

MARION PS NEWS

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Term 4 Week 6

Courage Harmony Integrity

Thursday November 18 2021



DATES TO REMEMBER	
November	
Thursday 25	Christmas Concert
Friday 26	School Closure Day
December	
Friday 10	Last day Term 4 – early dismissal 2.15pm
2022 - January	
Monday 31	School resumes for all students

From the Principal

Christmas Concert

As advised on School Star yesterday, our Christmas Concert is on next Thursday evening commencing with food and drinks going on sale from 5.00pm followed by our concert commencing at 6.00pm. Our first groups on stage will be our specialist music groups which include Choir, Instrumental Strings program and our Ukulele program.

It promises to be a great night of food, fun and song. It will be held outdoors with our stage set up in front of the OSHC building. Children will be seated in class groups on the grass area with space for parents/ carers and families to set up chairs on the Asphalt area. There will be a BBQ, Coffee Van and cold drinks will be on sale.

COVID Safe guidelines are to be followed which means standard social distancing requirements are in place and check-ins are required. QR codes are posted around the area currently so please ensure you follow guidelines, maintain distancing and check-in.

Semester 2 Reports

Teachers are busy completing semester 2 reports at present which are due home on Wednesday December 8 which is in the last week of term. Class formation for 2022 will be completed by staff over the coming weeks and class allocation advice will be provided with your child's report. We will shortly be sending home a request for information about friendship groups for consideration as part of the class formation process.

As year 7 move into high school from next year, we will have 7 classes R-6 consisting of 3 classes in the Junior Primary R-2 and 4 classes in the Primary years 3-6.

End of year class events

Stay tuned to your class seesaw group for any information about class special events as the year draws to a close.

Year 7 to High School

The latest school communications, parent updates are attached with this email.

School Improvement planning

At our recent student free days which were held on Friday November 5 and Monday November 8, staff worked through a process of data analysis and reflection on student achievement, leading to identification of our areas of strong performance and our areas to be focused on for improvement planning for the next three year cycle. Data sets and results from NAPLAN, PAT-Maths, PAT-Reading, Phonics screening, Initialit and class assessments were all scrutinised and results were mapped against curriculum content and outcomes, previous standardised assessment results over



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time, Best Practice teaching improvement strategies and individual student progress and achievement results. The great news is that our focus on reading for the last three years has produced measurable and consistent improvement in student learning. This means that reading will now move into a separate maintenance focus and we will be placing the improvement lens on our teaching of Mathematics and Writing. Within writing we will be focussing very specifically on improving student understanding and achievement in spelling and grammar as these components are the areas which were identified for specific, targeted improvement. The first draft of our School Improvement Plan is currently with the Education Team at Noarlunga District Office where it is being reviewed and we expect to receive feedback on this draft next week. This will allow us to then put the final polish onto the plan prior to the submission for final approval which occurs in week 9.

It was wonderful to see the levels of staff engagement with the robust data analysis and review process which we implemented this year and which I have already received very positive external feedback on!

School Card Application - Final Reminder- deadline is tomorrow!

A reminder to all families who apply for reduced school fees under the school card scheme that this process needs to be completed **yearly**. 2021 deadline is the **19th November 2021**. Once this date has passed you will not be able to submit an application for 2021. Additional information is available at www.sa.gov.au or contact the School Card Section on free call 1800 672 758.

David O'Connell
Principal

Emotional Wellbeing - From the Deputy Principal

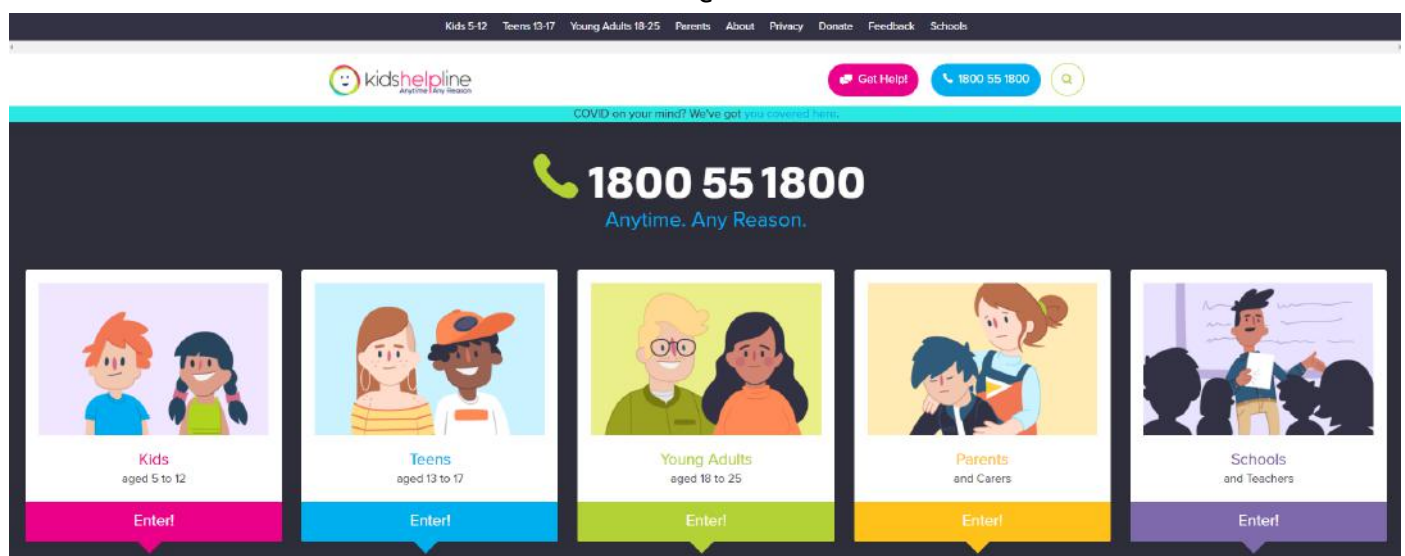
'Prevention is better than cure' attributed to the Dutch philosopher Desiderius Erasmus in around 1500.

Statistics show there has been a significant increase in the demand for wellbeing support.

Refer <https://www.yourtown.com.au/sites/default/files/document/Kids-Helpline-Insights-2020-Report-Final.pdf>)

Our Community also needs support (and access to support) more now than ever. On top of the in-school Counselling service we have from Relationships Australia, there is online support available for all community members, from Kids Helpline.

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As parents, we are ultimately responsible for our children's needs being met and oftentimes this can be difficult if we don't know how to help them, or ourselves. Schools can only help so much, we generally support connections with professional external services when needs become more complex.

For information to help be better prepared before concerns arise, or access information to help now, please make time to have a look at what Kids Helpline has to offer.

For Parent information topics include but are not limited to;



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- Helping kids identify and express feelings
- Bullying / including cyber bullying
- Anxiety
- Communication tips
- Building respectful relationships
- How kids helpline can help your child
- Building health family relationships

You can access this site, hyperlinked here; [Kids Helpline | Phone Counselling Service | 1800 55 1800](#) or online <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>.

Other support services available:

Lifeline 131 114

Beyond Blue has information for you to support your children

<https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/healthy-homes/loss-and-grief?&gclid=CIKPy-iq8tACFYeVvAodCmQDPw>

Family Mental Health Support Services – Baptist Care run this in our area

<https://baptistcaresa.org.au/> 730 Marion Rd, Marion SA 5043

CBD / Inner Southern area phone 8118 5240 or Onkaparinga phone 8202 5200

AngliCare have courses and programs available for **parents and children** Phone 8186 8900 or visit

<https://anglicaresa.com.au/>

Through Relationships Australia <http://www.rasa.org.au/>

Ikids program available (an office is located at Marion). Phone 8377 5400 to get more information.

CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental health Service / Women’s and Children’s health network)

08 7425 8600 CAMHSResources@sa.gov.au

13 1465 Mental Health Emergency 10 Milham Street, Oaklands Park.

08 81617198 or www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

*Stacey Eichenberger
Deputy Principal*

Assembly awards

Each fortnight, class teachers select two students who are presented with a school Values Award at our school assembly. Values Award recipients from our week 3 assembly are listed below. Congratulations and well done to all students.

WEEK 3

ROOM	AWARD TYPE	STUDENT FIRST NAME
1	HARMONY	JOSHUA
1	COURAGE	AMELIA
2	INTEGRITY	RUBY
2	COURAGE	GRACE
3	HARMONY	MADDISON
3	COURAGE	ADDISYN
4	COURAGE	DRAZIC
4	HARMONY	A’AN
6	HARMONY	ANGEL
6	HARMONY	TYLER



9	HARMONY	CLARA
9	INTEGRITY	MASON
10	HARMONY	NICOLETTA
10	COURAGE	ALEX
11	HARMONY	KAYLA
11	HARMONY	KURTIS

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	

Hi Everyone,

The December 2021/January 2022 Vacation Care Program is now available in the OSHC room and the Front Office. A lot of fun things happening including a Hummer limousine ride on Thursday 23/12/21.

Book now so you don't miss out!!

OSHC Director
Robyn Shanahan





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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