



EAST MARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DIARY DATES

2018 TERM DATES

TERM 2

30 APRIL—6 JULY

Thursday 5 July

Casual Day

Gold Coin Donation

Last Day of Term

Friday 6 July

Dismissal 2pm

Term 3 Starts

Monday 23 July

Term 3

Pupil Free Day

Friday 3 August

Show Day

Monday 3

September

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

East Marden Branding

The rebranding process is about creating a new logo that establishes our school identity. We currently have three different logos displayed around our school grounds and our aim is to create one modern design that accurately reflects our current school culture, as well as our hopes and goals for our future. The school name of East Marden will definitely remain.



Thank you for your input into our recent community survey. Similar surveys were conducted with students and staff to inform the rebranding process. Here are some of the highlights from the feedback collected.

Students shared that they:

- ✓ Are happy at school
- ✓ Recognise their abilities in persisting and never giving up
- ✓ Value opportunities for making and designing using their imagination
- ✓ Appreciate existing play spaces
- ✓ Are excited about the nature play areas developing around the school

The school community shared that they:

- ✓ Appreciate the friendly atmosphere
- ✓ Value the strong wellbeing focus
- ✓ Value the beautiful school environment

One of the main points from the data gathered is that the diverse cultures represented in our community are strongly valued and that this adds to the learning experience at East Marden. Through the community survey, we realise that many are wondering why we are looking into rebranding and have questions about the process.

The benefits of having a new school logo include:

- ✓ Students, community and staff increasing feelings of connectedness to our school
- ✓ The creation of a high resolution image (this is required for future building projects, as well as in cloud-based applications and websites)
- ✓ An image with more commonly used dimensions that work with our software systems

As the rebranding process unfolds, there will be further opportunities for community input and we greatly value your opinion and thoughts. Students will be consulted regularly throughout the rebranding process.

The community will be consulted if changes will be made to the uniform.

We are looking forward to refreshing our logo as we unveil the new STEM space, new nature play areas and plans for the Better Schools Project over the next few years!

FINANCE OFFICE

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

SKOOLBAG APP

Download Instructions

For Apple Users

From your iPhone/iPad, open the Apple App Store and search for "Skoolbag"

For Google Android Users

Ensure you have an account in the Google Play store. and search for "Skoolbag"

Download for free

Open the app and add your school you are ready to go.



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Department for Education

PARKING ISSUES—Re parking in the vacant lot in the cul de sac on Shepherd Lane

Parents/Caregivers,

Please do not park vehicles on the vacant land opposite the Shepherd Lane crossing. This is private property and has been damaged from cars using this as a drop off point in the morning and afternoon. A water meter has been broken and survey pegs have been knocked over.

A reminder to use the Kiss and Drop or park on Mines Road that connects to the roundabout.

Thank you

AFTER SCHOOL OUTDOOR CRICKET VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Our Sports and Clubs Committee are considering offering outdoor Cricket as an After School Sport for Term 4 2018 and Term 1 2019 to our students, but we cannot do this until we have sufficient parent/carer/grandparent volunteer support. Cricket will require a volunteer coordinator and coaches.

The coordinator and coaches must already have or must be willing to obtain a DCSI Screening Check and complete an online RAN-Training course before the summer cricket season begins.

If you are interested in volunteering as the cricket coordinator or a coach for the upcoming summer season or would like further information, please email your name, your child's name and contact details to Mostyn.Kemp843@schools.sa.edu.au or leave these details with school Front Office staff. A member of the Sports and Clubs Committee will then contact you with further information on these volunteer roles.

Please remember without sufficient volunteer support, cricket will not be offered - the student cricketers of East Marden Primary need your support - without you there will be no cricket!

Thank you

Mostyn Kemp P.E Teacher

CHESS NEWS

We may still be in the midst of a chilly winter, yet activities on the chessboards have been red hot and intense!

This year's South Australian Interschool Chess Competitions began on Friday 11th May, and the 4th round is on this Friday. This year, we have 7 teams participating in A, B and C Grades, and we are doing fairly well at this stage.

Our A Grade Team now sits on 2nd on the ladder, behind the leader Prince Alfred College. These two strong teams are to meet this Friday – a possible season decider! Our B Grade team, made up of Connor, Dwij, Leon and Tharan, is in the top 4 amongst a field of 10 and has beaten Yrs 6 and 7 players along the way! As a "State First", we have an all-girls team from a co-ed school (state or private!). The players are: Jasmine, Sanggeetha, Hannah and Amelia, and they are currently 2nd in their division, having knocked out teams from Prince Alfred College and Seymour College! Also our other young teams are taking the opportunities to learn and enjoy their chess. So well done, all! Good luck this round!

In the upcoming school holidays, the following junior tournaments will be held in the Chess Centre in the city: 2018 State U12 through to State U18 Championships, and 2018 July Junior (for players aged 10 and under). These are fantastic opportunities not only for dedicated junior chess players to come hone their craft but also as stepping stones to senior and national events. In the last holidays, players from our school had performed very well. In the Under 9 Championship, Charles T. was 1st, just ahead of Connor C. (aged 5!!). Athena R. won the Under 12 Tournament and Celeb T. was a point behind at 4th. Ethan R. was tied 2nd in the Under 21 Championship, and was awarded as 1st in its Under 13 Section.

Currently at school, there is the Monday lunch time class for advanced and competitive players, the Wednesday lunch time class for beginners and the Excel Class held after school on Wednesday.

New enrolments are always welcome! Forms can be collected from the front office or phone Louise on 0448 332 701 or email chesslife@bigpond.com for more information.

Chess co-ordinator: Jocelyn Ho Retnaraja

LIBRARY NEWS

QR Code Book Reviews

During Term 1, as a Library initiative, we placed a call for any students in Years 5-7 who would like to do a review on **new** books. This enables students to provide their opinion on a book and then in turn recommend it for other students. The response from the students' has been fantastic, and we would like to share this with our school community. The students select titles from Picture Fiction books to Year 7 novels before they go onto the shelves for borrowing.

We would love you to support this initiative as East Marden Primary School students are great readers, so let's support them and encourage them to read, read, read!

We are hoping that we can include this as a regular item in our school newsletter so please take the time to download a QR code reader and read the students' reviews.

What is a QR Code?

A QR code is an abbreviation for a Quick Response Code. The barcode (QR code) is a label that contains information about the item that is attached, in this case, a student's book review.

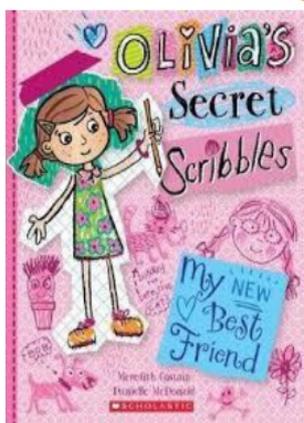
How do you download the QR code?

CLICK on the link <https://www.scan.me/download/> to go to a QR Scanner or simply go to Google Play and download a free one of your choice.

Once you download a QR scanner, simply point your device at the QR code and it will take you to the link, this is where a pdf file of the student's book review can be viewed and read. Share it with your children, suggest the title to them to borrow next time they come to the library and listen to their opinion on the book.



Library Staff



Olivia's Secret Scribbles is a new spinoff series from the very popular Ella Diaries. In fact, Olivia is Ella's little sister.

Great read for Years 3-5. Book is located in the Star Series section of our library. Read the review to find out more!

FUNDRAISING



Our School Colour Fun Run raised **\$6,790.69** Thank you again for all the families that participated and supported the school with its fundraising efforts.

We apologise for the delay in the delivery of prizes to students who raised sponsorship funds. Prizes will now be delivered early in term 3.
Thank you for your patience.

Second Hand Clothing Stall

Thank you to the families that bought pre loved clothing from our stall.

We raised a total amount of **\$1,290.00**

All monies raised will be going towards supporting our Nature Play area.

Casual Day Thursday 5 July gold coin donation

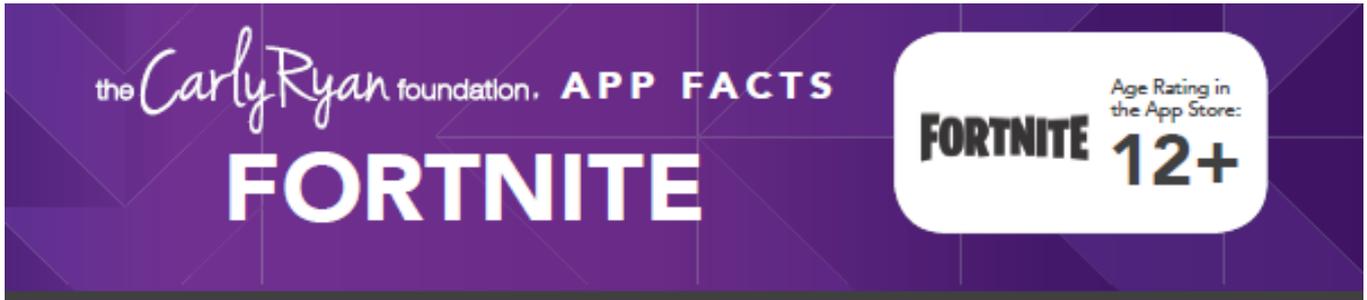
Come dressed in your favourite casual clothes

Money raised will go towards organising East Marden's 50 year anniversary events



ONLINE GAME

Students are not to bring any games downloaded from home to school. [This is strictly not allowed.](#)



Fortnite is an online gaming platform allowing up to 100 users per game to drop on to an island/map in the hunt for weapons and equipment. The users then hunt each other down in the hope to become number 1.

Battle Royale mode provided by epic games is free to download and available for everyone. Users have the choice to buy cosmetic items (micro transactions) which allows their character to look unique to others.

Concerns

Users are able to connect with other random users around the world. When holding down 'T' the game will allow the user to chat with any other user. This poses potentially inappropriate contact between users.

Be aware if your child is using your App Store / Google Play Store to play Fortnite they may be able to use the micro transaction function which will spend money off the linked credit card to the account.

How do I report / unfriend another user?

Users can report other users for harassment, inappropriate language, bullying and hacking.

To report

Fortnite recently updated their standard contact interface to accommodate player reports. Just click 'Email Us' and fill out the required fields. After selecting the Product and Game Mode, select Report Player as the Issue Type. This will make sure these reports are routed to the correct team.

A few helpful tips when reporting players:

Make sure to include the player(s) full in-game name, spelled as accurately as possible! If it looks like the player is using unusual or uncommon characters in their in-game name, screenshots are totally acceptable documentation. Speaking of screenshots: screenshots & video are incredibly useful for validation. If you captured

screenshots or videos of the offence, attach them. If you have links to streaming video of bad behaviour, include them!

<http://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/customer/portal/articles/2843190>

If a user wants to delete a 'friend' within the game they can simply go to the icon on the top right of the screen with the three figures and select the user and click 'unfriend'. There is no way to block a user in the game. If a user is harassing another user they should follow the appropriate steps above to report them.

Make sure you talk to your child about appropriate behaviour whilst they are playing video games. It is never okay to bully or be mean to other players. If your child is getting bullied or harassed make sure they know that they can always come to you or a trusted adult for assistance.

If things get too intense within the game, make sure they know that they can always mute other players or simply leave the game. Your young person also needs to be aware to never disclose personal or private information to other users within the game and to only talk to people about the game itself.

More App Fact Sheets available from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Please email: info@carlyryanfoundation.com

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Word Study

We continue our focus on Word Study through an emphasis on teaching of spelling and grammar. Teachers and students have been learning and using strategies to empower their spelling skills.

Here's an example

ay ✓
a ✗
ai ✗

ay ✓
a ✗
ai ✗

• over 390 words

The phonogram **ay** is used at the end of a word to say /ā/.
e.g. to-**day**, **may**, **pay**, **ray**

ai never goes at the end of an English word.

If **a** is at the end of a word it makes the sound /u/.
e.g. extra

ay is used at the end of a syllable to say /ā/.

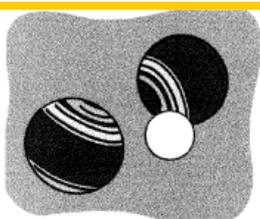
This strategy helps with our spelling as it teaches to use **ay** at the end of a word.

Note: When spelling **eight** or **ey** is seldom used. e.g. **neigh**, **weigh**, **sleigh**

ey is used in only a few more words. e.g. **they**, **obey**, **grey**, **survey**.

This helps with reading as it teaches us to read **ā** as /ū/ at the end of a word.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are the week days. Saturday and Sunday are the days of the weekend.



Drop in

this school holidays

Drop into Campbelltown Uniting Church this school holidays for a family friendly morning tea from 10am, Games then lunch at 12 noon, all for only a gold coin!

When: Thursdays 12th and 19th July from 10am

Where: 607 Lower North East Road

Campbelltown 5074

Ph: 8336 4731



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UPCOMING SCHOOL TOUR DATES

Term 2

Friday 25 May 2018 - 8:55-10:15am

Term 3

Friday 10 August 2018 - 8:55-10:15am

Term 4

Friday 19 October 2018 - 8:55-10:15am

Please register your interest via our website. Only registered people will be able to attend.



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