# EAST MARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## DIARY DATES

**Public Holiday**
**Friday 30 March**
**Easter / Good Friday**

**Public Holiday**
**Monday 2 April**
**Easter Monday**

**End of Term**
**COLOUR FUN RUN**
**Friday 13 April**
**3-7 - 11am –11.50am**
**R-2—12-12.30pm**
**Don't forget to wear old clothes.**
**Remember**
**Dismissal 2pm**

**Term 2 Starts**
**Monday 30 April**

## FINANCE OFFICE

**Mon—Thurs 8.30am-9.15am**
**2.45pm—3.15pm**
**Fri 8.30am-9.15am**

## SCHOOL APP

Just to let you know that iOS 8.0 updates are now complete and in the App Store for parents to install. Some of you already know as these updates have been happening over the last 6 weeks. Your apps have been upgraded to 2.6.0 version, and the update will appear as a normal app update on your iPhones/iPads, ready to install.
For more information email support@skoolbag.com.au

Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development

## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's been a very busy few weeks. Students have participated in Harmony Day activities, 3 way interviews and a swimming program.

### Staffing Update

- Lisa Amato has gone on maternity leave. We wish Lisa Amato all the best as she starts a new chapter of her life. Ryan Parsons has taken over as inquiry teacher.
- Heidi Jast has taken over Ryan Parson's Year 5 class.
- Tina Caruso will be taking on the teaching of Italian until the end of Term 2 as Elvira Ricci is on leave.

We wish all new staff a warm welcome to East Marden Primary School.

### Roadworks and construction of roundabout

A new roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Shepherds Lane and Mines Road. In the long term this new roundabout will help ease traffic congestion and improve safety. In the short term it will cause some disruptions so the character strengths of kindness and prudence will be most important. Being careful about our choices and not taking any undue risks will be critical.

- **From Monday 9th April temporary fencing will be installed. Some trees will be taken down from the edge of the oval.**
- **From Monday 16th of April the main construction of the roundabout will commence. An Emu or Zebra crossing will be put in place until a Koala crossing is built. This means there will be no flashing lights.**

### Harmony Day

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is ***'everyone belongs'***. At East Marden we have approximately 55 different cultures represented. Students celebrated our cultural diversity by participating in learning activities, a parade, Tai Chi demonstration and combined whole school lunch which fostered a sense of belonging for everyone. The traditional Indian dancing from one of our students and their dance teacher was a highlight.

### Pupil Free Day

Collaborative moderation is a statewide priority for DECD schools and preschools.
On Tuesday 13th March we had a combined Partnership Day to design learning tasks for moderation. Collaboration in the design of moderation activities is extremely valuable and results in deeper understanding of the curriculum and a greater sense of design and intentional teaching. It has helped to develop consistency across the partnership. Feedback from teachers was very positive and they appreciated the time to think deeply about the curriculum, learning and assessment.

# STEM at East Marden

The STEM acronym describes learning experiences that connect learning between **Science** *(observing, experimenting and theorising),* **Technology** *(choosing and inventing tools),* **Engineering** *(problem solving and designing for solutions)* and **Mathematics** *(measuring and quantifying to find patterns and understand solutions)*.

At East Marden, we look at STEM through the lens of Inquiry pedagogy, where students lead investigations that encourage collaboration, communication and reflection on the learning process. STEM projects focus on real-world issues and problems, generating engagement through authentic learning experiences.

We have created a STEM Leaders Team to support staff and students to utilise STEM pedagogy with Inquiry projects. In Term 1, small groups of students will be visiting primary schools around Adelaide that have demonstrated strong STEM pedagogy. Last week, seven students from our team (Mahalia, Hirundi, Jovia, Elizabeth, Shashwat, Daniel and Eugene) visited Alberton Primary School accompanied by Eforia Hamden from our Governing Council. We appreciated the time that their principal, Andrew Plastow, spent showing us around the school. We learned that STEM learning can be accessed in many ways:

* Using computers and augmented reality to create games
* Working a kitchen garden and designing recipes to sell to the school community
* Taking care of animals – chicken, fish, yabbies, bees and reptiles
* Partnering with local business and industry to collect items that can be used for making
* Creating furniture from recycled materials
* Playing barefoot in a nature space

Two of our students, Mahalia and Hirundi, have been chosen as STEM Ambassadors for our Campbell Partnership. They will have opportunities to network with other Ambassadors from around South Australia, including a five-day camp in July, to help them build capacity of staff and students from East Marden and our partnership schools.

# Assemblies 2018

This year we are taking the opportunity to implement some new changes to the format of assemblies at East Marden Primary. Our aim is to make them shorter and interactive with a greater focus on sharing student learning. Students will be the primary innovators in planning, organising and presenting assemblies. Students will take a leading role in showcasing learning through focus areas with their buddy classes.

The school will be divided into two groups from years R-7 and assemblies will be held on alternate weeks on a Friday morning at 9am.

This term the first assemblies will be held on Friday (week 10) and Friday (week 11).

| Assembly Group A | Classes Hosting |
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| Term 1 week 10 | Room 32 and Room 17 |
| Term 2 Week 4 | Room 16 and Room21 |
| Term 2 week 7 | Room 23 and Room 5 |
| Term 3 Week 3 | Room 12 and Room 1 |
| Term 3 Week 7 | Room 24 and Room 8 |
| Term 4 Week 3 | Room 30 and Room 7 |
| Term 4 Week 6 | Room 28 and Room 18 |

| Assembly Group B | Classes Hosting |
|---|---|
| Term 1 Week 11 | Room 13 and Room 29 |
| Term 2 week 5 | Room 14 and Room 2 |
| Term 2 Week 9 | Room 11 and Room 20 |
| Term 3 week 5 | Room 31 and Room 6 |
| Term 3 Week 9 | Room 15 and Room 19 |
| Term 4 Week 4 | Room 22 and Room 10 |
| Term 4 Week 8 | Room 27 and Room 9 |

# FUNDRAISING FOR OUR SCHOOL

This year the school fundraising committee will host a **"Colour Fun Run"** to raise money to support school projects. It will be held on **Friday 13 April.** Lock this date in for lots of fun.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**We are also looking for volunteers to help us with this Colourful School Event please contact Kylie at the Front Office or on kylie.braddock424@schools.sa.edu.au if you are able to help.**

Thank you for the huge response in collecting sponsorship to raise funds for our school. This fundraiser will help us to raise funds for our Nature Play Area.

The Colour Fun Run will be held on **Friday 13 April.** Parents are welcome to come and watch or participate in the event.

There will be two courses, one for years R-2 and one for years 3-7. Both fun run courses will be held on the oval.

- **Years 3-7 will be running from 11:00 am—11:50am.**
- **Years R-2 will be running from 12:00pm—12:30pm.**

As students run through the course there will be volunteers that will throw a safe, non-toxic coloured powder (provided by the Fun Run organisation).

**The coloured powder we will be using contains food dye so it may stain clothing.**

**Students participating in the event should wear OLD clothes to school in case of staining**

Some information from the organisation

"To ensure the highest quality, we don't source colour powder from third party suppliers. We have sourced our own non-toxic colour powder direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. Our manufacturer supplies the highest quality product made of 98% corn starch and 2% permitted food colours. Nothing else! Our powder is non-toxic, non-flammable, biode-gradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. It's also gluten free."

**Consent forms for this event must be returned to your class teacher by Friday 6th of April**

Thank you kindly,

Irene Lynch Assistant Principal

**Coles Sports for Schools is back!**

East Marden Primary School is once again collecting Coles vouchers for the Sports for Schools program. Please bring any vouchers to the Front Office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

# SAPSASA Cricket

On Friday 2nd March East Marden played Magill at Daly Oval in SAPSASA cricket.

With 11 players from a range of years the team had not played together before but showed great teamwork and behaviour, representing the school well.

Captained by Charlie M the team took to the field with great bowling by Himath R; Achut, Tharan, Thisum and Charlie, with Charlie taking a great slips catch.

Fantastic wicket keeping by Thisum and Samuel L. Super fielding overall but particularly Ethan who saved a couple of boundaries. Great support from Adam and Trent. After 25 overs Magill's score was 5/113.

With East Marden taking the crease Charlie and Thisum opened with a solid opening partnership. Later on Tharan came out and made a great score of 23 before finally getting out in the last over. Some other mentions should go to Tyler, Suhas and Ethan for a great effort with the bat, but unfortunately they ran out of time and overs.
East Marden finished with 7/83.

Thanks to all the positive parent support, and to Olivia M for scoring.

All in all a great day out - a great display of participation and energy from everyone and a great game to watch.

# CHESS CLASSES

Chesslife

Weekly chess club meetings at East Marden provided by Coach David and his team from Chesslife are well and truly underway. There is the Monday lunch time class for advanced and competitive players, the Wednesday lunch time class for beginners, and the accelerated classes held after school on Wednesday.

While chess may seem a quiet sport, each chess game is full of actions as battles are fought on the chessboard! There is nothing more so than the buzz and intensity generated from playing in team chess!

This year's South Australian Interschool Chess Competitions is to begin on Friday 11th May in Term 2, and runs for 7 rounds. Enrolment forms for the Competitions, at A, B and C Grades, have been given to students who would like to take part. While chess is primarily an individual sport, working in a team is all about collective efforts that helps develop team work, sportsmanship and camaraderie. Interschool chess offers learning experiences that engage, stretch and grow our students' confidence and skills.

There is a common misconception that playing competitive chess is all about results and prizes. In fact, participating at competitions presents the chance to meet and play with other players of similar abilities, in particular when at a higher level. This is when players can improve their understanding of chess as well as their game playing really quickly.

Moreover, chess can take you to places, meeting new people and broadening your horizon! Siblings Ethan and Athena-Malar R. are to represent Australia in the U12 Open and U10 Girls categories, respectively, at the Asian Youth Chess Championship 2018 to be held at Chiang Mai, Thailand, for 2 weeks from Saturday 31st March. They will be joined by players for other categories: U8, U14, U16 and U18 from interstates. We wish this young Australian chess delegation the very best of luck! Enjoy the experience and have fun!

Why not come give chess a go? You may be next! School chess enrolment forms can be collected from the front office; or for more information, phone Louise on 0448 332 701, or email chesslife@bigpond.com .

Chess Co-ordinator
Jocelyn Ho Retnaraja

At East Marden we are a **SunSmart school.**

Students need to protect themselves in 5 ways.

The safety and well-being of students is paramount. In extreme weather we monitor conditions and make decisions to ensure students are learning or playing in appropriate environments
e.g. students stay indoors.

# SCHOOL SAFETY

For the safety of all students and families at East Marden it is important that we all adhere to speed restrictions around our school and crossings.

- **You must stop at a school crossing if lights are flashing and children are present.**
- **You must stop at a school crossing when the road monitor stop signs are out.**
- **You must drive 25km around the school perimeter during drop off and pick up times**.

Remind your children to cross only at the two pedestrian crossings. Model this positive crossing behaviour yourself. Teachers will monitor each crossing before and after school.

**STAFF CARPARK MUST NOT BE USED AS A DROP OFF OR PICK UP ZONE.**

**NO PARKING ZONES**
No parking zones allow for the immediate pick up and drop off of passengers. The vehicle can only remain in the zone for **two minutes.** A driver may exit the vehicle but must remain within 2 metres of it.

## East Marden School Hours and Students on School Site

East Marden School is open from 8:30am. Supervision of students starts **at 8:30am**. We have a wonderful service, Out of Hours School Care (OHSC), if you need to drop off your child/ren before 8:30am. School finishes at 3:00pm and students need to be picked up by family or caregivers **at 3:00pm**.

**Students who arrive at school before 8:30am or are not picked up by 3:15pm will be taken to OHSC. Families will be charged for this service.**

Sometimes events occur unexpectedly and you cannot pick up your child/ren at 3:00pm. Please ring OHSC and make arrangements with OHSC staff to pick up your child/ren.

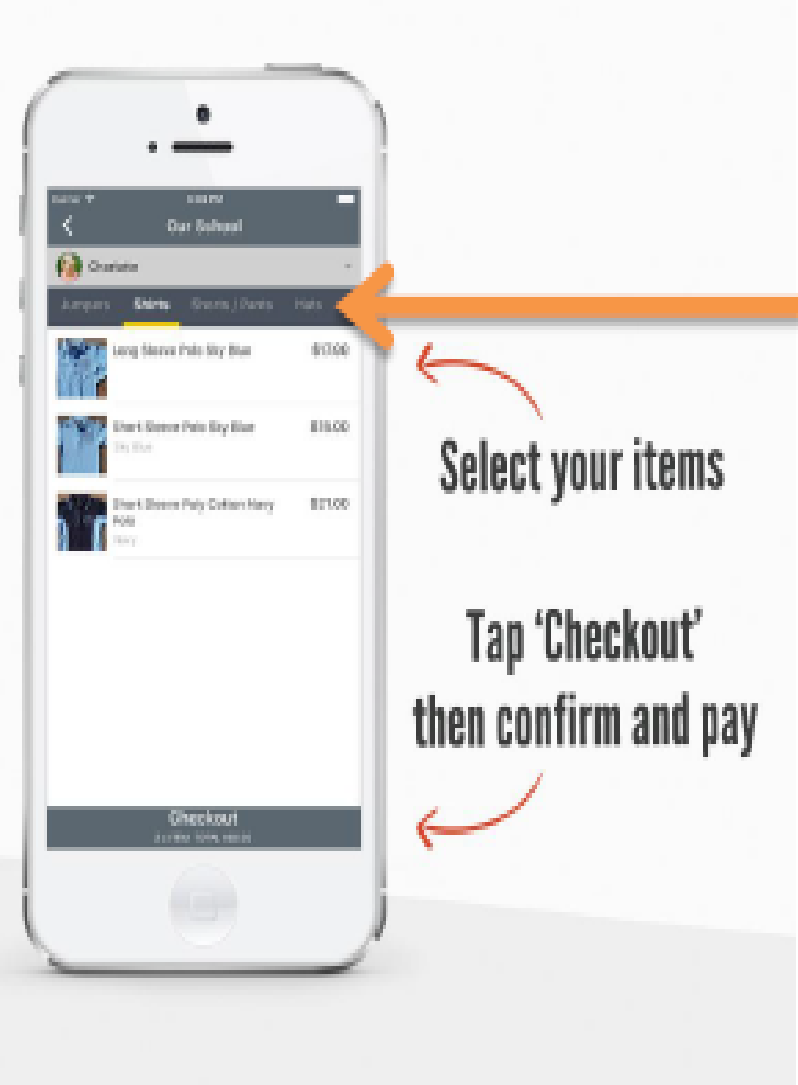
Here are details for the OHSC service
**Landline: 8336 4980 Mobile: 0423 025 790**

By following these procedures, we are ensuring that students are safe and supervised.

Thank you for your cooperation.

# HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT ON QKR!

1. Open Qkr! App and Select East Marden Primary School
2. Select School Payments >
3. Under your child's profile you can select the Type of payment:




*The GREY written menu under your child's profile scrolls along to the left. Gently swipe along to find other payments you require such as* **Payments / Hats & Reader Bags / Fundraising / Excursions**

4. Choose **Excursions** *for Swimming payments (for example)*
5. Proceed with selecting the number you require and making payment for the items you select

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# For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

**Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.**

**With Qkr you can:**

- **Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;**
- **Pay for a variety of school items;**
- **See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.**

## Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

### Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

AVAILABLE FOR ANDROID Google play | AVAILABLE ON THE APP STORE

### Step 2 Register

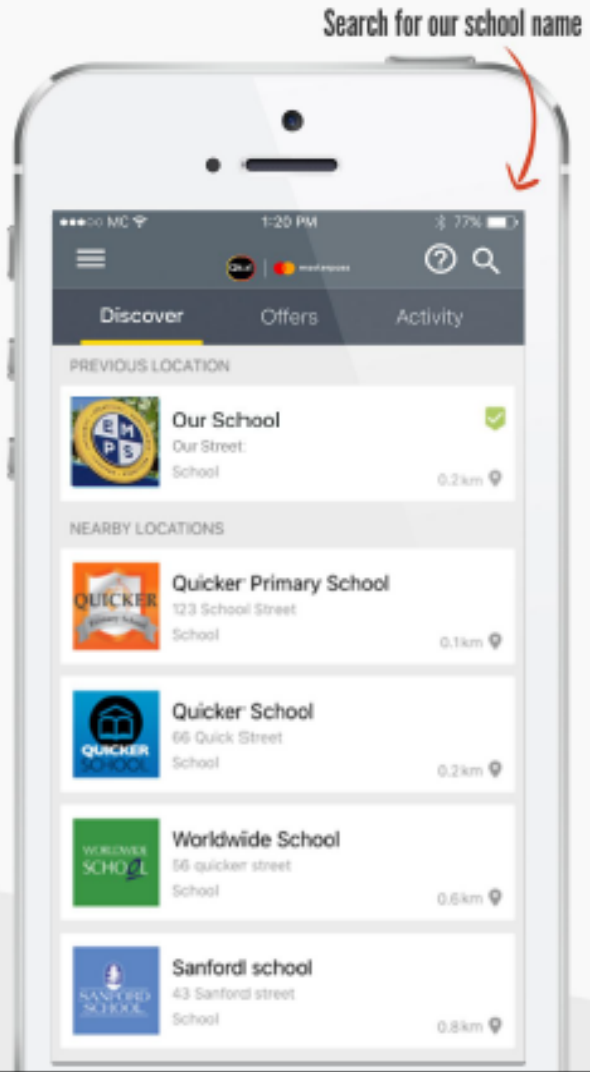
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.



# Increasing Wellbeing and Resilience in Young People

Madhavi Nawana Parker is a Behaviour Analyst, Director of 'Solutions for kids' and a published author of social emotional literacy programs such as 'What's the Buzz'. During her presentations Madhavi shares simple and practical strategies that will help parents and carers of school aged children (4 – 15) support young people to be more resilient and socially emotionally skilled.

**Date:** **Wednesday May 30th**

**Time:** **6:30pm**

**Where:** **Felixstow Community School** (5 – 11 Briar Road, Felixstow, SA, 5070)

**Cost:** **$8.00 for Adults** (OSHC available for children at $2.00 per child)

**To Book:** **https://www.trybooking.com/UVSX**

**For further information please call 8365 7183**

**Facebook: Solutions for kids**
**www.madhavinawana.com.au**
**www.theresilienceandwellbeingtoolbox.com.au**

Felixstow COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**2018 TERM DATES**

TERM 1
29 JAN—13 APRIL

TERM 2
30 APRIL—6 JULY

TERM 3
23 JULY—28 SEP

TERM 4
15 OCT—14 DEC

## SCHOOL TIMES

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|---|---|
| - 8.30am | Morning Yard Duty Begins |
| - 8.50am | Students enter classrooms |
| - 10.40am - 11:00am | Recess |
| - 12.40pm - 12.50pm | Students eat lunch with teachers |
| - 12.50pm - 1.20pm | Playtime |
| - 3.00pm | Dismissal - After School Yard Duty Begins |
| - 3.15pm | All students leave grounds; no teachers on duty |

## EMPS 2018 DIARY DATES

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|---|---|
| Term1<br>Public Holiday—Monday 12th March 2018<br>Pupil Free—Tuesday 13th March 2018 | Term 3<br>Pupil Free—Friday 3rd August 2018<br>Show Day—Monday 3rd September 2018 |
| Term 2<br>Pupil Free—Friday 18th May 2017 | Term 4<br>Sports Day Thursday 25th October 2018<br>School Closure Friday 26th October 2018 |