

MARION PS NEWS

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Term 3 Week 2

Courage Harmony Integrity

Thursday July 29 2021



DATES TO REMEMBER	
Weekly Throughout Term 3	Footsteps Dance Program – see additional info in this week's newsletter content
August	
Monday 23 – Friday 27	Swimming Program - Reception to Year 5 at Westminster Pool
Tuesday 24	PSMF Choir rehearsal
September	
Monday 6	Student Free Day
Wednesday 8	PSMF Choir final rehearsal and concert night

Welcome to Term 3

From the Principal

Enrolling for Reception 2022

Enrolments are due for 2022. If you have a child due to start school next year please contact the office now to complete a Registration of Interest - Reception placement form. To be eligible to commence Reception children must turn 5 before May 1. Registration of Interest for Reception forms are due to primary schools now. Round 1 offers to local families will be made next week. Registration of interest forms are available from the front office and also from the school website.

If you know of a family near you who has a child ready to start school next year then please let them know that it is time to complete their enrolment now as well.

Our next school tour will be held on Wednesday August 11 from 3.15 – 4.00pm

Lockdown and Remote Learning – Thank you

Thank you to all families for your support during this past week of lockdown. It was wonderful to see our students return to school yesterday ready to get back in to face-to-face learning. In our staff meeting next week we will be going through our processes and refining aspects for continued improvement. To support us in this I will be sending out a link to a parent / carer survey tomorrow, as I want to hear about your experience during this process. Additionally, teachers will be seeking feedback from their students as well. Your constructive feedback and survey responses will be highly appreciated.

Masks and QR codes

Thanks to all families who are assisting in keeping our school safe by wearing masks, checking in using the QR codes displayed around the basketball court area for pick up and drop off, and limiting contact with teachers and other adults. When I look at the conditions my family and friends continue to experience in lockdown in Sydney at present, I do indeed feel very fortunate to be here in SA. Wearing my mask is now becoming a habit and QR check-ins already are. These seem to be small inconveniences for the overall community good.

Year 7 to High School

The latest parent information update (Week 3 Term 3) is already out and is provided with this newsletter. Make sure you download and read the attachment to keep you up to date with the latest information. All current and past year 7 to High School parent newsletters are available on the school website.

New works finalised over the school holiday break

Pigeon netting – You may have noticed the new structure on the roof of our main building – we have the pigeon netting installed! Thanks to the support of our Dept. Facilities Management team this program was approved and paid for by the Dept for Education with the netting installation completed just prior to school returning for term 3. Hopefully the issues we have had with pigeons on the roof will now be finally resolved.

ICT upgrade – our network upgrade was also completed over the holiday period with new WiFi installed, optic fibre and other cabling runs connected and running as well as upgrades / replacement of critical hardware in our server room. Again, we have received wonderful support from our Education ICT Dept who completed and funded these works for us.

Student Free Day – Term 3 (reminder)

Marion Primary School will be holding a Student Free Day in week 8 on Monday 6th September. On this day staff will participate in a day of professional learning focussed on working with students with Autism in mainstream classrooms. Sessions will be presented by a Special Educator and a Behaviour Coach from our Student Support Services Team.

Footsteps dance program – term 3 (reminder)

Footsteps dance company is returning to Marion Primary school in term 3. Footsteps provide curriculum delivery of a specialised dance program for all years – from Reception to Year 7. As this is a curriculum based program all students will be expected to participate. The school will subsidise the program heavily, however some cost will be invoiced to families as well in the same way as for incursions / excursions. Our first lesson has already been held in week 1 followed by some online / remote learning lessons for older grades during lockdown. There will be 10 lessons in total over the term with lessons scheduled weekly on Mondays. There are two Mondays where we will be rescheduling due to other school commitments: Monday 23 August (week 6) will be rescheduled due to swimming and will be held on the previous Thursday August 19 (week 5); Monday September 6 (week 8) will be rescheduled due to the Pupil Free Day and will be held on Thursday 16 September (week 9).

Swimming program – term 3 (reminder)

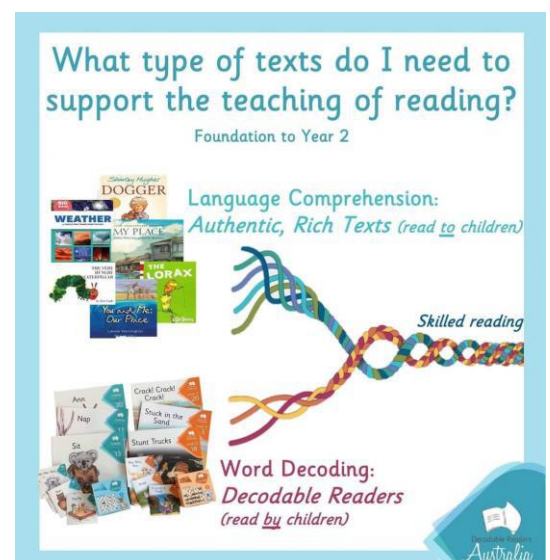
Swimming will be running again in term 3 at Westminster pool. Classes will run daily in week 6 – 23rd to 27th August. More information including costs and permissions will be distributed next week.

David O'Connell
Principal

Curriculum Wrap – From the Deputy Principal

2021 Phonics screening check – Information for parents/carers, families and the general community

Reading to your children frequently has a positive effect on how well they do at school. Reading a wide range of books adds to your child's knowledge of the world and helps them develop a deeper understanding of words and language, particularly if you talk together about what you are reading. 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 trialed it in 2017 in 56 schools. The trial showed that not only did children enjoy it, but that it was straightforward to do. Principals and teachers thought that the check had the potential to improve phonics teaching. They were right. The phonics screening check is given annually in term 3, to each year 1 student in government schools. Each year the percentage of year 1 students gaining mastery of phonics has improved since 2017. All Year 1 students in government schools will undertake the check in August 2021. To ensure high quality and consistency, Year 1 teachers and school leaders have been trained to use the phonics screening check. 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 is updated each year. This means that students are checked with a different set of words to those used in the previous year. Phonics screening check materials are also 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. Here at Marion PS we will also be using the phonics screening check each year with our year 2 students to check-in and ensure learning progress from year 1. This is another tool that we can then use to ensure that our phonics programs are achieving the desired results in student learning.

Just a reminder – our school has partnered with Relationships Australia (see their flyer / info in the Community section in this newsletter), to provide support to families to strengthen family relationships, address challenging behaviours and improve family connections. A counsellor from Relationships Australia will be on-site and working with some students here at school commencing next Tuesday. If you would like to know more or would like to connect your family with this service please contact them directly on ph: 8377 5400 or via email on rasas@rasa.org.au

Yours in learning,

Stacey Eichenberger
Deputy Principal

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Hours of Operation	
Before School Care: 7:00-8:30am	After School Care: 3:15-6:15pm
Fees	
Before School Care: \$15	After School Care: Casual \$25
Pupil Free Day: \$53	Vacation Care: \$53 per day
Contact Details	
Phone: 8277 4486	Mobile: 0428 257 789
Email: Robyn.Shanahan17@schools.sa.edu.au (Please note: this is direct contact with Director Robyn Shanahan)	
Bookings / cancellations	
Cancellation and Emergency bookings can only be made through contacting OSHC directly on 0428 257 789	
Enquiries can be made directly to OSHC or through the school Front Office on 82772293	

In the Community

Enrolling for 2022



Mitchell Park Kindergarten

30 Lanark Ave, Mitchell Park 5043

www.mitchellkgn.sa.edu.au

Eligible children turn 4 before 1st May 2022.
Phone: 8276 8578

Or

Email: dl.3654.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Enrol in your local preschool



Children and Family Counselling

Strengthen your relationship, address challenging behaviours and improve family connections. Children and Family Counselling supports the mental health of infants, children and their families.

- Feeling stressed and worried about your child or family?
- Is it hard to know what your child is feeling?
- Are you struggling to support your child to cope with challenges and big feelings?
- Do you want support to manage problem behaviour?
- Are you the kind of parent you want to be?

Children and Family Counselling can help improve individual wellbeing by supporting your child's mental health and your family relationships.

Suitable for families with infants and children up to 12 years old.

This service will provide counselling and mental health support for your children and you. Other family members can be involved if needed.

Location

South (Marion)
Suite 500a Westfield Marion Shopping Centre,
297 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park SA 5046
Phone: 08 8377 5400 | Email: rasas@rasa.org.au

Select Outreach locations with our community partners are available through request – please ask when enquiring.

www.rasa.org.au | 1800 182 325

Relationships Australia
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**COME & TRY
RUGBY**

BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5:30PM

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