

MARION PS NEWS



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Courage Harmony Integrity

Welcome to Week 4

From the Principal

Staffing

Last newsletter I mentioned the changes in our leadership and front office teams. This week I would like to welcome new class teacher Jane Taylor who is in room 9 with our year 4/5 class. Jane is a highly experienced teacher having taught at a range of schools including Glenelg North, Colonel Light Gardens and Huntfield Heights. I would also like to welcome back Jo Byrne who spent last year teaching in the far north of Canada which weather wise and COVID wise turned out to be quite the trip!

Strings program

Our previous strings teacher Henry South has moved interstate and we have been allocated a new strings teacher Mrs Katie Roper. Marion Primary is allocated 5 strings lessons with a seasonal ensemble. Katie is employed by the Dept of Education as a strings teacher across a number of schools and fitting our allocation into her timetable has taken a little while. Strings lessons will be held Wednesday afternoons from 12.30. Interest in the strings program has been overwhelming with numbers exceeding the amount of available places. Katie has been working hard on the creation of tuition groups however at this stage it looks likely we may have a wait list for access. I am waiting on further updates from Katie at this stage. Final information, permission and instrument hire notes will be coming home soon.

Governing Council

Thanks to all who came along to acquaintance night and the governing council AGM last week. I would like to welcome Andrew as our newly elected governing council member. Andrew will be leading the OSHC sub-committee. I would also like to welcome back returning members Emma (chairperson and canteen sub-committee), Trent (Treasurer and secretary), Michelle and Tanya (fundraising).

Our fundraising sub-committee is already putting ideas together and is looking for volunteers to assist. If you are interested in fundraising or any other sub-committees please leave your details with Sue in the front office.

As mentioned above, Governing Council are looking for members for sub-committees with fundraising group working on ideas for projects and events already.

If you are interested in joining a sub-committee including Grounds, Sports, OSHC or Finance, then please leave your contact details with Sue at the front office. Alternatively you can email your details and the sub-committee you are interested in to the school email address:

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Canteen manager - reminder

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.

Fruit Fly - reminder

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.

QR Codes - reminder

Individual QR codes have now been allocated to all public schools, preschools and children's centres. Please remember to scan our site QR code whenever entering the building.

David O'Connell
Principal

What's happening in Literacy?

It's great to be back at Marion Primary and I'm looking forward to exciting things and working with families this year. When teachers and families work together students learn much better. However, in line with best practise, R-2 home reading *may* look a little different.

To explain, in Mathematics we use numerals to understand numbers and what they mean and how to use them to solve problems. Similarly, this happens with letters when reading (and writing). However, instead of using numerals to solve a problem (crack a code), we do this with **letters** (known as graphemes). Saying the sounds (phonemes) of letters as we read is called **blending** and by putting those sounds together as we read helps us hear the word we are reading. Decodable books develop *problem solving of a word* or *de-coding* instead of memorising words by sight. Some words cannot be 'decoded' easily, so these tricky words will form homework that students do need to learn by sight.

"If a child memorises ten words, the child can read only 10 words, but if a child learns the sounds of ten letters the child will be able to read 350 three sound words; 4320 four sound words and 21,650 five sound words." Martin Kozloff, 2002.

Children may start to take home **decodable** readers instead of, or as well as, levelled readers, depending on their skillset.

If your child comes home with a **decodable**, it's expected they try to read *this independently* (with help only to sound out the words). Children read using the sounds they have learnt *and are learning*, practising immediately.

The words in levelled readers don't allow this to happen easily, as children learn to rely on pictures to *guess or memorise* words. Not a successful skill when books have less pictures and more complex words.

Children will read decodables to adults, adults will read levelled readers with children. Talking about books is crucial: oTalk about the words in the books and what they mean. oAsk questions of what happened or what they think happen next. Discussion about books and reading stories to children is key.

For our gorgeous new receptions, parents will need to read books *to children*, modelling reading and talking about books. The homework this term will be a home activity that matches the learning in the class. It's very important only the homework sheet that matches the class learning at the time is done. Too much too soon will actually slow down how well they learn what they're being taught.

Once COVID restrictions on social distancing ease, a parent workshop is planned to happen. At this stage the newsletter will support our community to access information to help better understand how students learn to read (and then apply this knowledge to write).

Parent PD online; Learn about Phonemes & Graphemes (sounds & letters) <https://vimeo.com/412603116/65eab513a7>

Let me know what you think of this online learning and what else you may be interested in!

Stacey Eichenberger
Deputy Principal

DATES	WHAT'S COMING UP		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fri 26/2 - 2.45pm Assembly in the Gym. • Year 7 aquatics • Sports Day Thurs 1/4 	<i>OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE</i>	<i>PASTORAL CARE</i>	<i>Assemblies and Newsletters</i>
	<p>Hi Everyone, welcome to a new year of OSHC!</p> <p>Hours of Operation Before School Care: 7:00-8:30am After School Care: 3:15-6:15pm</p> <p>Fees Before School Care: \$15 After School Care: Casual \$25 Pupil Free Day: \$53 Vacation Care: \$53 per day</p> <p>VACATION CARE PROGRAM: An exciting fortnight of activities and excursions has been planned. Please look out for the program in OSHC room, front office, web page and face book</p> <p>Contact Details Phone: 8277 4486 Mobile: 0481 187 627 Email: Please note direct contact with Director Robyn Shanahan - Robyn.Shanahan17@schools.sa.edu.au</p> <p>Cancellation and booking enquiries can be made at the Front Office 82772293 Kind regards, Robyn (Director)</p>	<p>Lisa our pastoral care worker finished up on Tuesday and is now on maternity leave and preparing for the arrival of her first baby. We wish Lisa well for the future. Our service provider, Schools Ministry Group and looking to recruit a new pastoral care worker for our school and we are hopeful that they will have someone in place for us soon.</p>	<p>Assemblies will be held fortnightly in even weeks of the school term, on Friday afternoons. Our next assembly will be held on Friday Feb 26, from 2.45pm. Newsletters will be published fortnightly on the alternate odd weeks of the school term. The next newsletter will be published Thursday March 4</p>



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