

EAST MARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

RESPECT INTEGRITY CREATIVITY PERSISTENCE RESILIENCE

DIARY DATES Public Holiday Monday 12 March Adelaide Cup

Pupil Free Day Tuesday 13 March

Harmony Week Parade & Shared Lunch Friday 16thMarch (Don't forget to dress up in orange or national dress.)

Swimming Reception to Year 7 Weeks 8 & 9

Public Holiday Friday 30 March Easter / Good Friday

> Public Holiday Monday 2 April Easter Monday

End of Term Friday 13th April Dismissal 2pm

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



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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 1 is well underway! The students are making a great start to the new year. I would like to thank the community for all the support they have given me. It has made the transition and change in leadership very smooth.

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Catherine Almond who has been appointed as Assistant Principal until the end of Term 2. Catherine will continue and build on the STEM learning. The areas of action will be

- Build expertise in STEM teaching and learning
- Engage students in STEM education
- Support the completion of STEM area e.g. purchase of furniture and equipment

We welcome Laura Woods who will be taking on Catherine's Science teaching role. We farewelled Taryn Quensier whose contract has finished. Congratulation to Amanda Zbierski who has won the position of Finance Officer whist Jackie Bamber is on maternity leave.

Acquaintance Night

Acquaintance Night was very successful. The night was a great occasion to meet families and start building the relationships between home and school. It was well attended and lots of people took the opportunity to visit the specialist teachers.

ICAS 2018

We will no longer be participating in ICAS. Students at East Marden have a range of alternative opportunities to stretch and challenge their thinking. Each year we offer Mark Oliphant Awards challenge, Chess Club, STEM Club, Sport and many other activities.

Governing Council

Governing Council met for the first time this year on Tuesday 20th February. Governing Council meets twice a term to work collaboratively with the Principal to help guide and set direction.

There is still one casual vacancy on Governing Council for 2018. If you are interested in joining the Governing Council please contact Kylie Braddock at the Front Office or contact her on kylie.braddock424@schools.sa.edu.au

Members of Governing Council for 2018 are

- Chairperson: Eforia Hamden
- Vice Chairperson : Lisa Gleghorn
- Secretary: Theo Papageorgakis
- Treasurer: Tyson D'sylva
- Member: Lisa Miller
- Member: Chee-Fong Cirami
- Member: Minette Emery
- Member: Jie Niu
- Member: Jasmine Pedicini
- Member: Robin Karwal

ATTENDANCE

Each day of attendance has a positive effect on a child's development and future success. Children who do not attend school regularly also miss out on planned learning experiences and class participation. The impact of this loss is compounded with each absence. It is also more difficult for them to build positive relationships with others.

When is it acceptable for a child to miss school?

- they are too sick to leave the house
- they have an infectious illness such as gastroenteritis, chicken pox or measles
- they need to attend medical or dental appointments that could not be made out of school hours
- they have been granted an exemption from school
- they have been sent home or suspended from school
- there is a genuine reason that prevents the child from attending school.

If a student is absent due to reported illness for 3 or more consecutive days, the school is required to ask for a medical certificate.

What to do if your child refuses to attend school?

First contact the school to talk about it. You can discuss your concerns with your child's teacher, wellbeing leader or other leadership staff.

For more information phone the parents' hotline on 1300 364 100 or visit Women's and Children's Parent and Child Health – School Refusal and Truancy <u>http://www.cyh.com/HealthTopics/HealthTopicDetails.aspx?p=114&np=141&id=1698#top</u>



HARMONY WEEK 2018



Our school will be celebrating Harmony Week from Wednesday 14th March- Friday 16th March.

The theme is Everyone Belongs– This year it coincides with the United

Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Aside from class activities that teachers have organised, there are some whole school activities planned throughout the week.

There are a range of performances being held for students throughout the week. We also have two events that we extend an invitation to parents

Harmony Week Parade at 9.15am on Friday 16th March

The parade will be held on the basketball court. Students are asked to wear orange clothes (the colour of Harmony Day) or their Traditional National Costume to school on that day.

After the parade Parents and caregivers are invited to join their child/children with their class for an

International Food shared lunch at 12.40pm. All students are asked to bring a plate of savoury finger food from their cultural background to share.

**** Please note that all food is to be **nut free.*****Some suggestions include e.g. sushi, pizza, spring rolls, naan bread, cheese triangles, Chinese dumplings, meat and cheese platters, mini hotdogs, pita bread and dips, meatballs, small pies, pasties etc.

Please remember to name any plastic plates or containers you would like returned. Small paper plates and serviettes will be provided. The students will need to remember their drink bottles with water only.







R—7 SWIMMING



All students, Reception to year 7 will attend swimming sessions this term in week 8 and 9. Each class will have a week of lessons, 60 minutes in duration for years 1-7 and 30 minutes in duration for Reception. In week 9 due to Good Friday classes will have 75 minutes and Reception students will have 45 minutes over 4 days. The focus is learning about Water Safety. Sessions are delivered by trained DECD instructors and we strongly encourage all students to participate.

We encourage you to support your child at home by preparing them to learn to change themselves. Younger children particularly can practice putting their bathers on under their uniform and then practice taking their bathers off, drying themselves, placing their wet clothes in their bag and putting their dry clothes on. Staff will be able to help students once they are out of the change rooms with their shoes.

Please ensure your child has the following items and belongings are labelled:

- appropriate swimwear
- towel
- goggles (optional)
- A plastic bag for wet items

WATER SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM TAKE HOME INFORMATION

Access to water and participation in aquatic activities in, on and around the water plays a significant part in the lives of Australians. Pool, rivers, lakes and beaches provide opportunities to enjoy a variety of sport and recreational activities. It is therefore vitally important that students learn how to be safe in, on and around all aquatic environments.

What part does the DECD Water Safety Education Program play?

Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) Water Safety Education program is designed to maximise the benefit of the time available. The program provides a water safety learning pathway to engage, challenge and support students to:

- become confident and safe in aquatic environments
- develop skills, knowledge and understanding directly related to water safety (survival and rescue skills)
- explore, evaluate and make sound decisions about their own safety and the safety of others in aquatic environments.
 Work effectively with others

| Week 8 | Monday – Friday 19 th – 23 rd March |
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| 9am – | Rm 27 Kristina |
| 10am | Rm 28 Ann |
| 10am- | Rm 12 Hayley |
| 11am | Rm 11 Ryan |
| 11.30am – | Rm 16 Gavin |
| 12.30pm | Rm 20 Christina |
| | Rm 19 Ros |
| 12.30pm – | Rm 23 Michelle |
| 1.30pm | Rm 24 Amy |
| | Rm 18 Lina |
| | Rm 17 Yasmina |
| 1.30pm – | Rm 14 Mel |
| 2.30pm | Rm 15 Richard |
| | Rm 5 Kate McD |
| | Rm 6 Kate M |
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| Week 9 | Monday – Thursday 26 th – 29 th March |
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| 9am- | Rm 13 Lucy, |
| 10.15am | Rm 32 Elyse |
| 10.15am- | Rm 31 Chris, |
| 11.30am | Rm 30 Janet |
| 12pm – | Rm 7 Carly |
| 12.45pm | Rm 8 Meagan |
| 12.00- | Rm 1 Alecia/Amy |
| 1.15pm | |
| 12.45pm – | Rm 9 Adriana |
| 1.30pm | Rm 10 Stephanie |
| 1.15pm - | Rm 2 Peter |
| 2.30pm | |
| 1.30pm – | Rm 29 Georgia |
| 2.45pm | Rm 22 Julie/Amelia |
| | Rm 21 Kaitlin |

At East Marden we are a **SunSmart school**. Students need to protect themselves in 5 ways.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

The safety and well-being of students is paramount. In extreme weather we monitor conditions and make decisions to ensure students are working 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 <u>before 8:30am</u> or are not picked up <u>by 3:15pm</u> will be taken to OHSC. <u>Families will be charged for this service.</u>

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.





Library Lovers Day is an annual event supported by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) which is held on February 14.

Library Lovers' Day is an opportunity for everyone to reconnect with the library and share their love of books.

This year we celebrated Library Lovers day by having our fabulous Library Crew read and share their favourite stories in various areas around the school grounds. They were dressed as the official Library Town Criers and they had a great time reading to the students.

Our dedicated (and awesome) parent volunteers, Pip, Linda & Bec selected books from the library which were superbly wrapped for each class to come in on the day and select a 'surprise book'. Each 'surprise book' had a blank note, envelope & stamp for the class to mail it back to the library through our special mailbox. Come in and read their love letters to the library.

A huge thankyou to our wonderful and amazing leadership team, teachers', SSOs' and students for supporting EMPS Library.





Dear Parents/Caregivers

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

This year the library is introducing **Scholastic Book Club to EAST MARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL.** Up to twice a term, during the school year Library staff will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages. You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites.

We recommend the books as they span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

To place an order with the **Book Club**, you will need to use the **LOOP** platform which is set up for parents/caregivers to pay by credit card. Your child's order is sent directly to the school, safe and sound. The books will be delivered to your child's class by our Library staff. Your child's order can be done via **scholastic.com.au/LOOP** or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. We advise that we will **not** be accepting cash as a payment, so please do not send orders to school with money payments as they cannot be processed.

Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps the school earn free books and teaching materials for the classrooms and library, however, there is never any obligation to order.



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.

Information will be sent home to families shortly.

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.

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.



CHESS CLASSES



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Chess is now in full swing at East Marden Primary School. Classes are provided by David Koetsier, Founder and Head Coach of Chesslife, and his team of chess coaches. The chess club meetings are held at the following times:

- For Advanced and Competitive Players: Monday lunch time
- For Beginners: Wednesday lunch time
- Accelerated Classes: Wednesday after school

2017 was an incredible year for our East Marden chess teams and players. After winning the Primary Open Division in the SA Interschool Chess Competitions, our A Grade team went on to compete at the Australian Schools Teams Chess Championships in which it came 2nd. The A Grade Team was also joined by our B and C Grade Players to secure for our school the title of the Best Chess Primary School of South Australia when they won the Evelyn Koshnitsky Shield. Underpinned by

individual commitment and team spirit, it was a tremendous effort by all the players involved, who would like to express their most sincere appreciation to the school community for their support, encouragement and fund raising effort.

Our senior players also participated at the Lidums Young Masters held in early December at Adelaide University and their results were impressive: In the Junior Masters (U1200) Division, former student Nikita B. came 2nd, former student Sree H. Best Improved Ratings, and Athena-Malar R. Best Female. Ethan R. was 1st for U1600 in the Junior Masters Open. Well done!

Then several weeks later in mid January, Ethan R. and Athena-Malar R. competed at the annual Australian Junior Chess Championships, in which they their secured their national titles - as 2nd U12 Open and 2nd U10 Girls, respectively. Congratulations!

Chess is an individual as well as team sport. Learning Chess will teach you some important life skills, such as concentration, time management skills, thinking ahead, good sportsmanship, good teamwork and self-discipline. We hope to build on past successes and look forward to another year of exciting chess.

Why not give chess a go and join us? Enrolment forms are available for collection from the front office. For further information, please Louise on 0448 332 701 or email <u>chesslife@bigpond.com</u>

Chess Co-ordinator Jocelyn Ho Retnaraja

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday, 27 March 2018 Tours from 5.30pm until 7.30pm

Morialta Campus: Morialta Road West, Rostrevor SA

Families are invited to join a school tour to see:

- » displays and demonstrations
- » our extensive curriculum opportunities
- view student displays
- » learn more about our 2019 Special Interest Programs

Join us to see the Senior Campus 'in action'

Tours at 11:00am and 1:00pm on Thursday 5 April 2018 Please register your interest for the Senior Campus tour on 8364 2299.

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS 2019

We are proud to offer three unique Special Interest Programs:

Accelerated STEM Program

Students complete middle schooling in two years with a focus on inquiry and integrated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning.

Italian Immersion Program

Students undertake an integrated program in Italian and Humanities.

Rowing Program

Students study rowing as a physical education subject and participate in Rowing Regattas.

Special Interest for 2019

Limited placements will be available for these programs and selected students must commit to engaging fully in these programs during Middle Schooling.

Selection Process

Year 7 students wishing to apply for these 2018 programs will need to:

- » Register interest online via our school's website by Friday 16 March
- Submit an application (with copies of school reports and certificates) by Friday 6 April.

STEM applicants sit an aptitude test on Saturday 7 April. Rowing applicants participate in Fitness Test from 4:00 – 5:30pm, Wednesday 11 April at the Middle Campus.

SPECIAL INTEREST INFORMATION EVENING

7.00pm, Wednesday 21 February 2018 Middle Campus Tel: 08 8365 0455

Marryatville High School Special Interest Music Centre

INFORMATION EVENING Thursday 15 March 2018



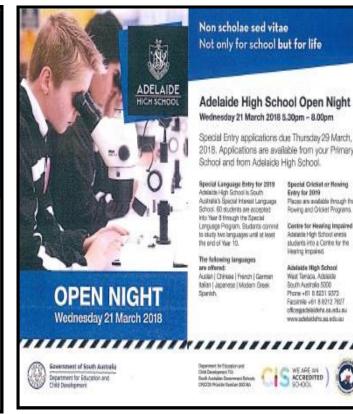
7.00-8.00pm

The Forge Theatre Marryatville High School 170 Kensington Rd MARRYATVILLE



Information about the Special Interest Music Centre, course structures, curriculum and selection process.

For information about the event call 8304 8431





Campbell Partnership presents

Setting Effective Limits with Children

(A workshop on how to set clear and respectful limits with children from birth to 12 years)

Presenter: Donna Broadhurst When: Thursday 15th March Where: Campbelltown Council Chambers 172 Montacute Rd Rostrevor 5073 Time: 6.30—8.30pm Creche available

Children need adults to help them manage when their behaviour is not acceptable, not appropriate or indicates they cannot manage themselves. How we set limits is important because we can do it in ways that protect the relationship with the children in our lives or in ways that harm it and create distance in the relationship. In this workshop Donna will outline a way of disciplining children (guiding their behaviour) that is effective in helping children learn the skills of emotional

self-regulation.



Donna Broadhurst is a Mental Health Social Worker who works with children and families, specialising in using Child Centred Play Therapy. She currently runs a private practice and works with the Department for Education and Child Development as a Family Services Coordinator.

Bookings essential.

Contact Jane on 83653839 to register for presentation and crèche.





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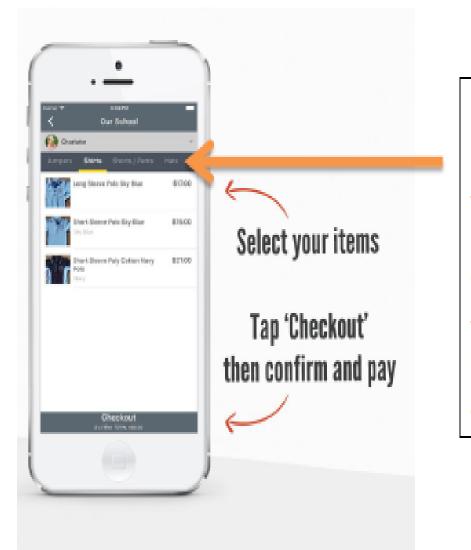
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HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT ON QKR!

- 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:



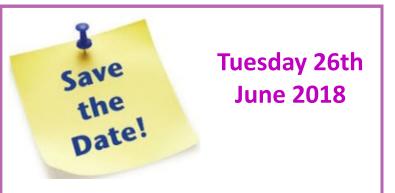
The GREY written menu under your child's profile scrolls along to the left. Gently swipe along to find other payments you require such as Payments / Hats & Reader Bags / Fundraising / Excursions

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

| <u>2018 TERM DATES</u> <u>TERM 1</u> 29 JAN—13 APRIL <u>TERM 2</u> | | SCHOOL TIMES | |
|--|--|--|---|
| 30 APRIL—6 JULY <u>TERM 3</u> 23 JULY—28 SEP <u>TERM 4</u> 15 OCT—14 DEC | 8.30am 8.50am 10.40am - 11:00am 12.40pm - 12.50pm 12.50pm - 1.20pm 3.00pm 3.15pm | Morning Yard Duty Begins Students enter classrooms Recess Students eat lunch with teachers Playtime Dismissal - After School Yard Duty All students leave grounds; no teache | • |

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





We will be hosting a Growth & Development Family Evening. These sessions are conducted by **Kidz Biz Ed** and are designed to be fun, informative and easy to understand. These highly interactive sessions will provide students and their parents / care providers with an introduction to basic personal and social development education; traditionally known as the 'facts of life'. There will be two session offered one suitable from Reception to Year 4 students and the other Year 5 to Year 7.

More information will follow.