

# MARION PS NEWS



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Term 1 Week 2

Courage Harmony Integrity

Thursday February 10 2022



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February

Monday 14	Face to Face learning resumes for all students
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### March

Wednesday 2	Aquatics Year 6
Monday 14	Adelaide Cup

## From the Principal

### Welcome back to school for 2022

Welcome to all families, new and returning, from all of the staff here at Marion Primary School. It has been an unusual start to the school year as we have negotiated the latest COVID challenges. We would like to thank all families for your support these past weeks as we have implemented the staggered return to face to face learning. It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception students and returning year one students on site, and we are excited to be welcoming back all students in other year levels from next Monday. Thank you to all who have managed the remote learning tasks so well. Staff have again stepped up their ICT learning and delivery of learning programs and live classes using Microsoft Teams in Rooms 10 and 11; a combination of seesaw and live Zoom meetings in Rooms 6 and 7; and Seesaw and phone calls to families for year 2 students in rooms 3 and 4. Well done everyone on meeting the challenges of the first two weeks.

### Language program 2022

Thank you to all who responded last year to the survey about our school language program. As you may recall, Senora Chavez increased her teaching days at Seaview High School as a result of the year 7 move to high school which left us without a Spanish teacher. This created the opportunity to review our language program options and the survey was conducted. The most popular option selected by parents and carers was AUSLAN – Australian Sign Language. All students will now learn AUSLAN as their Australian Curriculum language program. This will be taught by a new member of staff – Mrs Sarah Goodwin on Thursday and Friday.

### Staffing updates

As you may recall at the end of 2021, our Deputy Principal Stacey Eichenberger was successful in gaining a promotion to a new position as the Head of Primary at Reynella East P-12 College. I would like to thank and acknowledge Stacey for her contribution to our school over the period of her tenure here at Marion Primary. She was a tireless worker on behalf of our students, a valued member of school leadership and staff team, and will be missed. At the same time it is my pleasure to welcome our new Deputy Principal Mrs Sue Sifa. Mrs Sifa joins us from Avenues B-12 College and brings with her a range of experience from Dept and Independent school settings here and interstate across a range of leadership positions.

Additionally, as we farewelled Mrs Whittaker from the front office role after 32 years of service to the Marion Primary School community, we welcome back Mrs Candia Thomas after her time at Plympton International College last year.



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Finally we also welcome new staff Ms Karly Miller (Reception) and Mrs Sarah Goodwin (Performing Arts / Auslan), and returning staff Mrs Amelia Jones and Mrs Jade Stannard.

### **COVID restrictions and Acquaintance Night**

COVID protocols are currently restricting many activities that we would normally run at the start of the year with no excursions or assemblies permitted in the first four weeks and no visitors, including parents, allowed on site (we are currently allowing pick up/drop off with mask wearing). This will impact our regular face to face meetings for acquaintance night and we are currently exploring possibilities for the best way to manage this. Stay tuned for more information.

### **SRC and special Fundraising 2021**

Thanks to all parents, carers, families and friends for your contributions to fundraising for 2021. In addition to raising much needed funds for our school through our Governing Council Fundraising subcommittee, our Student Representative Council also undertook to raise money for several worthwhile charitable agencies. The results of the SRC fundraising were:

- Drink sale last day of term 4 2021, funds raised were split between **Neuroblastoma Australia** (direct to the Jazmyn Mitchell page) \$48.00 and **Camp Quality** – \$48.00
- **RSPCA** - Casual Day last day of school Term 3 funds raised = \$105.10
- **The Smith Family** – Casual Day last day of school Term 4 funds raised = \$176.05

Also, Rooms 2 and 3 raised funds through sales to families of their canvas artwork in Term 4 with \$40.50 going to the **RSPCA** and a further \$40.50 going to **the World Wide Fund for Nature Australia**.

Thank you to all students and families for supporting these worthwhile causes.

### **Materials and Services – confirmed charge**

The outcome of polling conducted by the Governing Council, which closed on 16 Dec 2021, was that a majority of respondents were in favour of the proposed charge for 2022 to be set at \$310. This amount will be invoiced and distributed to families in week 3 and is due for payment by the end of term 1. Please speak with the finance officer if you would like to discuss a payment plan or if you need further information on school card applications.

*David O'Connell*  
*Principal*

### **Introducing Denys Chew Marion Primary Schools Pastoral Care Worker**

*As your Pastoral Care Worker, she will provide practical support to:*

- **STUDENTS** by listening, taking an interest in them, being involved with their daily lives, facilitating activities and seminars and being a positive role model.
- **STAFF** by being a supporting resource, providing a listening ear, encouragement, friendship and supporting their personal wellbeing.
- **FAMILIES** by being a person of contact, listening, caring, providing support in times of crisis as well as being a referral to support services
- **COMMUNITY** by being a link between churches, organisations, the wider community and the school community.



### **PASTORAL CARE WORKERS**

- Provide pastoral care in a 'first response' capacity to critical incidents, refer to specialist support and to provide ongoing presence and follow-up.
- Work closely and in partnership with leadership and other wellbeing staff in schools to provide pastoral care and support to students, families and staff as requested.
- Are well positioned to work across the whole school to 'build a sense of' community, harmony and cohesion.
- Are trained and equipped to provide their school with a unique dimension of social, emotional and spiritual support in line with the DfE wellbeing framework.
- Employed through SMG, who works closely with the SA Department for Education as a Service Provider for the National Schools Chaplaincy Program.

**Denys' Regular days at school are:**



Monday and Tuesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Contact [Denys.Chew85@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Denys.Chew85@schools.sa.edu.au)

### Assemblies and newsletters

Each fortnight, class teachers select two students who are presented with a School Values Award at our school assembly. Assemblies will recommence (students only at this stage) from week 3 and will continue fortnightly. School newsletters are published fortnightly in alternate weeks.

## 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: <a href="mailto:Robyn.Shanahan17@schools.sa.edu.au">Robyn.Shanahan17@schools.sa.edu.au</a> (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 Dec/ Jan vac care program went very well. Lots of exciting things happened including Limo ride, a day trip to Glenelg, water fun day, science experiments, obstacle jumping castle in the gym and loads of other things.



Robyn Shanahan  
Director



# In the Community



**JOIN THE FUN!  
GET INVOLVED NOW**

Morphettville Park FC Auskick Centre

WHERE: Denham Avenue, Morphettville

Friday. Start Feb 25th. 4:30pm-5:30pm

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

NAB AFL Auskick is FREE with the use of the ORSR Sports Voucher or \$100 without.  
1) Enter your 11-digit voucher code (medicare number + child's ref number) in the comment box at the payment screen  
2) Select apply and the price of your order will reset to \$0



New to Hockey? HOOK IN2 HOCKEY is for you!

Ages 5-12, Mondays at Seacliff H.C.  
Lipson Ave, Seacliff

## Hook in2 Hockey

21<sup>st</sup> February- 11<sup>th</sup> April, 5PM to 6PM

**FREE** COME AND TRY SESSIONS

14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February, 5PM to 6PM

Register for Seacliff Hockey Club Hook in2 Hockey Program

Here: <https://www.hockey.org.au/course-finder/680/>

Email Contact: [development@shc.org.au](mailto:development@shc.org.au)

