

MARION PS NEWS

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Term 3 Week 6

Courage Harmony Integrity

Thursday August 26 2021



DATES TO REMEMBER	
Weekly Throughout Term 3 - Footsteps Dance Program	
August	
Monday 30	PAT testing window opens
September	
Monday 6	Student Free Day
Thursday 7	Fathers' Day Stall
Wednesday 8	PSMF Choir final rehearsal and concert night
Friday 17	School photo day
Friday 24	PAT testing window closes

From the Principal

Masks and QR codes - ongoing

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. Please ensure that you do not congregate in groups for conversations and please leave the school grounds immediately after drop off and pick up.

Fathers' Day Stall

Our fundraising committee have been busy behind the scenes over the past few weeks preparing for the Fathers' Day Stall which will be held next Thursday September 7th. All gifts will be on sale for \$5 which includes a bag which the children will be able to decorate.

Primary School Music Festival (PSMF) - Choir

Congratulations to our senior Choir members who took part in the PSMF rehearsal on Tuesday. Ms Mimidas and I accompanied the students to the rehearsal at the Entertainment Centre and it sounded fantastic! I look forward to the concert night coming up on Wednesday September 8.

School Photos

MSP photography will again be taking our school photos in 2022. School photo day will be held in week 9 of this term on Friday September 17. Photo ordering / payment envelopes will be sent home with students next Monday August 30. Where families may require an additional ordering / payment envelope for individual student photos, please contact the front office and arrange collection.

Ordering of photo packs will be able to be completed either using your child's envelope or via an online order process. Sibling / family photos will also be available on the day. If you wish to have a sibling/family photo taken please collect a separate envelope from the front office.

Year 1 Phonics Screening – update and results!

In our last newsletter I provided some information about the Year 1 Phonics Screening assessment. The phonics screening check uses a variety of real and made-up words (non-words) which students read (decode) 1:1 with their teacher. It is designed to check the ability of students to correctly identify grapheme/phoneme (letter/sound) correspondence.



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This has now been completed for all students in year 1. Additionally, we have also completed the screener on our year 2 students to measure their growth in achievement from their year 1 results. This information is now being used by staff to evaluate the effectiveness of our phonics program and to determine how best to continue to support and develop student learning.

The great news is that our students have done exceptionally well again this year with 22 students (76%) scoring at or above the expected benchmark. These students returned an average score of 35/40 sounds correctly identified. This data shows growth in student achievement from 2020 where 70% of Marion Primary year 1 students achieved the expected benchmark with those students returning an average score of 33/40 sounds correctly identified. Statewide results showed 63% of students met the expected benchmark in 2020. More information on Phonemes, Graphemes and decoding can be found using the following link: <https://www.readingdoctor.com.au/phonemes-graphemes-letters-word-burger>

Footsteps dance program – Invoices distributed

Footsteps dance company provides curriculum delivery of a specialised dance program for all years – from Reception to Year 7. Students have been enjoying the moves and tunes weekly since week 1. The school is subsidising most of the cost of the program, with a small balance invoiced to families being sent home today.

Swimming program – Invoices are overdue for payment

Swimming lessons commenced this week at Westminster pool and conclude tomorrow Friday August 27. Thank you to all families who finalised payment promptly by the due date. If your invoice is still unpaid please finalise this payment immediately.

Relationships Australia

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 is available on-site and working with some students here at school each 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 . Please see the following testimony from one of our families who have connected with Relationships Australia already: "Early in the year, we noticed that Relationships Australia were making counselling sessions available to Marion Primary students. We had a pretty rocky 2020, and so I was aware that this would be good for our children. However, it was busy and it quickly slipped my mind! Luckily one of the children's teacher's approached me personally with a few concerns and a suggestion that my child would benefit from having someone to talk to. This was really helpful and so I called up to start things off. The first appointment was myself and the counsellor Carolyn. It was great to talk over our family's challenges, including disrupted learning and the death of a friend. We were all handling the issues differently, and over a few sessions with Carolyn we've been able to understand each other better and put a few helpful strategies in place. Mostly I have just appreciated not feeling so alone, and feel so supported by having others around that care enough to encourage us to seek help and to provide that help. I'd recommend the service to anyone! The Tuesday morning sessions at the school are really convenient, or you can go to their offices at Marion Shopping Centre."

Enrolling for Reception 2022 – (reminder)

We still have a couple of spaces available in our reception class for 2022. Local family placement offers were made at the beginning of August with out of area placement offers due to commence from 1st September. 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 we are finalising our enrolment numbers.

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.

Progressive Achieving Testing (PAT) - (reminder)

The Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) are online assessments to provide diagnostic information to teachers relating to the learning strengths and needs of their students. All South Australian Department for Education students in years 3 to 10 are required to undertake PAT Reading Comprehension (PAT-R) and Maths (PAT-M) annually. In 2021, PAT-R and PAT-M are to be conducted between weeks 7 to 10 of term 3, 30th August to 24th September. Results from annual PAT assessments provide teachers with timely information for learning design in mid term 4 and the following year.

David O'Connell
Principal



Curriculum Wrap – From the Deputy Principal

In Mathematics we use knowledge of numerals and what they mean to solve problems and understand numbers. Similarly, this happens when reading and writing. However, we are cracking a code or solving problems with **letters** instead of numerals!

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).

When teachers and families work together, students learn much faster. We have received a lot of interest and many questions from parents about how to support their children's progress in reading and writing. Unfortunately COVID-19 has prevented parent workshops planned for this year, so this newsletter edition aims to support our community to access learning to help better understand how students learn to read and write.

John Walker created a *Sounds-Write Phonics* program, and although that is not the program we use here, the **skills** and **what do we** to teach children to read and write are fundamentally the same. There is **FREE** parent learning available through <https://www.udemy.com/user/54e5c34e6b89b/>

In the first (beginning) session you will learn about segmenting, blending, word building, word reading as well as how 1 letter can make 2 sounds and how 2 letters can make 1 sound (digraphs). Many of our JP students are currently learning about these! It also has good ideas for activities that will help you help your child with homework! There is a second session available should you choose to look / continue.

Please let your child's teacher or myself know, if you do this course and if you found this useful. We are always looking for great ways to involve families in their child's learning that best supports their reading and writing progress!

Yours in learning,

Stacey Eichenberger
Deputy Principal

Assembly Awards

Each fortnight at our school assembly, students receive acknowledgment of how they have displayed the school values over the previous fortnight. Class teachers select two students who are presented with a school Values Award in front of the whole school to recognise their efforts and reinforce our school values. Award winners are also recognised further through our fortnightly newsletters. Values award recipients from our term 3 assemblies are listed below.

WEEK 3

ROOM	AWARD TYPE	STUDENT FIRST NAME
1	COURAGE	ELOISE
1	HARMONY	MATILDA
2	COURAGE	LOGAN
2	HARMONY	HOLLIE
3	COURAGE	ADDYSIN
3	COURAGE	JEM
4	COURAGE	RYKER
4	INTEGRITY	ZACHARY
9	HARMONY	ADA
9	INTEGRITY	STELLA
10	COURAGE	LEVI
10	HARMONY	SINDID
11	COURAGE	TATE
11	INTEGRITY	NOVIA



WEEK 5

ROOM	AWARD TYPE	STUDENT FIRST NAME
1	COURAGE	ABBEY
1	HARMONY	SEANNA
2	COURAGE	LILLY
2	HARMONY	DENZEL
3	HARMONY	CHARLIE
3	COURAGE	BRENDEN
4	HARMONY	ZAC
4	INTEGRITY	JACOB
6	INTEGRITY	ELLIE
6	COURAGE	BAILEY
9	HARMONY	PEARL
9	COURAGE	ANGELIQUE
10	COURAGE	LILY
10	HARMONY	CHARLOTTE
11	INTEGRITY	HENRY
11	INTEGRITY	JESS

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	

The October Vacation Care Program is available now in the OSHC room, at the front office and also on the school website.

The exciting excursion this time will be Inflatable World. Book soon so you don't miss out

OSHC is open on the Pupil Free Day 6/9/21 7:00am-6:15pm

We will be having a wheels day so bring along a bike or scooter and a helmet.

OSHC Director

Robyn Shanahan



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 supports and strengthens family relationships, mental health and wellbeing.

It can help you:

- Feel less stressed or worried about your children or family
- Understand what your child is feeling
- Support your children with their emotions and life's challenges
- Be a calmer and more connected parent
- Manage problem behaviour.

This service is suitable for families with infants and children aged 0-12. Other family members can be involved if needed. Receive up to six ongoing sessions.

When: Tuesday mornings, during school terms | 9.00am or 10.15am

Where: Marion Primary School | Malcolm Ave, Marion

Cost: Free

For more information, or to book, contact Relationships Australia South Australia's Marion site. 08 8377 5400 | rasas@rasa.org.au

www.rasa.org.au | 1800 182 325

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**COME & TRY
RUGBY**

BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5:30PM

WAITE OVAL, URRBRAE

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