

MARION PS NEWS



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"We are in this together"

No need for me to tell you in what interesting times we live – we have all experienced some change to the way we go about our lives.

Towards the end of term 1 teachers and SSO's were told to prepare for an ongoing 'Learn at Home' strategy. At this time we had around 30% attendance. In the last week of the term all students stayed home so that preparations could be consolidated for the start of term 2 where the large majority of students would be learning from home, supervised by parents and carers. Learning packages were prepared for every student in the school and most were picked up on the last day of the term. Teachers spent additional time in school holidays fine tuning the process for making sure they could stay in contact with their 'at home' students once the term started.

And then in the last days of the holidays, because the community as a whole had been doing so well, and the advice that children would be OK, you, the parents were encouraged to send your children to school. We started the term with about 60% and this had grown to 85% by mid-way through week 2.

Now we have classes nearly full and only a few at home. Teachers are still trying to support those at home and will continue to do so if needed, but to a lesser degree. Much more of their time is being taken up with the students at school and the depth of teaching that occurs in a face to face environment.

Throughout this we asked you to stay away from the buildings, keep your distance and also take additional responsibility in supervising your children's learning at home.

As we move on, and because we continue to follow Health authority's advice, restrictions will continue to be eased. We will continue with hygienic practices in school with sanitisers, hand-washing, additional cleaning, and adults social distancing. If your child presents unwell at school we will ask you to come and pick up, even for slight cold symptoms, raised temperature. We will be suggesting medical advice before returning to school. Please keep unwell children at home until they are clearly in good health. As before – If we do have a confirmed case of the virus we will be shut down to allow tracing and a thorough cleaning of the school.

Whilst we recognise and appreciate all the additional work done by all staff, we would not have been able to do it so well without the help of our community. So thank you, for whatever you were able to do over recent weeks that supported your children and the staff of the school.

Rod, Paul and staff

DATES

- **Reconciliation Week**
27/05/20 – 03/06/20
- **The Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**
08/06/20

WHAT'S COMING UP

Governing Council

The GC meets this Tuesday night, with 10 or less people attending, in the library, allowing for social distancing.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Classes are completing learning activities around the theme 'In this Together' in their classes in the lead up to Reconciliation Week

ASSEMBLIES

Large gatherings in schools, like assemblies, sports day and performances are still prohibited.



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Community News

AROUND THE SCHOOL:

Playground Development:

You may have heard, or seen from a distance the work that has happened in the yard. The Playground development project has taken another major step forward. Also the old portable building has been removed. In its place we have a currently flexible space, with bark chips covering decent soil. We will be discussing what this area could become in the near future.



SPORTS

Benita Fagan (PE teacher) has this week sent home notes asking for interest in netball, basketball and soccer for year five to seven students. These organised competitions will recommence in a controlled fashion late term 2 and early term 3. After school skills sessions for junior and middle primary students using the gym with parent coaching and management may start at around the same time, but a recommencement date is unconfirmed. Run Club will recommence on Thursday mornings for all students and Cross Country training for SAPSASA runners on Wednesdays after school from next week.

CANTEEN

The canteen continues to operate. Please support as you have in the past.

FRONT OFFICE STAFF

Candia Thomas has had to take 3 weeks leave and we will miss her. We have managed to secure the services of Sue Whittaker for this time. What a bonus with Sue's experience and knowledge of our community.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

After and before school care continues. Robyn and her staff have done a brilliant job managing this important service. Naturally numbers have fluctuated and so Robyn and staff have had to be quite flexible in their work patterns. They have also been very mindful of strong hygienic practices, through vacation care as well.

The July Vacation care Program will be available in week 8 this term. We are hoping to include some incursions and an excursion depending on what is allowed.

Hours of Operation

Before School Care: 7:00-8:30am
After School Care: 3:15-6:15pm

Fees

Before School Care: \$12/Casual \$15
After School Care: \$20/Casual \$25
Pupil Free Day: \$48/Casual \$53
Vacation Care: \$48/Casual \$53 per day

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