



# EAST MARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## DIARY DATES

### 2018 TERM DATES

**Book Week  
Parade  
20th August  
9.15am**

**50th Anniversary  
24 August  
1pm—5pm**

**STEM Opening  
29th August  
9am-10am**

**Show Day  
Monday 3  
September**

**TERM 3  
23 JULY—28 SEP**  
**TERM 4  
15 OCT—14 DEC**

### FINANCE OFFICE

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

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Government of South Australia  
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NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO. 1 Term 3 10th August 2018

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## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 3. This is going to be a very busy and eventful term.

We will be celebrating

Official Opening of the new \$1M STEM facility  
Book Week "Find Your Treasure"  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of East Marden Primary School

### Official Opening of the new STEM facility

All parents and caregivers are invited to the opening of the new STEM facility.

The Hon Vincent Tarzia MP, Member for Hartley is representing the Minister of Education and will be making a speech. Other special guests will include Rick Persse, Chief Executive of the Department for Education.

**Date: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**Time: 9:00am-10:00am**

**Where: STEM classrooms**

Order of events

- Welcome by Val Perham, Principal
- Acknowledgement of Country
- Official opening and speech by Hon Vincent Tarzia MP
- STEM Ambassadors speech about "STEM learning"
- Tour of STEM facility by STEM Ambassadors
- Refreshments

For catering purposes please RSVP by 17th of August to Kylie Braddock via email [kylie.Braddock424@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:kylie.Braddock424@schools.sa.edu.au)

### Staffing Update

Congratulations to Lana Dubrowsky who will be continuing her role as a Principal Consultant until the end of 2018.

Congratulations to Ros Edwards who will be taking on a role in Port Augusta working on a special project that focuses on the Aboriginal students in the Early Years until the end of 2018. This is an amazing professional opportunity for Ros and we wish her well.

We welcome Leechelle Young who will be replacing Ros.

## Parent Survey

As part of East Marden Primary Schools commitment to providing quality education for its students, we are collecting information using the recommendations of the Standing Council for School Education and Early Childhood (SCEEC).

One of the most important sources of information is the parents of the school.

We ask that you answer carefully and honestly as the information you give will assist us in providing a continuing high standard of education here at East Marden.

As the data needs to be recorded and analysed for the Annual Report, we ask that the survey be completed by the 24th August 2018.

To access the survey please click on the link [Parent Survey](#) you will need to enter survey access code [bVYAnckV](#)

Survey will open Friday 10th August at 5pm and will close Friday 24th August at 5pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Medication Management at East Marden Primary School

Recently all medication forms have been updated with changes by the Department for Education.

All medication will be affected by these changes. In the coming weeks you will be informed of these changes.

Thank you

## 2019 Sibling Enrolment for Foundation Students

2019 Enrolments for East Marden Primary School Siblings have commenced. If your child is turning five in 2018 or will be turn five prior to the 30th of April 2019 they are eligible to start Foundation Level in 2019. Sibling application forms can be collected from the Front Office.

**This form must be submitted by Friday 24 of August 2018.  
After this date siblings will not be guaranteed a position in our 2019 intake.**

If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me at  
[kylie.braddock424@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:kylie.braddock424@schools.sa.edu.au)

# national science week 2018



## GAME CHANGERS & CHANGE MAKERS

11-19 August 2018  
[www.scienceweek.net.au](http://www.scienceweek.net.au)

An Australian Government Initiative



### **Game Changers and Change Makers - How can we make our environment a better place and the Scientific approach to future health outcomes in improving gut bacteria**

Science Week will be held in Week 3 for Receptions, Year 1 and Year 2 and in Week 4 for Years 3 - 7. Luckily our STEM partner, CSIRO Scientist Theo Almond will participate and guide some of our Science Week experiments in Weeks 3 and 4. Receptions and Year 1 will be investigating the latest Scientific discoveries in how improved health is linked to healthy Gut Bacteria. They will participate in a big working model of a digestive system to observe how we digest our food. Receptions will go on to investigate how much fibre is present in different types of food to stimulate good bacteria and Year 1's will create their own working model of the digestive system from go to woe!

Year 2 Students are looking at making our environment a better place, investigating the disadvantages and pollution of plastics in our modern world and replacing plastic bags in their lunch boxes with fabric coated with beeswax to use as an alternative.

# PAPER PLANE CHAMPIONSHIP

EMPS SCIENCE WEEK: Game Changers, Change Makers

Be the Game Changer, Be the New Plane Maker of EMPS

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## Be the Game Changer Be the New Plane Maker of EMPS

### RULES:

- One piece of A4 paper, 90 gsm
- NO sticky tape is allowed on paper
- Be Creative!
- Be Artistic!



### HOW TO WIN?

The plane that travels the furthest distance WINS!

### GRAND FINALE:

TWO BEST PILOTS FROM EACH ENTRY SESSION.

### ENTRY SESSIONS:

**R-2** 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 18, Mon, Lunch time (12:50 noon) at Gym

**Y3-5** 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 18, Tue, Lunch time (12:50 noon) at Gym

**Y6-7** 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 18, Wed, Lunch time (12:50 noon) at Gym

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (Thursday)

**Time:** Lunch time (12:50 noon)

**Location:** Gym

For more information, speak to your Science Teacher.

### PRIZES:

- FURTHEST TRAVELLED PLANE
- BEST DESIGNED PLANE

**CERTIFICATES WILL BE PRESENTED TO ALL FINALISTS**



#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Speak to your Science Teacher.  
Ms Sage, Ms Kapor or Ms Woods

#### PRIZES

Mrs. Theo Almond will be contributing prizes to this event.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# Students Explore STEM Careers

## School Newsletter Story



From the 16-20<sup>th</sup> of July Elena and Hirundi, two of our Year 7 students participated in the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) STEM Explorer program.

More than 100 students were invited to participate in the program which included a week-long camp, based at Mylor, focussed on exploring careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

While on the camp students visited a range of South Australian educational institutions and organisations such as the new Natural Resource Management Water Testing, Cleland Wildlife Park, Flinders University and the University of South Australia.

Students got to try their hands at water quality testing and building their own interactive games, discovered how Olympic torches work and presented a group project to South Australian Education Minister John Gardner.

Students met and engaged with leading scientists, technologists and engineers and learnt about their research. They also discovered a whole range of new career opportunities.

Everyone agreed that the camp was a great experience and they would recommend students follow the NYSF so they can participate in future camps and other great science opportunities.

The Program is a collaborative initiative between the [South Australian Department of Education](https://www.facebook.com/NYSFoz/) and the NYSF. Visit here for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/NYSFoz/>



During the month of August all year 1 students in government schools will undertake the Phonics Screening Check (PSC), a short assessment to inform teachers and our education department of how children are progressing with phonics. This information will be used for planning for teaching and learning to ensure all children develop skills in phonics. Please read the attached document for more information about the PSC.

Bianca Gallego  
Deputy Principal

# Information for parents/carers, families and the general community

Most children start school with some understanding of reading. Some can already read. Children who understand the relationship between letters and sounds—known as 'phonics'—will be at an advantage. Phonics is vital in learning to read.

Some children struggle with learning to read. It is important that these children are quickly identified so that teachers can plan for any specific support they may need. When this is done early, children have the best possible chance in life and learning.

The phonics screening check is a short, simple assessment that tells teachers how students are progressing in phonics. It takes only 5–7 minutes and is carried out by classroom teachers with each student individually. Teachers then analyse the results and, if necessary, plan for any additional support that students might require.

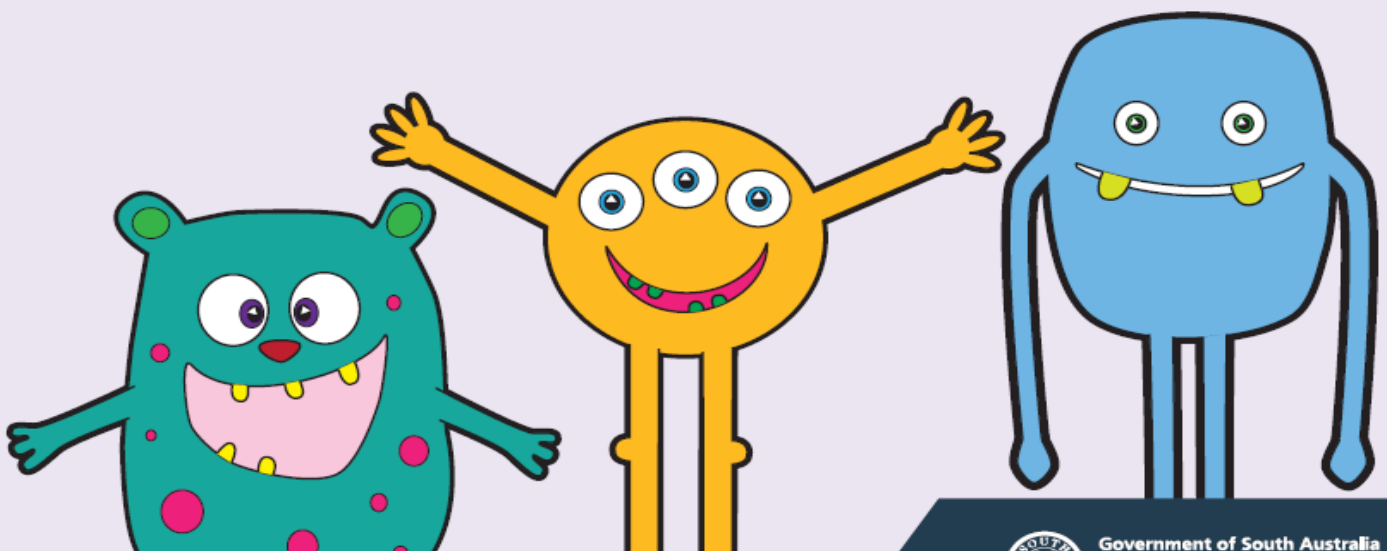
The phonics screening check was developed in the United Kingdom and the South Australian Department for Education trialled it in 2017 in 56 schools. The trial showed that not only did children enjoy it, but that it was straight forward to do. Principals and teachers thought the check had the potential to improve phonics teaching.

All Year 1 students in government schools will undertake the check in August 2018. To ensure high quality and consistency, Year 1 teachers and school leaders are being trained to use the phonics screening check during term 2, 2018.

The Department for Education is supporting schools with resources to undertake the assessment and to follow up with students who need additional support. The phonics screening check will be updated each year.

Phonics screening check materials will also be made available to Catholic and Independent schools in South Australia.

The phonics screening check is one important element of the Government of South Australia's Literacy Guarantee, ensuring that all students have the best possible start in reading. The Literacy Guarantee is central to the improvement of literacy and numeracy for all students.



# East Marden Primary School



*Past and present  
members of the school  
community are  
invited to join us in  
celebrating our 50th  
Anniversary*

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

**1pm - 3pm**

Visit the school grounds and classrooms to chat with students and teachers who will be participating in games & activities from the 60's.

**3pm - 5pm**

Visit the EMPS hall where the following activities will take place:

- Guest speakers
- Displays of photos covering the past decades
- Memorabilia
- Light refreshments

*We look forward to past and present  
students, staff and families joining us  
on the day.*

**Please R.S.V.P by Tuesday 21st August to:**

**[Kylie.Braddock424@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Kylie.Braddock424@schools.sa.edu.au)**

**Or the school on 8337 6170**

# 2018 BOOK WEEK

COME AND JOIN US  
BOOK WEEK & EAST MARDEN 'S  
50TH ANNIVERSARY!!

**When: Monday 20th August 2018**

**Time: 9.15am start**

**Where: Quadrangle**

**(Same as Harmony Day)**

**Book Week Parade Costumes  
Characters from books published in 1960's**



Gruffalo



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## SOCCKER NEWS

Soccer Season is in full swing for our 5 teams/55 players. The 2 teams of 8's have had a cracking few games with some convincing wins and good battles. The 9s have held their own and the 10s have played steadily. The 12s have managed some high scores and narrowed their margins of defeat with opponents when meeting them a 2nd time around. Which on balance, is what we're hoping for – constant improvement, good sportsmanship and enthusiastic contribution is what makes for enjoyable sport.

Keep up the good work everyone!

## CHESS NEWS

There have been plenty of chess actions and activities since the last newsletter, with very good results for individuals and teams alike.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the school holiday, the SAJCL (South Australia Junior Chess League) State Championships were held, and players from East Marden performed very well. Ethan R. was 2<sup>nd</sup> U16, and Athena R. 2<sup>nd</sup> U13. In the U12 State Championship, Caleb T was 1<sup>st</sup> while in the U11 Section, Michael L. was 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tharan B 3<sup>rd</sup> with Suhas C. just missed out on 5 points. Connor C. was 3<sup>rd</sup> for U9 in the July Junior Tournament. Well done indeed!!

The most recent round (Round 5) of Interschool Chess Competitions was held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. It was a great afternoon for our players who were on fire and played some fantastic chess, with the A Grade Team winning 5-0! Congratulations to you all! With just two more round to go till the Finals of the ICC, we wish all players the best of luck! Keep up the good work!

The chess club meetings are held at the following times: Advanced and Competitive Players: Monday lunch time; Beginners: Wednesday lunch time, and Excel Classes: Alternate Wednesday after school.

For further information, please Louise on 0448 332 701 or email [chesslife@bigpond.com](mailto:chesslife@bigpond.com)

### Extra!!

Ethan and Athena had the most amazing experience in fine-tuning their chess recently, when they were in Melbourne attending JETS (Junior Elite Training Squad) along with 28 other U18 chess players from across the country in the school holiday to learn chess from 5 internationally known Grandmasters (GM) and International Masters (IM). One of them was Mr Xiangzhi Bu, a Chinese chess grandmaster (a title he achieved in 1999 when he became China's 10th Grandmaster at the age of 13 years, 10 months, 13 days, the youngest at the time) and Chinese champion in 2004. GM Bu defeated GM Magnus Carlsen, the world's No. 1 chess player, at the Chess World Cup last year. It was indeed the experience of a lifetime to learn chess directly from an elite player. JETS will be held in Adelaide next year, and so this opportunity could be yours!!



Athena with GM Bu



Moments before Carlsen was defeated by Bu

# BASKETBALL 2018 SEASON 1

The end of Term Two rounded up Season One of 2018 for After School Basketball. East Marden Primary had an amazing eleven teams participating in games every week in the competition at the ARC.



JAGUARS Yr 7: Anayir, Cameron, Declan, Lucan, Obed, Ronan, Tyler & Victor

Our highest achievers for this Season's Game Rounds were, our Year 5 Geckos finishing first on their Ladder, Year 7 Jaguars finishing second on their Ladder and our Year 6 Meerkats finishing third on their Ladder in their divisions. This sent all three teams through into the Semi-Finals. Congratulations to all of you for playing hard and doing your best all Season to make this well deserved achievement. Unfortunately, all three teams did not quite make it through to the Grand Final.

Playing in the Semi-Finals is one of the toughest games of the whole Season because when the team loses that is the end of the Season. This game is the decider of whether you go through to win a trophy or not and can be quite an emotional experience for players, their family, spectators and of course, their coach.



GECKOS Yr 5: Charlotte, Daniel, Eugene C, Eugene K, Henry, Joel, Oscar, Tristan and Zoe



MEERKATS YR 6: Alex, Charlie, Clement, Daina, Kirsten, Tom and Tony

Our Year 4/5 Lightning team had a very challenging Season playing games against mostly higher skilled teams in Division A. Towards the end of the Season the team moved to a more suitable competition in Division C, which boosted player confidence and team morale.

Our Year 6 Lions team had several new players with basketball experience join the team this Season. Their Season finished early due to a Public Holiday, followed by a bye and then not qualifying for the Finals. It can take a Season or so to bond players into a team, I am confident the Lions will be a stronger force next Season.



LIONS Yr 6: Abraham, Andreas, Dean, Hunter, Jason, Joshua, Liam & Rocco



LIGHTNING YR 4/5: Antoni, Hayley, Jake, Neel, Pieter, Rohaan, Sophie and Tyla

# BASKETBALL 2018 SEASON 1 continued...

Congratulations to our Year 2/3 teams who were all very excited during the final week of games to be presented with "Participation" trophies for completing the Season of Terms 1 and 2. This is a great achievement and reward for the all players who completed the Season from beginning to end.



MAGIC Yr 2: Bella, Benjamin, Celina, Ethan, Jack, Jayna, Jenya, Jonah and Michelle



DUNKERS Yr 2/3: Bardia, Dylan L, Dylan R, Harsh, Jingyuan, Jon-Way, Kai and Tasman



BOUNCERS Yr 3: Ethan, Jasmin, Karl, Leo, Lucas, Michael, Mufan, Shine & Shreyas



AVENGERS Yr 3: Ason, Connor, Joshua, Kasim, Leon, Levi & Lucas



THUNDER Yr 3: Angelina, Arijit, Gianna, Jessica, Jonas, Louise, Maya and Navtej



TIGERS Yr 3: Angus, Anna, Cyrus, Grace, Jahan, Nusej, Will and Zoh

A special thank you to all our players and of course, parents too, for always representing East Marden proudly and for your commitment to the Season that was. I believe we have a fantastic, energetic After School Basketball community, thank you for being part of it. I would like to say a big welcome to the new players who are joining our teams for the new Season. We are already into Week Three of the new Season and I wish all our players and their teams all the best for a competitive and enjoyable Season ahead.

Lisa Miller  
EMPS Basketball Coordinator/Coach

# BASKETBALL 2018 continued...

During the July School Holidays some of our After School Basketball players participated in a "Shooting and Rebounding Clinic". It was a great opportunity for players to learn different techniques from different coaches and to perform drills that varied from their regular weekly training sessions. We were also fortunate enough to have a Premier League player who was visiting from America come out to our Holiday Clinic as one of the coaches. Our players were divided into groups so that all players had training time with each of the coaches. By observing the players on the day and the happy grins you can see in these photos, it was definitely a Worth while effort and experience for all those who attended.

At the end of our "Shooting and Rebounding Clinic" players and their families moved outdoors to the park for a picnic. Here we all enjoyed eating yummy hot Chicken and Chips, vegetable sticks and delicious sweets. Of course, the children were always first in line for the food. Thank you to the families who assisted me on the day by bringing tables, picking up the hot food and bringing food to share.

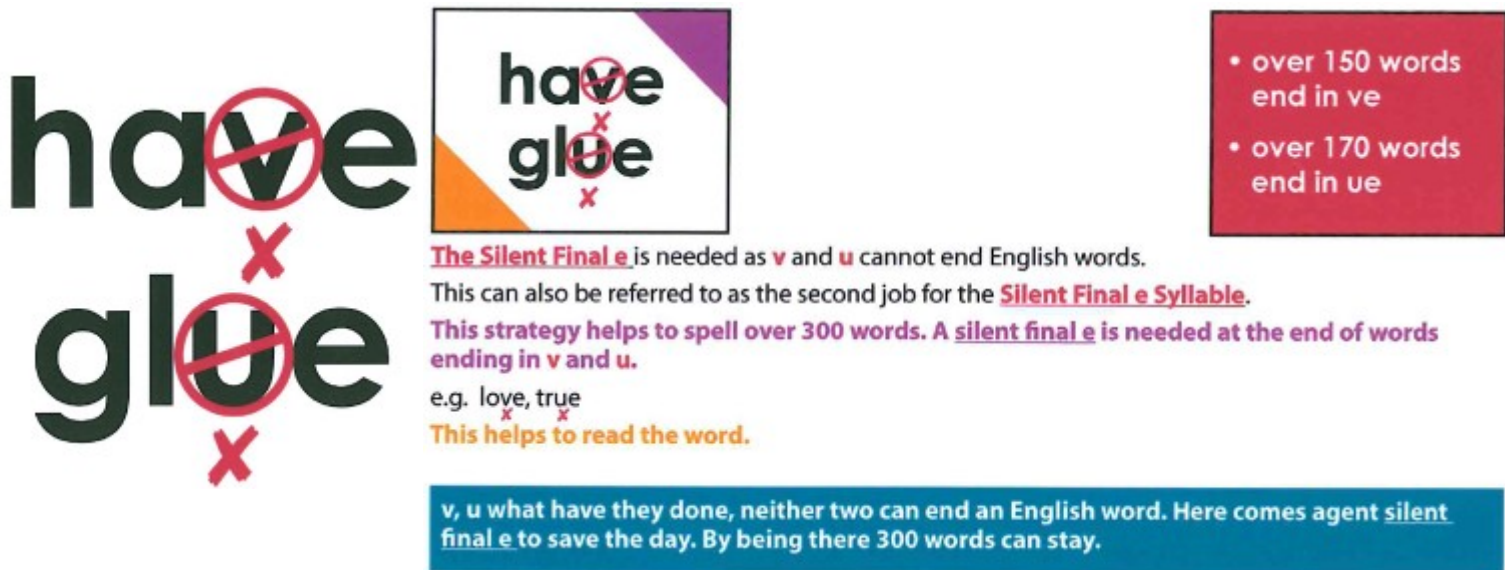
Lisa Miller EMPS Basketball Coordinator



## 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



The graphic shows the words 'have' and 'glue' in large, bold, black letters. Red circles with a diagonal slash are drawn over the final 'e' in both words, with a red 'x' below each circle. To the right, a smaller version of the same words is shown in a white box with a purple and orange corner, also with red circles and 'x' marks over the final 'e's. A red box on the right contains two bullet points: '• over 150 words end in ve' and '• over 170 words end in ue'. Below the words, a blue box contains a paragraph explaining the silent final e strategy.

**have**  
**glue**

- over 150 words end in ve
- over 170 words end in ue

**The Silent Final e** is needed as **v** and **u** cannot end English words. This can also be referred to as the second job for the **Silent Final e Syllable**. This strategy helps to spell over 300 words. A **silent final e** is needed at the end of words ending in **v** and **u**.  
e.g. love, true  
This helps to read the word.

**v, u what have they done, neither two can end an English word. Here comes agent silent final e to save the day. By being there 300 words can stay.**

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## ARE YOU RETURNING TO EAST MARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2019

We are now starting the process of confirming 2019 enrolments. We ask any families who will not be continuing at East Marden in 2019 to please send written confirmation to

[kylie.braddock424@schools.sa.edu](mailto:kylie.braddock424@schools.sa.edu).

Please include in your email the date your child will be leaving East Marden and your child's future school.