential – no walk-ins will be accepted. Ages 8 - 12 [Book online](#)
- FREE Reptile Experience, Rivergum Village Shopping Centre, Cnr Plenty Road and Development Boulevard, Mill Park. Next date: Wednesday, 30 September 2026 | 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM. Looking for a free, fun activity for the family during the school holidays? Join us at Rivergum Village Shopping Centre for a Reptile Experience – an educational, hands-on encounter with reptiles that the kids will love. Perfect for all ages.
- Event Cinemas sensory screenings – dimmed lights, lowered volume and freedom to move, make noise or step out. Sessions run at participating cinemas nationally; check eventcinemas.com.au/eventsfestivals/sensoryfriendlyscreenings to see if your nearest cinema is running one these holidays.

Support and respite for families

- Carer Gateway – free counselling, peer support, respite and practical advice for parents, grandparents, siblings or other family members providing ongoing care. 1800 422 737, carergateway.gov.au
- Amaze Autism Connect Helpline – autism information, advice and referrals for autistic people and their families. 1300 308 699, amaze.org.au
- Interchange – holiday camps, day outings and recreation programs specifically for children and young people with disability, plus a break for families who provide their care. 1300 300 436
- Ask Izzy – search by suburb for free, local, anonymous services e.g. emergency relief, food, housing, everyday items. - If something unexpected comes up over the break. askizzy.org.au

Curriculum update - Secondary School - Term 3 Wrap-Up

What a fantastic Term 3 it has been in Secondary! Our students have been busy learning, creating and building their independence across all areas of the curriculum.

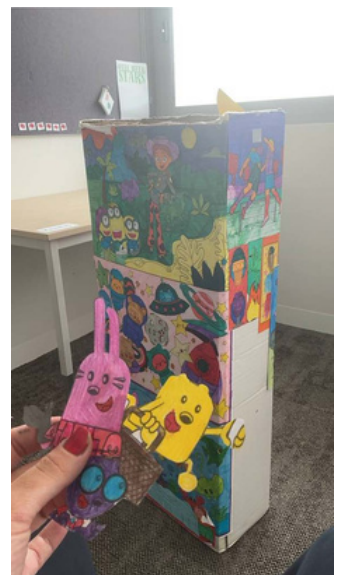
In Literacy, students have continued exploring Wonder, developing their reading, comprehension and communication skills through discussions, shared reading and a range of differentiated activities. Book Week was a definite highlight, with some incredible costumes and a wonderful celebration of reading across the school.

In Numeracy, students have explored patterns, skip counting and multiplication through practical and engaging learning experiences. Students have also had opportunities to build their problem-solving skills and apply their numeracy learning in meaningful contexts.

Our Science and Enterprise learning has been very hands-on this term. Students have been designing and creating products, including seed bombs, bird feeders, bird baths and recycling bins while developing skills in planning, following processes and working together.

Our Applied Learning programs have continued to provide valuable opportunities for students to develop independence and real-world skills. The Café program has been a highlight, with students building their skills in food preparation, teamwork, communication and completing different roles and responsibilities.

We are incredibly proud of everything our Secondary students have achieved this term. We look forward to continuing to build on this learning in Term 4 as we begin our whole-school Looking Forward unit and celebrate the growth and achievements of our students throughout Marra School's first year.



Marra’s Marvellous Megastars

This week our Megastar awards go to:



Prep: Rehaan M, Josiah F

Year 1/2: Marco S, Prisos, Zara H, Sejan P

Art: Layla Couch

Performing arts: Jax Newton

Music: Jaiden S

Dates to remember:

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



Webinars: Overview of NDIS Legislation Changes: Securing the NDIS for Future Generations.

The NDIA is hosting a series of webinars to provide detailed information about changes introduced through the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026.

These webinars are designed for participants, families, carers and kin who want to better understand how the changes may affect their interaction with the NDIS.

The sessions will focus on practical information and explain what the changes mean for participants both now and into the future.

Topics may include:

- changes to plan reassessments
- support determinations
- how decisions may be made under the updated legislation
- what participants need to know when using their plan
- where to access information, guidance and support.

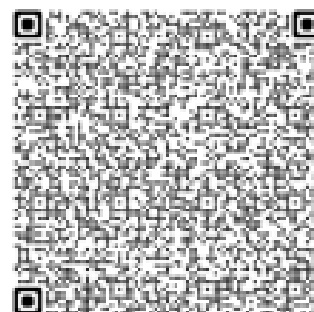
An estimated timeline of the proposed changes will be provided in the presentation.

Where: Virtual information session delivered via Microsoft Teams

Date & Time: Offered over multiple dates and times during:

- September
- October
- November

Register here or scan the QR code:



[An overview of NDIS Legislation Changes: Securing the NDIS for Future Generations](#)

Additional information: Accessibility is important to us and we'll always do our best to support accessibility needs. If you have accessibility requirements, please let us know when you register. Please note, service providers can require up to five (5) business days' notice for bookings.

