

# MARION PS NEWS



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## *Welcome to the 2021 school year!*

### **From the Principal**

Welcome to all families, new and returning, from all of the staff here at Marion Primary School. It's wonderful to finally arrive and be working with staff to build our learning journey for 2021. Teachers have already been working hard on developing learning programs for students for term 1 and you will receive an overview of content to be covered in your child's class at the Acquaintance Night next Tuesday evening.

Over the last few weeks all staff have worked together to set up classrooms and teaching programs to benefit your children. I have been truly impressed by staff commitment to getting to know students in their new classes, their commitment to improving student learning and their willingness to take on new ideas and go above and beyond in this very busy time of setting up and preparing for the year ahead.

### **Staffing**

I would like to thank our leadership team of 2020, Principal Mr Rod Sutherland and Deputy Principal Mr Paul Taylor for their work last year in what were very challenging times. We have a few staff changes this year and a new leadership team consisting of myself, David O'Connell (Principal) and we welcome back Stacey Eichenberger (Deputy Principal) after her secondment to Richmond Primary School through 2019 and 2020. Our front office Admin / Receptionist Candia Thomas has accepted a 12 month position at Plympton International College, and we welcome back Mrs Sue Whittaker who will be with us for the first half of this term as we conduct a recruitment process to identify a suitable replacement.

### **Fruit Fly**

The department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) has released updated information about fruit fly restrictions in South Australia. This might change the types of fruit and vegetables your child can bring to school/preschool/child care. New colour coded maps for [metropolitan Adelaide](#) and [Riverland](#) residents show the red outbreak areas, yellow suspension areas, and green areas not affected by fruit fly.

**Marion Primary School is located in the yellow suspension area.**

**If you live in the red outbreak area:** Your child must not bring any fresh fruit or vegetables on [this list](#) to school, preschool or child care. This applies even if it has been cut up. Instead, PIRSA has provided a list of [alternative fresh fruit and vegetable options](#) suitable for lunch and breaks.

**If you live in the yellow suspension area** Your child can bring any type of fresh fruit or vegetable to school, preschool or child care.

**If you live in the green not impacted area** Your child can bring any type of fresh fruit or vegetable to school, preschool or child care. All fruit or vegetables on [this list](#) must be eaten and disposed of at our school, preschool or children's centre. These items cannot return home at the end of the day and will be disposed of safely at our school/preschool/child care centre's grounds. Grated, dried, frozen, cooked or pureed fruit and vegetables of any kind are acceptable in any area.

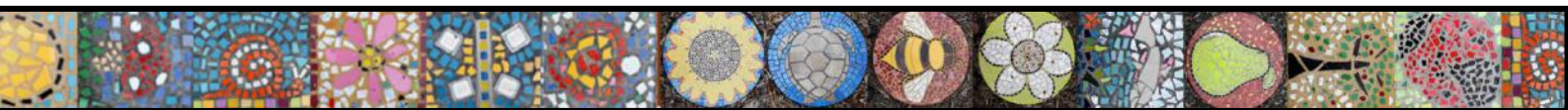
We appreciate your cooperation as we help protect South Australia from fruit fly.

### **Acquaintance Night**

Acquaintance night will be **held next Tuesday evening Feb 9 from 6.00pm** and will look a little different as we manage our COVID safety planning, social distancing and responsibilities on the school site.

Staff were very keen for parents/carers to be able to attend sessions in classrooms to see where your child(ren) will be working and learning and to feel connected to our school. In order to best manage the distancing and square metre requirements we have determined the following procedures:

There will be two information sessions available for each classroom with **1 family member able to attend per session**. Session 1 will run from 6.00 – 6.20 and session 2 will run from 6.25 – 6.45. This will allow parents/carers to attend up to two separate classrooms with 5 minutes for movement to hopefully give us the time and room to move safely.



Attendance must be booked in advance via an online booking service – [schoolinterviews.com.au](http://schoolinterviews.com.au) This service allows you to make a booking anytime, anywhere and automatically generates a booking confirmation, sent to you instantly via email to the address you provide at the time of the booking. The school also receives a printout of all attendees with phone numbers and email addresses which can then be used for contact tracing purposes should the need arise. Booking instructions are included as an attachment with this newsletter.

### Governing Council

The AGM and first meeting of the Governing Council will be held in the library next Tuesday Feb 9 directly following the Acquaintance night sessions. I look forward to meeting our GC members and working together to support our school.

### Canteen manager

We are in the process of advertising for a new canteen manager. At present, we are accepting CV's through the front office. Please contact us if you would like further information. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who are keeping us running at present. If you are able to volunteer some time to assist, please contact the school office.

### QR Codes

SA Health has a plan to gradually rollout the COVID Safe Check-in system across the state. Individual QR codes are being allocated to all public schools, preschools and children's centres. The implementation and use of QR codes will be staggered in all South Australian schools and preschools, with codes being made available to education sites for use from the following dates:

Metro primary schools - Monday 8 February

### School communication coming home today with students:

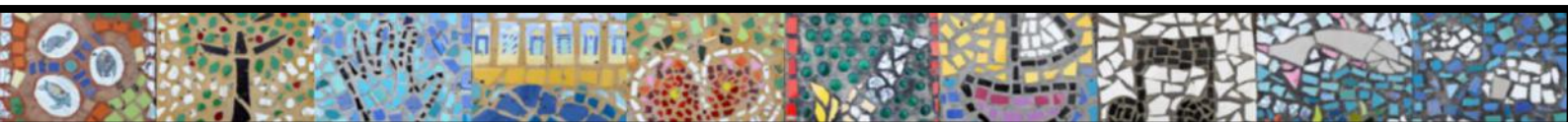
- Materials and services charge information
- Parent/carer contact details – to be checked and returned with updated information if required

If you don't receive these important documents please contact the office.

I look forward to meeting you in person sometime soon.

David O'Connell  
Principal

DATES	WHAT'S COMING UP		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fri 12/2 - 2.30pm Assembly in the Gym.</li> <li>• Tues 9/2 – 6 pm Acquaintance Night followed by the AGM.</li> </ul>	<b>AGM</b>	<b>School Fees</b>	<b>Assemblies and Newsletters</b>
	<p><b>Acquaintance Night and Governing Council AGM</b> will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of February in the library immediately after the acquaintance night sessions.</p> <p>Please feel free to nominate for a position on the Governing Council if you feel this is a way you can be involved in your school.</p> <p>It will be good to see as many of you as possible on this evening.</p>	<p><i>Invoices for school fees (Materials and Services Charges) have been sent home today Thursday Feb 4.</i></p> <p><i>An application form for School Card will be sent with the invoice.</i></p> <p><i>If you need advice or assistance please see our front office staff, Sue Whittaker (Admin) or Henrietta Visser (Finance Officer).</i></p>	<p>Assemblies will be held fortnightly in even weeks of the school term, on Friday afternoons commencing next week Friday Feb 12, from 2.30pm.</p> <p>Newsletters will be published fortnightly on the alternate odd weeks of the school term. The next newsletter will be published Thursday Feb 18.</p>



# Community News

<b>GOVERNING COUNCIL</b>	<b>PASTORAL CARE</b>	<b>OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE</b>
<p>Governing Councils are legislated bodies with a specific focus on the governance of the school.</p> <p>Whereas the principal has specific educational and organisational responsibilities for which they are accountable to the Minister for Education, the council represents the school's community in providing a focus for parental and school community involvement and values. It also provides advice to the principal about the educational needs of the local community to developments within the site.</p> <p>At our school, the Governing Council has direct responsibility for the Canteen and OSHC.</p> <p>Council includes sub-committees such as Sports, Grounds, Finance, OSHC and Canteen. These committees meet in the week prior to the Governing Council (which meets in Week 4 and Week 8 of each term), in order to report on their focus area.</p> <p>Council's may also have affiliated committees such as Parents and Friends Associations. Other types of affiliated committees may be formed to represent the views of those groups of parents who may be seen not to have a voice in the decision making process.</p>	<p>Lisa, our pastoral care worker will be back for the next few weeks as her pregnancy due date draws ever closer. She is available to provide emotional, social and practical support to children and families.</p> <p>She will be here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for now and can be contacted via phoning the school and leaving a message. Lisa will return calls ASAP.</p> <p>The school is in contact with the Pastoral Care Worker providers (SMG) to secure a replacement for Lisa while she is away on maternity leave.</p>	<p>Hi Everyone, welcome to a new year of OSHC!</p> <p><b>Hours of Operation</b> Before School Care: 7:00-8:30am After School Care: 3:15-6:15pm</p> <p><b>Fees</b> Before School Care: \$15 After School Care: Casual \$25 Pupil Free Day: \$53 Vacation Care: \$53 per day</p> <p><b>Contact Details</b> Phone: 8277 4486 Mobile: 0481 187 627</p> <p>Email: Please note direct contact with Director Robyn Shanahan - <a href="mailto:Robyn.Shanahan17@schools.sa.edu.au">Robyn.Shanahan17@schools.sa.edu.au</a></p> <p>Cancellation and booking enquiries can be made at the Front Office 82772293 Kind regards, Robyn (Director) ☺</p>

